

'51 Regional Champs

I was glad to see Darin's letter as I recalled that Brackett had a powerhouse team in the early 50's. As I recall, they not only won bi-district in 1951 but they also beat Del Rio that year, which is probably the only such win by the Tigers.

I wish that someone could provide a game program and list the players on that team. I do remember the name "Jasso" and maybe there were two Jassos on the team, one being a good running back named Ernesto. The center was named "Sheedy" I believe.

Henry Talamantez might have been on the team or he might have graduated the year before and gone on to Baylor on a football scholarship. Henry was certainly one of the best football players to ever come out of Brackett.

I remember Henry's younger brother, Philamon, and the

younger brother of 'Mustard' Mustacci, who was probably on the '51 team; all good athletes. I was the same age as Philamon and the younger Mustacci, and I and our Del Rio junior high team scrimmaged them and the Brackett junior high team in 1952.

H.K. (Hank) Woodward
Editor's Note: The 1951 Tiger football team won Regional. The team members were C. Arredondo, R. Cardenas, Luis Esparza, Abbie Garcia, Narcisco Garcia, Eulogio Gomez, Pablo Gonzales (Manager), Victor Hernandez, Joe Hidalgo, Ernest Jaso, Richard Jaso, David Laman, Alex Longoria, Don Mostacci, Alfred Pena (Team Assistant), F. Talamantez, H. Talamantez, R. Talamantez, Paul Sandoval and Johnny Sheedy. The team was coached by Kenneth Flory and John Kenyon.

Congratulations Tigers

Congratulations are in order not only to the football team, but to the entire community of fans that followed them.

As out of town followers, we attended 3 regular season games and all 3 play off games.

We felt a real love and pride in the program by the people in

attendance.

You can be very proud of the hard work by the coaches and players and also the positive impression your fans left with us personally.

Great Season!
JJ & Glenda Garza
DeLeon, TX

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Sez!



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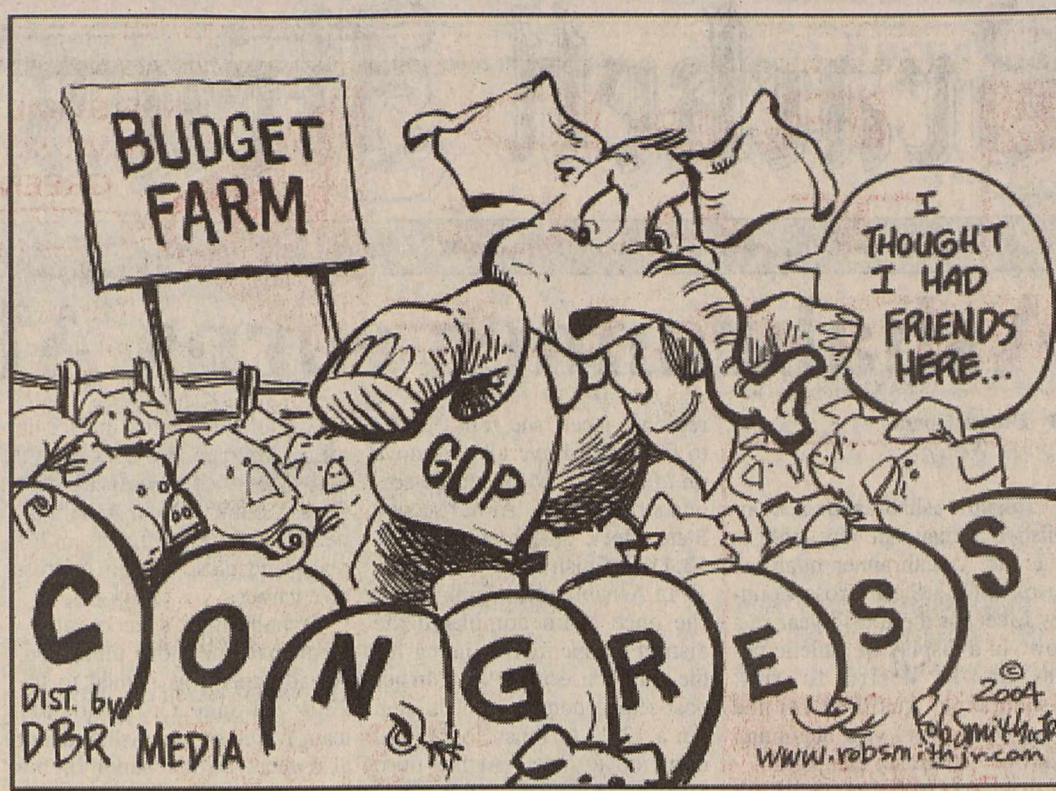
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Vacationing on the land of Senioritis

Crickets chirped outside of the window and the world seemed calm and peaceful. The earth was rotating in the right direction, the stars were shining brightly, and everything made sense. But suddenly, out of nowhere, a hideous, putrid thing slipped into the cracked window. It crept down the wall and into the clean, tidy room of an innocent child, dreaming of snow cones, school days, and homework projects of the future.

This smoggy form, that had been pulsating and growing forever on the outside, had finally made its way indoors, and wasn't leaving anytime soon. This disease of a being was called (dun, dun, dun) Senioritis.

Firstly I would like to beg the forgiveness of those who faithfully read my juvenile (yet thoroughly entertaining) articles in the past. I have been on vacation for a long, long time and finally have returned home. Now when I say vacation, I mean mentally not physically. Yes, my mind has been elsewhere in the past couple of weeks, nay months. Now some may wonder "where did you go for so long Shanae?" To that I would reply, the land of Senioritis.

In the land of Senioritis, everything can be done tomorrow, bedtime fades into extinction, and classrooms provide excellent environments for sleepy time. Maybe you have a child, who was once a senior in high school, and ran away to this happy place long ago (I have even heard legends that some



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

have been lost forever in its evil clutch). You tried to stop him or her, nagging about how those stinky gym socks wouldn't wash themselves, but they were in a land responsible parents could not even fathom.

In the land of Senioritis, you don't worry about the stress that comes with the end of a high school career, but rather dust it under the rug, just like the rest of the mess in your room. In some cases, the horrors of homework are replaced with other activities like Halo tournaments or fort-making in the back of the woods, but these pastimes don't seem to count for much in the end.

Some seniors suffering from this condition may even feel regret. Regret for never trying something before because he or she was too afraid and this person didn't think he or she could, or even regret wasting time worrying about nothing. Some may regret not finding hobbies, or not doing things that truly interested them. Others may regret the fact that they didn't try hard enough throughout school, be it in sports or academically, and realize the end is coming near.

Well this is where I currently sit, trying to escape, but then

digging myself deeper. In the world of an average senior, there are papers to be written, complicated math problems to solve, and horrendous economic tests to face. On the side there is the process of applying for scholarships or to colleges, or even ordering caps and gowns (something I was supposed to have done a long time ago, hope my Grandmother doesn't find out.) I wish I could say that I have fought these dragons with valor and bravery, but on the contrary my mentality has retreated back to that of a one-year-old. I meekly suck my thumb and hope for these images to disappear, but I know inside they won't be leaving anytime soon.

Some parents worry about dear little Bobby, or sweet little Suzie, and watch as these once shining teenagers turn into lethargic not-interested zombies. If only that force, known as Senioritis, never slipped into their window the night they realized the end was near. If only they had realized that they should do things that made them happy, or try their very best in things that already did. If only these poor seniors were prepared for this evil monster whose sole desire was to strip them of theirs. The world is full of "if only", I guess the only thing we can do is get over the past, deal with the now and fight our fears so the job can get done. But it would be so much easier if only there wasn't so much stuff to do. Boy does it stink to be a victim of Senioritis.

Christmas holidays, a time to give of ourselves

There is probably no other season which means as much to me and my family as Christmas. I look forward to sharing its festive traditions with my family and children.

While the joy of the season is infectious, we can make it more meaningful. Amidst all the celebration, I encourage you to try to make a difference for someone in need in your community. There are many charities deserving your support; here are just a few suggestions:

The Angel Tree program was established to provide gifts to children whose parents are incarcerated. The name of the child, along with relevant information to help the donor purchase an appropriate gift, is inscribed on a paper angel. Businesses, organizations, and individuals "adopt" the angels and buy gifts for the recipients. If there is not a drive underway in your area, consider starting one yourself. More information is available on the Prison Fellowship's website: www.pfm.org.

Another popular charity is the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. It provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked this holiday season. Donors provide unwrapped toys which the Marines deliver to needy children. These toys can give a child joy and a positive memory for years to come.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 57-year tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves which last year delivered more than 15 million toys to more than 6.5 million children. With 13 million children living in poverty, the Toys for



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Tots Foundation needs donations more than ever.

They are also happy to take cash donations, which help the Marines buy toys in bulk at deeply discounted prices and ensure children receive toys appropriate for their age and gender. For more information on the Toys for Tots Foundation and how you might help them, their website is www.toysfortots2004.com.

The colder winter weather also highlights the need for warmer clothing. Goodwill Industries is engaged in the Samantha's Coat and Clothing Drive to collect coats and other garments for needy children. For more information, or to locate a Goodwill facility in your community, you can visit the Goodwill website at: www.goodwill.org.

It would not be the holiday season if I did not take time to mention the traditional kettle program of the Salvation Army. The money raised during this effort funds the year-round activities of one of the most cost-effective and respected charities in our country. So, please, make them a priority when you see one of the kettles in your community. For more information about the Salvation Army's activities, you can visit their website at: www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Though I have singled out

four organizations, there are a host of other charities we can help through gifts of cash, food, toys or time. The Junior League, local churches and many others are working to spread Christmas cheer. If you want to participate in the great American tradition of volunteering and need help finding an appropriate activity, consult the USA Freedom Corps, which was established by President George W. Bush to encourage Americans to continue donating their time to worthy causes.

The website, www.usafree-domcorps.gov, matches you with charitable organizations based upon your interests and location. Sometimes the best gift we can provide is a simple helping hand, a greeting, or even a smile to a friend, neighbor or stranger. That kind gesture may seem unimportant, but we should remember that sometimes the greatest gifts only appear to be insignificant, just like that child born to poverty in a horse's stall so long ago in Bethlehem.

I want to wish all Texans, of all faiths, a joyous holiday season.

Do you have something to say? Write a letter to the editor today!

Lending a helping hand to those in need



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate.

All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference — especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united.

There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother. Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs - that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

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Praline Pumpkin Pie

1/3 cup margarine, 1/2 cup chopped pecans, *1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1 - 6 oz. Graham Cracker pie crust, 1 cup cold milk, 1 - 15 oz. can of pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix), *2 - 4 oz. packages of vanilla instant pudding & pie filling, 1 1/4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice and 1 - 8 oz. tub of whipped top-



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Melt butter in small sauce pan on medium heat. Add pecans and brown sugar; mix well. Bring to a boil. Cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Spread in bottom of crust and let cool.

Pour milk into large bowl. Add pumpkin, dry pudding mix and spice. Beat with wire whisk for 2 minutes or until well blended. Mixture will be thick. Gently stir in 1 1/2 cups of whipped topping. Spread mixture over pecan layer.

Refrigerate for 4 hours or until set. Top with remaining whipped topping just before serving. Keep stored in refrigerator.

*For sugar free: Use sugar free instant pudding & "Sweet & Low" for Brown Sugar.

LIFESTYLES

Is Santa Claus for real?

At one time in my life I believed in Santa Claus. I quit when I was a small boy. However, IF he is real, then I have some serious questions that really need answered. If you can explain some of my uncertainty, get in touch with me. I'd appreciate it.

Let's start by examining the name. Santa Claus. Shouldn't that be Saint Claus? It's Santa Maria and Saint Charles. So why Santa Claus? Santa?? What about his apparel? Would a real man go around dressed in red and white fur? I don't think so. And what's with that hat? I wouldn't wear that hat unless I lost a bet. Any red-blooded hombre would be wearing roper boots, blue jeans, a brush-popper jacket and a twenty X John B. Stetson.

Would you choose, for your mode of transportation, "a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer"? Not me. I'd have a four-wheel drive truck with mud grip tires capable of ripping out huge chunks of



But I Could
Be Wrong

Chuck
Hall

pavement and doing "wheelies", fore and aft, in all five gears. A man could actually get around the whole world in one night if he drove one of those rigs. Now why would a normal man choose to live at the North Pole with elves? Have you seen their shoes? I wouldn't be caught dead in a pair of those. Why would a man surround himself with little guys running around in green leotards?

And finally, back to the reindeer. Their names cause me to wonder. Donner, Blitzen, Dancer, Prancer, Cupid. Makes me weak. My kind of guy would have named them Thunder, Stomper, Bubba, Ripper, something like that.

But I could be wrong.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, December 6

5:25 p.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence. Deputy Donald Page was notified.

Tuesday, December 7

7:25 a.m., A Maverick County dispatcher called to report a minor vehicle accident on highway 277. Del Rio police department and DPS Trooper Tully Welch was dispatched to the scene. TxDOT was also notified.

Wednesday, December 8

12:06 a.m., Enrique Martinez, 30, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Quenz for fugitive arrest on non child support. Martinez was later released after posting \$1075 bond.

1:25 p.m., A man requested to talk with Deputy Ron Ring. Deputy Ring was notified.

11:47 p.m.,

A man reported loud music on the corner of Pafford and 2nd Street. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched.

Thursday, December 9

12:15 a.m., Rodelio Ortiz, 44, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper J. Trevino for Driving while intoxicated. Ortiz was later released after posting a \$1000 security bond.

2:40 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a silver F250 speeding and passing vehicles into oncoming traffic. Deputy Ring was notified.

4:05 p.m., A woman requested to speak with a deputy concerning her daughter was being threatened by another woman. Deputy Ring was notified.

4:40 p.m., William Desante

Elliot, 21, of Pleasanton, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena for failure to appear. Elliot was still being held at the time of the report.

Saturday, December 11

10:25 a.m., A woman stated that a man stole her vehicle. Deputy Pena was advised.

Sunday, December 12

8:16 p.m., A man stated that someone knocked on his front door and no one was there but there were children in the alley. Deputy Page was advised.

10:13 p.m., A woman stated that a man was intoxicated at her residence and would not leave. Deputy Page was dispatched.

11:59 p.m., A woman reported seeing an individual leaving the city hall building. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

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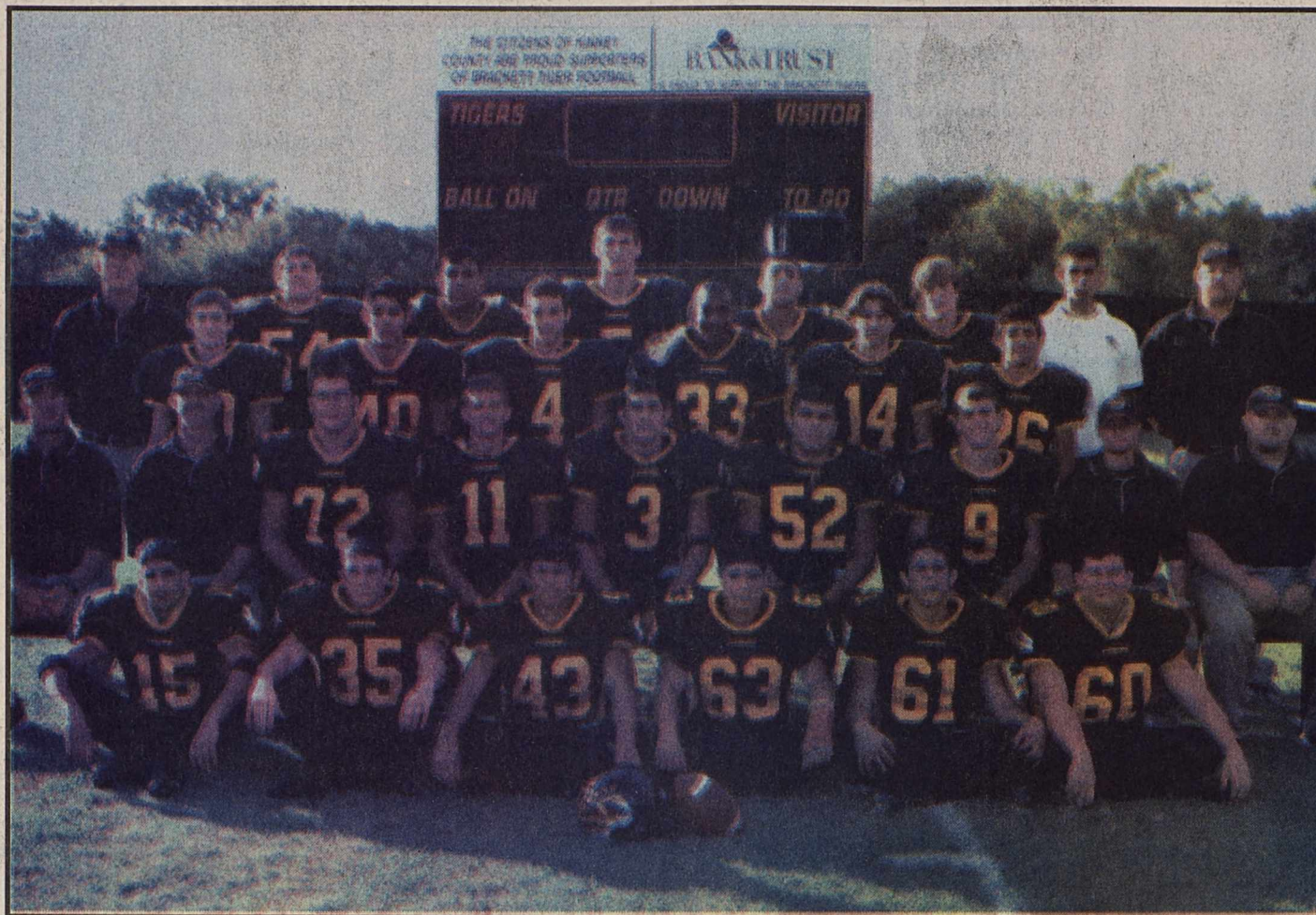
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- 64 Rolando Ortiz
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- 68 Oscar Sierra
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Head football coach: David Yeager. Assistant coaches: Ricky Creel, Steven Hutcherson, Charlie Marquardt, Greg Voyles, and Ken Wallace.

Thanks for the Memories
To my son and Tigers

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Celebrating An Unexpected Arrival

This is the final week before Christmas and we all have many things to finish before Christmas Day. There are cards to send, calls to make, gifts to wrap, and food to prepare. It's a busy time.

I am always aware that Christmastime remembers the arrival of a baby - our oldest child, Michael, was born just a few days before Christmas four years ago. I had quickly finished the last of my essays for seminary and had the entire month of December free from the pulpit. On Friday evening Sue & I had a "false start" - one of those rushed trips to the hospital that proved to be more about digestion than delivery. But just days later, while I was making pastoral visits at the hospital, I found out my wife was waiting for me in the labor and delivery ward. Hours later, I was holding my first child, and within twenty-



First United Methodist Church
Rev. Roger Baker

four hours, I was introducing baby Michael to his grandparents.

Like most parents, I allow myself an annual revisit of those frantic hours and smile at my ignorance and my naiveté. But I have to wonder - how was it for Mary and Joseph? Surely they hoped to lodge with friends or family when the hour came near. But babies arrive on their own schedule. One of my favorite sayings is "plans are what you make, life is what you get." Babies don't understand plans. They arrive. They cry. All of

Joseph's plans didn't get Mary to a comfortable place for her delivery.

During the Yuletide season, I hope we'll let Christmas simply "happen" in spite of our schedules. I hope our anticipation will be swept away by the tremendous force of God's love for us, expressed in the birth of a baby in a far away land. I hope our plans for turkey and gifts seem insignificant against the gift of everlasting life for all who reach out in faith. I hope that our well-crafted schemes are overcome by the event of God's gift of His Son. Babies, after all, are supposed to disrupt things. That's how they're built!

On Christmas Eve, at 7PM, we'll have a candlelight service in the Sanctuary. I hope you'll join us and bring your friends, families, and your babies! Let them be warmed by the telling

of the old, old story and illuminated by the candles we'll all hold. Of course, there may be interruptions (my children often make this donation).

But we'll celebrate a birth - the birth of the Son of God! If this time isn't right for you, take a moment to pray for us - and then attend one of the many other services in Brackettville. Every Christian congregation in Kinney County will have celebrations - please, please celebrate in the company of other Christians!

Then on Sunday morning, after you've over-eaten and taken the wrapping paper and boxes out to the trash can, join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:45 (or maybe even arrive a bit early for coffee with the Sunday School at 9:30.) We are ready to hear all about your Christmas Day!

Birth Announcements

Last week we had an exciting new arrival to our house. Our new little girl, Brighton Lee, arrived on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:13 PM. It was such a reassurance of God's blessings in our lives, seeing this new life enter the world and seeing my wife come through the delivery like a champ.

Surrounded by our family, we introduced Brighton to her big brother and all the people who were expectantly awaiting her birth.

I was such a proud dad. I picked up my phone and tried to think who I was going to call first. I went through our list of people, retelling the story of her birth over and over with each call.

With Brighton being born during the Christmas season, it has reminded me of how God must have felt the night Christ arrived.

What incredible birth announcements He sent for us! Angels from the realms of glory appearing to shepherds saying, "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Then God pro-



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Pastor Darin Koenig

vided a single star which led the wise men to worship Jesus. God sent His one and only son for us. Looking at my children, I cannot begin to imagine what was going through His mind knowing what this baby would endure for the sins of the world.

Remember during this Christmas season that it is not about the gifts, the decorations, the parties, or anything of the other things that shift our focus.

It is about a baby that was born to the world, who lived a sinless life, and became the blood sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Remember the birth announcement God sent to tell the world. Tell your family, your friends, and your neighbors.

Proclaim His glorious coming again and announce the goodness and grace He has given to you. Tell the world around you, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King!"

They come from various Christian persuasions

Three Christmas Carols most of us know and sing today as we celebrate the birth of the Lord, have been around a long time.

The story of "Joy to the World" is this: It was in 1712 that Isaac Watts, after resigning from serving as pastor of a Church of England parish, noticed how four of the verses of Psalm 98 (4, 6, 8 & 9), "spoke to him": "Acclaim the Lord, all the earth, burst into shouts of joy ... to the sound of the trumpet and horn, acclaim the Lord the King ... Let all the rivers clap their hands and the mountains shout for joy, at the presence of the Lord, for he comes to judge

the earth." Using these verses as a guide, he sat down and wrote the Christmas Carol, "JOY TO THE WORLD." We have been singing this for 292 years!

From Charles Wesley came "Hark, the Herald Angels sing". As "The Poet of Methodism", he wrote over 6,500 poems. History has it that by 1627, the Puritans had gained political power. And so it was, the Parliament of England, dominated by the very fundamentalist and anti-Christian members of the Puritan persuasion, abolished all celebrations of Christmas and forbade the singing of any songs pertaining to Christmas. This



St. Mary Magdalene Church
Fr. Cornelius J. Scanlan

situation lasted for a good part of a century. The year 1798 arrived. Charles Wesley entered the scene and wrote the Christmas Carol, "Hark, the Herald Angels sing." We have been singing this Carol for 266 years!

Let's not forget "Silent Night, Holy Night." A Roman Catholic priest, Joseph Mohr by

name, is responsible for this one. He was the pastor of a parish in the snowy German Alps. It so happened that the organ was then inoperative. Without an organ to bolster the singing for Christmas day, he found no hymn to satisfy his longing for "just the right hymn for this Christmas." He composed his own for the Christmas of 1818, took it to the parish organist, Franz Gruber, who finished the music in time for Christmas. The two sang it together that Christmas Midnight. The first time it was accompanied by a guitar. We have been singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" for 186 years!

The Lord sees every single step you take

The atmosphere was relaxed. Josie was anxious and with the passing of each minute she felt like walking out but her thoughts turned to Rolando. "There's no way Rolando and I can enjoy a healthy relationship until I deal with my past. All of it," she said to herself.

Josie's introspection was interrupted by a friendly voice. "Dr. Hardt is ready for you. Just walk to that door." Another friendly voice greeted her and a hand was extended to shake hers. Josie glanced around. The room looked more like somebody's living room than a counselor's office. The friendly voice spoke again. "Sit wherever you choose Josie. I'll be sitting right here."

Josie sat down and looked around. A cross was hanging



Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

prominently on the wall to her left. An inviting picture of the Holy Family graced the wall to her right. A beautiful picture of a country church surrounded by trees with colorful fall foliage decorated the wall opposite her. Josie couldn't take her eyes from the picture. A bright light inside the church emanated from windows and a half-opened door. The light made a glow that seemed to dominate the scene. "It's so inviting," she thought to herself. "And so peaceful."

"That's a beautiful picture isn't it Josie," Dr. Hardt said.

"It looks like someplace I've been!" Josie exclaimed.

"Everybody says that," Dr. Hardt responded. "It's because the picture represents a place of peace and wholeness. It seems as though everyone who comes here has a mental picture of a place like that, a place of healing. That's why it looks so familiar to you. One of the goals of our work together will be to find peace and healing for you."

Josie remained silent. She continued looking at the picture. She smiled. "Yes," she said. "I need that. Where do we start?"

Dr. Hardt responded. "According to the form you filled out for me, you mentioned something about your past, about some kind of baggage you

carry."

Josie looked at the floor. "Will anybody else know what we talk about in here?" She asked.

"Only the three of us Josie," Dr. Hardt answered. "You and I and God. Once a very wise man said that the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun. He sees every step you take and sees into the hidden corners of your life. He knows every step before you make it and still knows them after they are made (Sirach 23:19,20)."

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Thus saith the Lord

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

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