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## Mustangs set scoring record, defeat Atascocita 76-49, advance to semifinals in rematch

By Allan & Linda Jamail

Saturday, December 7, 2019 in the Texas high school football Regional Finals played between the North Shore Mustangs, Galena Park ISD and the Atascocita Eagles, Humble ISD on a neutral field at Sheldon ISD Panther Stadium, the Mustangs won 76 – 49. They played before a sell-out crowd of 10,000.

Nshore's offense was explosive, racking up 804 yards, scoring 10 touchdowns (TD's), kicker John Villalobos made all 10 extra point kicks plus 2 field goals of 38 and 24 yards. Mustang Quarterback De-

*See Mustangs to Semi-Finals, Page 8*

**See North Shore Mustangs Supporters, Page 7 in Connections in Texas**



#9 Demetrius Davis, Mustang junior quarterback scampers on a 31 yard keeper play TD. Photo by Allan Jamail



To the right — #3 Zack Evans, Mustangs running back gallops for a 75 yard TD run and pass play from quarterback Demetrius Davis. Photo by Allan Jamail

## Jacinto City Christmas Tree Lighting



Mayor Ana Diaz lit the Christmas Tree in the courtyard, as Chris Diaz, Joyce Raines, and Kathy Greiner helped organize the event.



Elves brought color to the court.



Santa was in the Park Pavilion, listening to little one's wishes

Jacinto City held its annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting last Saturday. Hundreds turned out for the event, held in beautiful weather. The parade was large, with 40 units displayed.

Town Center had music, food, and Santa. Parade float winners: Most Beautiful, We Care Pediatrics; Most Original, Capital Bank; Best Marching/Walking Group, Lori's Dance Studio; Mayor's Choice Award, JC Pre-School 3 yr. olds.

## 4th Annual Toy Drive



The 4th Annual Community Toy Drive was held on Saturday, with the collection point being the parking lot between Panera and WalMart. The drive is a joint effort of the Channelview and Cloverleaf fire departments, with the help of volunteers from the Channelview Ministry Team, and students from nearby schools. Sponsors include Arkema, Caterpillar, Solar Turbines, Lyondellbasell, and others. The toys will be distributed by the Ministry Team to about 200 needy families next week.

## Jacinto City Christmas Parade entertains crowds



SANTA CLAUS WAS RIDING IN THE PARADE ON A SHINY FIRE TRUCK FROM THE JACINTO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. HIS APPEARANCE IS ALWAYS A HIGHLIGHT TO THE MANY CHILDREN THAT LINE THE PARADE ROUTE.



SEVERAL MARCHING UNITS PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE, INCLUDING THE JACKETEERS FROM GALENA PARK HIGH SCHOOL. LORI'S DANCE STUDIO WAS JUDGED THE BEST MARCHING/WALKING GROUP.



MANY DECORATED FLOATS WERE IN THE PARADE, WITH EITHER A HOLIDAY THEME OR A RELIGIOUS THEME. CHILDREN FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS RODE ALONG AND WAVED TO THE VIEWERS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

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## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
My Grander had a goigo but it died. I have no money to buy an other one, if possible could yall get one if not it's okay I lived with my daughter cause child support takes all my check.

Krystal Moha, 8 years old.

Dear Santa,  
I don't ask for much but what I really want for Christmas is that you help all the poor people. Why? God says that it is good to help others and not treat them badly.

Thank you Santa.  
Nadia Valadez, 11 years old

Dear Santa,  
Ho!Ho! and Merry Christmas. I am counting the days down to your stop at my house. I am the best son a mother could want. Please bring me a laptop and leave my mom a new purse. My mom works hard to take care of me.

Justin Diaz, 10 years old

Dear Santa,  
I know you have been watching to see if I have been naughty or nice. You know I have helped my mom and dad around the house. When you come to visit I'll have milk and cookies ready.

Catherine Beltran, 10 years old

Dear Santa,  
Guess What? I have not talked back to my elders. I have been 100% nice. Therefore, I want a Pc desktop to play my favorite games. Sant I love and thank you!

David Prado, 10

Dear Santa,  
I know I have been a little bad, but I still helped my parents clean. For example, I cleaned my little brother's room. Well, I think I deserve a special present. Santa do you agree?

Teresa Tzintzun, 9 years old

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I know you are busy so I'll be quick please keep my family safe and send me a I-phone and a box of smile. Also, stay safe on your busy trip.

Love Destiny Cruz, 10

Dear Santa,  
I know you have been watching me so you know I have been a terrific 4th grader. I have listen to my mom and dad and did everything they told me to do.

Santa I want the new Phone with the blue and gold case. I love you Santa.  
Damari Simmons, 10 years old

Dear Santa,  
I've been a great boy this year and every year. Every day I help my mom feed the chickens and I clean up my toys. After playing with them all I want is a Stick-Bot

Trixten Lochart, 10

Dear Santa,  
I know you watch me all the time. I have been a wonderful kid and helpful. For example, I take care of my brother and help with his homework. I want everyone to have a present. I would want a Xbox one to play.

Rogelio Hidalgo, 8 years old

Dear Santa,  
I am a hard working kid but I act-up sometimes. I make up for it by helping my teachers and getting good grades. So I think I might deserve a one of a kind prize.

Juan Plasencia, 11 years old

Dear Santa,  
I do my homework every time I get home and to tell you the truth I don't like it. Since, I complete my homework please, please give me a brand new PS4 on Christmas morning. Also, don't forget all the children in the world!

Eddie Moreno, 9

Dear Santa,  
I have been a wonderful boy all year. My parents have even said so. When I hear your sleigh come I thank you for leaving me a PS4 gift card.

Edward Avila, 9

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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*Sylvia R. Garcia*

SYLVIA R. GARCIA

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Ana Hernandez

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# SEASON’S GREETINGS

## Community comes together for the annual toy drive



The choir from Anthony Aguirre Junior High entertained the crowd with musical holiday selections.

Channelview ISD partnered with the Channelview Fire Department for the 6th Annual Community Toy Drive on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at Panera Bread.

Donations of toys, gift cards, and money were collected for families in the North Channel Area.

CISD Choirs from

Brown Elementary, Schochler Elementary, DeZavala Elementary, Cobb Elementary, Crenshaw Elementary, Aguirre Junior High School, and Channelview High School, entertained the crowd with musical selections.

The North Channel community, along with Channelview ISD staff and

students collected toys for the drive. Corporate sponsors for this year's event were 24 Hour Safety, Arke-ma, Channelview Ministry Team, Huckabee, Inspire Church, LyondellBasell, Solar Turbines a Caterpillar Company, Southwest Shipyard, and Stewart Builders.



The Cobb Elementary Choir performed holiday songs for the crowd.

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a wonderful kid this year. My mom is always asking me to help her cook. I don't want to do it, but I do it because I love her. By the way, I want new

games for my PS4. Thank you.  
Angel Coronado, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
On Christmas Day will you please bring joy

to all kids. I hope you tell Jesus to heal all the sick kids with cancer. Also, I hope you take care of my family and give us gifts that we need on Christmas Eve.  
Bryan, 10

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# Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By FRANCIS P. CHURCH,  
First published in The New York Sun in 1897

We take pleasure in answering 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  
O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which 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 of 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 Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

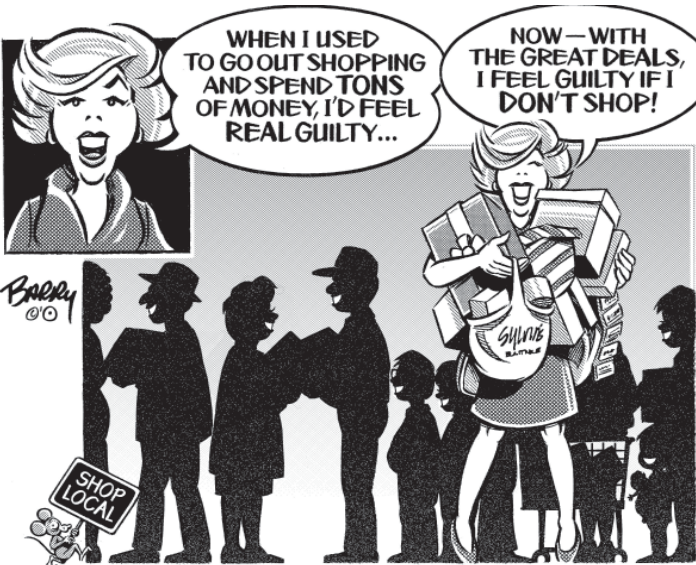
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You 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, 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 lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" was an immediate sensation, and went on to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the The New York Sun in 1897, almost a hundred years ago, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Virginia O'Hanlon went on to graduate from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 21. The following year she received her Master's from Columbia, and in 1912 she began teaching in the New York City school system, later becoming a principal. After 47 years, she retired as an educator. Throughout her life she received a steady stream of mail about her Santa Claus letter, and to each reply she attached an attractive printed copy of the Church editorial. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81, in a nursing home in Valatie, N.Y.



## Governor proclaims results in constitutional amendment election

AUSTIN — Before voter-approved amendments to the Texas Constitution are set in stone, it is the governor's duty to publicly proclaim the results of the election.

On Dec. 4, Gov. Greg Abbott posted such a proclamation, having first certified the tabulation prepared by the Texas secretary of state, the state's chief election officer.

In his proclamation, Abbott listed the nine of 10 proposed amendments that passed in the Nov. 5 constitutional amendment election. The one that did not pass, and therefore not included in the proclamation, was Proposition 1, the proposed constitutional amendment allowing a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.

Complete results of the election are available at sos.texas.gov and analyses of proposed constitutional amendments are available from the Legislative Research Library of Texas at lrl.texas.gov.

### Data resource launches

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Nov. 29 announced an online resource to update the public on response efforts regarding the Nov. 27 TPC Group Plant Explosion in Port Neches.

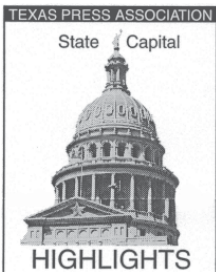
More than 20 federal, state, county and local government entities worked together in response to the explosion that resulted in three injuries and the release of butadiene, a petrochemical used in the manufacture of tires. The EPA and the TCEQ continue to be focused on providing the assistance and coordination needed to address on-site and off-site environmental impacts.

The resource, called Story Map, can be accessed online via epa.gov and tceq.texas.gov. Response actions, maps and photos are featured.

### Revenue total is higher

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Dec. 3 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.18 billion in November, 6.2 per-

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



"As one of the Lone Star State's largest trade partners, it is vital that we not only maintain, but continually strengthen our relationship with Japan," said Hughs, who serves as chief international protocol officer for Texas.

"By working collaboratively to promote opportunities for cultural exchange and economic growth, both Texas and Japan stand to mutually benefit," Hughs added.

### Disaster hearings are set

The Texas General Land Office on Dec. 6 announced three regional public hearings on the state's plan for distributing some \$4.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds for Hurricane Harvey recovery purposes.

The hearings, which also will address flood disasters that occurred in 2015 and 2016, are set for Dec. 9 in Dallas, Dec. 10 in the Rio Grande Valley and Dec. 11 in Houston.

"Hurricane Harvey was a storm of historic proportions, with more than \$100 billion in property damage and immeasurable disruption to the lives of Texans," Land Commissioner George P. Bush said. "Many communities in Texas have faced repeated flooding, including the 2015 and 2016 floods. With this action plan, the GLO will prioritize large-scale projects to maximize available infrastructure funding to improve the resiliency of Texas homes, businesses and infrastructure from future storms."

The plan has been published for public comment on the GLO's recovery website at recovery.texas.gov/public-notices/index.html.

### Abbott extends declaration

Gov. Abbott on Nov. 27 extended his Aug. 23, 2017, disaster proclamation and subsequent amendments to it, certifying that Hurricane Harvey still poses a threat of imminent disaster for 60 counties.

The proclamation states that due to catastrophic damage caused by the hurricane, a state of disaster continues to exist in those counties, and it authorizes use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good kid. I helped my mom with the table by cleaning it. I only have 2 wishes that are really important. My 2 wishes were that people around the world would never be sick or poor. My second wish is that my family would be safe.

Briana Diaz, 9

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Dear Santa,  
You are one of the greatest people in the world and I try to be one of the goodest kids I can. For all The girls and boys who try to be nice do it everybody then you will be on the nice list. Thank you santa for all your doing around the world.

Christy Reaux, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I have been nice for about a year. I hope you give Joy to all the Children around the World. I wish for is to a lot friends at my new school. Thank you Santa!

Annnayah Ojeda, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
This year I have been excellent! I know you have your elves checking the good list. I work hard in school and I recently earned a 90% on my report card. Santa I hope you leave me calice critters under the tree!

Isabela Buenas, 9 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I've been a wonderful kid this year. I know your thinking I want a gift but... No! All I want is for all these naughty kids to be looking at the bright side. I wish that they all look up to themselves but be their best.

Ilda Buenrestre, 9

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Dear Santa,  
I know you are busy making toys so I will be fast. I want you to not forget the kids with cancer. I know they want toys too. Also, I want a real puppy and please get my whole family a Merry Christmas.

Sofia Narvaez, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to help my family and friends as much as I can. Also, I wish that kids all over the world are healed and get what they want in life. Love, Aspen and thank you Santa!

Aspen Sanford, 9 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I don't want anything for Christmas. All I want is that you heal my 6 months old cousin. She is too young and she needs surgery. She is in Texas Children's Hospital. Please help her.

David, A. 9 year old

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# Santa arrives at Chamber Festival



Off the beaten path, kids got their photo with Santa at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival of Lights last Saturday at a new venue, Crosby Church. This year, the event was held on the first weekend of December as it will next year. Lines were not nearly so long for Santa this year as last.

Bounce Houses were spaciouly placed around fire trucks so kids could enjoy running form one to the next with visions of sugar plums in their heads. All but the tiny ones in strollers got to jump and climb and play all day as the festival went on until about 4:00 p.m. on the campus of Crosby Church near US 90. All the activity lead kids to enjoy more hot dogs this year than last year's record number.



The Petting Zoo was a big hit with the kids this year as a steady stream embraced the tiny and hug friendly farm animals.

# Christmas on Main Street at Goose Creek Memorial High School



HOSA students (from bottom) Jordyn Serrano, Daniela Juarez, Ashley Villarreal and Kenzie Prewitt, all juniors at Goose Creek Memorial High School, finish up the HOSA Christmas tree. The tree was one of 59 decorated for Christmas on Main Street at GCM.



Trees, representing 59 clubs and organizations, line the main hallway, Main Street, of Goose Creek Memorial High School, giving the school a festive air.

Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

## ★ OBITUARIES

### Charles Henry Babcock



Charles Henry Babcock, 78, passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. He was born in Manistique, Michigan on April 20, 1941 to Lloyd Babcock and Gertrude Jenerou Babcock. Charles worked for over fifty years as a forklift mechanic. He was happiest with the sun beating down on his head and covered in grease. Charles was outgoing and friendly. He could talk to anyone about anything, and never met a stranger. He was a member of Crosby Church for the last fifteen years. He regularly spent time with friends at waffle house. Charles will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Gertrude Babcock; step-father Richard Lyntz; step-mother Hazel Babcock; brother, Thomas L. Babcock "Bud;" and ex-wife, Germaine Dabacker Babcock.

Charles leaves behind his wife of thirty two years, Alane B. Babcock; daughters, Patricia Ann Babcock Treece and husband Bill and Elizabeth Ackerman and husband Andy; sons, Charles L. Babcock and wife Kristen and Mark A Babcock and wife Nikki; Nieces, Tammy Babcock medica and husband Daniel, Laney Chavez and husband Armando, Sherry Garcia and husband Roy and Christine McAdow; nephews, Thomas Babcock and wife Christy Lee and Ted McAdow; Grandchildren, Crystal Babcock, Alyssia Babcock, Joe Babcock, Haley Babcock,

Logan Batten and wife Emily, Lucy Babcock and Liam Babcock; brother-in-law, Theodore McAdow; sister-in-law, Nancy McAdow; great nephew, Darryl; and great nieces, Addy, Brynn and Isla.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200 or Kenneth Hagin Ministries, P.O. Box 50126, Tulsa, OK 74150-0126.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Sterling-White Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life followed on the same day, also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment were in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562.

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Dear Santa,  
How is everything  
going I cleaned my room  
thank you for the ps4  
last year. This year I  
would like a new Phone.  
Merry Christmas.  
Anthony Rodriguez, 9  
years old  
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Dear Santa,  
How is everything  
going? I'm good at  
helping and math. Thank  
you for the stuf you gave  
me I liked to play with  
them. I had my hart on a  
faseblade. If I got it I will  
be happy. Merry Christ-  
mas.  
Tate White, 8 years  
old

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Dear Santa,  
I would like 20 gange  
shot gun for nuntrn2.  
Woiders Bottom Land. I  
would like ciiMbin stone.  
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ASK THE EXPERT

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Join the Fun

There is something special about a parade. Families line the streets and children squeal with excitement as the cars, floats and various groups pass by. Those who participate in the parade often are passing out much more than candy.....they are passing out cheer. For many years the Cloverleaf Volunteer Fire Department held an Annual Christmas Parade. Families would line the streets and wait patiently to see Santa Claus.

After the fire department transitioned from a volunteer organization to a paid department, the parade was no longer something they could organize due to restrictions of a paid department. Rather than let this leave a void in the Cloverleaf Community, under the direction of Donald "Donnie" Onnen, III, a group of folks came together and began organizing the event in 2015.

Each year, the event has grown and this year's event promises to be the best yet. There will be representation from the Cloverleaf Fire Department, as well as Harris County Constable Precinct 3, Harris County Sheriff Department and many others. With the parade beginning and ending at Cloverleaf Elementary, there will be much excitement for the children. Principal Lee Brown takes great pride in touching the lives of students who attend

Cloverleaf Elementary. He has a passion to help the families with any needs they have. He has a special place in his heart for the North Channel Community, as he is also a resident of the area.

Donnie has been working hard to be sure that there are multiple car clubs as well as motorcycle clubs, area businesses, non-profit organizations and others in the parade. As of the time of publications he has commitments from Houston Car Society, Sunset Houston, Brothers East Motorcycle Club as well as several churches and area ministries such as Juncture Church, Blessed by the Best Ministry, Lighthouse Bilingual Children's Academy, JLA Realty, and Amigas Latinas. Area businesses that wish to donate cards for discounts or free meals are asked to contact Charlotte at 281.241.7059 and if you are interested in being in the parade, representing a business, ministry to nonprofit, please contact Donnie at 832.208.3690.

In addition to the parade, Santa will be available for pictures to be taken. The parade will start and end at Cloverleaf Elementary. As it starts, it will move to Duncum Street, to Freeport Street and back down Bandera Street, returning back to the school.

THE PARADE IS THURSDAY, DEC. 19 STARTING AT 6:00 PM.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is the largest gold nugget found in the U.S.A.?"



It weighs a whopping 294.10 troy ounces (9.14 Kilograms, 20.16 pound), and was found near the town of Ruby, Alaska in 1998. Barry Clay was placer mining an area along Swift Creek that was known for producing large nuggets. He was pushing dirt with his bulldozer when something unusual caught his eye. He jumped out of the dozer and picked up the object.

He immediately knew by the weight that he had unearthed a huge gold nugget. He immediately buried the nugget under a nearby tree until he could figure out what to do with it. When he finally took it into town for further examination, it was determined that he had found the largest nugget ever found in Alaska, and the second largest nugget ever found in the Western Hemisphere behind the Boot of Cortez found in Mexico.

It was named the Centennial nugget because it was found on the 100th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush, which brought thousands of men north to Alaska in search of gold. Its discovery in 1998 shows that there is without a doubt lots of huge gold nuggets left to be discovered. They haven't all been discovered, not by a long shot! With the record high gold prices in recent years and the renewed interest in gold mining, there is a very good chance that more big gold nuggets will be found in the very near future.



The largest gold nugget ever found in the U.S.A was found in Alaska and is named the "Alaska Centennial Nugget".  
Photo: Marshall Ronne, Jr.

Many other large nuggets have been found in the Ruby Mining District as well, including numerous nuggets that weighed over a pound. Alaska has by far the most commercial mining operations compared to other states, mainly due to its miner friendly regulations in comparison to other states. Alaska has a reputation for large nuggets as well.

Overall gold produced here is not as high as other states like California and Nevada, but if you want to find a huge gold nugget in the United States, Alaska is the best place to look.

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com. If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

Credit goes to GeologyIN.com for much of this article.

Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a little naughty but I help my family. I help my brother cur the grass. I help my sister clean her room and what I do is clean the house can I please have a ps4?  
Adrian G., 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I know I've been bad but it is okay sometimes. All I want for Christmas is that you give my sisters brother mom and my dad what they want. I know they deserve it more than me.  
Elias Valadez, 9 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I know I have been little bad but I was good too. I hope you can bring joy and happiness to all the kids in the world. Plus, I hope you bless everyone with a good Christmas. Thank you Santa!  
Jasmine Brown-Lopez, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
Do you think I'm good? Over the past year I took care of my mom and my family. I hope you bring me doll life dream doll for Christmas I hope I am on you list.  
Love Leeann Zamora.  
Leeann Zamora, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I have some good news! I am a good boy at school. Every time I get home I rush to do my homework no matter what. Also, I love my mom and I listen to her. All I want for Christmas is a PS4 game. Thank you.  
Andrew Alvarado, 10 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I know you are checking your list to see who is good or bad. I know I am bad but I am trying to make it up by helping my mom. Also can I please please please get the New Iphone with dark pink case for my phone. Thank you Santa!  
Emily Alexis, 11 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a little bad, but I listen well. I what you to take care of people who need a home. All I what for Christmas is a tablet to play games on and listen to music. Thank you.  
Mia Aguilar, 9 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a pacet watch. I also would like a new haverboard. I would also like a nap. I have been very good this year.  
Brooke, 8 years old

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Dear Santa,  
My name is alex Pacheco eli. I want a xbox and for tnite game and more light For my bike and a poser and a iPhone and a hoverboard and a Nintendo.  
Alex Pacheco, 8 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a camera, poster, boards, also a sunyday toy and fancy nancy, and a rilly sparkly dress, also a glitter and paent, grafts set. I also for everyone to get what thay want, and a good day for my mom dad and brother.  
Kelsie Blas, 8 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a Doll-house. I would alos like Cristmas books. I have been really good this year. Cleaned my room. I help my sisters.  
Abby Carley, 8 years old

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Dear Santa,  
I would like an haverbord. I would also like clothes and an American girl doll. I have been jolly good this year. I have been helping my mom do the dishes. And I help my dad put wood up.  
Addison Sebren, 9 years old

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview ISD partners with Groendyke for a sensational holiday celebration



Channelview ISD staff members enjoyed participating in the holiday celebration provided by Groendyke.

Elementary students from Channelview schools received a special treat from Groendyke. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived on a bright red Groendyke truck and brought gifts, games, and food was pro-

vided to everyone who attended. Families participated in decorating gingerbread houses, and children played reindeer games. "We are grateful for the generous donations from

Groendyke," said Special Services Director Gloria Roach. "The smiles on our students' faces and the sounds of laughter from our families made this a joyous occasion."

Letters to Santa

'Dear Santa, I've been kinda of a good boy but I have made up for it. I always help my mom whatever she needs help with. Santa, I wish for an Iphone but most importantly I want my dad to come back to me. Merry Christmas Santa.

Gabriel Vidaurri, 10 years old

\*\*\* Dear Santa, I hope that I'm on the nice list and not the naughty list, I've been helping people and caring for others as well, for Christmas I just a

iphone and I really really hope that you can tell God that if he can protect every one that would be awesome. Love DD Destiny Espino, 9 years old

Channelview High School principal wins award



Channelview High School Principal Robert Laird was honored for his contributions to the Channelview community.

Channelview High School (CHS) Principal Robert Laird was honored for his contributions to Channelview High School at the November board meeting.

Laird, who is a graduate of the Channelview Independent School District, was selected by Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit

Union as one of four area principals who make a difference in the community.

Over 20 staff members from CHS anonymously submitted kind words as they nominated Mr. Laird for the prestigious award. "He is a very hard working professional with integrity and passion for his job,"

stated a CHS teacher. "He's always willing to help his staff whenever support or assistance is needed."

Mr. Laird was presented with a check for \$500 for CHS, and he has been highlighted on the Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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