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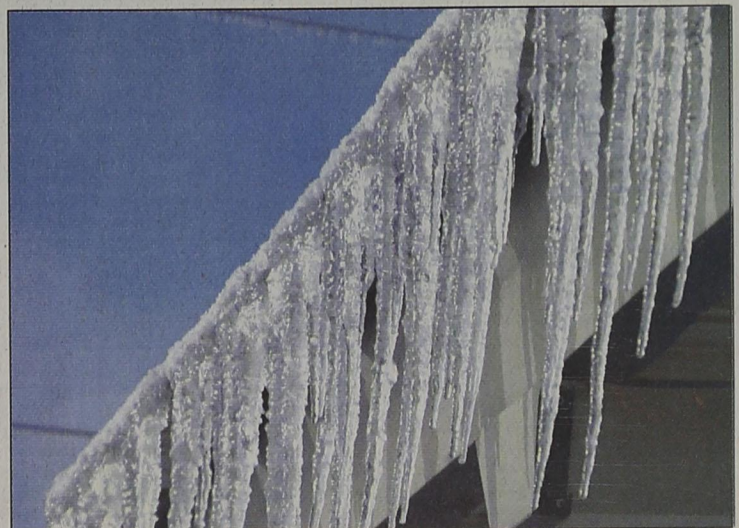
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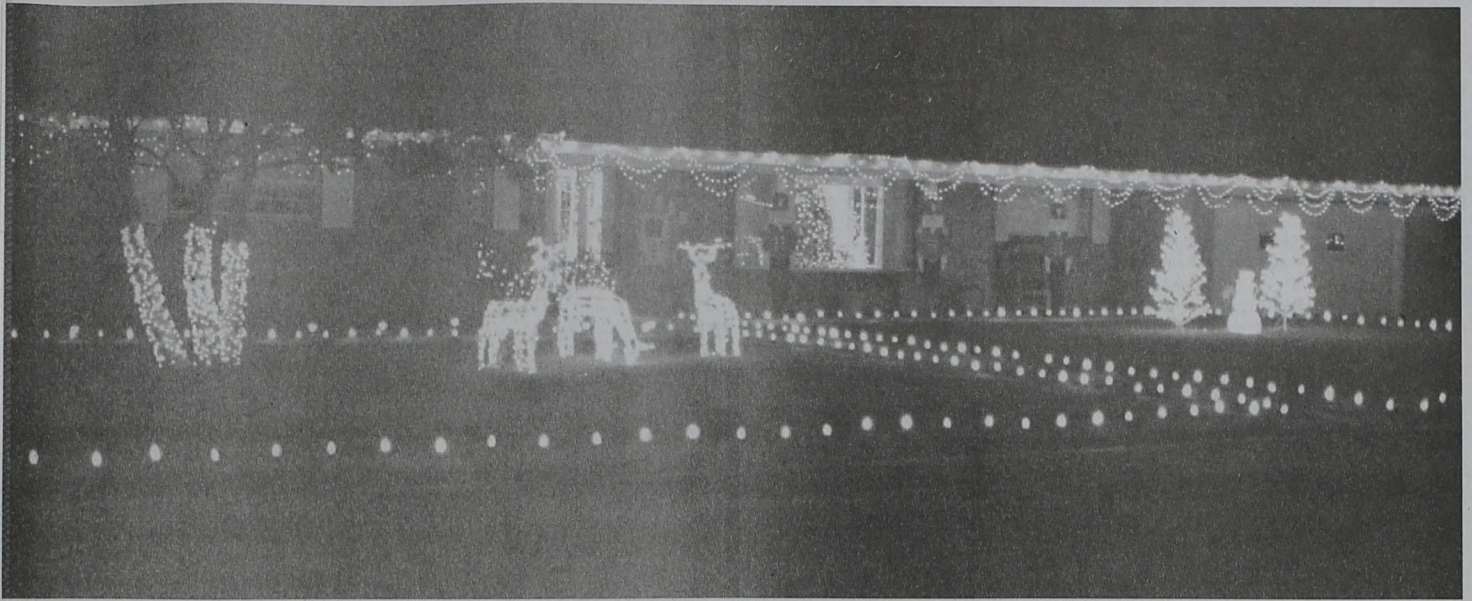
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Season's Greetings



Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen make this residence festive.

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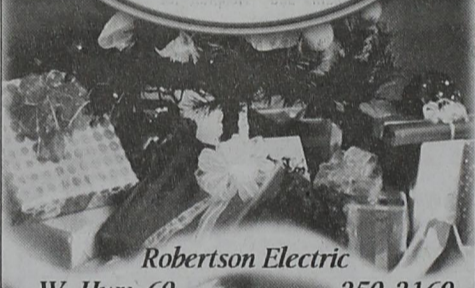
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There's so much to be thankful for at this splendid time of year, including the friendship of people like you.

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Holly Campbell
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102 East 11th

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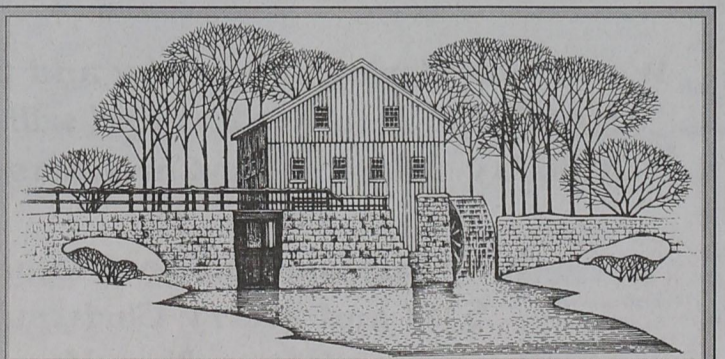
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*In this season most serene,
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Because as splendid as winter is, it's true --
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Recycle used electronics this holiday season

Every holiday season, millions of Texans receive new home electronics. But as quickly as the latest, television, computer, digital camera, cellular phone, video game console, or mp3 player is unwrapped, the older model is quickly discarded—usually in a closet or an attic.

"In this season of giving, we want to encourage consumers to donate their used electronic items, instead of throwing them away," said Matt Baker, division director of the Small Business and Environmental Assistance division at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). "Often these products are still in perfectly good working condition, and can be recycled for reuse, or disassembled and sold for parts."

Based on a study by the National Recycling Coalition, about 1.5 million computers are taken out of service in Texas annually, and only an estimated 162,000 are re-

cycled, leaving more than 1.3 million units that aren't recycled. "Even if your computer is several years old, it is still valuable," said Baker. "An average personal computer typically contains 40 percent steel, 30 to 40 percent plastic, 10 percent aluminum and 10 percent other metals, including copper, gold, silver, cadmium, and platinum—all recyclable," said Baker.

To find a recycler near you, the TCEQ has published an updated version of its statewide computer and electronics recycler locator guide, located in the "Hot Topics" column of the TCEQ home page, <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>.

In addition, take-back programs are also being offered by some makers of computers and mp3 players, to promote recycling. Contact your manufacturer for details. Local charitable associations and nonprofit organizations are also in need of "almost new," working elec-

tronics including computers, televisions, video game consoles and digital cameras. Often these groups have a year-round necessity, and can find a new home for your used electronics.

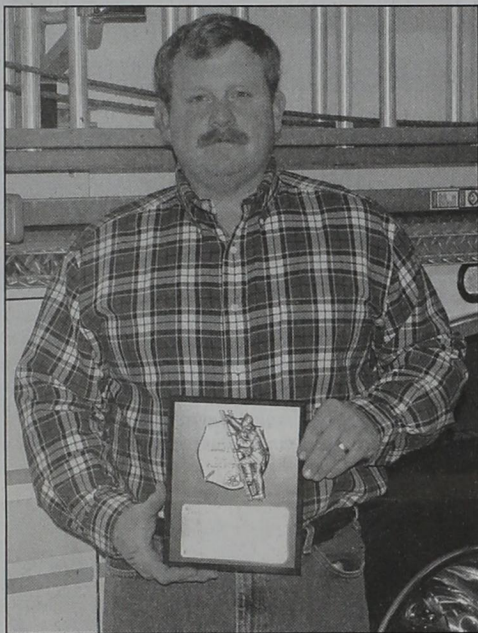


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Glenn Reeve, Jr., has served Friona as a member of the volunteer fire department for 50-years. At the annual Christmas party Glenn was presented with an inscribed gold axe by his fellow firefighters in honor of and appreciation for his 50-years of dedication and service to the Friona volunteer fire department.

Jameson Photography

Have you run out of ideas for Christmas gifts? Have a last minute family portrait done this year. Call Tyler at 265-5141 or 265-5142.



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Matt Osborn was named 2006 Firefighter of the Year and was honored at the Volunteer Firemen Christmas party December 9.

Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

December 12, 2006, German Rey, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with carrying a prohibited weapon, pending County Court.

December 12, 2006, Tabitha Burgess, 23, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, reduced to class C misdemeanor, fine, court costs, and restitution.

December 12, 2006, Jose Mejia, 51, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with forgery, pending District Court.

December 12, 2006, Alex Espinoza, 20, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with forgery, pending District Court.

December 13, 2006, Cornelio Ortiz, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

December 14, 2006, Morgan Alexander, 44, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending District Court.

December 14, 2006, Randall Boeckman, 47, of Hereford, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

December 16, 2006, Fidencin Hernandez, 33, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 18, 2006, Janice Heard, 43, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 6, 2006 to December 13, 2006:

- Christopher S. Evans and Megan L. Evans – Sirva Relocation LLC, NW/CORNER NE/4 S12 T9S R1E
- Sirva Relocation LLC – Beverly A. Montano and Daniel L. Montano, NW/CORNER NE/4 S12 T9S R1E
- Salvador Garcia – Toribio Monarrez and Maria Monarrez, W/2 L1 B7 MCILLIAN & FERGUS FRIONA
- Clay Hurst and M'Lissa Hurst – Eliselda Lozoya, L4 B9 STALEY
- Richard Mark Braning and Mary Suann Braning – Clay Hurst and M'Lissa Hurst, NE/PT S13 BLK C
- Felipe Dominguez and Chayci Dominguez – Sirva Relocation LLC, L3 B3 STALEY
- Sirva Relocation LLC – Greg Lewellen and Jamie Lewellen, L3 B3 STALEY

Puzzle Solution

S-782

YOUR EYES

What is a Cataract?

As people get older, many changes occur in the human body. One of the most obvious is the development of a "clouding over" of the natural "lens" of the eye. The lens is located just behind the colored part of the eye, the iris.

A cataract will result when chemical activity in the lens slows down significantly due to aging. Ninety-five percent of individuals sixty-five and over will have some cataract development. However, aging is not the only cause of cataracts. Diabetes, eye trauma, or certain medications can cause a clouding of the lens. Usually people with a cataract will notice that their vision is hazy and distorted, and may become more sensitive to glare, although not always.



Fortunately, cataract surgery is now a simple and effective procedure, restoring vision more than ninety-five percent of the time. An artificial lens, called an "implant," is usually placed where the cataract was. If you suspect you have cataracts, the experts suggest you visit your eye doctor today.

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FRIONA, TEXAS 79035
PHONE: (806) 250-2734



We would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Tea Tuesday. We had a good turnout and enjoyed visiting with each and every one of you. We would especially like to extend our appreciation to our customers for their business. Thank you for another great year.

We will be closing the Lobby and the window at 4:00 p.m. Friday 22nd and will be closed Monday 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

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The 7th grade Maidens basketball team, top, l-r; Karina Oviedo, Adriana Soltero, Tenna Montana, Vanessa Vital, Abby Jones, Samantha Rodriguez; middle, l-r; Estabali Hernandez, Meagan Sharrock, Bereniece Lopez, Lupita Aguilar, Amber Roberson, Yari Avilez; front, l-r, Elda Castanon, Tamra Stormes, Jessi Jamerson, Emily Ramos, and Rachel Dickson.

Chiefs sweep Canyon, River Road

The varsity and JV boys notched double victories in the last week with wins over the Canyon Eagles, San Jacinto, and River Road Wildcats. The River Road games, played Monday night instead of Tuesday due to the icy weather, marked the district openers for the boys.

In a rematch with the Canyon Eagles, the Chiefs came away with a 49-41 win, led by Sawyer Reed's 21-points. Reed had four 3s and was 3 of 4 from the free throw line. Teammate Hector Sanchez also had a pair of 3s and 8 points. Ryan Gerles had 5, Tolby Wilcox 4, Caleb Miller 3, Alex Gurley 3, Ryan Schwab 3, and Chance Lewellen 2.

The Chiefs had little trouble in the district opener with the River Road Wildcats taking the contest by a score of 62-28.

The Cats keyed on Chieftain ace Sawyer Reed, holding him to 5-points, but Hector Sanchez, Ryan Gerles, and Chance Lewellen took up the slack as all three were in double figures. Sanchez had 17 points, including two 3s, Gerles 12, and Lewellen 10. Scoring also were Alex Gurley 7, Caleb Miller 6, and Ryan Schwab 5.

The JV Chiefs got 18-points from Matthew Stanberry in an overtime victory vs. San Jacinto Christian Academy. Stanberry scored in every quarter and added 3-points in the overtime. The score was tied at 39-39 at the end of regulation and Friona squeaked out a 7-6 overtime to claim the win 46-45.

Joining Stanberry in the scoring column were Chris Haile 11, Justin Dominguez 8,

Stetson Reed 3, Joey Dickson 2, G. Garza 2, and E. Martinez 1.

The JV Chiefs now own a 1-0 district record as they defeated River Road Monday 56-50. Justin Dominguez was high scorer with 15 points, Stanberry 13, Haile 8, Reed 7, R. Castanon 6, Justin Echevarria 4, Dickson 2, and Garza 1.

The varsity Chiefs will participate in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock December 28-30. This is the first time in FHS history that the varsity boys have been entered in the Caprock Tournament. The Squaws are also entered again this year.

The next action for the teams will be January 2 at Amarillo Highland Park as the varsity and JV boys and girls continue district play.



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The 8th grade Maidens basketball team, front, l-r, Lisann Davila, Elizabeth Trevino, Karina Trevino, Caitlin Bronniman; middle row, l-r, Ester Sarabia, Julie Wiseman, Skyla Stormes, Lizbeth Chavez, Laci Austin, top, l-r, manager Sarah Gonzalez, Kelsey White, Regan Anthony, Kami Kerby, Brittney Herbert, manager Alondra Chavarria, and Coach Jeff Isom.



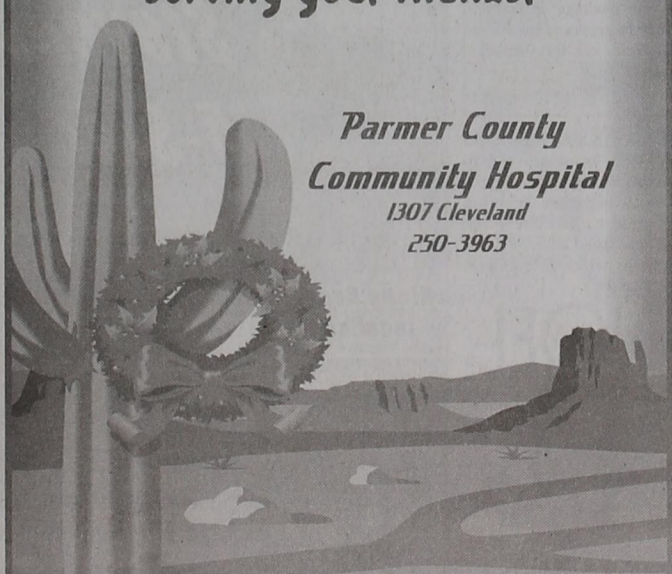
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The JV Squaws are all smiles as they show off their championship plaque from the Tulia tournament. From left to right, Heather Sandoval, Erin Anthony, Hollis Gurley, Stephanie Aguirre (holding plaque), Dianna Bolivar, Coach Carrie Arias, Sasha Estrada, Melissa Gallego, Anna Murphree, and Paige Herbert.

ALL THE BEST

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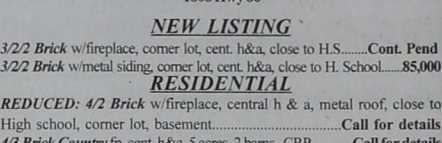
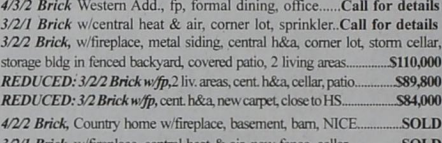
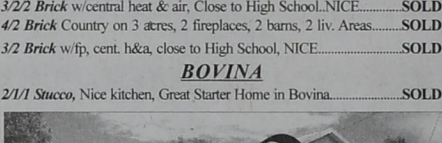
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Director of Business Development

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NURSING

Parmer County Community Hospital is seeking candidates for the positions of Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse and LVN. Positions are full time and require excellent verbal skills, basic computer knowledge and skills, public skills and ability to professionally interact with the medical staff and public. Prior Charge Nurse experience preferred for RN. Must be able to work all shifts. Mail resume to, or stop by for application:
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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Friona will convene in the City Council Chambers at 12:00 Noon on the 4th day of January, 2007 to consider the zoning of the following property:
located between Main Street and Euclid Street & 15th Street & 16th Street.
All those interested in the above request are invited to attend a meeting on the date set forth above.
Recommendation of the P&Z Commission on the above described property will then be considered by the Friona City Council at their next regular meeting on the 8th day of January, 2007 at 6:30 PM.
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Nursery Worker needed. Apply at Calvary Baptist Church 15th & Cleveland
tfnc-11.2

WANT ADS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF ANN W. OSBORN, DECEASED, were issued on December 11, 2006, under Docket No. 2699, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to LACYE A. RATLIFF.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows:
Thomas E. Hood
Packard, Hood, Bednarz, Johnson & Ivy, L.L.P.
500 S. Taylor, Suite 900
Lobby Box 223
Amarillo, Texas 79101

All persons having claims against this estate that is currently being administered are required to present them within the time prescribed by law.

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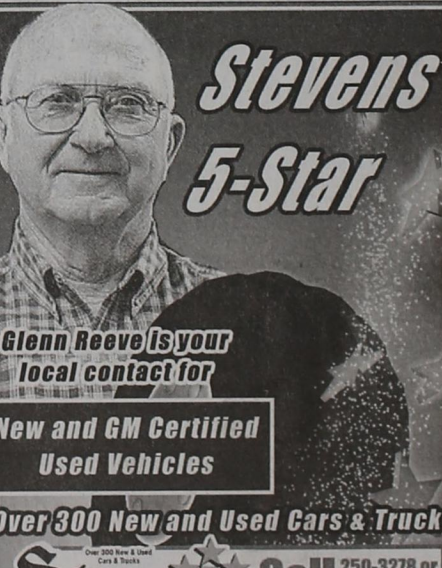
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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

Special Moments, Special Blessings In the "Biggest Small Town in Texas"

By Darla Bracken

It has indeed been my great honor to be a 'guest' writer for the Friona Star since September 2005 for this Centennial History Awareness Project—Centennial Moments.

When I first began to think about the idea, I was not at all sure that I could write for over a year although I felt certain there were many stories to be told. I hoped to find some other local writers to help me. So, I sat down and tried to think of at least 52 topics to explore during this time and this column has been the result of that. What a wonderful learning experience this has been for me! And there are many other stories out there just waiting to be told and re-told. No doubt, you each have many of your own stories that need to be

recorded; please write them down or record them. It helps us to 'connect' with both our ancestors and our descendants.

The 50th Anniversary edition of the Friona Star was an invaluable resource as it contained many first person narratives of early Friona residents. The Star has a rich history of recording local history and doing feature articles on our residents. Many excellent stories have been featured over its 81-year history. We are indebted to John W. "Uncle John" White, the first editor of the Star who brought with him valuable newspaper experience when he came from Illinois to our small frontier town of Friona.

The 1956 Maize Days edition was done under W.H. Graham, Publisher, later Bert Neelley and

the Ellis Era continued with their great appreciation of history and genealogy. There were many stories by Bill and Carol that provided me with excellent resource material.

But making the connections with others is what has impressed me so. From one generation to another generation, it has happened. We are very fortunate to have several people in their 80s, 90s and even 100s who proved to be valuable assets for most of their many busy years and are blessed with memories to match! That has been fantastic! They have all been so gracious.

Special Centennial Moments:

Watching Roy Miller enjoy his 100th Birthday with his wife Eva, family and friends. (Roy served 12 years on the Library

Board as a representative of Evening Lions and his daughter Donna Mears, followed him with 12 years as a representative of Modern Study Club.

Dedicating the Federated Women's Clubhouse Historical Marker honoring generations of women working to improve our community.

Ringling in our 100th year with the old Congregation Church bell.

Discovering a picture of the 1954 Christmas program in the yearbook documenting Friona's integration, the only local source.

Going with the FHS Service Learning Students to share their experience at Region 16.

Experiencing an eerie sense of history repeating itself during the wildfires of 2006 and the Great Prairie Fire of 1906.

Hearing singing in the old Congregation Church once again when the Palo Duro Metro Chorus and the Friona High School Choir teamed up for a day of training and performing.

Planning and assisting with the Friona Founding Families Displays and enjoying the family pride they evoked.

Toasting my Girl Scout leaders for being such fine ladies and setting good examples for us at our Christmas Teas with Krista Renner Kemple who shared the story of her great grandparents via her great grandmother Clara Renner's diary.

Sitting in on my friend Lilah Gaye Gee's oral history inter-

view by Emily Allen age 16. Lilah Gaye had her 95 birthday in August. (Many priceless oral histories were completed thanks to Wendy Carthel, Patsy Allen, Dollie Lookingbill and other students, Bryan Johnston and Gladys Spring.)

Receiving as a gift over 100 tables and chairs and a large screen TV for the museum from the Service Learning Kids.

Watching the museum come alive on Museum Day. Living history was presented by local residents, the Stitching Post Quilt Club and Service Learning in addition to the Museum Directors.

Enjoying the beautiful May Pole dancers, a recreation of an early activity at Friona's first church and enjoying the chuck wagon meal in the park.

Gathering historical recipes from past Friona cooks for the Chamber's Centennial Cookbook.

Celebrating the Special Centennial Postmark designed by Bobby Weid by the Friona Post Office on its 99th birthday with an open house shared with my granddaughters Lexie and Laura Bracken. (Thanks to Cheri Maddox for letting me know about the service and for Postmaster Jack Glover and staff for hosting the event; I really appreciated the former postmasters who made the effort to be there also.)

Seeing the Centennial Steer for the first time and meeting the colorful character Coral Casey and then watching it be transformed by our local artists Bobby Wied, Carol Ellis and Judy Cummings. (Bobby spent 50 hours working painting the steer and old Friona Main Street.) Thanks to Cargill Meat Solutions, Friona Feedyard, Paco Feedyard, NewTex Feed Yard, and Texzona Feedyard for their gracious donations and for assistance by the Depot and the Art Association for sponsoring and donating their talents.

Asking members of the F.W. Reeve, one of Friona's early mayors, to assist with the rededication of the Friona Marker swept away by the 1995 tornado.

Seeing the quilt 96 year old Opal Strickland had made with her mother and then seeing her latest creation just a few weeks ago.

Seeing my own mother and daddy help with Centennial Projects by sharing their talents

of quilting and music. (My Mother gave me the apron she made for museum day and my Daddy played on a dulcimer he had made himself in addition to one of his favorite fiddles.)

Helping the Friona Seniors understand about Friona's first integration and assisting them with the historical marker application. Then getting the marker...the Service Learning Students paid for the marker themselves.

Getting the gift of 105 books plus a set of the Character Counts Program from the Service Learning Students and continuing to watch their work.

Working with volunteers on the Friends of the Library Endowment Committee establish an Endowment Campaign—three year goal \$150,000. 2006 contributions—\$20,000.

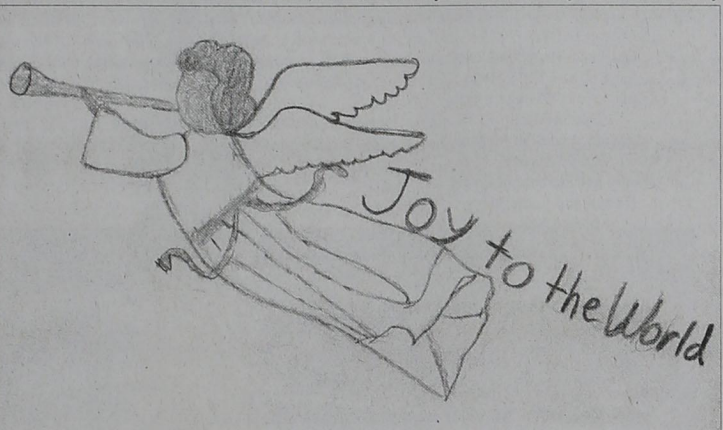
Sponsoring the Vintage Quilt and Historical Photographs Display.

Sponsoring a special edition of our annual Summer Reading Program and rewarding 7 children who were able to follow our program of exercise and character building for the entire summer: Jason and Robin Kelley, Magali and Marleen Moralez, Josalito and Alex Cigarroa, and Cassie Gonzalez.

Receiving the gift of the Gingerbread Christmas Tree from the Friona Banking Center last Christmas.

City of Friona and Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for their many Centennial activities.

A special thanks to Ron Carr and helpful staff for their gracious sponsoring and assistance with Centennial Moments. I have a much greater appreciation for writers of weekly editions. Tyler Jameson did a great job with the many photographs. I appreciate the generous space allowed and for the online editions. And to all of you, the readers, who have expressed your interest and appreciation for the column. To all of you who helped me thank you for caring and sharing your own histories and experiences with all the rest of us. It is what life in a small community is all about—loving and caring for each other from cradle to grave—connecting. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2007. Let's make it our best year ever!



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- 1 Astro Berkman had a lot of these in '06
- 5 TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- 6 TXism: "hell ___ for leather"
- 7 film's Warner or TC's Orbison
- 8 "bidness" abbr.
- 9 TXism: "he could sell ice Eskimos"
- 16 early Roy Orbison band: "___ Kings"
- 18 TXism: "___ a milk bucket under a bull"
- 21 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- 22 TX Miller sang "trailers for ___ or rent..."
- 23 TXism: "sticks like tar ___ road"
- 24 young cows
- 30 Canton's "First Monday" event (2 wds.)
- 34 this Nick was in "Affliction" with TX Sissy (init.)
- 35 below a bishop
- 36 TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"
- 37 TXism: "keep your saddle ___"
- 39 nachos topping (2 wds.)
- 43 join in marriage
- 44 TXism: "light as a ___ feather"
- 45 half an "em"

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Answers on pg 4

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DOWN

- 1 "conejo" south of the border
- 2 Kendall Co. seat
- 3 TXism: "___ as a newborn calf"
- 4 tennis units
- 9 this TX Chase was "Voice of America" director (init.)
- 10 TX John Connally served on this ship in WWII
- 11 TXism: "drawing a ___ on it"
- 12 TX "Babe": Mildred ___ Didrikson
- 13 TXism: "never let 'em sweat"
- 14 ex-Cowboy owner Schramm (init.)
- 15 "bear" south of the border
- 17 TX Vidor film: "___"
- 18 TX "Babe": Mildred ___ Didrikson
- 19 TX actress O'Toole
- 20 TX legal eagle Barefoot ___
- 24 TX singer Pride (init.)
- 25 TXism: "he'd ___ wrestle King Kong"
- 26 fibs
- 27 herbicide put on "Treaty Oak" in '93
- 28 TX Howard Hughes left a big one
- 29 two-speaker sound
- 31 TX Sissy '86 film: "Violets ___ Blue"
- 32 actress Ruby
- 33 fishin' items or pitches
- 38 TX Judge Roy Bean courtroom/saloon "The Jersey ___"
- 40 ___ Pepper
- 41 "___ a plea"
- 42 students at TX university
- 49 dull pain
- 51 TXism: "___ late and a dollar short"
- 52 "hither and ___"
- 57 TX Don Henley as a performer
- 58 religious statement

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TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

We go to press this week amidst ice, sleet, snow, and freezing rain. Let's hope we were able to get over to Clovis Thursday to pick up our Christmas issue. If you got this I guess we did. More snow is predicted for Saturday and Sunday. Is a white Christmas in our forecast? We'll see.

We will have a paper next week to end the year. The newspaper staff will work a short two-day week to publish the final issue of 2006. Hope you and yours enjoy all the warmth and blessings of the season.

The front page headline in the December 14 Canyon News said "Bye, bye Big Earl's" We reviewed Big Earl's BBQ and Taco House Restaurant in an earlier Town Talk but as of Sunday December 10 after being open not quite four months, the business closed. Citing a lack of business, the owner said they are negotiating with other folks to lease the space. The same group that owned Big Earl's also owns Feldman's Wrong Way diner, which is doing a bustling business. Some folks in Canyon say that Big Earl's liquor license hurt the business.

Plans are still underway to open Buffalo's Southwest Cafe on WTA&M property at 4th and Hospital Drive. It is a franchised chain and also plans to

serve alcohol. We'll see how they fare.

At the senior citizen lunch Monday the folks enjoyed a baked chicken and rice casserole. Then it was meatloaf on Thursday. Parmer County Tax Appraiser Curby Brantley was a guest Monday. Glenn and Carolin Reeve were not present since Carolin has been a bit under the weather. Glenn received his 50-year award for ser-

vice on the volunteer fire department and Carolin won \$100 in Friona Bucks in the Chamber of Commerce drawing so they both had a good week.

Ricky Barnett and Alan Monroe joined a contingent sponsored by Farm Service Credit on a trip to Austin, Washington D.C. and New York City. It was a Young Leaders Conference for under-age-40 producers to meet with politicians and discuss ag-

riculture issues. They enjoyed visits with political leaders in Washington D.C., a train ride from D.C. to New York City where, among other activities they attended a Broadway play.

It appears that the Silver Screen Video store is preparing to change locations. They are painting and remodeling the space at 6th and Main which formerly housed another video store. The current Silver Screen location is rumored as being considered for a Family Dollar store. Kendrick Oil owns the building but Danny Kendrick says he has not heard from the Family Dollar people since an initial visit to look at the building. Stay tuned.

Went to Wichita Falls over the weekend for daughter Megan's 16th birthday. She had a party at a Pizza Hut, a scavenger hunt in the local mall, hot chocolate at Hastings, then a limousine ride to see the Christmas lights. Monday she got her driver's license and if the weather cooperates she and her soon-to-be 18-year-old brother Zachary will drive out here after Christmas to spend the New Year's arrival with old dad.

It will be the first time that I have not gone to pick them up for a holiday visit. Not sure I am ready for them to be grown and driving. I'm sure many of you have had the same experience with your kids. It's hard to let go isn't it?

Our Friona Star office man-

ager Marlene Mueller lost her twin sister Darlene to cancer this week. The sister lived in Haskell, Texas, and Marlene and her other sister Mamie Gee of Friona were in Haskell this week tending to the family and arrangements. Our sincere sympathies to the family in this time of sadness.

My sister-in-law Sherry Carr, brother Rick's wife, is back as a Friona Star employee. Sherry is a former Star employee and we welcome her back. She is filling the position vacated when Dana Jameson left to become managing editor at the Olton Enterprise.

Thanks to my mom Hannah for all the sweets she sent to the Friona Star office, including chocolate M&M cookies, white almond bark pretzels, blueberry muffins, popcorn, and her Texas Trash snack mix. I hope your Christmas is as "sweet" as ours.

School's out now until January 3. Kids are out of school and will be running about the streets so use a little extra caution while driving. If you are taking a long road trip to Grandma's house, drive safely and sober and come home again. Merry Christmas everybody. See you next week.

Bovina Mustangs on 4-1A all-district team

The Bovina Mustangs placed several players on the District 4-1A all-district football team. Senior Frank Martinez was named Defensive MVP.

Others on 1st team offense were quarterback Trent Quintana, running backs Mauricio Garcia and Alfie Espinoza, receiver Jesus Rocha, tight end James Lara, guard Pecos Prather, and Lara was also named all-district kicker.

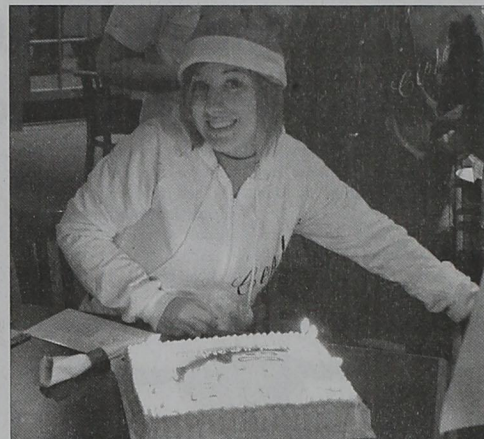
Second team offense selections were tight end Ivan Solis, guard Eduardo Garcia, and tackles Jessie Reyna and David Rojas.

In addition to Martinez as Defensive MVP, other Mustangs named to 1st team all-district defense were lineman David Rojas, defensive end Alfie Espinoza, linebackers James Lara and Mauricio Garcia, and defensive backs Trent Quintana and Jesus Rocha.

Named as 2nd team defensive selections were lineman Ivan Solis, defensive back Justin Guevara, and Solis was also 2nd team punter.

All-district honorable mention recognition went to running back Robert Knoll, defensive end Pecos Prather, and center Jaime Chavira.

Coach Hector Guevara's Mustangs made the playoffs for the second consecutive year.



ron carr photo

Megan Carr blows out her 16 birthday candles and makes a wish at her 16th birthday party in Wichita Falls. She is the daughter of Friona Star publisher Ron Carr. Happy birthday Megan.



Silent night, holy night! Merry Christmas



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"Oh, you'd better watch out!"

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ
 This is the time of year when all parents have an ally in establishing their authority! I'm speaking, of course, of "Santa Claus!"
 Santa, that ancient, mysterious Northman in his red cap descends upon us from the north. He arrives swiftly and unseen. No barrier, no lock can hinder his mission. If you're good, you'll be rewarded. If you're bad, you'll likely get a bag of coal.
 Do you remember the pleading words of the old "prophet" Gene Autry? "O, you'd better watch out, You better not cry... Buter not pout, I'm telling you why! Santa Claus is coming to town."
 Isn't it strange that Santa is still such a beloved figure after such a scary prediction of his coming? Yet our children aren't intimidated. They are hopeful and have great expectations of the morning after his arrival.
 But there's something that I find even stranger. It's interesting and disappointing that we are less hopeful and optimistic about the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 (More next week)

Happy Birthday

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- Dec. 30-Jerry Goen, Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport, Sarah Hendley, Jessica Jamerson.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

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Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb
 I am thankful for the machines that exist today to make life easier, especially in the kitchen, where life sometimes dangles on a precarious but

somewhat tasty cliff. With microwave ovens emitting nuclear gas and refrigerators emitting nuclear leftovers, most kitchens are just a bizarre death waiting to happen.

I can read the autopsy report now: "Death occurred instantly by a projectile pork roast as a

result of an exploding pressure cooker." Pressure cookers are like bad-acting professional wrestlers. Nothing good can happen when either one of them is full of food and under extreme pressure. There is a rotisserie available that cooks a large chicken in thirty minutes, provided he doesn't move around.

Because of advancing technology, we have some dairy farms where cows are milked by computer. Then the computer industry turns around and milks us. Talk at dairy conventions consists of whether your cow is formatted. It not only is not your father's Oldsmobile anymore, it is not your mother's kitchen or your grandfather's cow.

We want everything fast, and we want to do as little of the work as possible. There is a firm in Japan that provides, for a substantial fee, fake guests at weddings, mourners at funerals, and someone to visit your elderly parents. For an extra charge, you can get some of the people for hire to cry real tears on demand, much like your average female driver when she gets stopped for speeding. You can probably even hire someone to taste a casserole you tried to fix in that pressure cooker.

The possibilities are limitless. You might be able to hire some-

one to "ooh" and "ahh" when a friend shows you pictures of the their children. When the pastor invites you over for supper, do you find yourself needing emergency wart removal or some other excuse for not going? Now you can hire someone to go to that horrible dinner. Wedding guests rent for \$195-\$260 if they have a speaking part. There were a couple of people at my wedding I wish I could have paid *not* to speak.

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A young boy with light in his eyes,
Looked deep into Santa's, to Santa's surprise,
And said as he nestled on Santa's broad knee,
"I want your secret, tell it to me."

He leaned up & whispered in Santa's good ear,
"How do you do it, year after year?
I want to know how, as you travel about,
Giving gifts her & there, you never run out.

How is it, dear Santa, that in your pack of toys,
You have plenty for all of the world's girls & boys?
Stays so full, never empties as you make your way
From rooftop to rooftop, to homes large & small,

From nation to nation, reaching them all?"
And Santa smiled kindly & said to the boy,
"Don't ask me hard questions.
Don't you want a toy?"

But the child shook his head, and Santa could see
That he needed the answer. "Now listen to me,"
He told the small boy with the light in his eyes,
"My secret will make you sadder & wise.

The truth is that my sack is magic. Inside
It holds millions of toys for my Christmas Eve ride.
But although I do visit each girl & each boy
I don't always leave them a gaily wrapped toy.

Some homes are hungry, some homes are sad.
Some homes are desperate, some homes are bad.
Some homes are broken, & children there grieve.
Those homes I visit, but what should I leave?

My sleigh is filled with the happiest stuff.
But for homes where despair lives,
Toys aren't enough.
So I tiptoe in, kiss each girl & boy,
And pray with them that they'll be given the joy

Of the spirit of Christmas, the spirit that lives
In the heart of the dear child who gets not,
But gives.

If only God hears me & answers my prayer,
When I visit next year, what I will find there

Are homes filled with peace,
And with giving, and love.

And boys and girls gifted with light from above.
It's a very hard task, my smart little brother,
To give toys to some,
And to give prayers to others.

But the prayers are the best gifts,
The best gifts indeed,
For God has a way of meeting each need.
That's part of the answer.
The rest, my dear youth,
Is that my sack is magic, and that is the truth.

In my sack I carry on Christmas Eve day
More love than a Santa could e'er give away.
The sack never empties of love, or of joys
'Cause inside it are prayers, and hopes.
Not just toys.

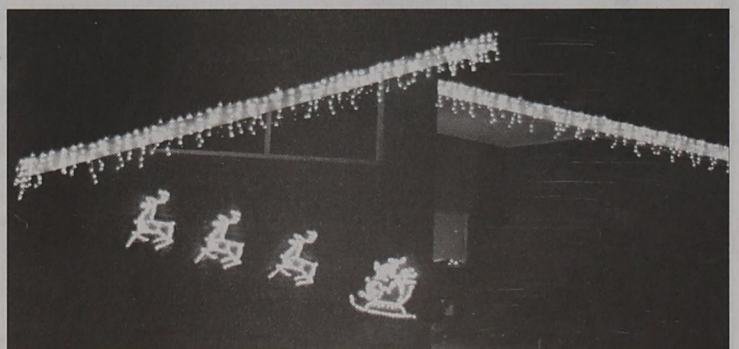
The more that I give, the fuller it seems,
Because giving is my way of fulfilling dreams.
And do you know something?
You've got a sack, too.
It's as magic as mine, and it's inside of you.

It never gets empty, it's full from the start.
It's the center of lights, and of love. It's your heart.
Don't be so concerned with your gifts
'neath the tree.

Open that sack, call your heart, & share
Your joy, your friendship, your wealth, your care."
The light in the small boy's eyes was glowing.
"Thanks for the secret. I've got to be going."

"Wait, little boy," said Santa "don't go.
Will you share? Will you help?
Will you use what you know?"
And just for a moment the small boy stood still,
Touched his heart with his small hand & whispered,
"I will."

Author Unknown



Santa's reindeer take to the sky at this home on Etta.

ron carr photo



Santa Letters



Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. Ina I have been a good boy. Would you give me a intino DS and the game Lego star wars and a gameboy the same game Thank you Santa
Aaron Perez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa doing I want a TV for Christmas Maritza wants a prezint for Maritza The puppy was good I been good at school
Love Kassandra

Dear Santa,
You are nice. Tell Mrs. Claus she's nice and have a great time with her. When are you going to come down the chimney? For the past few hours I've been waiting to have Christmas. So, Santa Claus sometimes can you and Mrs. Santa Claus build snowmen? I want the cars mountain challenge, Hot Wheels Radar gun, Nintendo DS, Heelies, a Dinosaur, a D-flash and a blue dirt bike with some red. Some I was naughty and nice but I was usually nice. Be safe. Tell Rudolph hi. We will leave you chips and milk.
Love,
Jake English

Dear Santa
I hope you enjoy your Christmas. Would you go to my house I'll probly have a treat for you if you go to my house on Christmas eve. At my school we have a paper of you because you are Santa.
From: Arianna

I wish I would see your reindeers I want to have a for we eler puppy and a movie of the hihg school musical

Dear Santa
I want a Playstation Portable, NFL 2007 for a Playstation Portable, and a Other game for a Playstation Portable Smackdown

vs Raw 2007. Santa don't forget about the soldiers who are fighting in Iraq.
From Favian

Dear Santa
I hope you have a great Christmas and a great time bringing us Christam presents I asle want to thank you if you bring me my own christam present I'll live you cookies and milk for you to eat if you are hungry now I'm gonnan tell you what I want I want a bike to go home in it.
From Graciela Lopez

Dear Santa
I hope you bring me a new bike and for my little sister you can just bring her a teady bear with a cheerleading suit for my dad you can just bring him a ring for my mom and a ring for my mom
From: Emily C. Ramos

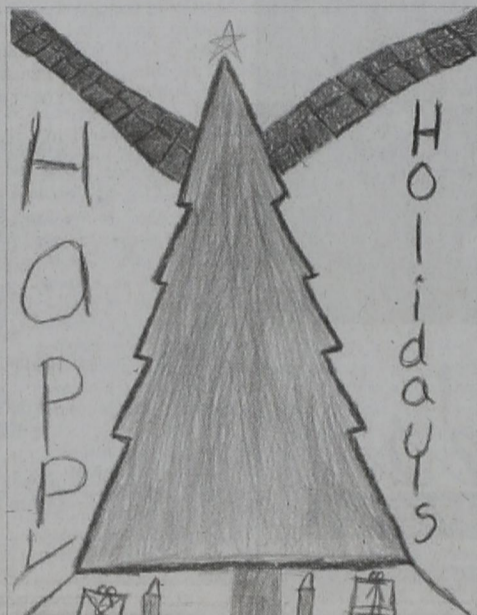
Dear Santa
All I want for Christmas is new cloths and some toys. I wish for a tent, a Playstation 2, games, and a playstation. I also wish for a good little puppy that minds. That's all I want for Christmas.
From Makayla Pierce

Daer Santa
I wont a cellphon for Christmas and a new TV and sum nuw windos becks the dirt and the code wind comes in. I will live you sum milk and cukies on the cownr. Mere Christmas Santa
From Sabrina Barraza

Santa Claus
I want a lot more Neopets and with a bag for the Neopets, a Nintendoe, and a Nintendoe game called dogz, and a digi makeover, and a \$10 dollars, and some roller skates, Yu-gi-O cards and a Yu-gi-o card disk, and moon shoes, and please give me a guitar with blue stripes

sea blue and the rest bluegreen. And can you please put my name on it. Also things I want Baby alive, swimming ariel doll, hula hoop, t.v. with vcr and dvd, bratz baber, doodle bug, polly pocket theme park, bratz jade, genei doll, wet licks puppy, hide-n-seek care bear and barbie dream house.
Paulina Jaramillo *
P.S. If I get a stocking can you put something in it.

Dear Santa
I whoud lik a wii and an xbox 360 with smackdown vs. raw 2007 and a bangel football and a bangel watch and a billbul puppy and a BB gun with lots of bullets and a laphop. And one more thing Santa Ms. Rodriguez sons Jonathan and Kenneth, thy are in Iraq and send them presents.
Love, Oscar Huerta



Keren Ortiz 5th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an "Amazing Alyson" doll and a real laptop to play games and go to "www.Barbie.com. I also want you to go to Iraq to visit my teacher's son and deliver him a present.
Love, Eva Alvidrez

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a lot of stuff for Christmas. I sometimes don't listen but I will start to listen now. Oh and also I hope I still get presents.
From: Austin

Dear Santa,
I whant new shoes and pants and new boots for the dairy and a motorcycle that is blue and a playstain 2 and a toy trailer with cows, horses.
By Joel Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I'll want you to bring me: Fishing pole, A guitar, A real computer, A volley ball CD of Raven And everybody's love, especially you and God.
Love, Esmeralda B.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me tere video game for game box, the game cars.
From Manuel

Dear Santa clawes,
I have ben a good girl this year. For Christmas I wand a chat-now, a ipod and some more clowes for my bild-a-ba'e work shop her name is clowly so if you need to put her name on the clowes or showes. I love you!
From: Kendall

To Santa
I want a real computer for Chirsmas. Thank you very much
From Elisa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. And I have helped mom with my baby sister. For Christmas I would like a Castle with a barbie doll that has cats and dogs also. I need some clothes and shoes. Also I would like a doll. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jodie!

Dear Santa,
I would really like a punching bag with gloves and a Mat Huges T-shirt. Also a MP3 player and a flat screen TV with NCAA Football 2005 for my Game Cube and NFL 2007 for my Game boy.
Brayden

Dear Santa
How is the riandeers and Santa I want a please set j and a drum set. ByBy.

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. And I have helped with my baby 'sister. For Christmas I would like a few things. First of all I would like a Easybake oven and to go with it some Easy bake stuff. Brazt and Bratz Gennie Magic dolls. Some Barbie dolls and high hills and lipstick. And baby bratz Kidz Bratz house. Bratz car and barbie car. Merry Christmas. I love you Santa so much!
Love, Renee!

Dear Santa,
I want a dul and clothes, and have a merry Christmas.
From: Valeria Trejo

Dear Santa,
How are you today How is the weather in the North Pol? Where is Rudolph I am going to make some cookies and a chocolate milk but what kind of cookies do you want? This year I want a Playstation 2, Super Duty, a farm toy, and a computer.
Erick Guerrero

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a Robotrapter, lizard, Yu gi oh gx dinosaur cards, Pirates of the Carabian DVD, Namia DVD and Playstation game, Ice Age melt-down game, Robot game, jamanj game, barnyard game, spongebob square pants, ligts, camera, pants, zarnta game. I've been a good boy.
From Richard

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a I pod and I want a pianoa and I want a CD Boom Box and my address is 901 West 4th and my mom want a new cd player thake you.
Mario Vazquez



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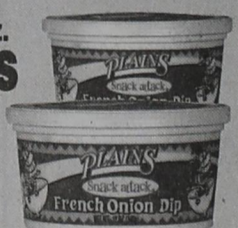


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Santa Letters



Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. And I have helped mom with the sweeping. For Christmas I want a Barbie car and a Bratz house and a Bratz kids, Bratz car.

Merry Christmas,
Love, Chelsie

To Santa
I want a fake computer of dora the Explored or for chirsmas.

Thank you
Maria Prudencio

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a new Princess bike and baby clothes and a new baby. I would also like a new Barbie and Barbie clothes and a new color book and colors. I have been very good. Thank you Santa! I Love You Santa

Love Hannah North

Dear Santa
How are you Is it colde up there I hope. Are you ok over there and please bring me an Xbox 360 game any game any kinde. Santa my address is 510 West Sevienth

Ivan Duran

Dere Santa
How are you Santa Isit cold Santa I woud please like the Bat man set and the GI Jo set Oh and tel Rudf I sad hi.

Love Aaron Rocha

Dear Santa,
I lik rudoff I lik you to Santa. Do you lik me to I will lik that to well you bi me a care bears

Valerie Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cheerleading DVD, a real kitten,

and a beanie baby sheep and bunny. I have been good this year.

Adaline

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would really like to have a stuffed yellow dog, Bella Rockstar and a pink lamp with beads and fur. I also really need some more new games for my gameboy. Thanks Santa. Tell Mrs. Clause and all the reinder hi for me.

Love,
Bailey Pope

Helo Santa
how is your wife Santa I love you Santa I want a tractor and a monsttruk anything you wante to give me

Weston Sasser

Dear Santa
Please bring me a day crofon.

From Erika

Dear santa
can I please have a dolls how is it over there I lieke yours reindeers. I love you

from Aimee Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I wunt a roboet and a hore's and a Big Munster truck and a crayones and a ball I wunt a football I like your randear

Love
Jonathan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Clus? May I pleas have a fly pen and pictrs of Rudolph with his nose gloing. May I have some moon shoes. May I have a toy ovon. May I have a list of the riandeer. and a dora cash register.

Love,
Brooklynne Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a side dump trailer, a bag of TaeKwando and a new snow globe. Thank you for the toys last year.

Love,
Hadley White

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a Spiderman bedsheets. I would also like to get a work bench so I could play with my tools.

Love,
Jeremiah Rando

Dear Santa
How are you? Is it cold down there. I want a doll an a bicycle. I want anything that you want for me.

Love, Stephanie Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I would like to get anything that is spiderman. I would also like to get some clothes.

Love Isaac Rando

Hi Santa Claus
How are you doen how mane toys do you make four the children I luv you Santa Claus ples bring me a machine bear and a Dora cash and a machine cake ples.

Laura Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Breann De La Cruz. Please bring me an Nintendo DS for Christmas. I am nice to my cousin Amber and I share my toys. That is what I want for Christmas.

Love Breann
P.S. Please send me a white one. Thank you.

Dear Santa
I wot a flag. Ples Santa. Ples Santa. Yes I will Thac you. You welcome. You to

santa.
Desiree Aragon

Sata
Yooore a best friend and can you get me a play station three?

Luv, Zach Martinez

Dear Santa
I want a Big Baike Red.
Rickie Lee Castillo

Deer Sanda,
I wont you to give me a Dora Casule Pleease Sanda and my baby sister a squeeke tuy Pleeas.

From Stephanie

I want a gameboy and

games for gameboy. I want some clothes, shoes, tv, barbie, and a baby with a stroller. Breanna's X-Masl1st baby with a stroller. Some bows for my hair, a barbie car, some clothes and shoes.

Thank you
Vivianna

Dear Santa,
I want a game and motooencycle.

Jose Jaramillo

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolp. I have been good. I want war of the Monsters and I want yu gi o.

Love, Anthony Marrufo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. I want a scooter. My little brother wants a car.

Love,
Jacqueline Legarreta

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I have been goof I want Xbox 360 and four wheeler

Love,
Marco Maldonado

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been good. I want a four wheeler or a bike.

Love Jerry



Mason Loflin 4th Grade

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a microphone or a jeep.

Love Erika Grado

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and you and Mrs. Claus. I have been good. I want a Dora castle and my baby sister doll.

Love,
Stephanie Corrales

Dear Santa,
Please can you bring a toy car for my presents. How are you and Mrs. Claus?

Love
Victor

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? And how is Mrs. Claus I hope you get this Santa, I with you a Hape holiday I hope Rudolph is? not sick I want roller skates, Princess, Play Phone, Scooter.

Love Illyanna Perez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been good. I want a Braz.

Love Briana Lynn Padilla

Dear Santa, Diamond wants How you are and Mrs. Claus? Diamond has been good she wants bed.

Love Diamond

Dear Santa,
Is the weather nice? I have been good. I want lipstick, earrings, prанийs, cows, Cinderella set.

Love,
Tiffany Willis

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus.

Dear Santa I want a nuther

little Mickey.

Love,
Daniel Pineda

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. How are the reindeer? I have been good. I want a bike or a toy dog.

Love Bryce Bunker

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. Is he giting big. Yes he is 7 and how is Mrs. Claus. and I want a Xbox 360 and a kitchen set.

Love,
Cade Hurst

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? And how are you and Mrs. Claus and I want a big car and I have been good and kitchen set.

Love, Blasé

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph and vixin. I am always good and for Christmas I want a dirtbike and a Xbox 306

Luvs, Ezekiel Grado

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want Xbox and with games with the remote controls.

Love Reagan Stowers

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you can bring me a Barbie Laptop, Bitty Baby twins, a Big Barbie, and a stocking full of surprises.

Love,
Gabbi Douglas

To: Santa
Full speed ahead... for another great Christmas!

From: Emily

Dear Santa,

I want to get a dora doll and clothes that have Dora on them. I would also like a Barbie. Please tell Mrs. Clause, and the reindeer I said Hi.

Love,
Rylee Raymond

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a barbie. I want you to come to my house so you can eat cookies and milk. I also wants pants and shirts. I want some new shoes. Can you also bring me a baby. Tell your reindeer and elves I say Hi. See you soon.

Love,
Hannah Raymond

Dear Santa,
I love you! I hope you and all your reindeers are doing good. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk, I going to leave you on Christmas Eve. I would like you to bring me a Lighting McQueen talking car, new boots, Lighting McQueen dirt track, new cars, new pants, new shirts, and Lighting McQueen town set. Thank you for the gifts you bring me.

Love,
Ezra Aguirre

Dear Santa,
I'm really glad that it's Christmas because that means you'll be coming to my house and putting presents under My tree. I hope you like the cookies. What I really want for Christmas is a 20 question and a polly pocket play Ship. Hope you have a great christmas.

Sincerely,
Sierra Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I really wish that Christmas went really slow and everybody has a very good Christmas. This is what I want under my tree a 20 question and a twister. I'm really gonna have a great Christmas. If it snows again- I'm gonna play in the snow. Merry Christmas Santa and a happy new year.

Love,
Mario Bolivar

Dear Santa,
I have ben nice this year. And I would like a lot of just football and bastball cards and I need a lot. and

everybody has a very good Christmas. This is what I want under my tree a 20 question and a twister. I'm really gonna have a great Christmas. If it snows again- I'm gonna play in the snow. Merry Christmas Santa and a happy new year.

Your friend
Zulma Borjas

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas.

I want a wii system a xbox 360 and a play station 3 and Link 2 to go on the wii. But if I don't get any those I just want Link 2 on game-cube. But what I really want is that I can see you in real life but I want other thing like. But first I will leave milk and cookies for you on my couch. I also want a PSP and a DS and I want a brand new remote control car.

Bye Santa Clause
Sincerely Blayke Mills

Dear Santa Clause,
It seemed like yesterday when you brought me a Christmas present. So what I would like for Christmas is an Playstation 3 with 2 controls. and my favorite game is Dragonball 2 budukai ten chi chi 3 and a memory card. the other game I want is going to be in Spanish because I don't know it in English. its Jetea 2 thank you I hope that not to much. if you want you could bring me one or the two of them that will be great thank you.

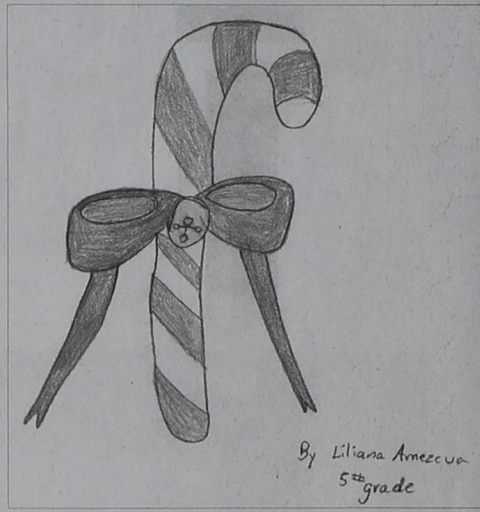
Love,
Mario Bolivar

Dear Santa,
I wish Christmas would come a little faster. The number one thing I want is a ipod with a shiny red case.

Sincerely,
Cedric Rogers

Dear Santa,
I wish Christmas would come a little faster. The number one thing I want is a ipod with a shiny red case.

Love,
Leticia Parra



By Liliana Amezcua
5th grade

Liliana Amezcua 5th Grade

good ones. I also want a x'box 360, flyer fly, some cool games for my pastashin 2 and if you give me the xbox 360. I also want cool game plus with with both I wut a football game for both. And I want a I'pod and a moder sikel.

love,
Joshua Barnett

Dear Santa,
I want this year is Wii system the game Link. Orcina of time for Gamecube And Binoculars And that is all I want.

Sincerely,
Cedric Rogers

Dear Santa,
I wish Christmas would come a little faster. The number one thing I want is a ipod with a shiny red case.

Also I want a X-box 360 I want the game Madden 07. Then there is the under armor shirt it is red and has long sleeves. The best thing of all are a jersey of Shaun Alexander and Vince Young. The only toy I want is football and basketball cards. Also I want red and black nike shoe.

Your friend,
Jacob Rejino

Dear Santa,
I wish you can bring me a guitar wen you dot cum to my hous I fil like I dot hav a presint and mis clos can you sew me a sweter ples and I rely rely wont to git a baby cus I lost mine ples bring and I thik you shod hav a grat crismis ever.

Love,
Leticia Parra

THINKING OF YOU

We're making a list of all the people we'd like to send a big thanks to this year and your name is on it!

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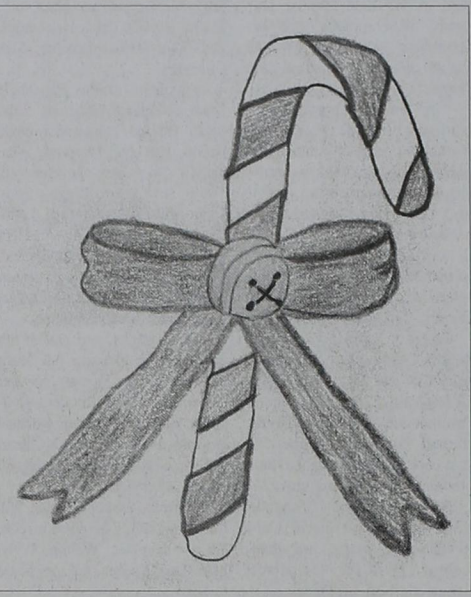
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Santa Letters



Dear Santa,
 I'm looking forward to Christmas this year. I hope you will like the cookies and milk. For Christmas I would like an Mp3 that is pink. I would also like a Dell laptop. I want some puppy posters and a camera. A barbie house and some toys for the brats and for there house. One more thing I want some arts and crafts and construction paper. This year will be fun at Christmas. I can't wait to see the wonderful presents under the tree on the 25th. I hope you bring some wonderful presents for me and my family.
 Love,
 Kyra Davis



Bianca Robles 4th Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like to thank you Santa for giving me presents. Especially last year when you gave me a jacket a shirt and a toy. I would like to thank you for my bratgerls toys and my sister's toys theirs even though they are not my toys. I would like to visit you in the North pole. Wat I would like for Christmas is a Nintendo DS a pink one. Quick gems and 20 questions. And a B-Book a computer of Barbie.

I left you some cookies and milk.
 Love,
 Elizabeth Rocha

Dear Santa,
 I hope you like my cookies and milk it will be on the table and leave the note that you like my cookies and pealse bring me a ipod for Christmas get one for my to brothers and my mom and dad and I want shoes and my size of Shoe 5 1/2 the kind of shoe I want for chirtmas the brown ones pleas Santa

and I want a game for xbox 360 any one.
 Love
 Rene Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
 What I want to have for Christmas is to have the best Christmas ever. I want all of my family to be happy I want is a baby bratz, and a laptop, and a puppy, and I want you and Mrs. Claus to be happy. I want everybody in the hole world to be happy and have a good Christmas. And I want you to have a good Christmas too. and if you can't get a laptop it ok, oh arfd I want a ipod with ear phones.
 Love,
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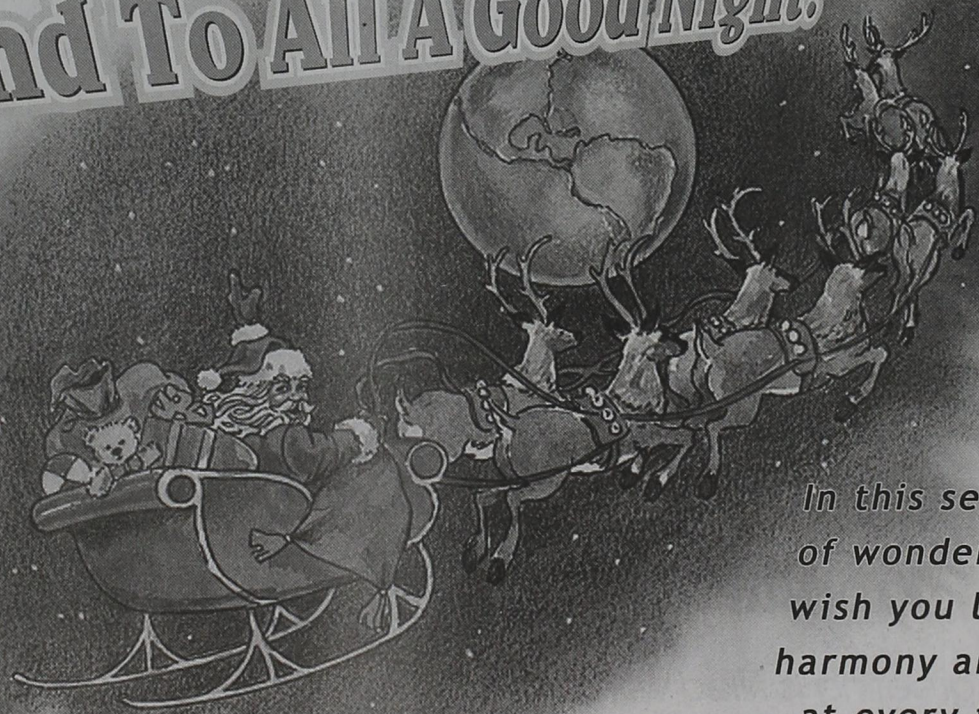
Dear Santa,
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north pole I bet he is doing good. That reminds me. All music 4th graders are going to do a play on December 20th. If you want to know what I am. Guess what I am a tree. Will...here is what I want for chirstmas: a MP3, a laptop, Bratz laptop, a cell phone. But this is what I want for Christmas: I want the whole world to know that Friona texas cares about them. I hope the whole world has a merry christmas.
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For the third consecutive year, Friona Junior High has won the district UIL contest championship. This year the event was held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The students won by their largest margin of victory in the last three years.

"We are very proud of the students and teachers who worked so hard to achieve this accomplishment," said principal Kevin Wiseman. "They are to be commended." Awards were handed out Friday December 15 in a student assembly. Friona earned 938 points, Tulia 626.5, Muleshoe 592.5, River Road 281, Dimmitt 245, and Bushland 234.

One-act play winners: Weston Wyly best actor, Laci Austin all-star cast, Ryan DeWit all-star cast, Kylie Boyd honorable mention all-star cast, Brittany Herbert honorable mention all star cast, Tenna Montana honorable mention all star cast.

Editorial writing: 7th grade; Katie Osborn 1st place, Gaby Reveles 5th place; 8th grade Keeley Dunnam 1st place, Brittany Herbert 5th place.

Ready writing: 7th grade; Michael Ortiz 2nd, Tenna Montana 3rd, Rachel Dickson 5th.

Mathematics: 7th grade Luis Puga 6th; 8th grade Keeley Dunnam 3rd, Team 3rd place Keeley Dunnam, Ernesto Monreal, Elizabeth Trevino, Adrian Quintana.

Number Sense: 6th grade Cotton Fleming 1st, Denise Juarez 2nd, Team 1st Marissa Lozoya, Richard Rodriguez, Cotton Fleming, Denise Juarez; 7th grade Ryan Dewit, 1st, Rachel Dickson 2nd, Team 2nd place Michael Ortiz, Amber Roberson, Ryan DeWit, Rachel Dickson; 8th grade Karina Trevino 1st, Team 1st place Kirby Frye, Duncan Welch, Ester Sarabia, Karina Trevino.

Calculators: 6th grade Adrian Prieto 1st, O. P. Vasquez 4th, Adilene Adame 5th, Team 1st place Goretta Torres, Adrian Prieto, O. P. Vasquez, Adilene Adame; 7th grade Edward Leon

3rd, Team 3rd place Edward Leon, Elda Castanon, Karina Oveido, Vanessa Vital; 8th grade Cristi Hernandez 1st, Zack Fair 5th, Marissa Hernandez 6th, Team 1st place Cristi Hernandez, Zack Fair, Marissa Sanchez, Alex Gonzales.

Dictionary skills: 6th grade Team 3rd place Christian Cruz, Javier Trevino, Francisco Sarabia, Amber DeLeon; 7th grade Alan Tafoya 5th, Gaby Reveles 6th, Team 3rd place Miguel Soto, Leslie Rubio, Alan Tafoya, Gaby Reveles; 8th grade Caitlin Bronniman 1st, Lisann Davila 2nd, Kami Kerby 3rd, Team 1st place Caitlin Bronniman, Lisann Davila, Kami Kerby, Regan Anthony.

Maps, graphs, and charts: 6th grade Cotton Fleming 1st, Team 3rd place Cotton Fleming, Sawyer Osborn, Rowdee Rhodes, Benjamin Anthony; 7th grade Michael Ortiz 4th, Gabriel Avalos 5th, Team 3rd place Michael Ortiz, Gabriel Avalos, Christian Rangel.

Science: Weston Wyly 3rd, Luis Puga 4th, Katie Osborn 5th, Team 1st place Weston Wyly, Luis Puga, Rachel Dickson, Katie Osborn.

Spelling: 6th grade Denise Juarez 2nd, Krystin Gonzales 5th, Team 2nd place Jessyca Rivas, Denise Juarez, Krystin Gonzales; 7th grade April Henriquez 1st, Team 2nd place April Henriquez, Abby Jones; 8th grade Kourtney Boardley 1st, Vannesa Herrera 4th, Kami Kerby 5th, Team 1st place Kourtney Boardley, Kami Kerby, Vannesa Herrera, Alondra Chavarria.

Impromptu speaking: 6th grade Kalley Preston 1st, Francisco Sarabia 4th, Shantelle Pruitt 5th; 7th grade Ryan DeWit 2nd, Miguel Soto 3rd, Dillon Kelley 5th; 8th grade Kelsey White 1st, Aaron Osborn 2nd, Brenner Barnett 4th.

Art: 6th grade Gaby Quintana 1st, Magali Morales 2nd, Janet Calvillo 4th, Team 1st place Gaby Quintana, Magali Morales, Janet Calvillo, Francisco Sarabia; 7th grade Megan Balli 1st, Uriel Lopez 2nd, Maria Calvillo 2nd, Shaina Carranza 2nd, Team 1st

Thania Garcia.

Oral reading: 7th grade Jonathan Cruz 1st, Megan Sharrock 6th; 8th grade Laci Austin 2nd, Brittany Herbert 5th, Skyla Stormes 6th.

Modern oratory: 7th grade Tenna Montana 1st, Matthew Teague 5th; 8th grade Julie Wiseman 3rd, Brittany Herbert 5th.

Listening skills: 6th grade Kalley Preston 3rd, Cotton Fleming 5th, Team 2nd place Kalley Preston, Cotton Fleming, Kylie Boyd, Shantelle Pruitt; 7th grade Luis Puga 4th, Team 3rd place Katie Osborn, Amber Roberson, Karina Chihuahua, Luis Puga; 8th grade Mikey O'Brian 4th, Team 3rd place Mikey O'Brian, Brenner Barnett, J. Gurley, Kirby Frye.

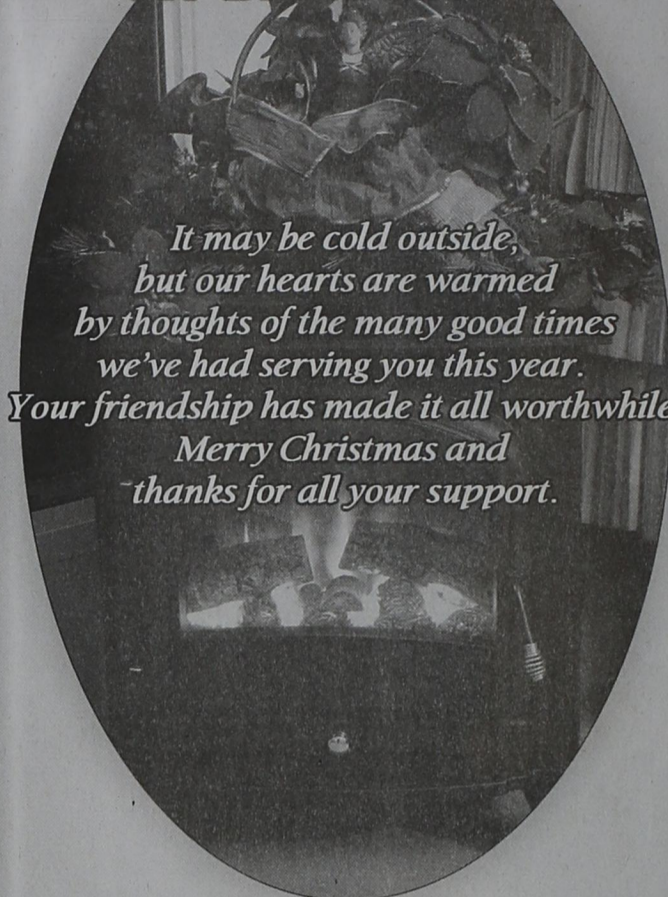
Social studies: 6th grade Eduardo Rojas 1st, Stephen Dominguez 2nd, Jessyca Rivas 3rd, Team 1st place Eduardo Rojas, Stephen Dominguez, Jessyca Rivas; 7th grade Tenna Montana 3rd, Team 3rd place Tenna Montana, Gaby Reveles, Jonathan Cruz, Caleb Monroe; 8th grade Sylvestre Huerta 3rd, Ingrith Ojeda 4th, Alex Gonzales 6th, Team 2nd place Sylvestre Huerta, Ingrith Ojeda, Alex Gonzales, Cody Voggesser.

Music memory: 6th grade Darian Irons 1st, Guiomar Davila 2nd, Linda Ramos 3rd Benjamin Anthony 5th, Team 1st place Linda Ramos, Darian Irons, Cheyenne Harris, Guiomar Davila, Benjamin Anthony.

Individual gold medals: Weston Wyly, Tenna Montana, Caitlin Bronniman, Cotton Fleming (2), Darian Irons, Katie Osborn, Keeley Dunnam, Cristi Hernandez, April Henriquez, Karina Trevino, Ryan DeWit, Kelsey White, Kalley Preston, Kourtney Boardley, Gaby Quintana, Megan Balli, and Jonathan Cruz.

Point leaders: 6th grade Cotton Fleming 36, Kalley Preston 25, Denise Juarez 24; 7th grade Tenna Montana 37, Ryan DeWit 31, Katie Osborn 21, Michael Ortiz 20; 8th grade Keeley Dunnam 25, Laci Austin 16, Kami Kerby 16.

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xbox 360.
Your friend Daniel pena

Dear Santa cluas
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sister and a folder and happy
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on it and I whont a bike and a
T.V. and a clos and a computer
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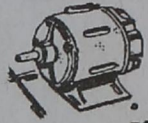
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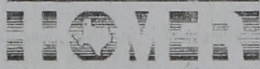


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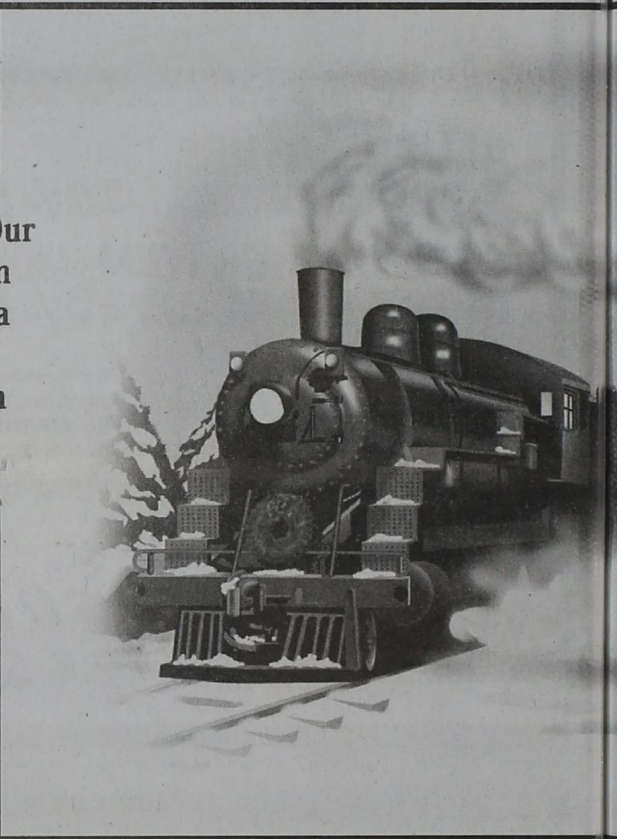
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Santa Letters



Dear Santa Claus,

I want a iPod for christmas and a nut cracker. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Robert Linville

Dear Santa

I want a baby for christmas and some macup to cose I like tring on all cind of macup and I like playing baby dolls.

Love Nishna Soto

Dear Santa Claus,

Wut I want is a new bike for christmas, and that is my sister car Nisa and my little sister named Uleeu.

Valentino Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a book and a Bratz. And I want a toy care for my Bratz. And a Bratz telephone for real and a baby alive. And a computer of Bratz for real. I want a game cube of Bratz. A clothes and sliprs. A big bed of

Bratz.

Sincerely,
Daniela Flores Lopez

Dear Santa,

Santa, I want a game cube and the game of Mario cars, and the game of Mario Basketballs, the game Mario Snow boards, the game of Super Mario mash Brothers. I want a game of Spider Man, a ring for my mom, and a monster truck for my dad.

Sincerely,
Jesus Ramirez

Dear Santa,

I want an xbox 360 and Sonic the Hengehog, play station, game DS, computer, and bicycle. Thank you for bringing us toys.

Sincerely,
Edgar Magallanes

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for Christmas

and a Bratz for ever D'mans.

Sincerely,
Noelia Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz. and I want a Bratz phone. and I like Bratz computer. clothes and sliprs. A bag bed of Bratz. and I want a cars for my Brothr. and a rose for my mom and a chocles for my mom and a move of Bratz. eregs of Bratz and eregs of DORA.

Sincerely,
Larisa Garcia

Dear Santa,

I want a Morissikl. I want a car. I want a phone. I want a gamboy. I want a game cube. I want and a baby LaShe.

Sincerely,
Jessie Delgadillo

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, Game boy, play stashunz, a Game cube, a hot wheels car, X Box 360, nintindow DS, monster truc, a Game rasing cars, a toy sharc.

Then I qu Santa,
Luis Garcia

Dear Santa,

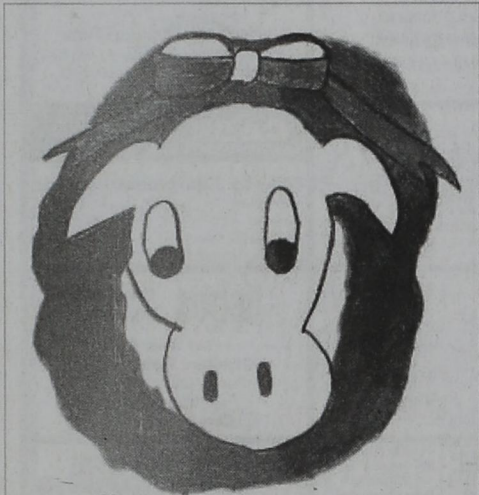
I want a Barbie, a Bratz, a game boy, a Baby Alive new shoes, a cell phone, a dog, twister moves, a computer and a bike. thank you, Santa.

Sincerely,
Arelly Quintana

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz, a Barbie, a Baby Alive, a game boy of grils, a bike, a phone of Bratz, a baby doll, a coputer real, clothes, a sliprs, a big bed of Bratz, a game boy for my little Brothr, a car for my Big Brothr, a rose and a chocles for my mom, and a big car for my Bothr, and a moove of Bratz, and earings for Bratz.

Thank you,
Canna Rodriguez



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4th grade

Christian Merino 4th Grade

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the red, white and
blue and
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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I want a baby alive, a Computer, a play stison two, a baby brats, books, coler books, a game boy three, and a bike. Thank you for bringing us toys.

Sincerely,
Jenniifer Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, and a Bratz. I want a Barbie, and a Bratz phons, baby alive, and doll and a pampers, a Bratz computers, clothes, and sliprs, and bed of Bratz, and erengs of Dora.

Thank you,
Jocylyn Jaramillo

Dear Santa,

I want a real motorcyle for Chrismis. I want an xbox 360 and, a shiwagav dog real and, a plestishen and, a real telephone and, a real car, a big car , a real belt of Joncina, a toy of resoten, a Rey misterio the mask of Rey misterio, and the real belt of undertaker. I want the belt of Batista.

Sincerely,
Brayan Morales

Dear Santa,

I want a xbox 360, a motorcycle, this movie that is callt "2 Fast 2 Furios Tokio Drift", and a shirt of Jhon Cina, the masc of Rey mistirio, the belt of Jhon Cena, an the belt of Batista, and the game of Smack Down v.s. Raw 2007.

Sincerely,
Carlos Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus, And Mrs. Claus

How are you doing is roudof and the uth rander good? comeputer Ipod T.V. Remot

Love Mesa

Dear Santa,

I Love you! How's the

reindeers? Is it cold in the North Pole. I wish I could ride on your slighd. Would you please bring me a wonder pets little play house, a little play computer and a little play drawer to put my homework papers in. I want Tiffany to be my sister when she grows up and I love Destiny, Heather, my mom and my Dad. I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Amelia Sandoval

Dear Santa claus.

I wish I had a xbox and for my sistr I wish for a 4 welr.

Love Isaac Duran

Dear Snta clas

All I want for Christmas is a big barbie house thank you for the presents last yer.

Love Verence Mendoza

Dear Sant

How is roudolf gown. I wish I had a bebe gone and a play stasin #1.

Love Ivan Gallardo

Dear Santa,

I want a Ariel barbie and a Dora Doll. I want Amelia to not bees mean to me. Umm I want lipstick.

I Love You
Tiffany Sandoval

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl. For Christmas I want an electronic diary, new clothes and a baby doll.

Love
Camila

Dear Santa, and mrs. Claus how is roudolph doing? i wit lick a barbie my sister will lick a some macup. thans of given out of the toys.

Love Marissa Villanueva

Der Santa

I want chocolate I have been a good boy I want stuffed animal How are you doing How are your reindeer

Love Always Jacob Isom

Dear Santa

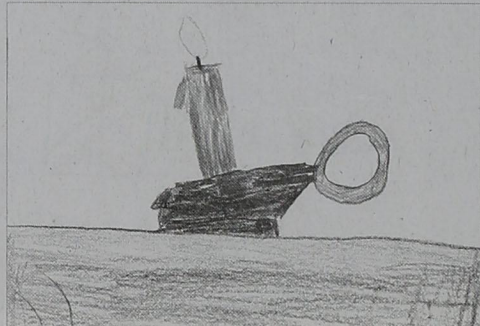
Do reindear relley fly? Do elfs relley make toys? I Love you so so so much I want a Game Boy an new Bike Space ships a Submarine

Love,
Caleb Crum

Dear Santa,

how is misis Claus and roudolph? for Christmas I wont a plastashin2 I want a game in it I wont Klngx fo nortl

Love
Ray Silva



Christian Huckins 4th Grade



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*We're filled with warm wishes and lots of good cheer
For all the kind people we've served this past year.*

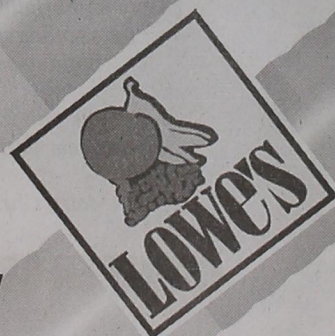
Thanks, friends!

Bovina Texas

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Friona Texas

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a gold necklace
Love, Rolando Avitez

Hey Santa,
Dulivren presents must be fun for you and the toy I want is all the superman toys and my brothr wants a PSS.
Love Franky Summerlin

Dear Santa,
how are your rainDear
dowing? I woud wont the Legon of Spyroleo for the

game boy
from
Kevin Salinas

Dear Santa, and mrs. Claus how is mrs. Claus doing I would like a plastashin reportable and for my sister she will like a phone thank you for My presins last year love Brandon Countiss

Dear Santa,
I want a Tinkerbell bed set, a new kitchen set, a pumpkin and a Baby doll.

I've been good. Johnathan wants a puppy and a lady bug.
Love Kelseigh

Dear sant claus and mrsis claus.
How are yall I hop your raindeer are they doing good how are you doing I would like books playstashin. Ipod McKenzie Hurst

Dear Santa,
how is roudolph and mrs. Claus. gud I hope. Bianca wants makup, Mark wants a gam, Samantha a laptop.
luv Samantha Salinas

Dear Santa,
I wont a veeogm of cars Santa haos the wether at the nrpo gold necklace eagle Motorcycle for Jose.
Love Mario Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I wont a Motorcycle gold necklace Smakdown vs Raw 2007 dres.
Love Miguel Castellanos

Dear Santa,
I want you to surprise me this year. Bring me what you think I would like!
I love you,
Cassie Gonzales

Dear santa,
how is your wife? Is roudolph o.k.? what I would like is floam. I think Kayla would like a new pixter. How do you like dilivering toys and Christmas
Love,
Lydia Alexander

Dear Santa
how is Mises claus and the randers I wont ipod, cote and for my sistr she wud like a gold neles and for my big sistr a gold balets

Love Karina Acosta

Dear Santa
how is your randir. Santa I want a gamboy and some gams and a dog. and a curios george movie. cangs for my help
Love Sterina Osborne

Dear Santa,
How was your day? I want a game Boy for Christmas.
Love Timothy Holley

Dear Santa,
Hows are you I want a Dora kitchen my Brouther wants a long horn Jersey. Wants a Texas Tech jersey
Lexie Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Santa Clause doing to? I want a motrcykle and I want a T.V. in my room. For my brother Lucas I bet he wants a new Thomas shirt.
Love Matthew Dickson

Dear Santa,
I would like a train and I would like a tractor. Can you get my brother a toy? I hope you had a great summer.
Love Hadley White

Dear Santa,
How are you doing can you bring a prezin for my brothr and my sistr and my brothr and my casen Briana and my other casen and my brothr Devonte. I want a bike.
Love
Kelsey

Dear Santa
Are you having a Happy Merry Christmas? I want a silver auto with a black re-

mote control and a Cd player and silver glitter.
Love Aaron

Dear Santa,
How are you Doing? I want a game boy for Christmas and a game for the gameboy.
Luev Caitlin

Dear Santa
I want a pink ball and a Santa coloring book Which kind of cookies Do you like? I Love you Santa Claus.
Love Viviana Chavez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I love you so much. I want 3 barrettes.
Thank you.
Love Noelia Correa

Dear Santa
I love you because you come to my house to give toys. I want a remote control car
Love Miguel Davila

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Are you good? I want a toy for my brother and my sister and for me.
Love AJ Menoza

Dear Santa,
How are you Doing? I want a TV and a makeup jewelry box and a toy for my puppy. I am good at school and at home.
Love Kassandra Villarreal

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers today? I want a race car.
Love Guillermo Quintana

Dera Santa
can you bring me a remote control car and plane? I hope you are doing ok.
Love Johnny Ojeda

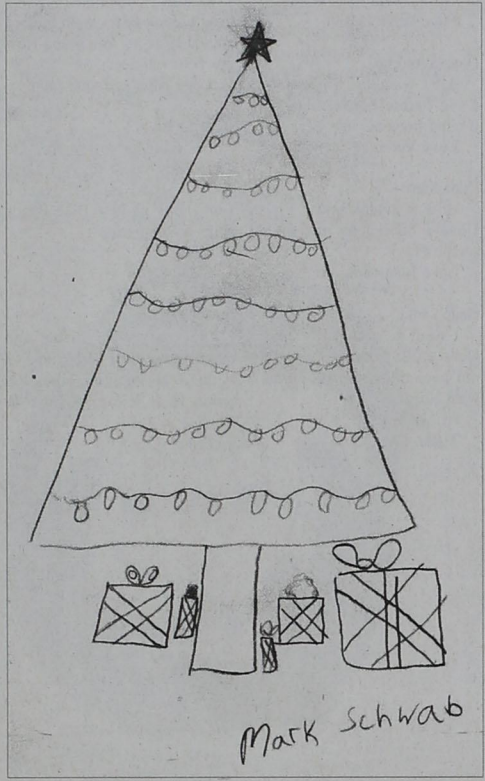
Dear Santa
I want a truck
Love Erick Prieto

Dear Santa,
Can I have a zoombox and a rabbit in a Big box and a dog for my Brothr?
Love Damien

Dear Santa
Meryy Cresmas Feliz Navidad. Giv me a t.v to wash moves
Clarissa Rojas

Dear Santa Claus
I what a bike and a short pants. and a bone for my dog and a game name grant their auto vise in the city. and Santa Claus I wish you a merry christmas.
Love
Jose Hernandez
My street 311 west ths street

Dear Santa clous
I want a bike and a brats and. I want cunputr and. I wont a car and. I a sed of highschool musical the movie. And I wont sum macup and a baby who cris and her thing.
Love
Lupito Hernandez
311w Friona



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Merry Christmas!

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As we reflect on the year gone by, we recall with pride, the many old and new friends we've had the privilege to serve, and we wish you all a holiday filled with much joy and serenity. Your friendship has made this a wonderful year for us and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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W. Highway 60

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

EDITOR'S Note: The following editorial among the most famous ever written, appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 and remains appropriate for this holiday season 100 years later. Merry Christmas to you from all of us.

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 O'Hanlon.

"115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

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 women's

of 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 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. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable his existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life 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 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. 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 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 event he 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 that supernatural 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, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Santa greets passers-by at this home on 7th Street/ Friona homes are decorated for the season. Take a drive and enjoy the lights. ron carr photo

Merry Christmas!

Ho...ho...hoping you enjoy the very merriest of seasons.

Friends like you make it all worthwhile for us. Thanks!

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WT Services Inc.

The Doll and a White Rose

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I kinda wished that I could just sleep through Christmas, but I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department. Once again I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys, and wondered if the grandkids would even play with them.

I found myself in the doll aisle. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy about five holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just kept looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for. I watched him turn to a woman and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money?". She replied a bit impatiently, "You know that you don't have enough money for it." The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes, and then she left the aisle.

The boy continued to hold the doll. After a bit I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "it is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said, "No, Santa can't go where my sister is." "I have to give the doll to my Momma to take to her." I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said "She has gone to be with Jesus." My Daddy says that Momma is going to have to go be with her. My heart nearly stopped beating. Then the boy looked at me again and said, "I told my Daddy to tell Momma not to go yet, I told him to tell her to wait till I got back from the store." Then he asked me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he had taken at the front of the store. He said "I want my Momma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me."

"I love my Momma so very much and I wish she did not have to leave me." "But Daddy says she will need to be with my sister." I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet. While he was not looking I reached into my purse and pulled out a hand full of bills. I asked the little boy, "Shall we count that money one more time?" He grew excited and said, "Yes, I just know it has to be enough." So I slipped my money in with his and we began to count it, and of course it was plenty for the doll. He softly said, "Thank you Jesus for giving me enough money." Then the boy said I just asked Jesus to give me enough money to buy this doll so Momma can take it with her to give to my sister." "and he heard my prayer." "I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Momma a white rose, but I didn't ask him, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and a rose for my Momma". "She loves white roses so very, very much."

In a few minutes the aunt came back and I wheeled my cart away. I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started. And I kept remembering a story I had seen in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl, and the Mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on rather to remove the life support. Now surely this little boy did not belong with that story. Two days later I read in the paper where the family had disconnected the life support and the young woman had died. I could not forget the little boy and just kept wondering if the two were somehow connected.

Later that day, I could not help myself and I went out and bought some white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young woman was, and there she was holding a lovely white rose, the beautiful doll, and the picture of the little boy in the store. I left there in tears, my life changed forever. The love that little boy had for his little sister and his mother was overwhelming. And in a split second a drunk driver had ripped the life of that little boy to pieces.

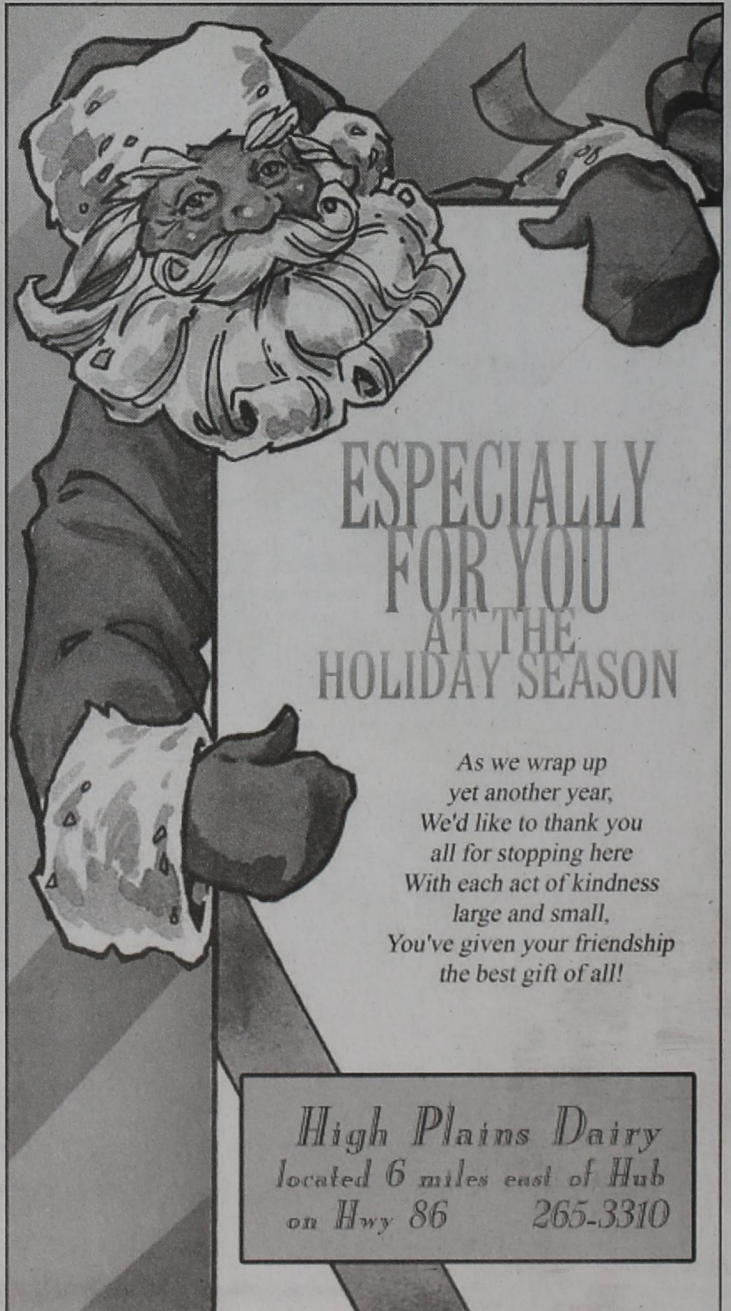
Three Cheers For CHRISTMAS!



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Thanks!



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The ornament on the Christmas tree

By Carol Ann Garretson

There were more beautiful ornaments than Nel, but none could do the things he did after the lights went off on the tree. Nel helped ornaments stay in good condition, and he listened to their comments about trying to cope with always being beautiful.

There was one ornament, particularly this season, that had a problem. It was the jack-in-the-box, which was a gift given to the family that year. Well it seemed that Jack was lonely because he had spent so many holidays with another family that he felt abandoned. You see, the other family moved out of town and decided to give away some of their cherished possessions to their friends.



Nel talked to Jack that night about how, he, a cardboard angel had come into the house. He was lonely, too, in the beginning, but he started to talk to the other ornaments each night after the lights were turned down. They told him how they missed their families. It seemed eventually that each were noticed by a special guest and touched with great care. When this happened, they became loved again. Nel thought for a moment and told jack-in-the-box to just wait a few more days until the Christmas party. He was sure to be noticed and appreciated then.

That day arrived and Nel was right because on that Saturday evening the children had their annual party before the adult's dinner later that night. It was then that a small boy reached his hand up to the branch on the tree and touched the treasured jack-in-the-box. It was a thrilling time for Jack to feel needed once again. The boy kept saying he had never seen such an unusual toy and so well made. The owner of the house looked at the smile on the boy's face and brought over a small box so Jack would not get tossed around on his journey to his new home.

"Please, the toy is yours," said the kind man.

The boy was so thrilled that he lifted the toy from the tree with such care it felt brand new again.

"Merry Christmas Nel," shouted Jack. He was then safely put away in the cozy container until he could be opened again with great care and admiration.

"I will never forget our friendship and what you taught me," were Jack's parting words to Nel. Then Jack was taken out of the home by the boy who was smiling happily while taking one last look at the ornaments still waiting for a tender touch.



"Blessings to you Jack," cried out Nel. A tear came down his little angel eye, as he was so happy that another ornament had been loved.

After the lights went out that evening, Nel, felt a feeling of contentment and no longer just a plain cardboard angel. He felt he had a special purpose and tonight proved it. He had made another ornament think happy thoughts so it would look brand new sitting on that tree.

Today let us think happy thoughts so our faces will look cheerful as we greet the day. We can be just as brand new at 92 as we were at two years old if we just smile at the world.

**Merry Christmas
& a Very Happy
New Year to
Staff, Students
and Parents**

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*With Appreciation
At The Holidays*



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