

# FRIONA STAR

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THREE SECTIONS



**THE HOFFERICHTER BOYS**---Peyton and Dylan Hofferichter, 6 months old, share their very first visit with Santa at the Old Depot. The boys' parents are Darin and Kim Hofferichter of Friona. Grandparents are Jerry & Teri Hatfield of Hartley, Texas, and Wayne & Joyce Hofferichter of Converse. Great-grandparents are J.W. & Minnie Lee Bryant of Hartley, Leon and Bettie Hatfield of Ft. Worth, and Gertrude Lehmann of San Marcos. ron carr photo

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### We're Seeing Double In Friona This Year

Two sets of twins were born to families in Friona this year and these tiny tots will soon be celebrating their very first Christmas.



**THE ROBERTS GIRLS**---Twins Natalee and Emalee Roberts, 11-months old, are looking forward to their first Christmas next week, and their very first birthday coming up soon after. They posed for the *Star* photographer beside their family's white Christmas tree, along with big sister Allee, age 9. The girls are children of Kevin and Ashlee (Gee) Roberts; grandchildren of Wessie Hand and Everett Gee, and great-grandchildren of Johnny and Elthie Hand. photo by carol ellis

### This Christmas Is Different

---Author Unknown

Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have. This Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have.

Last Christmas we were placing wreaths on the doors of our homes. This Christmas we are placing wreaths on the graves of our heroes.

Last Christmas we were counting our money. This Christmas we are counting our blessings.

Last Christmas we were lighting candles to decorate. This Christmas we are lighting candles to commemorate.

Last Christmas we paid lip service to the real meaning of the holidays. This Christmas we are paying homage to it.

Last Christmas we were digging deep into our bank accounts to find the money to fly home for the holidays. This Christmas we are digging deep into our souls to find the courage to do so.

Last Christmas we were trying not to let annoying relatives get the best of us. This Christmas we are trying to give the best of ourselves to them.

Last Christmas we thought it was enough to celebrate the holidays. This Christmas we know we must also find ways to consecrate them.

Last Christmas we thought a man who could rush down a football field was a hero. This Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real hero.

Last Christmas we were thinking about the madness of the holidays. This Christmas we are thinking about the meaning of them.

Last Christmas we were getting on one another's nerves. This Christmas we are getting on our knees.

Last Christmas we were giving thanks for gifts from stores. This Christmas we are giving thanks for gifts from God.

Last Christmas we were wondering how to give our children all the things that money can buy -- the hottest toys, the latest fashions, the newest gadgets. This Christmas we are wondering how to give them all the things money can't buy -- a sense of security, safety, peace of mind.

Last Christmas we were thinking about all the pressure we were under at the office. This Christmas we are thinking about all the people to no longer have an office to go to.

Last Christmas we were singing carols. This Christmas we are singing anthems.

Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent. This Christmas we are thinking how good it feels to be alive.

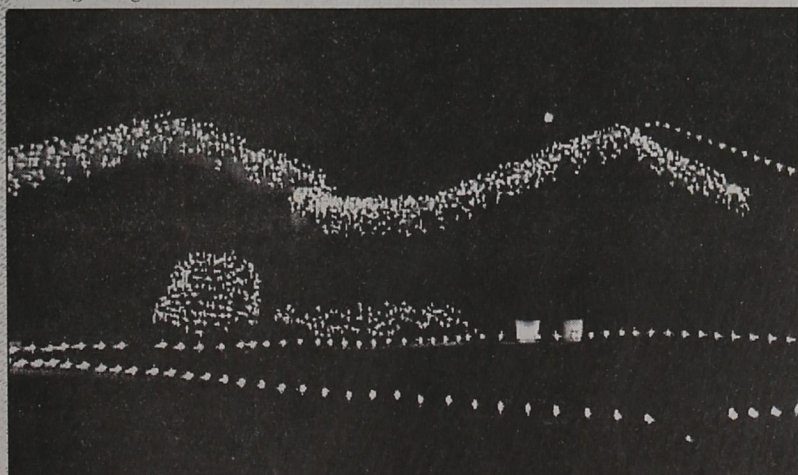
Last Christmas the people whom we idolized wore football, basketball and baseball uniforms. This Christmas the people we idolize wear police, firefighter, EMS, and military uniforms.

Last Christmas we were complaining about how much of our earnings went to pay taxes. This Christmas we comprehend that freedom isn't free.

Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven. This Christmas we know some of them are right here on earth.

Last Christmas we believed in the power of the pocket book. This Christmas we believe in the power of prayer.

Our appreciation goes to Gaynelle (Ellis) Carley Gray of Lewisville, Texas, for sending this article.



**BRIGHT LIGHTS** and starry nights have been frequent this year during the holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! ron carr photo



### DEPRESSION CHRISTMAS

by MARY DALTON CRUMP

When I was just a little tad,  
back in Depression time,  
Things were so bad, folks  
struggled hard,  
we didn't have a dime.

Out in the breaks, Pa found a tree  
with branches that were green,  
a tinfoil star on top made it  
the grandest ever seen.

Pa cut a beat-up broomstick and  
Ma helped me fix it up.  
They knew that Christmas morning  
would be such a bitter cup.

If presents were not underneath  
that scrawny cedar tree,  
for just a kid who never thought  
that Santa would pass me.

Pa carved a piece of board and  
frazzled rope to make a mane.

He took old tack and soaped it up,  
it made some dandy reins.

Ma somehow found a little paint,  
some buttons for the eyes,  
and when they had it finished that  
stick horse was just my size.

Ma took her hen-egg money and  
bought me some cowboy boots.  
They went without their coffe but  
my stocking had some fruit.

In later years, when I was grown,  
I learned what they had done.  
They sacrificed a lot to make  
a Christmas for their son.

I've kept that horse all these years,  
it's such a special one.  
It's wrapped up in the attic for  
I've saved it for my son.





THE ANTONIO MEJIA residence in the 900 block of Main Street is decorated nicely, as it is for virtually every holiday. We salute all of our holiday lighting enthusiasts for a job well done!

## "Go Home With Me..." a Christmas Story

BY RAY HAWKINS

The headlights of Fred Burch's car revealed a boy hunched by the side of the road. It was almost eleven o'clock on a cold mid-December night on the high plains of eastern New Mexico in 1940. Fred quickly stopped the car and called to the boy.

"Where are you headed, young fellow?" he asked.

"I'm going to meet some buddies in Grants."

"You look hungry. When did you eat last?" Fred asked.

The boy's dark eyes flashed, partly from fear and partly from defiance. "Three days ago. I found some doughnuts in a garbage can in Littlefield, Texas."

Fred opened the door and a lifelong friendship began. He drove to the hamburger shop and caught the proprietor about ready to close. He asked his friend to feed the boy and said he would be back in a few minutes. When he returned, "Junior" as he has been affectionately called ever since, had eaten a dollar and a quarter's worth of 10-cent hamburgers, and 10-cent pie and 5-cent glasses of milk.

"Why don't you go home with me?" Fred asked the boy.

Junior relied, "Oh, you wouldn't want me, I'm part Indian and a lot of folks don't want me around because I'm too dark."

Fred said, "You don't have anything to do with that!" and slipped his arm around the boy's shoulder and started toward the car.

At the farm a few miles away, he introduced Junior to his wife, Ida and Junior was led to the back bedroom and put into bed with Bill and Bob. Baby Marge was in her folks' bedroom.

This 13-year-old Indian boy had come from Oklahoma. His mother was dead and his father was in the penitentiary. Two uncles had just gotten adoption papers when Junior found them and ran away, taking

the papers with him. He and three other boys had been working their way pulling cotton.

In Brownfield, Texas, Junior became sick with a ruptured appendix. A long hospital stay followed and the farmer that he had been working for paid the bills. Junior went to the farm and worked for 25 cents an hour until the farmer felt fully repaid. That was the way Junior did business even as a boy. Now he had made his way into New Mexico.

Junior never joined the buddies at Grants. He refused to go to school with the Burch boys, but his sharp mind was open and consequently being filled. He followed in Fred's footsteps. He loved Pepsis and when they went to the little town of Melrose, Junior followed a step behind Fred, drinking his ever-present soda.

At home, Ida kept him full and well clothed. Bill and Bob found this new older brother a real help with the farm chores, and his wisdom and knowledge, far beyond his years in mechanical ways, made him fun and useful. He drove the tractor and milked the cows. He became Fred's "right hand."

At night he read constantly. He would lie on the couch with *Hurlbut's Story of the Bible* on the floor and hang his head over the side of the couch and read. His knowledge of the Bible grew with reading and rereading this favorite book. Also he was being nurtured in spiritual things by the regular attendance at church and prayer meeting at the little Melrose Church of the Nazarene. Godly parents provided the Christian home that is so vital to every boy. The local judge arranged the papers and Fred and Ida were given permanent guardianship. Junior had found his way into five hearts and now for all purposes the family was six. It has remained that way.

Junior went into the

service and took advantage of every tech school available. He became a master sergeant and master welder. In 1974 he moved back to the Clovis area "to be near Pop and Mom" and to be able to help them if he was needed.

Bill has become district superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District; Bob is a successful real estate broker; and Marge and her husband, Joe, run several businesses in Clovis. Junior has "Honest John's Welding Shop" where the "honest" is agreed upon by his customers and he is known for his

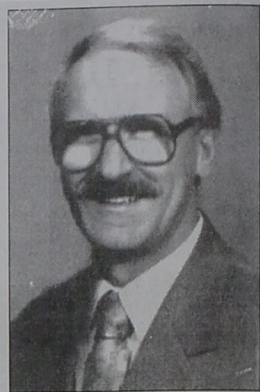
## Star's Publishing Plans Are Given

This being the Friona Star's annual Christmas edition, our readers are reminded that this is our last issue of the year. We will not publish an issue on Christmas week, in order to give our staff, the elderly publisher and his young wife some well-deserved time off. Our next issue will be on January 4, 2002.

Also, as you gather with your family over the holidays, remember to get photos of those little tykes: children, grandchildren, etc., for the Star's Valentine Brag Page, coming up in less than two months.

One more note regarding photos. Many of you now have digital cameras and/or scanners for your computers.

Please do not bring in pictures that you have scanned at home. We will need to have your original picture, or the digital disk.



## Howard Is JP Position Candidate

Valton Howard has authorized the Friona Star to announce his candidacy for Justice of the Peace for Precinct JP-1, subject to the action of the Republican primary in 2002.

Howard has been a resident of Friona for 55 years, graduating from Friona High School. He has worked at the Friona post office for over 30 years.

He and his wife Peggy have three children, David, Joey and Julie, who have all graduated from FHS.

"If I am fortunate enough to win election to this position, I will put forth all of the effort needed to do an excellent job. I appreciate your support and ask for your vote in the Republican Primary in March," Howard stated.

### The Friona Star

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precise work, often the jobs no one else has the nerve or the knowledge to try.

The story is not over, for all the family are living and serving the Lord.

How does Junior feel about it all? Fred said that recently they were driving together and Junior leaned over and put his arm around Fred's shoulder and said, "Pop, have I told you lately how much I appreciate your stopping to pick me up that night?"

"Yes, many times," Fred

answered.

Junior added, "Pop, if you had not stopped for me, I'd either be dead or in the penitentiary."

Fred had stopped and a new father-son relationship was established. Only eternity can appraise the results.

(From the "Herald of Holiness" publication.) Thanks to Judy Cummings, Ray Hawkins, the author, was pastor of the Hooker, Oklahoma 1st Church of the Nazarene)



SOAPY SPRINGS will be Friona's newest business, and should be open early in 2002, on West Highway 60, with the new bank as its neighbor to the west.

# Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

75 Yrs Ago-Dec 25, 1926

The front page of the Star carried an article tracing the growth of the Friona: school system during the preceding five years, from a three-year to a four-year high school; from five teachers to eleven; from three buses to eight; from 98 students to 300; and from ten grades to eleven.

70 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1931

Owing to the 12 inches of snow which covered the ground Thursday morning of last week, the school buses were unable to get to school from the various parts of the district. Only three of the ten buses were able to make the trip Friday, and for this reason, there was a very small attendance which the departments of the school had prepared.

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1936

Canyon's high-flying Eagles made off with the first place trophy in the Friona Invitational Tournament, which closed here Saturday night. The Chieftains gave them a mighty battle in the final game, before losing by the heart-breaking margin of 28-27.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 26, 1941

Entirely satisfactory was Friona's response to the Red Cross relief call, according to a report made this week by J.R. Boden, roll call chairman in Friona. Roden reports that Friona raised \$11.72 more than its \$300 quota—a much better showing than in some of the larger cities throughout the state, he said.

50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1951

The Friona Skill Team of the local FFA took top honors in the Huntsville demonstration in March. The group demonstrated prevention and vaccinations and general care involved in hog cholera. Those who went were Keith Brock, Ralph Reid, J. Vonne Fulks, J.T. Gee, supervisor Jack Redbearn and M.C. Osborn.

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 28, 1961

Friona's Squaws won their first game in the Duncanville tournament at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. This win entitles them to play again at 7:15 Friday evening.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1971

Tony Don Allen, six month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen of Friona, was first place winner in the recent baby contest at Foster's. He has red hair and blue eyes.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 26, 1976

Letters to Santa included: Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus: I want a chalkboard and a knitting machine. Have a Merry Christmas. Yours truly, Karla Wright. Dear Santa: I want a football suit and a nerf rocket and evel kenevel. Love, John Jarecki.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1981

Dear Santa: My name is Jennifer, and I am almost eight years old. I will be eight by Christmas. Please bring me a Merlin, a Baby Tippiie Toes, a sewing machine, and a Strawberry Shortcake doll. I have really tried to be good. We will be visiting grandpa and

grandma at Christmas, so please come a little early this year. Please remember all my friends, especially my little sister, Jessica, and my little cousin, Eric. I love you, Santa, Jennifer Smith.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1986

The Friona High School Squaws, boasting a 9-2 season record, are entered in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock December 29-31.

Two members of the Chieftains football team, Jeff Chaney and Sam Montoya, were honored this week with places on the Amarillo Globe News Super Team.

The Friona Chieftains will be out to improve on their 16 season record when they enter the Frenship Boys' Invitational Tournament December 29-31.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1991

The Friona Junior High School has picked their students of the month. They

were Vanette White and Brandon Stephen, sixth grade; Alicia Baker and Andrew DeLao, seventh grade; and Bowie Hand and Christy Stephens, eighth grade.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa, I want a ice cream maker and a Game Boy!

\*\*\*\*\* Lisann

Dear Santa, If you wouldn't mind I would like games for Christmas.

\*\*\*\*\* Mikely

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I would like to have a lunch box.

\*\*\*\*\* Love, Edgar Grado

Dear Santa, Has it been cold at the North Pole? I would like to have a kitten.

\*\*\*\*\* Love, Imelda Vera

## Around Town

### Christmas musical Sun. at Calvary

A Christmas musical for the public will be presented at Calvary Baptist Church Sun, Dec 23, at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or other services on that day.

### Christmas Eve service

"We...have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2. The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at the Union Congregational Church will be held Monday, Dec 24, at 6 p.m. "You are invited to worship with us as we proclaim the birth of the Christ Child."

### FHS basketball videos debut Jan 5

Friona Chieftain/Squaw basketball videos will begin on Saturday, Jan 5, with the Floydada games. Clint Mears and Mike Hutson tape the play-by-play of the home games then show them on WT Services channel 76 at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Tune in starting Saturdays, Jan 5.

### Girl Scout cookies on sale Jan 7

Those yummy Girl Scout cookies will go on sale Jan 7. Several new cookies have been added to the many traditional favorites. If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout by Jan 16, call Pam Kendrick, 250-2158 or Melanie London, 250-3741 to order.

### Singles New Year's eve dinner dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian church is having an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on December 31. Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight. Dress is church attire or semi-formal. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for ticket purchase is Dec 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More info and tickets by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at 806-353-6615.

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## Freshman Teams Have Good Week

The freshman teams played well in the local tournament.

The freshman girls won first place in their division. The team beat River Road, 49-19. Ramos scored 12 and Ingram 11.

In the second round, the girls beat Littlefield, 42-27. Ramos scored 13 and Kristin Butman 12.

The team downed Tulia, 52-24 in the finals. Ingram scored 12 for high point honors. Ramos and Cardenas scored 11.

The freshmen fell to Shallowater, 31-24 at Shallowater Monday. Butman scored nine.

The freshman boys won the consolation title in their division. The team fell to River Road, 55-50 in the first round. Willy Castillo scored 11 and Jesus Nava 11.

The team whacked Highland Park, 60-9 in the second round. Nava scored 15 and Matt Gammon 12.

In the trophy game, the frosh boys topped Tulia, 34-24. Gammon scored 10.

On Monday, the boys played Shallowater, and were edged 57-52 in an overtime. Castillo and Nava each scored 15.



THE JV SQUAWS had little trouble handling the Bovina JV during the Friona JV tournament. Friona won 80-16. Shown is JV Squaw Katy Welch (21).

## BOYS WINLESS

# JV Squaws: 3-1 For Week

The JV Squaws battled to the finals of their own

tournament last weekend before losing to Dimmitt. The team bounced back to down district-mate Lockney on Monday, for a 3-1 mark since our last report.

In the tournament opener, the Jayvees got off to a 21-4 lead over Bovina JV, and continued at that pace for an 80-16 win.

Four players were in double figures: Andrea Geris 25, Melissa Vasquez 18, Hayleigh Herbert 12 and Katy Welch 10.

The team downed Littlefield, 32-25 in the second round, as R.J. Barrett scored 11 points.

In the finals the team fell to Dimmitt, 49-41. Miss Welch scored ten.

Tuesday evening, the team was off to a 12-2 lead over Lockney and posted a 51-35 win.

Welch scored 21 points to pace the scoring.

The Chieftain JV fell to Bovina, 32-29 in their tournament opener. Chad Hutson scored nine to lead Friona.

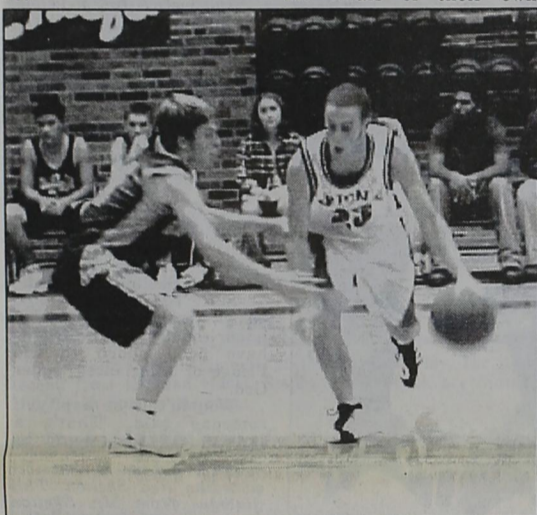
The team lost a tough one to Highland Park, 40-39 in then "semis". Hutson scored 17.

On Tuesday the Chief JVs fell to Lockney, 52-40. Rivas scored 11 and Hutson 10.

Dear Santa,

Is your coat warm? Are your randsene nice? You have a red coat. I want clothes for prezens.

Your friend, Nathaniel



CHIEFTAIN Adam Bandy (23) dribbles around a Highland Park defender. The Chiefs play at Olton tonight and head for the Littlefield Tournament December 27-29.

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
Do you eat all of the cookies that the kids give you? Santa you are doing a great job giving the presents to the kids. I hope you have a great year. Santa I want a go cart dirt bike, four wiler, Super Sain Garlon action figure, bike, scooter, lega set, transformer, battlebats, playstation, gameboy advance and a xbox.  
Your friend, Michael Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great day. Are you going to give me sum toys? Ples could you bring me sone toys? I want a present. I been a great boy.  
Your friend, Tyrone Carranza

## HERE TUESDAY

# Squaws Rally; Win Big District Contest

The Squaws won a big district game here Tuesday over Lockney, 55-49, to run their district record to 3-0 going to Olton Friday. The Lockney girls came here boasting a 13-1 season record, and matching Friona's 2-0 in district.

The Lady Horns were leading by six points with five minutes remaining in the game and elected to go into a stall.

The stall didn't work, as Friona outscored the 'Horns, 21-11 to snare the win.

Amy Murphree scored 12 of her game-high 24 points during the fourth quarter rally, hitting five from the field, including a three-pointer.

Miss Murphree and teammate Mandy Daniel each sank three-pointers and two-pointers for the Squaws in the opening quarter, as the Squaws trailed, 15-13 after one.

Mandy added seven points in the second quarter, as Friona went to halftime leading 27-16.

Friona's scoring slacked off in the third quarter, as the visitors outscored Friona, 12-7 to take a 38-34 lead.

Miss Murphree's 24 points led both teams, and Miss Daniel was close behind with 16.

At Morton last Friday, the Squaws raced to a 62-33 win. Daniel had three baskets as Friona grabbed a 17-10 first quarter lead.

Miss Murphree hit six of six free throw attempts and Morton was held to eight points as the team built a 30-18 halftime lead.

Murphree led the scoring with 23 points, which included 11 of 12 at the line. Daniel added 12 and Trisha Winebrinner chipped in 10.

The two wins kept the Squaws unbeaten in district at 3-0, and the team is now 9-5 for the season.

After Friday's game at Olton, the team plays in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock December 27-28-29.

## SQUAWS 55, LHS 49

Jacy Grimsley 1-1\*-0-5; Ashley Smiley 1-0-2; Amy Murphree 7-2\*-4-24; Holley Hand 1-4-6; Mandy Daniel 5-1\*-3-16; Trisha Winebrinner 1-0-2.

## SQUAWS 62, MHS 33

Grimsley 1-0-2; Mandy Geris 1-2\*-1-9; Smiley 0-1-1; Murphree 6-11-23; Hand 1-1-3; Daniel 5-2-12; Winebrinner 3-4-10; Vlesha Wilcox 1-0-2.



DEFENSE has been a major factor in the Squaws winning record this year. Above, Mandy Daniel (33) and Lindsay North defend against Hale Center.

## District 5-2A Standings-Girls

(Through December 18)

Team	Dist.	All
Friona	3-0	9-5
Abernathy	2-0	10-3
Lockney	2-1	13-2
Floydada	2-1	10-4
Hale Ctr.	0-2	N.A.
Olton	0-2	3-11
Morton	0-3	4-11

Dear Santa,  
How are your raindeer doing? I hope there alrite. Are your elfs working hard making toys? Oh and any way for Christmas I want a new GI Joe, Game boy, game cube and a game for the Game boy.  
Your friend, Alan Tafoya

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas.  
Love, Eribaldo Delgadillo

# Chieftains Fall In Their Two Outings

The varsity Chieftains dropped both of their starts since our last issue, going to Sunray last Friday to drop a 55-49 game, and returning home Tuesday to lose their district opener to Lockney, 67-38. The week's action left the team 5-7 and 0-1 in district.

The Sunray game was close all the way. Nathan Haile and Heath Gammon each sank three-point baskets as the teams played to a 12-12 tie at the close of the first quarter.

Sunray outscored the Chiefs, 15-8 in the second quarter to take a 27-20 halftime lead.

Nathan Haile and Adam Bandy led a second half rally, scoring 11 and seven respectively as the team

outscored their hosts, 29-28 in the half. Haile had 16 for game honors, and Bandy was close behind with 15.

In Tuesday's game here, the Chieftains were behind, 20-11 after the first quarter, and that was as close as it ever was.

Lockney led, 45-17, and 53-28 enroute to their 67-38 win.

Haile and Bandy each scored 12 for the Chieftains.

## SHS 55, CHIEFS 49

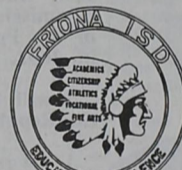
Nathan Haile 3-1\*-7-16; Chris Wiseman 3-0-6; Brock Field 1-0-2; Adam Bandy 6-3-15; Andy Carthel 2-2-6; Heath Hammon 1\*-0-1-4.

## LHS 67, CHIEFS 38

N. Haile 5-2-12; Field 1-0-2; Bandy 6-2-12; Carthel 2-0-4; Thompson 1-4-6; Gammon 1-0-2.

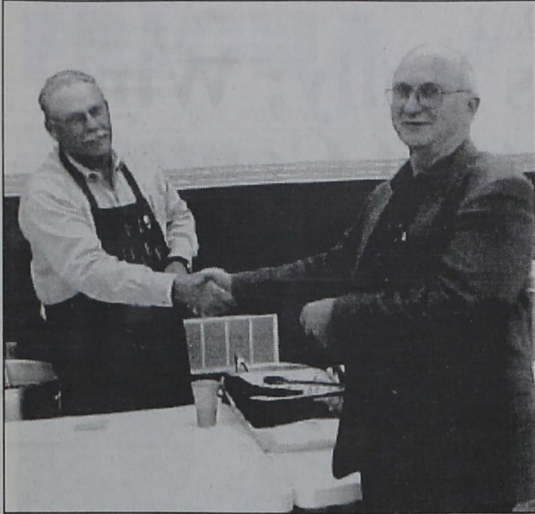
## Friona I.S.D. Calendar of Events JANUARY, 2002

January is School Board Recognition Month  
Report Cards 9<sup>th</sup>  
Bobsled Classic Speech Tournament 12<sup>th</sup>  
County Stock show 24<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>  
Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary 28<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Holiday	2 Holiday	3 Holiday	4 Student Holiday Teacher Workday Var. Boys & Girls BB vs. Floydada @ Friona 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys vs. Floydada @ Friona	5 Area All-State High School Band Tryouts @ Sundown
6	7 Second Semester Begins Chieftains vs. Stratford @ Friona	8 Local Stock Show	9 Report Cards	10 JH & 9 <sup>th</sup> BB vs. Floydada G-T B-H	11 All Region Bands @ WTAMU Var. G & B BB @ Abernathy	12 All Region Bands @ WTAMU Bobsled Classic Speech Tournament 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys & Girls BB vs Yucca @ Friona
13	14 JH BB vs. Crosbyton G-H - B-T 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB @ Crosbyton 9 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB vs. Farwell @ Friona	15 Var. Girls and Boys BB @ Hale Center	16	17	18 Var. & JV Boys & Girls BB vs. Morton @ Friona Baseball Pig Roast 5:00 F.H.S. Cafeteria	19 Friona JH Basketball Tournament
20	21 JH & 9 <sup>th</sup> BB vs. Morton G-T - B-H	22 Var. BB @ Lockney	23 County Stock Show	24 JH BB Tournament @ Lockney County Stock Show	25 County Stock Show Var. Boys & Girls BB vs. Olton @ Friona	26 JH BB Tournament @ Lockney Hereford Speech Tournament
27	28 JH & 9 <sup>th</sup> BB vs. Abernathy G-H - B-T Scholastic Book Fair Primary Lounge Financial Aid Workshop Ft. Worth Stock Show	29 Scholastic Book Fair Primary Lounge Ft. Worth Stock Show Var. Boys & Girls BB @ Floydada	30 Scholastic Book Fair Primary Lounge Ft. Worth Stock Show	31 Scholastic Book Fair Primary Lounge Project R.E.D. First Grade - 4:00 - 6:30 Kindergarten - 3:15 - 7:00 Ft. Worth Stock Show	February 1 Last Day for Scholastic Book Fair Primary Lounge	

- Friona Star Football Contest Champions**
- 1959--Martell LeVeque
  - 1960--Waymon Wilkins
  - 1961--Thelma Watkins
  - 1962--C.H. Veazey
  - 1963--Kenneth Watkins
  - 1964--Waymon Wilkins
  - 1965--Edward White
  - 1966--Danny Murphree
  - 1967--John Wilson
  - 1968--Winston Wilson
  - 1969--Skip Sircic
  - 1970--Frank Truitt
  - 1971--Laverne Mabry
  - 1972--Anndrea Wilkins
  - 1973--Hank Outland, Jr.
  - 1974--Roy Smith
  - 1975--Bobby Drake
  - 1976--Clay Bandy
  - 1977--R.L. Blakely and Jerry Hinkle
  - 1978--Marlene Drake
  - 1979--Jerry Hinkle
  - 1980--Ron Harkey
  - 1981--Mark Neill
  - 1982--Jack Clark
  - 1983--Bobby Davis
  - 1984--Tommy Moss
  - 1985--Jack Clark
  - 1986--Vicky Moss
  - 1987--Mark Neill
  - 1988--Dianne Morgan
  - 1989--Koby Rogers
  - 1990--Mal Manchee
  - 1991--Jackie Morgan
  - 1992--Roddy Berend
  - 1993--Don Max Vars
  - 1994--Jerry Bentley
  - 1995--John Seright
  - 1996--Mark Neill
  - 1997--Mark Zachary
  - 1998--Colby Carthel
  - 1999--Mal Manchee
  - 2000--Raul Brailiff
  - 2001--Jim Johnston



**FORTY-FIVE YEARS** of service for the Friona Volunteer Fire Department was honored at the Saturday night banquet. Fire Chief Jim Taylor, left, congratulates Assistant Chief Glenn Reeve for his 45 years with the department.



**IT WAS** a steak and potatoes menu for the Friona Volunteer Firemen's annual Christmas banquet last Saturday at the Community Center. Santa paid a visit too as shown in the pictures at right. Firemen, family and guests enjoyed the evening. ron carr photos

**THANK YOU**

The family of Janie London would like to say a big "Thanks" for all the visits, food, memorials and prayers following our loss. We appreciate Levelland Development Center for all the love and care they have given Janie the past nine years.

Richard & Peggy London  
Dee & Chris LaPorte  
Jerry & Raye Jene London

**ANNOUNCING--**



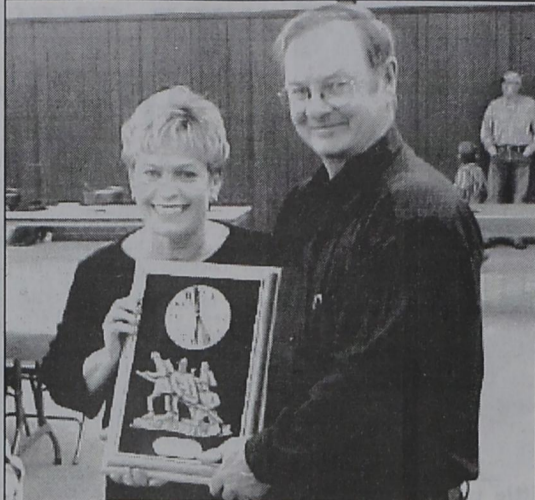
**ELVIS POWELL**

I would like to announce that I plan to seek the Precinct 4 commissioner's position in the Primary election in 2002.

I will be running on the Republican ticket.

I would like to continue the service that Raymond McGehee has done for the past 24 years.

/s/ Elvis Powell  
(Pd. Pol. Adv.)



**AT THE ANNUAL** Fire Department banquet, Larry Martin was named as Friona's Firefighter-Of-The-Year by his fellow firemen. The award, a wood and brass plaque with a clock, was presented to Larry by City Manager Paula Wilson. In May 2002 Larry will complete 20 years with the fire department and also as a city employee. ron carr photos

**Red Skelton Talks About The Pledge**

**BY RED SKELTON**

Getting back to schools, I remember a teacher I had. I only went through the seventh grade of school. I left home because I was hungry. I'd work in the summer and go to school in the winter.

I remember this one teacher. To me he was the greatest--a real sage of my time.

He had much wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name. He said, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the pledge of allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I--me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge--dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance--my love and

devotion

To the flag--our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United--that means that we have all come together.

States--individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states; forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And to the Republic--Republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern; and government is the people, and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands One nation--the nation, meaning so blessed by God.

Indivisible--incapable of being divided.

With liberty--which is freedom and the right of power to live ones own life without threats, or fear or some sort of retaliation.

And justice--the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all--which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

And now boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

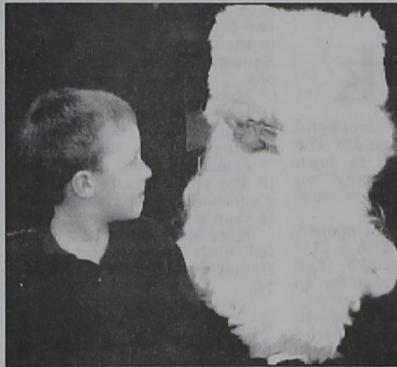
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

And having told the story, Red Skelton continued.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: "under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, 'That's a prayer' and that would be eliminated from schools, too!?"

(Most old-timers remember comedian Red Skelton. This dialogue from Mr. Skelton was submitted by Feller Hughs. We hope you enjoyed and appreciated it.)



**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS DINNER....**These photographs of Friona youngsters visiting with Santa were taken at the Fire Department's Christmas Dinner.

**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you when you give presents to all of the kids in school.  
Love, Garetti Torres

Dear Santa,

How is your vacation at the North Pole today? Did you know that Christmas is coming up because lots of kids are sending you letters before Christmas starts? I want a Barbie and I want a Barbie house, golden scooter with golden wheel to go with it, barbie car, barbie hotel, rocking horse and playstation 2.  
Your friend, Rebecca Gonzales

Dear Santa,

My name is Ester Sarabia. For Christmas I would like to have a Barbie doll, some new shoes, a shirt with Jesus on it and a Barbie car. I want that Barbie car to ride on.  
Thank you, Ester Sarabia

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy cat. I would like a baby doll. I would like clothes for my baby. I would like sparkly pony. I would like a toy dog.  
Love, Felissa Dominguez

Dear Santa,

I would like a cd player. I want a train set. I would like 2 Pooh dolls. I want a Canon camera. I would like a dvd player.  
Love, Jared Alabe

Dear Santa,

Do your elfs bild the toys and do you eat everyones cookies? Do you know what I want for Christmas. I want a bike and a trane set and a toy teerex and a humbakwhale toy that is big.  
Your friend, Alan Gomez

Dear Santa,

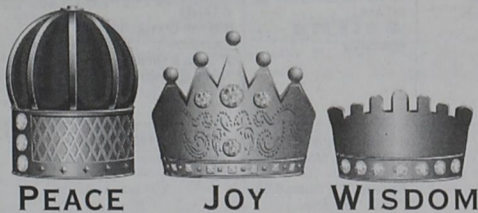
Is it cold at the North Pole? Do you like Christmas? How are the randers? For Christmas I want a gun.  
Your friend, Jose

Dear Santa,

I am excited about Christmas. How about you? I am going to hide a small package by the door for you. I would like a toy squirrel and a rock polisher, please. Why don't you let any kids see you Santa? Do you ever get presents? Bye. P.S. Mail the answers to my questions to my house.  
Shermila Alice Kher



<b>Dec. 21-24</b>	
<b>JIMMY NEUTRON</b>	G
1:40 - 3:45 - 7:15 - 9:00	
<b>JOE SOMEBODY</b>	PG
1:30 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:10	
<b>VANILLA SKY</b>	R
1:30 - 4:00 - 7:30	
<b>NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE</b>	R
1:40 - 4:10 - 7:15 - 9:05	
<b>LORD OF RINGS</b>	PG-13
1:00 - 4:20 - 8:00	
<b>THE MAJESTIC</b>	PG
1:00 - 4:00 - 7:30	
<b>WEEKEND &amp; HOLIDAY</b>	
Matinees: \$3	
Adults: \$5 Kids & Seniors \$3	



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WISHING YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLY SEASON. YOUR FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!



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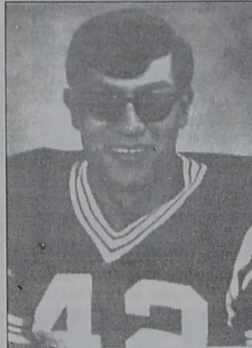


- Friona Bridal Registry**
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- INGRAM'S**  
Phone 250-3291  
Heather Martin & Chris Storey  
Shane Blackburn & Angel Bradley  
Debbie Reeve & Chris Lascelles
- \*\*\*\*\*
- IVY COTTAGE FLOWERS & GIFTS**  
Phone 250-8073  
Heather Martin & Chris Storey  
Shane Blackburn & Angel Bradley  
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- WYONA'S FLOWERS & GIFTS**  
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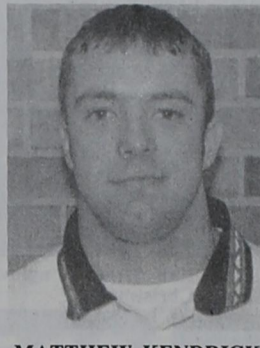
# Chieftains' All-Time Scoring, Rushing Leaders Are Given



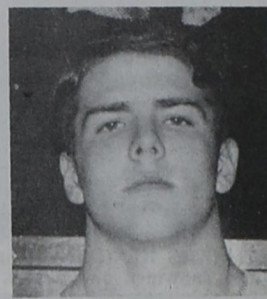
**YOUNG FOOTBALLERS...**Several Friona and Bovina youngsters took part in Clovis' Play, Inc. football program this fall. In the back row of the "Chiefs" team are Coach Jeff Steelman, Scott Steelman, J Gurlley, Clayton Smiley, Matthew Stanberry, Coach Ted Procter, Mickey O'Brian, Aaron Osborn, Coach Mitchell Smiley and Devon Brown. In the front are (l-r) Kirby Frye, Stetson Reed, Derrick Jamerson, Brenner Barnett, Zack Fair, Duncan Welch and Alex Ferguson.



TONY PEREA



MATTHEW KENDRICK



ANDY KENDRICK



**LOCAL PLAYERS...**Members of the Raiders' Play, Inc. team include (front) Josh Barbett, second from left and Haden Smiley. In the back are Mason Loflin (second kid from right) and Coach Sammy Herrera.

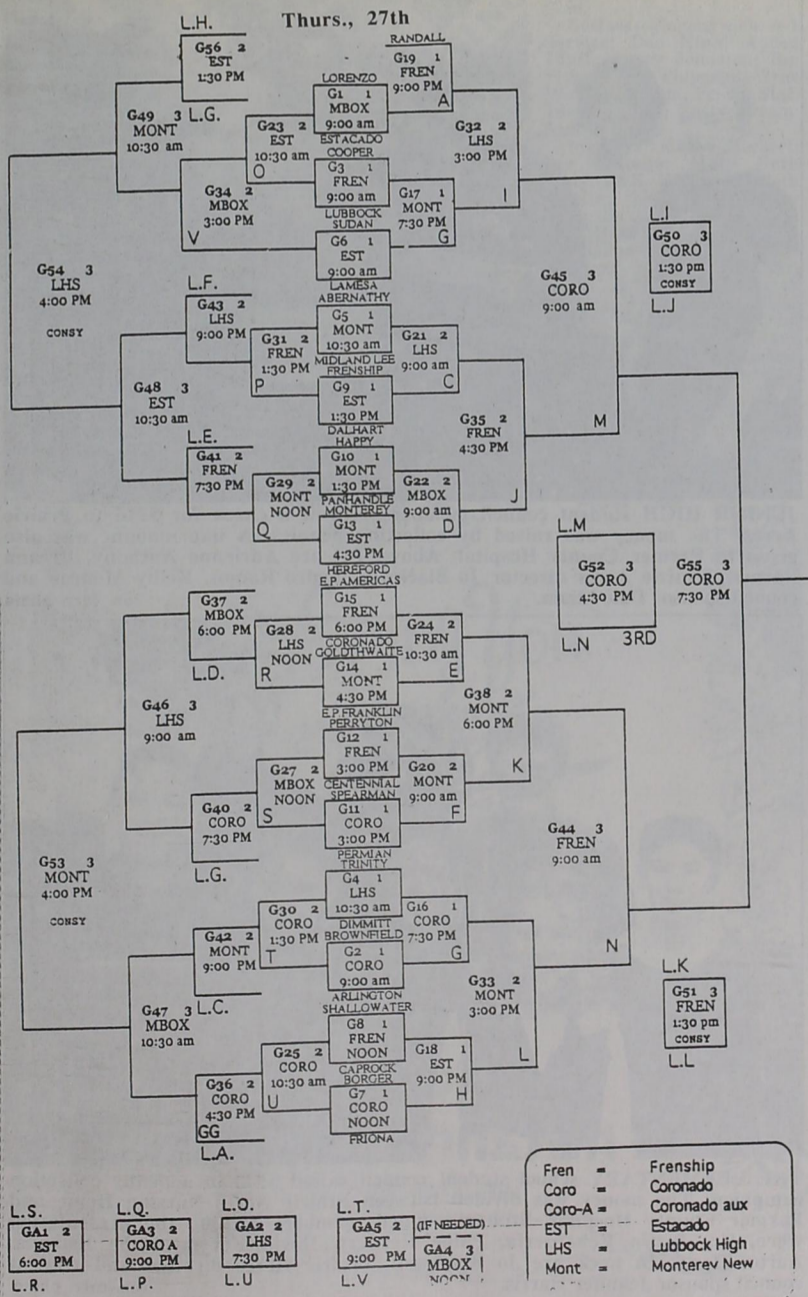
## FHS' Leading Rushers

Player, Year	Att-Yds-Avg
Tony Perea, '68	274-1761-6.4
Matt Kendrick, '97	203-1627-8.0
Andy Kendrick, '96	163-1376-8.4
Nathan Haile, '01	207-1250-6.0
Daniel Echols, '87	148-1202-8.2
Charlie Morgan, '82	242-1185-4.9
Doug Dodd '62	183-1184-6.5
Ted King '73	174-1170-6.8
Matt Kendrick, '98	149-1177-7.9
Lonnie Phillips, '86	196-1156-5.9
Noel Grajeda, '99	206-1095-5.3
Nathan Haile, '00	163-1091-6.7
Noel Grajeda, '98	190-1059-5.6
Joseph Bandy, '99	124-1049-8.5
Ben osborn, '88	205-1006-4.9
Nelson Jackson, '81	168-1003-6.0
Kyle Grimsley '96	153-1003-6.6
Ben osborn, '87	213-947-4.5
Jim Williams '86	194-958-4.9
Matt Mata, '00	138-938-6.8
Jeff Whiteside, '77	162-922-5.7
Juan Gamboa, '94	159-919-5.7
Charlie Morgan, '83	168-904-5.4
Adam Bandy, '01	112-895-8.0
Aaron King, '97	97-859-8.9
Bill Bailey, '71	125-841-6.7
A. Kendrick, '95	109-818-7.5
Dan Cuevas, '96	149-811-5.4
Adam Bandy '00	127-800-6.3
Ismael Rocha '91	173-773-4.5
Tony Perea, '67	166-786-4.7
James Bartlett, '72	111-772-7.0
Izzy Cordova '69	167-757-4.5
Mike Hubbard '79	153-731-4.8
Glen London '75	158-729-4.6
Kelwin King '76	150-713-4.8
Brad Moyer, '85	195-712-3.7
Reese Fleming, '82	112-702-6.3
Alfredo Mata, '84	146-701-4.8

## Individual Rushing Leaders By Season

Year	Player	Att-Yds-Avg.
1962	Doug Dodd	63-311-4.9
1963	Everett Gee	107-651-6.1
1964	Doug Dodd	183-1184-6.5
1965	Larry Johnson	124-665-5.4
1966	Eddie Barker	116-376-3.3
1967	Tony Perea	166-786-4.7
1968	Tony Perea	274-1761-6.4
1969	Isidore Cordova	167-757-4.5
1970	Wesley Clark	148-618-4.1
1971	Bill Bailey	125-841-6.7
1972	James Bartlett	111-772-7.0
1973	Ted King	174-1170-6.7
1974	Dee King	113-498-4.4
1975	Glen London	158-729-4.6
1976	Kelwin King	150-713-4.8
1977	Jeff Whiteside	162-922-5.7
1978	Chuck Nichols	96-512-5.3
1979	Mike Hubbard	153-731-4.8
1980	Nelson Jackson	84-411-4.9
1981	Nelson Jackson	168-1003-6.0
1982	Charlie Morgan	242-1185-4.9
1983	Charlie Morgan	168-904-5.4
1984	Alfredo Mata	146-701-4.8
1985	Brad Moyer	195-712-3.7
1986	Lonnie Phillips	196-1156-5.9
1987	Daniel Echols	148-1202-8.2
1988	Ben osborn	205-1006-4.9
1989	Andre Duran	126-503-4.0
1990	Curtis Brady	138-677-4.9
1991	Ismael Rocha	173-773-4.5
1992	Juan Gamboa	95-475-5.0
1993	Juan Gamboa	112-544-4.9
1994	Juan Gamboa	160-919-5.7
1995	Andy Kendrick	109-818-7.5
1996	Andy Kendrick	163-1376-8.4
1997	Matt Kendrick	203-1627-8.0
1998	Matt Kendrick	149-1177-7.9
1999	Noel Grajeda	206-1095-5.3
2000	Nathan Haile	163-1091-6.7
2001	Nathan Haile	207-1250-6.0

## Lubbock's Caprock Tournament Girls' Div., December 27-29

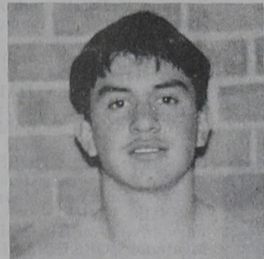


## All-Time Leading Rushers At F.H.S.

Player, Years	Yds.
Matt Kendrick, 1996-98	364-2899
Tony Perea, 1966-68	521-2823
Nathan Haile, '99-01	377-2391
Andy Kendrick, 1995-96	272-2294
Charlie Morgan, 1982-83	410-2089
Adam Bandy, '99,'00,'01	279-2086
Ben Osborn, 1986-88	454-2002
Juan Gamboa, 1992-94	367-1938
Daniel Echols, 1986-87	257-1881
Lonnie Phillips, 1985-86	254-1543
Nelson Jackson, 1980-81	252-1413
Jimmy Williams '85-87	291-1411
Bill Bailey, 1970-71	261-1391

## Scoring Leaders By Years

Year	Player	TD-PAT-FG-TP
1952	Darrell Robbins	18-0-108
1953-61	(unavailable)	(unavailable)
1962	Doug Dodd	3-2-20
1963	Everett Gee	7-2-44
1964	Doug Dodd	13-22-4-113
1965	Joe Mabry	6-0-36
1966	Ted Renner	3-14-32
1967	Tony Perea	10-0-60
1968	Tony Perea	17-8-110
1969	Isidore Cordova	6-2-38
1970	Mike Royal	7-0-42
1971	Louis Lee	5-0-30
1972	James Bartlett	11-4-70
1973	Ted King	15-0-90
1974	Clay Bandy	6-0-36
1975	Bobby Zetsche	7-6-48
1976	Glen London	5-0-30
1977	Jeff Whiteside	6-0-36
1978	Leslie White	5-4-34
1979	Rod owen	8-0-48
1980	Nelson Jackson	5-0-30
1981	Nelson Jackson	12-0-72
1982	Charlie Morgan	11-2-68
1983	Charlie Morgan	9-0-54
1984	Alfredo Mata	10-0-60
1985	Brad Moyer	15-0-90
1986	Daniel Echols	12-2-72
1987	Daniel Echols	10-6-66
1988	Ben Osborn	7-0-42
1989	Ismael Rocha	5-2-32
1990	Ismael Rocha	5-2-32
1991	Ismael Rocha	5-0-30
1992	Brian Herring	4-0-24
1993	Chris Hanna	7-0-42
1994	Jay Belcher	11-0-66
1995	Andy Kendrick	11-0-66
1996	Andy Kendrick	21-4-130
1997	Matthew Kendrick	21-2-128
1998	Noel Grajeda	16-4-100
1999	Noel Grajeda	19-0-114
2000	Nathan Haile	21-0-126
2001	Nathan Haile	17-5-107



ANGEL VEGA

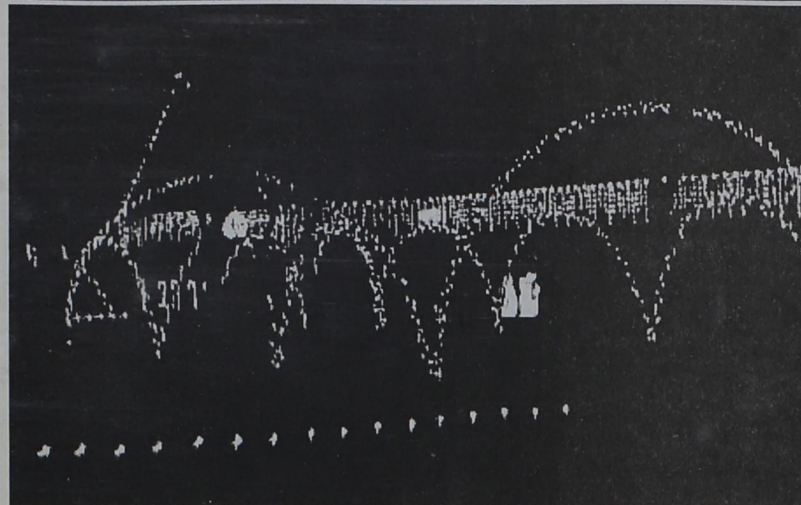
## Most Points Scored By Individual, Season

Player, Year	TD-PAT-TP
Andy Kendrick, '96	21-4-130
Matthew Kendrick, '97	21-2-128
Nathan Haile, '00	21-0-126
Noel Grajeda, '99	19-0-114
Matthew Mata, '00	19-0-114
Angel Vega, '97	11-42-3-112
Doug Dodd, '64	13-22-4-113
Tony Perea, '68	17-8-110
Darrell Robbins, '52	18-0-108
Nathan Haile, '01	17-5-107
Angel Vega, '96	11-32-7-105
Noel Grajeda, '98	16-4-100
Joseph Bandy, '99	16-2-98
Ted King, '73	15-0-90
Brad Moyer, '85	15-0-90
Matt Kendrick, '98	14-0-84
Kyle Grimsley, '96	13-0-78
Daniel Echols, '86	12-2-74
Nelson Jackson, '81	12-0-72
Lonnie Phillips, '86	12-0-72
James Bartlett, '72	11-4-70
Charlie Morgan, '82	11-2-68
David Shelby, '96	11-2-68
Daniel Echols, '87	10-6-66
Jay Belcher, '94	11-0-66
Andy Kendrick, '95	11-0-66
Tony Perea, '67	10-0-60
Alfredo Mata, '84	10-0-60

## All-Time Leading Scorers

Player, Years	Pts.
Angel Vega, 1994-96	247
Nathan Haile, 1999-00-01	233
Matthew Kendrick, 1997-98	216
Noel Grajeda, 1998-99	214
Andy Kendrick, 1995-96	196
Tony Perea, 1966-68	188
Doug Dodd, 1962-64	170
Daniel Echols, 1985-87	158
Adam Bandy, 1999-00-01	140
Matthew Mata, 1999-2000	132
Charlie Morgan, 1982-83	122
Ted King, 1972-73	114
Brad Moyer, 1984-85	108
Nelson Jackson, 1980-81	102
Ben osborn, 1987-88	90
Lonnie Phillips,	90

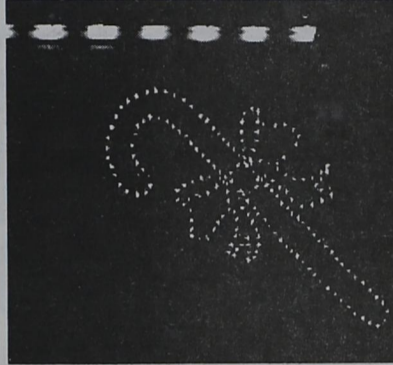
The 1996 team has three players on list, most of any team.



**THE MARS RESIDENCE** on West 10th Street is aglow with arches of light, Santas, snowmen and angels. Merry Christmas! ron carr photos



**FROSTY THE SNOWMAN** is in the spotlight this year at this residence, left, near the high school. Meanwhile, a lighted, ribboned candy cane is part of the decoration at a home in the 600 block of Arrah. The staff of the *Friona Star* extends best wishes of the holiday season and a Happy New Year.



# Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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Steve and Willene Grundy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma spent the week with her mother Opal Baxter. Other visitors were John and Debra Baxter and Lou Behrendsen and her daughter Keaton, a student at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico.

W.D. and Reba Buske's daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Terry Teel of Hilo, Hawaii have been in Friona visiting recently. While at the "mainland", the couple has also visited their daughter and son-in-law, Trisha and Mike White of Burleson and their new baby girl, Rachel, who was born November 6.

The Teel couple will be here until December 28 when they will return to their jobs in Hilo. Denise works for a realtor and Jerry works for the U.S.D.A.

For Christmas the Buskes expect their daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and John Delventhal of Scottsdale, Arizona and son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Bobi Buske of Burleson and their children Jerod and Lauren. Reba's mother, Mickie Turner, 93, of Lubbock, will also be with the family.

Gary and Kay Snead plan to see all of their children during the Christmas holidays, but not necessarily at the same time, as everyone with married children can relate.

Son Josh and his wife Kedra and their baby son Carter Mack, who was born October 1, will be in Friona for Christmas. Josh and family live in Abilene, where he is the service manager for Abilene New Holland, a "large equipment" dealer. Kedra teaches school on the primary level in Abilene. Gary and Kay plan to

visit Charlie and Jennifer Snead and his family in Alabama during the holidays. Charlie and his wife Jennifer are both doctors of pharmacy. He completed his residency last June at the University of Alabama/Birmingham Hospital.

Jennifer is a native of Kingsland, Texas. The couple met while they both were attending the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo. They have bought a home in Birmingham.

The Sneads will also see daughter Holly, her husband Steve Kirby and children, Hattie, two and a half. The Kirbys live in Trophy Club, which is near Grapevine. Steve works for Nokia, while Holly stays home with the infant children.

All of the Snead children are graduates of FHS.

Don and Eva Kimbrough went to Santa Fe, New Mexico this week to support their son, Cris, at his school's Winter concert, Chaparral Elementary. Cris is the music teacher there and presented their musical Tuesday evening. The kindergarten children presented a program on Kwanza. The first graders sang about Hanukkah. The second graders sang about Christmas and the third graders sang about Diwali.

The Chaparral Chorus, which consists of fourth, fifth and sixth graders, also presented a program. Cris took the chorus children to a mall in Santa Fe this week to perform.

While in Santa Fe, the Kimbroughs also visited with granddaughters, Brianna Sandoval and Genica Lee and her daughter, Poema. The couple returned to Friona Wednesday.

Mike and Bonnie Pope's daughter, April, is visiting in

Friona for the holiday. April flew in from Houston Saturday and will stay until after the new year. She is a 1999 Friona High School graduate and a junior at the University of Houston.

I was great to see Jim Johnston out and about Thursday at the Senior Citizen lunch at the Friendship House. Jim has been pretty sick lately and in and out of our local hospital and Baptist/St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

He was dismissed from Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital on Wednesday. He had been a patient there since November 30.

The couples' daughter, Diane Bryant of the Dallas area, came to see about her dad Monday. Her husband and five children, Kyle, Seth, Jillyn, Joel and Abby, were expected in Friona by press time. The Bryant family will spend Christmas with his parents in Wheeler.

Opal "Granny" Strickland was a patient at Parmer County Community Hospital this week. She was admitted Saturday with pneumonia. She returned to her home Tuesday evening and is feeling much better.

Ty London, 3, was a patient at Parmer County Community Hospital for three days last week. He and his mother, Becky, had a terrible virus and he got dehydrated Wednesday. They returned to their home in Bovina Saturday evening after receiving wonderful care by Dr. Dickson, Dr. Jubay and Dr. Alexander. Thank you!

Make a note to call us after the holidays with your Christmas company news, or your travels to visit family members. We'd like to share the news with our readers. Happy Holidays!

## Library Report

By DARLA BRACKEN



Visit us on-line at [www.hlc-lib.org](http://www.hlc-lib.org) and then click on Friona on the map of the Panhandle to view our catalog from your home computer. Your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 109 W 7th. 250-3200

Read for your Life! that's why we're here...Are we busy? Yes, we are!! The Library circulated 30,079 items last year in and out of

### \* Santa Letters \*

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I want clothes.

Love, Sabrina Alderete  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo and a what's her face barbie. You are nice because you give presents.

Love, Jessyca Rivas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? Has it been cold at the North Pole? I would like to have a puppy and a truck for my baby brother too.

Love, Gaby Quintana  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like to have a go-cart and a Barbie.

Love, Brenda Dominguez

our area. 16,690 patrons came to visit; 865 used our study areas for in-house use; 1,919 for Public Internet. There were 2,253 items used by patrons while in the library. Our thanks for the tax support from residents living in the City of Friona. Friona Public Library has been serving this area for 38 years.

The Texas Library Association will celebrate its centennial this year--1902 to 2002. TLA is asking libraries all over the state to send in their histories for the event.

Web Watch: *almanac.com* (old farmer's almanac) check out the weather for 2002! *truthorfiction.com* and *snopes.com* Find the truth BEFORE you forward. *www.storyplace.org* digital library for kids in English and Spanish *brainy quotes.com* To find the perfect words, and/or who said that? <http://www.glo.state.tx.us> for Texas maps from the Governor's land office.

New Arrivals: *Kiss* by Danielle Steel; *Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien; *Violets are Blue* by James Patterson; *Sacred Ground* by Barbara Wood; *Skiping Christmas* by John Grisham; *Orchid Blues* by Stuart Woods; *Isle of Dogs*

by Patricia Cornwell; *Last Man Standing* by David Baldacci; *Midnight Bayou* by Nora Roberts; *Desecration* by Tim LaHaye. *Self Matters* by Phillip McGraw; *Christmas in Plains* by Jimmy Carter; *Universe in a Nutshell* by Stephen Hawking. \* denotes more than one venue. Videos: Shrek, Castaway, Civil War Battlefields, Century of Warfare and Great Events of the 20th Century.

Memorials: Jack Moseleys, Jean McBrayer of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dave Thompsons, Bobbie McFarlands of Farwell, Jerry Hinkles, Kenny Fords, Dana and Gail Binford of New Braunfels, Joe Talley, Bill Stovells, Lilah Gaye Gee, Don Campbells of Westerville, Ohio given in memory of ROY CLEMENTS.

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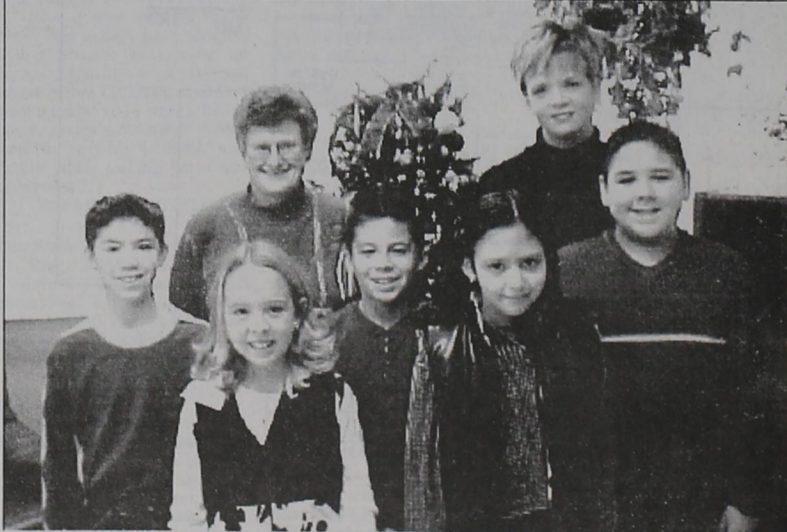
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**JUNIOR HIGH student council members** present a check for \$216 to Prairie Acres. The money was raised by collecting pennies. A like amount was also given to Parmer County Hospital. Above, l-r, are Adrienne Anthony, Breann Barnett, Prairie Acres director Jo Blackwell, Pedro Ramos, Kelby Monroe and council sponsor Dale Mann. ron carr photo



**THE ELEMENTARY school student council** raised \$540 in a penny collection campaign. The money was divided between Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Parmer County Hospital. Student council members making the presentation were, l-r, Justin Echevarria, Paige Herbert, Devin Boren, Sasha Estrada, Aaron Hand. In back are Jo Blackwell, Prairie Acres director and student council sponsor Jennifer Harris. ron carr photo

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❄️ ❄️ **Letters To Santa** ❄️ ❄️

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have anything that is Bob Builders and I want toy tractors. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Kyle

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a Rescue Heroes and an aquatic command center.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll thats like me. I would like for my doll and I some clothes that are just alike. I want some jewelry. I want new hair ribbons and barretts for my hair. I would like some new jeans and dresses.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Corina Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want nintendo for Christmas. I want remote control car. I also would like remote control airplane. When I get up Christmas morning I hope there is snow for a snowman.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Beto Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a train set. I want hot wheels. I want steel tubes for my bicycle. I want a remote control car. I want a go cart.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Ryan Dalrymple

Dear Santa,  
I want a little brother. I want a video camera. My very own T.V. set. A play station game boy. A dragon fly it is a new toy.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, John Hinton

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station 2 and a blitz 2002. I will want some dvd movies and I will want let's get ready to rumble and mario party 1, 2 and 3. I want a bike and some Air Jordan's shoes. I want a vcr. I want some movies home a lone 1, 2 3. I love you Santa.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Cordney Cooper

**Xmas Promo Winners Told**

Winners of the "Ho-Ho Home for the Holidays" promotion were announced by the Friona CoFC.  
Grand prize winners, \$100, were Lupe Delgadillo, Kayla McLennan and Elizabeth Gore.  
Business winners were: A-1 Service: Dee King; Added Touch: Larry Johnston; Big Ticket: Betty Phipps; Bi-Wize: Dorothy Ingram; Friona Star: Teena Hughs; Tasty Cream: Sandip Lalli.  
Ingram's: Marka Herbert; Ivy Cottage: Mary Beth Wily; J&K Hardware: Beth Davila; Kendrick's: Billy Dean Baxter; Lowe's: Anna Jo Blackburn; Malouf's: Stephanie Dobmeir.  
Sugar Shack: Ron Carr; Town & Country: Keith Herrera; Western Chev: Rosa Torres; WT Services: Martha Barker; Hi-Pro Feeds: Blane Baxter; Los Arcos: Angelica Delgadillo; Custom Cleaners: Lesta Lee Neill.

Dear Santa,  
How do you get all the toys made before Christmas? Is it true that you had a reindeer named Roodoph? Santa did you drop your hat in my chimney? I found a hat in our chimney. I want a big ball, flute and a microscope.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Your friend, Katie

Dear Santa,  
I know I have been bad. My mom and dad said I don't know how to be nice. I tried my best to be good but I just had a bad day.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Tamra

Dear Santa,  
I like presents. I like dolls and books. Dad wants for Christmas a car and Mom wants for Christmas a breslet.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Love, Janet

Dear Santa,  
I bime a good girl. Is it cold at the North Pole? Will you please bring me a doll for Christmas? Santa are you ok.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Your friend, Selena

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Best wishes and many thanks for your friendship and continued support.

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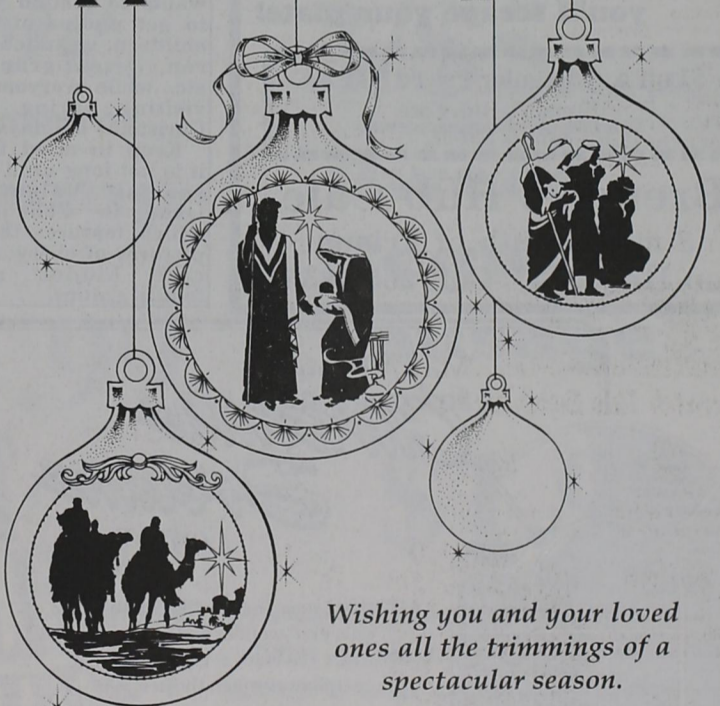
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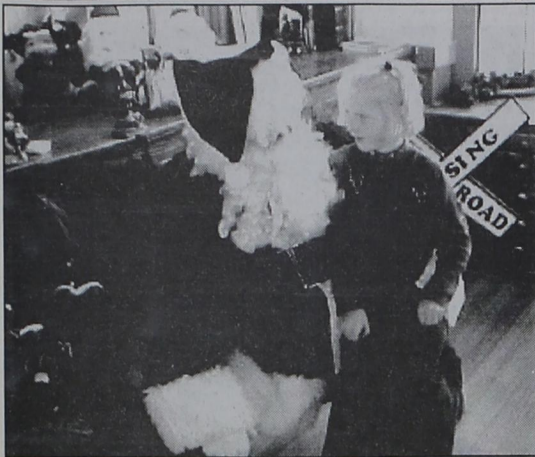
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*Wishing You Resounding Success at Christmas*

Hope your holidays chime with happiness, good health and good fortune. With heartfelt thanks for making this past year a ringing success for all of us.

**Byron Boyd & Bryan Johnston**

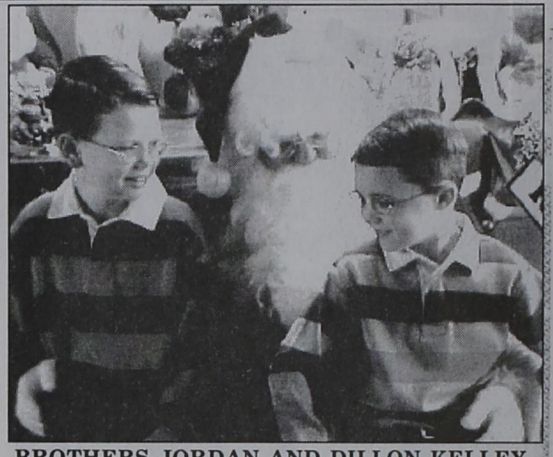
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ALL RIGHT, NOW LISTEN I WANT....KATIE JO OSBORN IS GIVING THE ORDERS AND SANTA IS TAKING THEM.



COURTNEY BUNKER LOOKS FOR ADVICE FROM THE PARENTS BEFORE SHE GIVES HER LIST TO SANTA.



BROTHERS JORDAN AND DILLON KELLEY TEAM UP WITH SANTA CLAUS FOR SOME MAJOR DELIVERIES CHRISTMAS MORNING.



TOY DONATIONS....Members of Gamma Beta Phi, an academic honor society at West Texas A&M University, sponsored the Kuddles for Kids program and collected more than 200 stuffed animals for the Randall County Sheriff's Department. The toys were presented to members of the sheriff's department December 6 and will be placed in department vehicles to help comfort children in crisis situations. Gamma Beta Phi member, Kay Jackson, a senior biology major from Friona, helps pack up the stuffed animals following the presentation.



Dear Santa Claus,  
Plaes bring my sister a doll and me a gi Joe and a jet.

Cody Camolla  
\*\*\*\*\*

I wish that I have hot house fire doll and sume legoses.

Josaphat Rocha  
\*\*\*\*\*

I want a kupputor and a Santa and for my baby sistr a cat.

Love, Gracielce Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I wood like a new teddy bear and my baby brother wood like a toy truck. Thanks for the presents for last year.

Sajal Patel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I like you to like me. I want a toy that is cool. A toy that is a Power Ranger that shoots a bullet that is green and brown and rily cool.

Your friend, Alex  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I really want a CD player please. I really want a karoke machine please. I really want a Nysinc CD and a CD caring case please. I really want a Dream Street CD please. I really want a lipstick and a chap stick macker please. I really want a pair of boots please. I really want the movie How the Grinch please. I really want a leather coat please. I hope everyone has a very good Christmas to.

Love, Kelsey White  
and I don't have to have everything.

**Get Family Photos  
Made During  
Christmas Holidays**

Your newspaper wants to remind you to get photos of the children, grandchildren, great-grands, etc., while everyone is visiting during the Christmas holidays.

Keep in mind that it is not long until the special Valentine issue in February which features those pictures of everyone's cute kiddos and family groups.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want...A Hipclip, KidsBop, diary, Karaoke machine, Jam and glam Barbies, Shrinki Dinks, Barbie and the nutcracker, Splater perfectshen. I don't really care what I get.

Amber Roberson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I've been extra good this year. I would like a rain jacket, the Barbie Nutcracker movie and a new bicycle because mine is all messed up. My sister Macey likes toys you ride on. My brother Brett would like a boy toy like a truck or something. Macey and Brett have been extra good too. Do you want cookies or cheese?

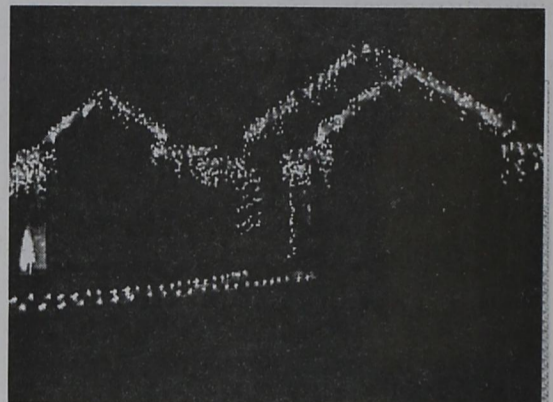
P.S. Can you come to my birthday?

Love, Rainey  
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Dear Santa Claus,

I whunt a jachif and a prtren dog and for my sisters a new peloe for bda. A new berefor kathe a new quilt for mom. a new toy monster truck for Dad.

Beyvanin Anthony  
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**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH SANTA, JOSEPHINE SAMARRON IS NOT SHY ABOUT HER REQUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS**



Dear Santa,  
Happy Christmas. Merry Christmas. I want a T.V.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Eva

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want a Mr. Potatohead and a Mrs. Potatohead.  
Love, Sawyer Osborn  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This is Clayton. What I want for Christmas is a game boy advance and a motor scooter and a football helmet with Kansas City on it with my red gersy with the number 65.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Clayton

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote controlled truck and a new big bicycle, a red one. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Don't eat too many cookies.  
Love, Skyler Harris  
P.S. My mom helped write this letter.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Blitzen, Rudolph doing? Right now you can say fine. I just want a game boy advance with a game.  
Your friend, Jose Aguirre  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Will you go on your sleigh to bring me sum toys?  
Your friend, Blane  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Your toys are great. Is it cold at the North Pole? I want a beebie gun.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Brandon

Dear Santa,  
How are you feelen? Santa how are the reindeers? Will you bring me a trailer?  
Your friend, Andres  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I would like to have a Toka Raceway for me.  
Love, Trenton Jones  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy Rudolph.  
Simone Marie Gonzales  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How is your Rudolph? Is it fine? Santa I would like to have a train.  
Love, Eduardo Rojas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like your clothes. I wish for a Barbie jeep.  
Love, Shantelle Pruitt  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I would like to have some roller blades and a gerbit cage and a doll that you can dress up in different clothes and robo pup.  
Love, Macy McLennan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. I like games on computers. I like you Santa. I will leave you some cookies.  
Your friend, Alicia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a soldier mask. How are your reindeers?  
Love, Francisco Sarabia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing at the North Pole? Is it cold there? I'm extra good this year. I want a Barbie and a Barbie shop.  
Your friend, Linda  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Can I have hedphones and a car? And I want a back pack just like O.P. but I want a red one not blue one and a little fure dog bed for my dog Kade and a bebe gun.  
Love, Rowdee Rhodes  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I am so happy I want a motorcycle and a ball.  
Samuel Silva  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeers? I would like to have a dirt bike and a harry potter toy and a blue tractor.  
Love, Trey Crozier  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope your reandeers get here on tim. Me and my casins we wuhrt a grate cristmas and we live on west 8 st our address is 1303 and we will be sleeping on the cowch I want a rill long book.  
Jaci  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How are reindeers? Has it been cold at the North Pole? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a basketball and a kite and shoes and clothes.  
Love, Leanna Valenzuela  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a flute dog and sum cllos and shos.  
Love, Linda Sanchez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want you to get my sistr a coot barbee motell barbee house. P.S. I want a rill monstruk to drive.  
Anthony Tapia  
\*\*\*\*\*

# YOUR EYES

## Albinism Causes Visual Problems

People with albinism have little or no pigment in the eyes, skin and hair—or sometimes in the eyes alone. This is a genetic disease which the body does not make the necessary amount of a pigment called melanin. The purpose of this pigment is to absorb the ultraviolet (UV) light that comes from the sun so our skin is not burned. Normally, exposure to the sun produces a tan, or an increase in melanin. Many people with albinism do not have enough melanin in their skin and easily get sunburned. Approximately one in 17,000 people, of all races, have albinism. The parents of most children with albinism have normal hair and eye color and do not have a family history of the condition.



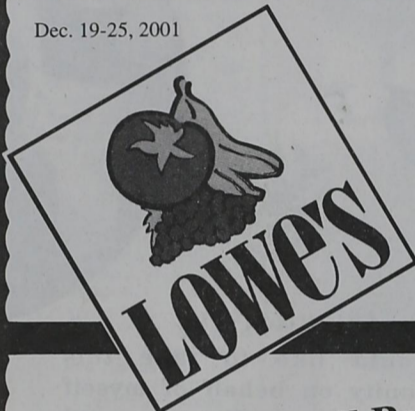
Individuals with albinism may have several different visual problems. Their vision is not normal and cannot be completely corrected with glasses. Extreme farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism are common. Those who suffer from nystagmus, an involuntary shifting of the eyes, will turn or tilt their heads to decrease the movement and improve vision. Sensitivity to light, or photophobia, also may occur because the iris allows stray light to enter the eye. However, this does not keep people with albinism from going out into the sunlight. In addition, the eyes of individuals with albinism do not have a fovea—the small but very important part of the retina that allows sharp vision, such as reading. Eyecare specialists can help people with albinism compensate for their eye problems with a variety of devices including glasses, biofeedback, low-vision items, contacts and exercise, but they cannot cure them.

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# Merry Christmas



Installment Loans: Dave Hutson, Britny Pope.  
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Commercial Loans: Mac Langford, Jerry Hinkle, Gary Brown, Dirk Davis, Sharon Newton. Below, Elaine Cain.

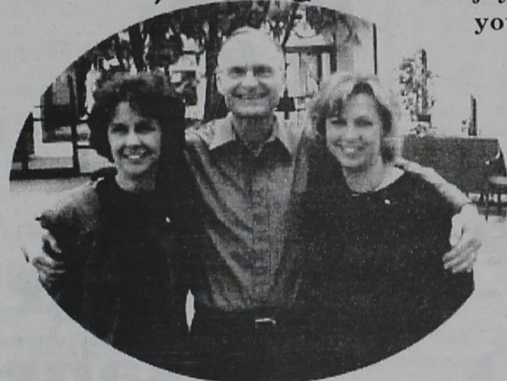
## Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the officers, directors and employees of Friona State Bank to thank you, our customers as well as any future customers, for your business and friendship. Anything worthwhile is built on relationship and we value our relationships with you. People do come first. Thank you for allowing us to continue to grow and seek new ways to better serve you and your future financial needs. We all wish each and everyone a blessed holiday season filled with great joy and peace. God Bless all of you.

**Dirk Davis**  
President,  
Friona State Bank



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# FRIONA STATE BANK



# Out Here

by Ron Carr

## "Two Left Shoes"

The hip newscasters are calling him UBL, Osama bin Laden. Some call him Osama bin Laden.

They spell it Al Qaeda and Al Qaida. They say we have him cornered and then they say he has slipped away.

Geraldo Rivera says he has had a religious experience. He is no longer a suck-up liberal reporter. Fox News hired him on their channel to go to Afghanistan and find UBL.

He has been "eyeball to eyeball and bayonet to bayonet" with the enemy he says. I haven't been able to spot a bayonet on any of the Afghan fighters' guns but what do I know.

Sometimes he will interrupt a report to point to the sky like a little boy seeing his first airplane. "There goes a B52 now." The properly groomed reporter in New York shouted enthusiastically, "Yes Geraldo, we hear it, we hear it."

Of course you can't hear a bomber flying at 39,000 feet but the blonde reporter was trying to be cool.

Geraldo says his comrades in arms told him UBL was cornered and it would all be over in a few hours. Then those same sources reneged. They said UBL shaved his beard and slipped away to Pakistan.

Reporters pronounce that one either "Pack-u-stan" or "Pock-e-ston." The latter pronunciation makes you appear cooler of course and being "cool" is important to TV reporters.

Even the names of the Afghan areas make good TV schmuck: Tora Bora, The White Mountains, Kabul, which can be pronounced as "Ka-bool" or "Kobble" depending on how cool you

want to be.

Geraldo says that Tora Bora means Black Wind. In a report this week the "Tora Bora" was blowing at 40 knots. It was blowing dust in their faces and they even had to take their tents down. Tsk, tsk! Panhandle cowboys around the feedyards face their own Tora Bora every day. They call it working.

The 24-hour news wouldn't be complete without a whole team of "formers." Every old gray-haired analyst who offers an expert opinion is a "former" something: former Lt. Col.; former General; former federal prosecutor; and on and on.

The old generals take a pointer and go over to the screenwriter and outline where the attacks are going to be. They talk about the battlefield as though they were still in command of something.

We get to listen to former SEALS, former Green Berets, former Cabinet members. Everybody has an opinion and a forecast.

But, you know what? I don't think any of them have any more of an idea what will happen next than you and I do. They make a prediction one day, then the next day try to explain what went wrong.

It appears that the only thing still sacred on the National News Channels like Fox, CNN and MSNBC, are the commercials.

They set up all these elaborate satellite links to bring reporters from around the world into our living room. Then with some guy standing out in the rain at midnight explaining the latest suicide bombing, the perky host back in the comfy studio interrupts for a

commercial.

The poor nerd stands out there, with fires burning and body parts hanging on trees, while we watch a commercial for Cingular. What the hell is Cingular anyway?

Or how about the Video Professor? I hate that guy. "Try my product" he whines. He wants to send me the first lesson free. I don't trust those pitches. I'm not ordering anything that starts out being free.

I got hooked on a free Time-Life book offer about World War II once and ended up buying about 30 volumes at \$9.95 each. Got some pretty good money for them in the garage sale though.

Last Saturday, I took time off from the TV news and mother and I went to Bed, Bath and Beyond and the Shoe Carnival in Amarillo for some focused shopping.

Bed, Bath and Beyond would be a great place to go in the middle of the week some time other than Christmas. The aisles are narrow and there are not enough checkout stands for a crush of shoppers.

We liked the "Beyond" sections best. That is where all the kitchen gadgets are. They have items for your kitchen you never imagined.

We bought some shoes at the Shoe Carnival. They had a "Buy One, Get A Second Pair For Half-Price" sale. Some of their shoes were already marked down to half-price so they were not included in the sale. Mother had a little trouble with that concept.

I can pretty much tell by looking whether a pair of shoes are my style. In a place like the Shoe Carnival most of the shoes are hip and cool, (Continued on Page 5)

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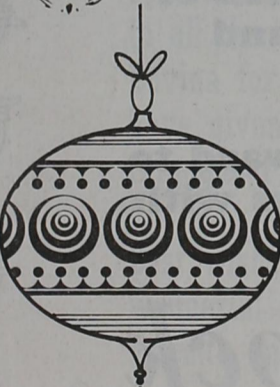


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**British Residents Recall Events Of Sept. 11th In New York City**

Anne Spring, who grew up in Manchester, England, has some distant friends and acquaintances from there, who happened to be in New York, or on their way to New York, at the time of the September 11th terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. After they returned home, the British travelers were asked to write a piece about their memories of the frightening events for a newsletter which is published by their neighborhood association.

Following are selected articles which were written by two of the British citizens:

**by Brian Broadbent**

We had sailed to New York on the P&O ship Aurora and had planned to stay for three nights and then fly back. We had two very busy, happy days in New York.

On Sept. 10, we took the ferry from Battery Park to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. On our return we looked at the Manhattan skyline and I said "Let's go up the Twin Towers tomorrow." This was greeted with eager approval.

Over dinner that evening we discussed our sightseeing for the following day. Our son showed a distinct preference for going to the top of the Empire State Building instead of the Twin Towers, to which we agreed. Little did we know!

The following morning we left our hotel at 8:45 a.m. in Times Square, walked down Broadway and Fifth Avenue toward the Empire State Building. It became apparent that something was wrong because of the excessive police and fire engine sirens, but I thought "Well, this is New York."

We saw a restaurant we liked and decided to pop in and book a table for dinner. The door was opened by a very anxious New Yorker and we were all invited in to watch TV, just in time to see that a plane had hit one of the towers.

"What a tragic accident," everyone thought! But wait, another plane is flying into the second Tower! This is no accident! The horror on the faces of the people present and their typically New York exclamations said it all.

There we were, only about half-a-mile away! Reports

then came from the Pentagon, more horror and then later, a fourth plane, which we had been told, was shot down by the U.S. Airforce; My God, is this World War III, we thought.

Panic set in and we wondered what to do and where to go. I said "Central Park! There are no skyscrapers there!" So that is where we went, and so too did the rest of New York. The traffic was at a standstill and the Park was full of 'men in suits' and mobile phones that wouldn't work.

After a long hot day looking at the cloud of smoke from Lower Manhattan, and listening to the U.S. Military circling the skies, we eventually made our way back to our hotel in Times Square. We hoped the New Yorkers would get home, but I don't know how, because all the bridges and tunnels were closed and there were no trains or underground services. Manhattan was sealed off!

The following day was traumatic also. There was a bomb scare at the Empire State Building and for two hours we feared more atrocities there. We should have flown home on Sept. 12 but we were in a "war zone."

The next day Times Square was evacuated, including our hotel, but the bomb-scars turned out to be hoaxes. All this was very nerve wracking, coupled with the fact that Manhattan was still sealed off and we couldn't get out.

Eventually, five days after the tragedy, we were taken by coach to Boston to sail back home, as there were no flights available in the foreseeable future. We have to say that P&O were brilliant during this emergency.

We arrived back in "Old Blighty" feeling more relaxed after six days at sea. As you can imagine, the events of 11th September are ingrained in our minds and will be for the rest of our lives. We just thank God that we still have our lives to live.

**by Michael Lightfoot**

On Friday I had my last day at work before retirement. On Tuesday following my wife Dorothy, our son David and I set off on a long-planned retirement holiday in America.

We left Manchester on flight #CO21 more or less on time, and the flight went well. About 4 hours into the flight the plane deviated to the north, it seemed because of turbulent weather.

An eventual request for the reason for the continued deviation was met with "The Captain will make an announcement shortly. Half an hour later, a similar request received the same answer.

It was an hour before an explanation was given, during which time, in the minds of many on board, wings or engines were on the point of falling off.

It was Tuesday, the 11th of September.

After an hour, the reason: "Major terrorist incidents within the borders of the United States." We had no other information except that we were heading for Gander, Newfoundland. The U.S.A. had shut its airspace.

Gander was full; St. John's was full. We landed in mist and heavy rain, at Stephenville, Newfoundland, a small airport used to receiving 2 or 3 small planes a day. The weather was bad;

we could see a grey sludge about 500 yards away: it was the Atlantic Ocean.

We sat on the plane for 9 hours. By this time 7 other passenger jets had landed to be filmed and recorded by the astonished townsfolk, who number just over 8,000.

Eventually we were taken off the plane, escorted through a cordon of Royal Mounted Police and registered by the Red Cross. At 12:30 a.m. local time, about 3:30 English time, we were taken to the local Holiday Inn where we were billeted for the next 3 days. We were lucky; many stayed in gymnasias and school halls. On Wednesday morning

we woke to brilliant sunshine, low hills sloping into the blue Atlantic and a welcome that would have made a winter's day in these northerly parts glow with warmth.

The people of the town, the staff at the hotel (the premier hotel in town--I know, I saw the other one!), the shopkeepers, the staff at the superb library could not have been more helpful, more gracious or more hospitable.

How a town of 8000 managed to accommodate close to 2000 travellers is a mystery, but they did, and they did it royally. For three days we were lodged, fed and cossetted, but uninformed. We had no idea when we would leave or where we would go.

One couple sat in the hotel as their daughter was married in Las Vegas, where they were heading. Tours from New York were missed; all but the planes carried on. We packed the local stores hunting for socks, pants, shirts and the like, as all the

luggage remained on the plane.

On the 3rd day, Friday, a Salvation Army major told us "Your prospects of leaving today are zero, and that's being optimistic." A hurricane was coming up the east coast towards us!

At 2 p.m. we were told we would leave at 3:30. We left at about 8 pm., and arrived in Newark, N.J. at about 9:45 p.m., to commence a delayed holiday.

What are the memories? Foremost the unbridled horror of the attacks on the U.S.; the reported anguish of John Kelly, who for years designed covers of a magazine--John was an eyewitness of the W.T.C. attack.

Also, the generosity of the people of Stephenville, the bewilderment, hurt and distress of so many New Yorkers who were, nevertheless, unfailingly welcoming, helpful; and courteous, but most of all, full of spirit and pride. They were brilliant, and so was their city.



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## New Baby Shop Caters To Needy Area Mothers

The Baby's Coming Shop has a new location at 301 S. Polk in downtown Amarillo. For the first time, the shop will be located in the same building as the Coalition of Health Services, streamlining

operations for staff and volunteers who operate the shop to benefit participants in the Coalition's 2CARE for MOMS program. The 2CARE for MOMS incentive program encourages

pregnant women to visit a participating doctor or nurse practitioner within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Participants earn points for completing a schedule of prenatal and postpartum medical appointments, making healthy choices and for attending educational classes related to pregnancy, birth, childcare and more. When fathers participate, even more points are earned. Participants visit the Baby's Coming Shop after their baby is born to redeem points for gifts of baby merchandise.

The Baby's Coming Shop was developed as a joint project of the Coalition of Health Services and the Northwest Texas Division of the March of Dimes. Since opening in 1998, the shop has provided baby gifts to more than 750 mothers and babies. In September 2001, a satellite location of the shop was opened in Borger through the support of the Hutchinson County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies.

"The March of Dimes graciously housed the Baby's Coming Shop since it opened in 1998," said Carolyn Witherspoon, executive director of the Coalition of Health Services. "We will continue our successful partnership on this project with the March of Dimes, and the Coalition will work to provide greater volunteer and staff support with all of our programs under one roof."

"This has been a wonderful partnership," said Vicki Brooks, division director for the March of Dimes. "2CARE for MOMS has done a tremendous job with outreach so that this program benefits women from many communities. We developed the program together and they ran with it. The new location will make the shop easier for women to access."

The Baby's Coming Shop serves eligible women from across the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. According to Texas Department of Health statistics, only 79 per

### MY TURN

## Carol Writes Her Letter To Santa



Dear Santa, I rarely ask for much. This year is no exception. I don't need diamond earrings, handy slicer-dicers, or comfy slippers. I only want one little thing, and I want it very badly. I want to slap Martha Stewart. I get all cozy inside just thinking about it. Don't grant this wish just for me; do it for the thousands of women across the country who share this deep-seated desire. Through sheer vicarious satisfaction, you'll be giving a gift to us all.

Those of us leading average garden variety lives aren't concerned with gracious living. We feel pretty good about ourselves if our paper plates match when we stack them on the counter, buffet-style for dinner.

We're tired of Martha's showing us how to made decorative swags from holly-hock dipped in 18 carat gold. We're plumb out of liquid gold, unless it's the furniture polish variety. We can't whip up Martha's creamy hollandaise sauce with turmeric. Most of us can't even say turmeric, let alone figure out what to do with it.

She wants us to make an aromatic holiday centerpiece; a topiary tree constructed of branches pruned from our evergreen, interspersed with seasonal fruits. She wants us to buy plain cloth napkins and stencil our guests' names in the corner of each one in a contrasting color, so they'll have a little remembrance of the occasion to take home with them.

My guests usually feel pretty fortunate if they fail to take home a case of acid indigestion as their remembrance of the occasion. Perhaps that's the reason why the only guest I've had lately is the guy who came to fix the TV set. I offered him a piece of pumpkin pie, but when he saw the cat's paw print embedded on the top, he said "No, thanks."

Martha avoids take-out pizza. She's only ordered it once and she refuses to eat it cold. No cold pizza! Is Martha Stewart living? When it was pointed out that she could microwave it, she replied, "I don't own a microwave."

Martha has 40 sets of dishes adorning an entire wall of her home. Forty sets! Can you spell "overkill?" And all are neatly put away, no less. If my dishes make it to the dishwasher, that qualifies as "put away" at our house.

Martha tells us she's already made holiday gifts for all her friends. "Last year, I made amazing silk-lined scarves for everyone," she boasts. Not just scarves, mind you, but "Amazing scarves." Martha's obviously not shy about giving herself a little pat on the back.

She goes on to tell us that "homemaking is the glamour of the new century" and says her most glamorous friends are "interested in stain removal, how to iron a monogram, and how to fold a towel." I have a piece of advice, "Martha, get new friends."

There you have it, Santa. If there was ever someone who deserved a good smack, it's Martha Stewart. This is going to be an "Amazing" Christmas.

Signed,  
Momma Carol in Friona

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by **PAUL CRUME**

# To Touch An Angel

(Editor's note: Paul Crume was doubtless one of Texas' most-read newspaper writers of the 20th century. His column, "Big D," appeared on the front page of the Dallas Morning News for 25 years.



**PAUL CRUME**  
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Crume was born and raised in the Lariat/Oklahoma Lane area, and came from a large family. Most of his siblings are deceased, but his sister, Mary Lou Caison Taylor, is a longtime Friona resident.

The following piece is from a collection of some of his favorite columns, collected by his widow, Marion Crume and published by her in a book entitled "The World of Paul Crume" 1980. There is also at least one other book of his columns).

A MAN wrote me not long ago and asked me what I thought of the theory of angels. I immediately told him that I am highly in favor of angels. As a matter of fact, I am scared to death of them.

Any adult human being with half sense, and some with more, knows that there are angels. If he has ever spent any period in loneliness, when the senses are forced in upon themselves, he has felt the wind from their beating wings and been overwhelmed with the sudden realization of the endless and gigantic dark that exists outside the little candle flame of human knowledge. He has prayed, not in the sense that he asked something, but that he yielded himself.

Angels live daily at our very elbows, and so do demons, and most men at one time or another in their lives have yielded themselves to both and have lived to rejoice and rue their impulses.

*But the man who has once felt the beat of the angel's wing finds it easy to rejoice at the universe and at his fellow man.*

THIS sense of cosmos, or angels, or the divine accommodation of a man with the universe, usually happens to a man suddenly. Angels do not take part in work for civic causes or help raise money for the United Fund. A single human heart has to long to touch an angel before it can sense one.

It does not happen to any man often, and too many of us dismiss it when it happens. I remember a time in my final days in college when the chinaberry trees were abloom and the air was sweet with spring blossoms and I stood still on the street, suddenly struck with the feeling of something that was an enormous promise and yet was no tangible promise at all.

And there was another night in a small boat when the moon was full and the distant headlands were dark but beautiful and we were lonely. The pull of a nameless emotion was so strong that it filled the atmosphere. The small boy within me cried.

Psychiatrists will say that the angel in all this was really within me, not outside, but it makes no difference.

*There are angels inside us and angels outside, and the one inside is usually the quickest choked.*

FRANCIS Thompson said it better. He was a late nineteenth-century English poet who would put the current crop of hippies to shame. He was on pot all his life. His pad was always mean and was sometimes a park bench. He was a mental case and a tubercular besides. He carried a fishing creel into which he dropped the poetry that was later to become immortal.

"The angels keep their ancient places," wrote Francis Thompson in protest. "Turn but a stone, and start a wing!"

He was lonely enough to be the constant associate of angels.

There is an angel close to you this day. Merry Christmas, and I wish you well.

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# General Commands Bucs To 'Never Quit'

(From the Tampa Bay, Fla. Tribune)

by KATHERINE SMITH

The Tampa Bay Buccaneer players had a very special visitor after their December 9 game against the Detroit Lions. Army Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command in Afghanistan, marched into Tampa Bay's locker room at Raymond James Stadium, commanding attention and providing inspiration.

"It was like General Patton walking in," Bucs' offensive tackle Jerry Wunsch said.

Coach Tony Dungy invited Franks to speak to the team after a come-from-behind victory made possible by a 13-yard touchdown pass from Brad Johnson to Keyshawn Johnson with 45 seconds remaining.

Franks played football at the University of Texas before joining the Army in 1965, according to *The Shorthorn Online*. Franks talked about lessons the sport taught him and how he utilizes them today.

"The lesson he took from his football coach that he carries through life was you can never quit," Bucs' safety John Lynch said. "I thought it was a great example of what this game is all about."

"Talk about getting it done; That guy's getting it done right now," Wunsch said. "He protects our freedom. Every time I look at my child and look at my wife and we're living in a happy little place, it's people like him we have to thank."

As he ended his postgame speech, Franks left the team



GEN. TOM FRANKS  
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with some motivational words.

"He told us to take care of things on the football field and he would take care of 'that guy' over there," Bucs' receivers coach Charlie Williams said.

(Publisher Bill Ellis is proud to claim Gen. Tommy Franks as his cousin, and he is also thankful to another cousin, Don Ellis of Roosevelt, Oklahoma, for sharing this newspaper article.)

## Out Here Column....

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two characteristics I no longer look for in shoes. I need

comfort and price.

I found a nice pair of Skechers. I tried on the left shoe and it felt really comfy. They were marked down. I bought them.

Mother found four pair and thank goodness they all qualified for the sale or else there would have been tension at the cash register.

When I got ready to wear my hip, cool new Skechers Saturday night to the Fireman's banquet, guess what. I got home with a shoebox that had two left shoes in it. Not only that, one was a 9 1/2 and the other was a 7 1/2. I could only laugh. I'm not much smarter than the people I criticize.

Life is not always what we perceive it to be or hope that it will be. Sometimes we end up with two left shoes. This is my last 2001 column. This is our last 2001 paper. We worked hard on it and I hope you like it.

My colleagues and I will be back January 4, 2002. Please have a peaceful Christmas and New Year's Holiday season.

Pray for our boys and girls in the military and let's be grateful that we have what we have.

Don't drink and drive. We love you all. God Bless America!

# New Texas Tomorrow Fund Enrollment Set

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that Texas families may enroll children in the Texas Tomorrow Fund from now through May 24, 2002.

"With the Texas Tomorrow Fund, Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility," Comptroller Rylander said. "You're not only locking in your child's college tuition and required fees, you're also buying peace of mind at a time of economic uncertainty."

"With the Texas Tomorrow Fund, you pre-pay your child's college tuition and required fees at today's prices," Comptroller Rylander said. "Later, when your child is ready for college, the State of Texas absolutely guarantees those expenses will be paid, no matter how much costs soar in the future."

In kicking off the Texas Tomorrow Fund's annual enrollment period, Comptroller Rylander urged families to take advantage of quick, convenient online enrollment at [www.texas-tomorrowfund.org](http://www.texas-tomorrowfund.org).

"About 40 per cent of the families who signed up for the Texas Tomorrow Fund during the last enrollment period submitted their applications online," Comptroller Rylander said. "When you visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site, you can get answers to your questions and apply immediately. There's no paperwork, no check to write, no concern about mail security and no excuse to put off investing in your child's future."

More than 16,000 Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts were sold during the last enrollment period that ended May 25, 2001. Since the program began in 1996, more than 115,000 Texas families have enrolled in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, and about 8,000 students are now attending college using prepaid tuition.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows parents, grandparents or others to prepay a child's tuition and required fees for up to five years at a Texas public or private university, two years at a community college or two years at a community college plus two years at a senior college. Texas Tomorrow Fund benefits may also be used at out-of-state colleges. Texas Tomorrow

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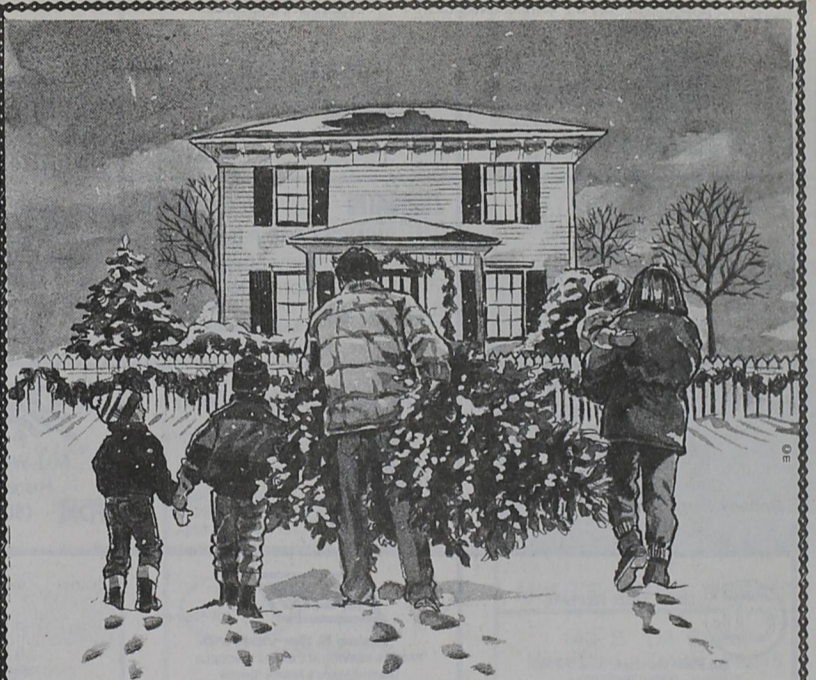
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# Knowing How To "Smell A Norther"

BY LEON HALE

Back on the front porch of my old country house in Washington County. Still waiting for our new house in Houston to get fixed up. By the time that place is ready, we may get more of this country living than we can enjoy.

Lately the weather has been wonderful, but I can sit right here on this porch and smell a norther coming. It may not be showing yet on the weather map, but I know it's on the way. Might be 10 days or even a couple of weeks before we feel it. When it does blow in, this old house will not be much fun to stay in.

Its walls are thin as drugstore toast. Crank the temp down to about 28 degrees and throw in a north wind with gusts up to 30, and this house gets to shivering. It'll make you want to get up and go to town where you came from.

You may remember Old Dog, the black Lab that used to come up here with us. She taught me how to smell a norther coming.

Old Dog loved this house, and the woods around it. She loved taking part in the pieces I do from the country, and she did take part.

When I do these reports from Winedale, I sit in a straight-backed chair pulled up to a redwood picnic table. The chair is one of a set that came out of my Methodist mother's dining room, and the picnic table belonged to one of my sisters.

She gave it to us when she sold her house and moved to a high-rise retirement community. When you have a country place like this, relatives and friends give you things that they no longer want. Sometimes they give you things you can't use, but you take them anyway because what else are you gonna do?



LEON HALE

But this Redwood picnic table was a welcome gift, and Old Dog loved it and slept under it on the porch. She'd lie across my feet while I sat here and put her snout up against a leg of the table and breathe in the redwood smell.

I remember the way she'd get up, about this time in November, and wobble out in the yard. In her latter days she had that crippling dysplasia in her hindquarters so many Labradors have, and getting up and down was a painful struggle.

She'd ease out in the yard and face north, and raise her nose and sniff. Then lower her head a minute before raising it again, to sniff some more. As if she needed to confirm what she'd already detected.

She'd come back on the porch then, and pop down across my feet and look up and I could read that face as sure as I ever read a line in a newspaper. She'd say, "Something's comin'!"

Well, I didn't intend for this to be a dog column, but that's the way it turned out.

By then, Old Dog was pushing 18 and almost helpless. She'd go out and fall and couldn't rise, and I'd have to pick her up and get

her creeping along again. This was a creature that weighed more than 90 pounds at her peak, but she gradually wasted away toward the end and I could lift her into the pickup for the ride she loved.

Her last couple of trips to Winedale, I developed a painful guilt about that animal. I couldn't leave her for a minute. She'd fight slowly to her feet and try to follow me even when every step was a torture.

I was relieved when she died, even though it cost me a quart of tears.

Now we've got this new Lab pup, Charlotte Bronte. I told my partner, Look, this is your dog, not mine. This pup will outlive me, and I don't want to form an attachment. And so far, this is working out pretty well.

Although, I do admit that when I stretch out on the sofa at night to watch TV, I like the way Charlotte Bronte lies there with me, and rests her muzzle on my stomach.

I'm telling you, a norther is coming. I can smell it.

Leon Hale's daily column appears in the *Houston Chronicle*. He is one of *Ye Editor's* favorite writers, through our friend Doris Lange of Houston. Our friend and former publisher of the *Star*, Joe Osborn of Austin, is a longtime friend of Hale's. If you like, you may e-mail Leon at [leon.hale@chron.com](mailto:leon.hale@chron.com) or visit his Web site at [www.leonhale.com](http://www.leonhale.com)

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by Wayne Bristow



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I declare open season on peanut brittle,  
Losing all care that it goes to my middle.

Trim the tree, and do it quite early.  
Take it down before the Super Bowl, and I'll get surly.  
You frown and say you hate fruitcake?  
Give it to me, and my Christmas you'll make.

Clean the hearth and decorate the mantle.  
Bring in the Yule log and all the wood you can handle.  
Place a candle before each pane,  
And hope that flakes soon fall on our lane.

With nog and the singing of Bing and Gene,  
Before a crackling fire I become serene,  
Musing about the ones I used to know,  
And imagining sleigh bells in the snow.

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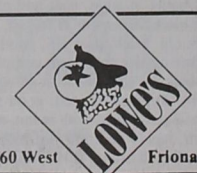
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## POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following have authorized the Friona Star/Bovina Blade to announce their candidacy for political office, subject to the party primaries in March, 2002:

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**  
 County Treasurer:  
 Altha Herington  
 County Commissioner,  
 Pct. 4:  
 Elvis Powell  
 Justice of the Peace,  
 JP-1:  
 Virgil Phipps  
 Shara Lookingbill  
 Fred Ferguson  
 Valton Howard

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**  
 County Judge:  
 Bonnie Clayton (I)  
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 F&B-3tc-12/7-12/14-12/21

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**  
 The Red River Authority of Texas (the "Issuer") will hold a public hearing at 12:00 p.m. on January 14, 2002, at the Excel Corporation facilities located at 4 miles West Highway 60, in the City of Friona, Texas. Among the items to be discussed will be a proposal for the issuance by the Issuer of its revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance the acquisition, construction, and improvement of sewage and solid waste disposal facilities, such improvements to include the installation of a wastewater treatment plant, including a modified conventional activated sludge system (the "Project"), for the beef processing facilities located at 4 miles West Highway 60, in Friona, Farmer County, Texas owned and operated by Excel Corporation. The Project will also be owned and operated by Excel Corporation. The maximum aggregate face amount of the Bonds to be issued with respect to the Project is \$5,000,000. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the Issuer prior to the time set for the public hearing or to attend the public hearing and express any comments they may have regarding the Project or the Bonds.

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS  
 900 Eighth Street  
 Hamilton Building, Suite 520  
 Wichita Falls, Texas 76301  
 Attention: Ron Glenn  
 F-1tc-12/21



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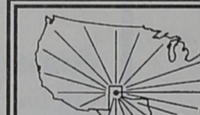
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 John R. Blackwell, W.M.  
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 F-tfnc-8/3

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Sixth St. Church of Christ is collecting clothes for Medina Children's Home. If you have clothes that you would like to discard, regardless of size or condition, please bring them to Sixth St. Church of Christ.  
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# A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

*'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.  
The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and with letters which said....*

*"Too bad 'bout the data for which you wrote,  
It sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."  
Stacks of old copies of Wills and of such  
Were proof that my work had become much too much!*

*My children were nestled all snug under blankets,  
Their visions were Nintendos, TV's and fur jackets!  
And I, at my table, was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.*

*Christmas was here and of such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.  
Had I not been so busy with grandparent's Wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.*

*While others bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer,  
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.  
But while I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me a great fright.*

*Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleight and eight small reindeer.*

*Up the housetop the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleight full of toys, and 'Ole Santa Claus too!  
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hooves.*

*The TV antenna was no match for their horns,  
Just look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.  
As I drew in my head it bumped on the sash,  
Then down the cold chimney fell Santa KE-RASH!*

*Dear Santa had come from the roof like a wreck  
and tracked soot on my carpet. I could wring his short neck!  
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see  
I had no Christmas spirit, you'd have to agree.*

*He spoke not a word but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings while I felt like a jerk.  
Here was Santa who'd brought us such joy  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.*

*He spied my research on the table all spread  
'A genealogist!' he cried. My face was all red!  
'Tonight, I've met many like you,' Santa grinned  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.*

*I gazed with amazement--the cover it read:  
GENEALOGY LINES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PLEAD.  
'I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,'  
He said, as he gave me a great Santa hug.*

*'While the elves make all the toys I now carry,  
'I do some research at the North Pole Library.  
'A special treat I am thus able to bring,  
'To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.'*

*'Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
'I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess.'  
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.*

*When I settled in bed, I heard Santa whistle  
To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle.  
Faintly I heard his voice come to me,  
'HAND WRITING may connect to my family tree.'*

*'So don't forget to send in your check.  
'Then you won't miss an issue, by heck.'  
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
'Family History is fun! Merry Christmas, and Good-night.'*

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Edited and revised by Gladys

## Fast Track Legislation Passage Dismays Texas Farmers Union

The Texas Farmers Union (TFU) expressed his disappointment in the narrow passage of fast-track legislation.

After only one hour of regulated debate on the issue, the House Republicans squeaked out a one-vote win on presidential trade negotiation authority.

"Farmers Union will now work to stop fast track in its track as it heads to the Senate for consideration," TFU President Wes Sims said. "Trade promotion authority leaves Congress in a 'take it or leave it' position in trade pacts. It provides a broad list of objectives without any binding requirements to ensure negotiators achieve specific results before a trade agreement may be concluded and sent to Congress for ratification."

Sims pointed out that presidential trade promotion authority is not necessary for the United States to engage in trade pacts, citing Vietnam and Jordan trade agreements as examples.

"Fast track legislation only reduces the oversight capacity of Congress throughout the negotiating process. And, current farm bill proposals appear to be at odds with the position of U.S. trade negotiators," Sims said.

During recent trade talks in Doha, Qatar, U.S. trade representatives agreed to include in the World Trade Organization (WTO) agenda anti-dumping protections and other domestic trade laws

that counter unfair practices by other countries. According to Sims, fast-track legislation would allow the administration to negotiate away domestic trade laws that can be used to protect U.S. producers from unfair trade practices by other countries.

"Over the last five years, competitive agricultural imports into the United States have increased 30 per cent, while U.S. agricultural exports have yet to reach the level achieved in 1996. The bill does not adequately address this disparity or tackle labor and environmental standards and currency differences that are crucial to farmers who compete in an increasingly global economy," Sims said.

*May Your Days Be Filled  
With Light  
& Laughter*

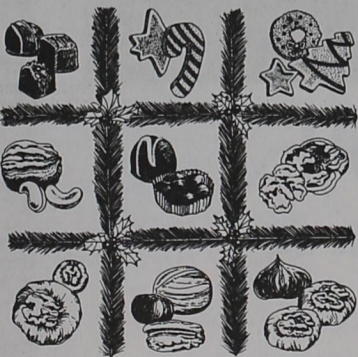
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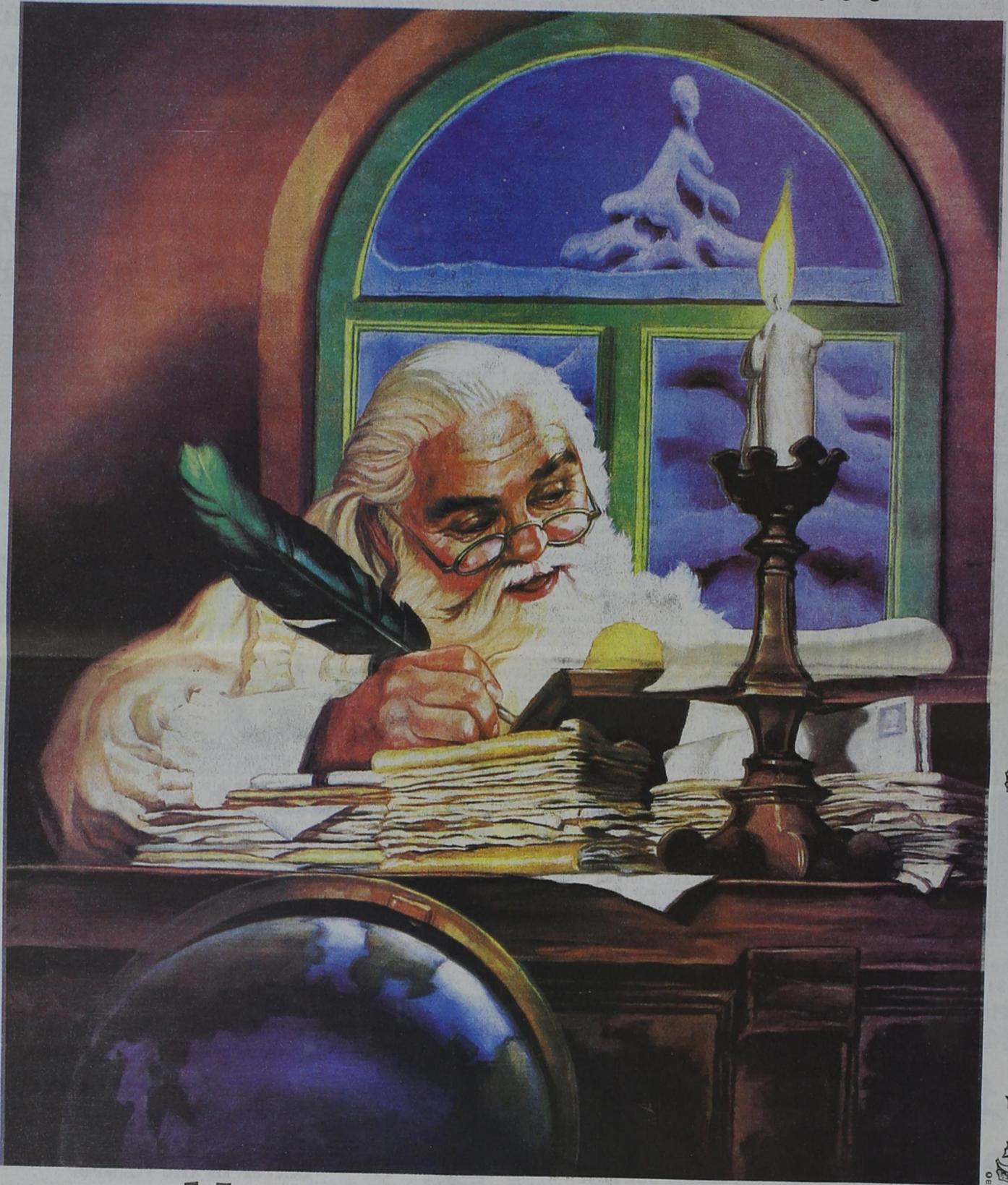
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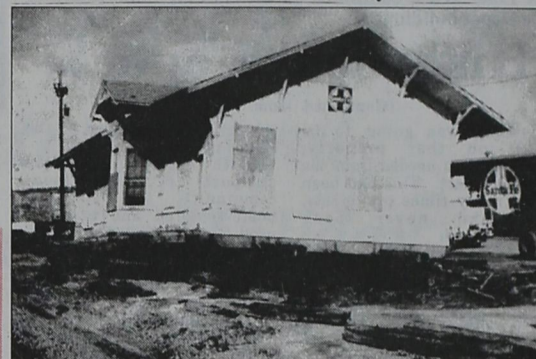
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**DRESSED UP FOR CHRISTMAS 2001....**The little old yellow depot in the middle of the City Park looks almost new sitting there dressed in Christmas lights and decorations. The oldest building in the City of Friona has been restored and preserved for future civic use, and is a source of pride for local residents.



**IN 1941---**The Depot stood, none the worse for wear, in the middle of the famous Friona flood of May 1941.



**IN 1986---**The Depot was moved from its original location beside the railroad tracks.

## Historical Old Depot In The Park Is A Source Of Pride For Friona

BY CAROL ELLIS

Newcomers to this area may not know that the yellow building which stands in the middle of the City Park holds a unique place in the history of Friona. It served as the Santa Fe Depot building for nearly 78 years before being moved to the Park in 1986.

The building originally faced south along the railroad tracks when it was built in 1908. The population of Friona was then 150 folks, with more new families arriving at a steady pace.

An indoor restroom was eventually added in the building several years later, but little else was done to it except for a little paint.

Millions of dollars passed through this Depot for passengers and freight transportation, including cattle, cotton and grain. Mail came into Friona on the trains four times daily, with overnight

service to the entire Texas Panhandle and places as far away as Dallas.

Then in 1984 there were rumors that the railroad was planning to discontinue use of their many depot buildings which had rested along side the tracks for so many years. They were attempting to get rid of these old buildings one way or another, and several individuals were interested in bidding on them.

In 1985, with the Texas Sesquicentennial coming up the following year, a Sesquicentennial Committee was formed consisting of City Council members, Chamber of Commerce members, and other interested local citizens.

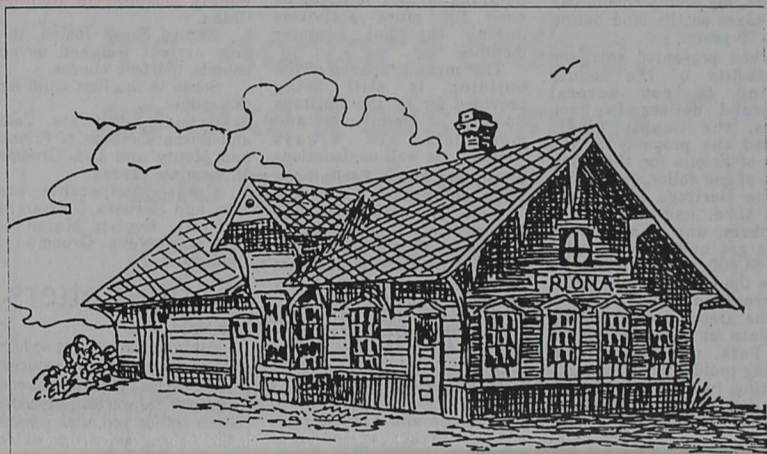
Acquiring and moving the Depot became a major project of this committee, through the efforts of four ladies; Beth Thompson, Mary Johnston, Carol Ellis and Lois Norwood. The Friona City

Commission accepted ownership of the Depot from Santa Fe, but did not have the funds to provide for moving the structure, renovation and/or the upkeep. So the ladies then established the Community Heritage Society of Friona, Inc., and with the help of local lawyer Bryan Johnston, obtained a charter and tax free status.

It was decided that the City Park on Main Street was the best location for the building. However the Park had been deeded to Parmer County for a Court House Building when the 368 acre Friona townsite was originally laid out in 1906.

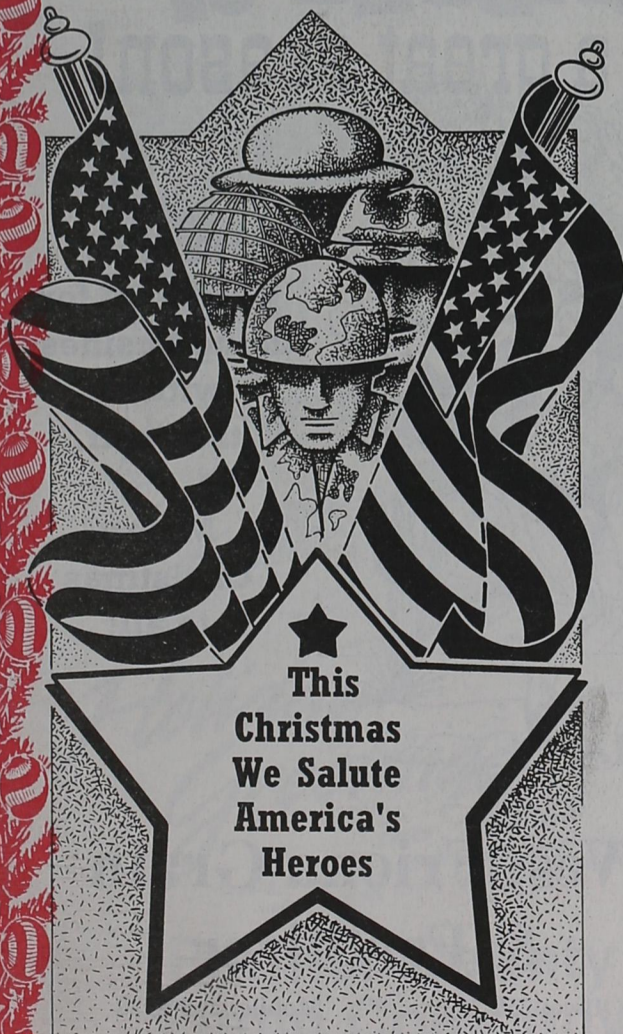
But, by hook or by crook Farwell ended up as being the county seat. So technically the Park in the middle of Friona was County property, rather than belonging to the City for all those years. If

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**IN 1909....**The Santa Fe Depot was built facing South near the elevator. It replaced the first Depot which consisted of a couple of box cars.

# Merry Christmas To America



*Twas the night before Christmas  
he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of  
plaster and stone.*

*I had come down the chimney  
with presents to give,  
And to see just who  
in this home did live.*

*I looked all about,  
a strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel, no presents,  
not even a tree.*

*No stocking by mantle,  
just boots filled with sand,  
On the wall hung pictures  
of far distant lands.*

*With medals and badges,  
awards of all kinds,  
a sober thought  
came through my mind.*

*For this house was different,  
it was dark and dreary,  
I found the home of a soldier,  
once I could see clearly.*

*The soldier lay sleeping,  
silent, alone,  
curled up on the floor  
in this one bedroom home.*

*The face was so gentle,  
the room in such disorder,  
not how I pictured  
a United States soldier.*

*Was this the hero  
of whom I'd just read?  
curled up on a poncho,  
the floor for a bed?*

*I realized the families  
that I saw this night,  
owed their lives to these soldiers,  
who were willing to fight.*

*Soon round the world,  
the children would play,  
and grown-ups would celebrate  
a bright Christmas Day.*

*They all enjoyed freedom  
each month of the year,  
because of the soldiers,  
like the one lying here.*

*I couldn't help wonder  
how many lay alone,  
on a cold Christmas Eve  
in a land far from home.*

*The very thought  
brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees  
and started to cry.*

*The soldier awakened  
and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa don't cry,  
this life is my choice.*

*I fight for freedom,  
I don't ask for more,  
my life is my God  
my country, my corps."*


*The soldier rolled over  
and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it,  
I continued to weep.*

*I kept watch for hours,  
so silent and still  
and we both shivered  
from the cold night's chill.*

*I didn't want to leave  
on that cold, dark night  
this guardian of honor  
so willing to fight.*

*Then the soldier rolled over,  
with a voice soft and pure,  
whispered, "Carry on Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, all is secure."*

*One look at my watch,  
and I knew he was right,  
"Merry Christmas my friend,  
and to all a good night."*

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IN 1988--Work continued on the exterior renovation of the Depot building.

## Historical Depot....

(Continued from Page 1)

anything was going to be built on that property, approval was needed from the County Court. This had been tried many times previously, but had never been accomplished.

Again, Bryan Johnston came to the rescue and accompanied a group of Friona citizens to a meeting with the Parmer County Commissioners Court. He proposed that, since the park property actually belonged to the county but was located in Friona, the county should pay city taxes on the land dating back 79 years.

When presented with the possibility of the county having to pay several thousand dollars in back taxes, the County gladly decided the property to the City of Friona for the token price of one dollar.

The Heritage Society, by that time, had around 100 members, and a huge fund drive got underway to raise the \$4,800 it would take to move the building from beside the tracks in 1986.

The Depot looked rather desolate for the first year in the Park, until more fundraising could provide for sand-blasting, roof repair, painting, and dirt and concrete work around the outside. Total cost for the external repairs came to \$5,600.

Still nothing had been done to the inside of the building. Inside restoration was going to cost an overwhelming \$25,000. A search got underway for grants and foundations that might be interested in helping with this historical restoration. Sure enough, the Meadows Foundation and the Don and Sybil Herrington Foundation came through with more than enough funds to provide for

restoring the interior of the Depot in 1988.

With these grants and the support of the local community, the Depot has been restored and is being used for many civic functions, political town meetings, art shows, demonstrations, luncheons, and entertainment in the Park.

Six years ago, the group applied for, and received a grant from Southwestern Public Service to provide funds to air condition the building so that it could be used for more activities during the hot summer months.

The ongoing upkeep of the building is still being provided for by the Heritage Society. Donations and memorials are always welcome, as well as donations of any old Santa Fe Railway relics and artifacts.

Now 15 years later, the historical old Depot Building that sits in the center of Friona City Park is a source of pride for everyone in the community and the area.

### Boy Is Born To Charlie Morgans

Charlie and Lisa Morgan of Frisco, Texas are proud to announce the birth of a son, Charles Jackie Morgan III.

He was born on December 9, 2001, at 11:48 a.m. at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton, Texas. He weighed 7.66 pounds and was 19 3/8 inches long. He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Jim and Jeanne Cozzetto of Shreveport, Louisiana; Ken and Diane Walser of Hereford; and the late Jackie Morgan of Friona.



JOSH BARNETT FIDDLES WITH SANTA'S BUCKLE AS HE RECITES HIS CHRISTMAS WISH LIST AT THE CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK ACTIVITIES.

### B.J. Groomes Have A Boy

B.J. and Rena Groome, who are presently residing in Shanghai, China, are the parents of a baby boy born December 13 at the United Family Hospital in Beijing, China.

Named Soren Josiah, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

Soren is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Tom and Barbara Mason of Friona and Monty and Lyn Groome of Mesquite, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Tom and Barbara O'Brian of Dimmitt, Evalyn Mason of Post and Neva Groome of Dallas.

### Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

Are your elfs working so hard and are your reindeers practicing flying? I'm glad you bring presents for people. Do you eat everybodys cookies and do you drink peoples milk? I hope you won't get so tired and tell Pranser to leave tracks in the snow. I like all your reindeers. I want a game boy colored advance and a play station game and a computer with games.

Your friend, Ismael Rocha

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Dear Santa,

Is it cold at the North Pole? Are your rindeers cold? Is it fun at the North Pole? For presents I want a Playstation 2.

Your friend, Jose



BRANDON DOUGLAS IS MAKING GOOD EYE CONTACT WITH SANTA CLAUS AS HE MAKES HIS CHRISTMAS WISH KNOWN DURING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK.

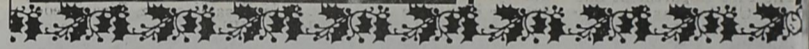


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## Ex-Resident Buried Here

Funeral services for Zena Jane London, 58, were conducted Monday, December 17, at Friona's First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Don Boren, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Ms. London passed away Friday, December 14, at Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

She was born January 1, 1943, in Lubbock, the daughter of Margie (Truax) and P.L. London.

The deceased lived most of her life in Friona, but had lived the past nine years in Levelland. She was a member of Friona's First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Maridee LaPorte of Dallas, and two brothers, Jerry London and Richard London, both of Friona.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA...

Week of December 23-29

Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

December 23--Sue Wells, Lavenia Duke, Uldene Grimsley.

December 24--Jon Osborn, Bert Osborn, Wana Brewer, Gabriel Baca, Mike Herbert.

December 25--Holly Mohr, Bob Hurst, Dr. Bob Sanders, Betty Smock, Michael McLellan, Mickey Harrelson.

December 26--Wade Cargile, Lindsey Nicole Jennings, Guy Ellis, Tony Day, Opal Baxter, Teresa Taylor, Lynda Grimsley, Tyler Peace.

December 27--Joanna Schueler, Johnnie Walters, Micha Duke, Levi Whitney Bandy.

December 28--Allen Stewart, Todd Long, James Chadwick, Sara Zerfas, Kim Caffey, Jan Parker, Nathan Hoon, Amy Stephens.

December 29--Holly White Schueler, Alan Monroe, Debby Stovall, Heather Schueler, Melissa Vazquez, Zora Gaede.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

## Fire Department News

BY DARRELL BARLOW

**Reporter**  
The Friona Volunteer Department wishes each one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Fire Department had their Christmas party Saturday night. The food was cooked by 4-Way Pump Service and their wives and it was delicious.

The cobblers for dessert were prepared by Gaylon and Kerri Jack and they did not last very long.

The Friona Volunteer Firefighter-of-the-Year was Larry Martin. Paula Wilson (city manager) presented the

award to Larry.

Everyone had a great time at the banquet. Mayor Monroe and his wife Peggy attended as did city councilman Ronnie Stevick and wife Carolyn and county commissioner Kirk Frye.

Also, Santa Claus made an appearance for all the little (and big) kids present. Thanks Danny.

And thanks to all for making Friona and surrounding area a safe place to live. If you are driving during the Christmas holidays be careful and watch the other drivers.

Darrell Barlow



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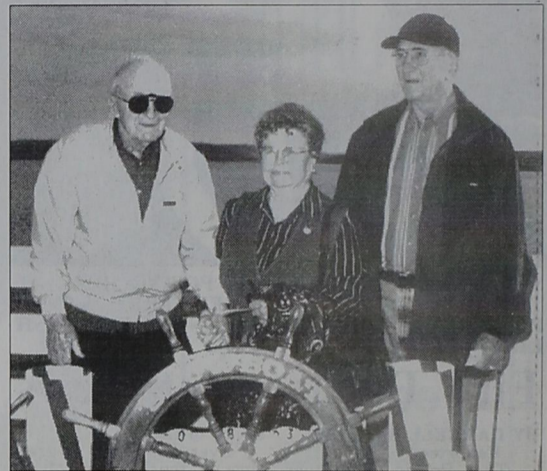
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**NAME US AND WIN A PRIZE...**The first person to correctly identify Friona's "Dance Hall Ladies" in the photo taken on the recent trip sponsored by Friona State Bank to Branson, Mo. will win a free book from the Friona Star. Those who were on the trip are not eligible. Let's see if your friends can name you! Call 250-2211, and leave a message, which will give us the time you called.



**WOMEN DRIVERS....**Marlene Drake, left, and Judy Cummings were photographed aboard the "Branson Belle," a showboat, during the ladies' recent trip to Branson, Missouri with the Friona group.



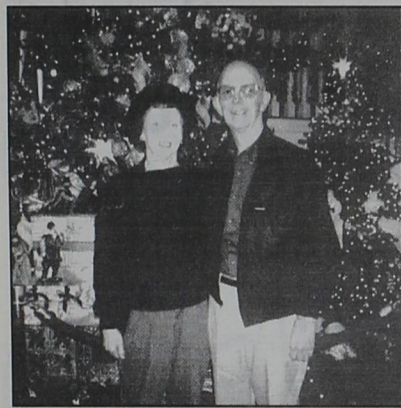
**THREE OTHER MEMBERS** of Friona State Bank's group going to Branson were photographed at the "wheel" of the old-time showboat. From the left are Meryl and Olive Massie and Bob Naylor.



**\* Santa Letters \***

Dear Santa,  
You know how you name reindeers. I will like to know their names. I would like a swimming pool and Barbie. That's all I want.  
Love, Nohey Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I wish that you will work hard and bring me an airplane. You are nice because you bring people who are good presents.  
Love, Alex Romero



**\* Santa Letters \***

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I want a new game. I want a Play Station.  
Your friend, Javier

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me sum presins? I been nice. Will you bring me a queen that comes like my size and with a queen set.  
Your friend, Macy

Dear Santa,  
I do like your toys because you have red clothes and you do have lots of toys and the toys you have are pridy and this year is pridy and your wife is great but I do want a computer.  
Your friend, Marissa

God took an angel from us, leaving us to mourn the loss of a beautiful woman.

As we go on with life we are reminded of all she was to us, and how important she was in our lives.

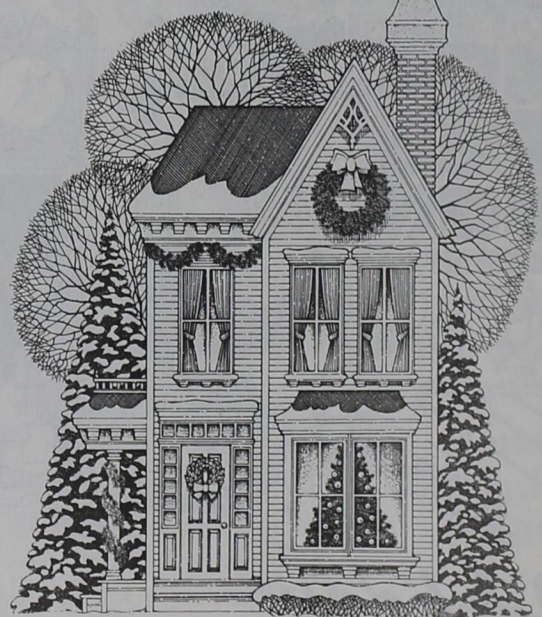
I know that she is in a better place now. She was an angel while she was here among us, and now she is an angel sitting beside God.

As she looks down at us, she would want us to know that the pain is gone. She is at peace now.

With this we would like to thank everyone that shared in our loss.

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❄️ ❄️ Letters To Santa ❄️ ❄️

Dear Santa,  
Do you eat all the cookies at peoples houses? How are the raindeers and the elfs? Are the elfs working hard? I want a Rumble Robot, Rumble Armr, a computer and hot wheels race track.  
Your friend, Matthew Teague  
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Dear Santa,  
Can you get a puppy for me when it is Christmas? Merry Christmas Santa. Thanks Santa.  
Love, Stephanie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Do you really eat and drink everybody's milk and cookies? How many houses do you go to on Christmas? The presents I would like for Christmas are a basketball or a soccerball, Baby-Sitter Club books, new clothes, playing school stuff, games to keep to myself and headphones.  
Your friend, Rachel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Have you had lots of fun on your vacation? So can you please give me a baby plus a lots more stuff. I don't mene hudres of stuff but I want a cooker.  
Your friend, Teresa  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a stroller for my twin doll because my mom took my stroller to school for her kids to play with. I also want some radio walkie talkies. If you can bring me these things I would be so happy.  
Caitlin Bronniman

**J. Ahrhart Earns Her BS Degree**

Jenny Rhea Ahrhart, originally of Friona, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in interdisciplinary studies from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, during commencement ceremonies held December 8.  
A reading major, she graduated cum laude, earning an overall grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.69. She is the daughter of Jose and Joan Troche of Brick, New Jersey.

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas I hope you bring me presint. I'll bake you some cookies and milk. Santa how do randeers fly? Santa can you get me a play station 64 and a harry potler game boy Pokemon for Christmas?  
Your friend, Donovan Ortiz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Did you have a good year Santa? Santa how is your randers? Santa what I want is a G.I. Joe, 50 dirt bike, a robot to do my home work, go cart, snowboard, four willer, logo set and on my A.R. leave me a note.  
Your friend, Dillon Kelley  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing over there? Fine cause I am sure you know what I want for Christmas. I want a T.V. and a bed for my baby sister and I want a bed for me and a bed for my dog and a chain for my dog.  
Okay, bye.  
From Eva



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So it could light the way across  
The time from here to Bethlehem.*

*The brilliance of a million stars  
Was not as bright as that one's glow,  
That spanned across eternity  
To bring us hope, for us to know*

*That even in the darkest times,  
We can believe, that Christmas morn,  
Of all the many stars, God sent  
A special one, when Christ was born.*

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**GIRL SCOUTS** pause for a moment during a hike at Camp Rio Blanco. This photograph was taken at Overlook Point, a platform built for viewing the entire camp.

## The Gift Of Harmony

By REV. ALVIN PETTY

This Christmas I would remind you of a great gift you have already been given as an American. It is the gift of harmony which made possible the creation and sustenance of our democratic institutions and way of life. It is also the major idea behind the creation and success of our free market capitalistic system of eco-

nomics. It is a gift which must be much appreciated or it will become ineffective for our society.

The idea of harmony was the ruling concept of almost every great philosopher in the West in the eighteenth century enlightenment. To a man every one of our great founding fathers was a child of the philosophy of the eighteenth century enlightenment. They were almost intoxicated with the concept of harmony and it is what makes our democracy work.

The idea of harmony in the enlightenment was a paradox. It was always qualified by the phrase "in spite of." An ancient Greek school of philosophy, long before Christ, spoke of a universal beauty and harmony that moved the universe toward a good finished completion "in spite of" every individual thing and person seemingly going their own way. Through all there was an overarching harmony that was sovereign in the universe.

The great Greek philosopher, Plato, made the concept of harmony the central concept of his philosophy. It became a very important concept of Christian theology and fundamental to a Christian's daily life. The Christian scriptures called this concept of harmony, "Providence." The classic verse describing it is Romans 8:28, "for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose."

"Providence means that God is creating in every moment and directing everything in history toward an ultimate fulfillment in the Kingdom of God." This is in spite of human limitation and sin. Providence means that God rules every moment so that any one can experience at any time, in spite of evil circumstances, God and His Kingdom. This is a doctrine of hope for all people.

In the Enlightenment this Christian doctrine is secularized but it keeps certain elements of it. It especially keeps the "in spite

of" principles in the philosophies. Adam Smith (1723-1790) expressed this principle of harmony in his Manchester School of Economics. He said that "in spite of" the fact we all look out for our own profit in business there is a "hidden law" at work that in the end makes production and consumption work out for the best in general when people are allowed to work at their goals in a free market economy. This kind of thought has eliminated poverty more than any other system of economics in the history of mankind.

The same kind of optimistic faith in harmony or providence prevailed in the political philosophy of the Enlightenment. Enlightenment philosophers taught that "democracy presupposed that if every person follows his own reasoning, a general consensus or majority will, can be formed which is generally to the advantage of all."

The same concept shaped the field of education in our country. Our founding fathers molded by Enlightenment philosophy created public schools to educate all. These had never existed in history before this time. These Fathers believed that if you gave everyone the opportunity to develop their power of reason they would become informed and be able "in spite of selfishness and difference" to sustain a great democracy.

So this Christmas I wish that every person whether religious or not, be thankful for the concept of good, benevolent "Hidden Law" principles of Harmony and providence of Almighty God. For you see, for a society to benefit from this concept it must have optimism, hope, faith that this principle is at work. To not be aware of it, or believe in it or appreciate it is to become blind to our blessings and become enslaved to the evil circumstances of the moment. To not appreciate the good that you have is to take it for granted and inevitably lose it.

So this Christmas, I ask, "What is the world coming to?" and I answer, "Why, it is coming to a good end or purpose, "in spite of" the fact that it sometimes seems headed to Hell in a hand basket."

### \* Santa Letters \*

Dear Santa,  
I want a family of soft toy dogs. I want a family of soft toy cats. I've been special and good.  
Love, Ashton Lafuente  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed cat and a small baby doll with clothes and food I would also like a writing desk. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Yours truly, Cheyenne Harris  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like to have a go cart named dog.  
Love, Jon Raymond  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves doing? I would like to see the North Pole. I would like to have a Nintendo Game Boy Game and go-cart.  
Oscar Vazquez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves doing? Are they working hard? I would like to have a computer.  
Love, Louis Rojas

## Girl Scouts Earn Camp Badges

December 7-9, junior and cadette level Friona Girl Scout Troops 326, 115 and 290 spent a weekend at Camp Rio Blanco near Crosbyton.

Under the leadership of Pam Kendrick, Melanie London and Stormi Roberson, the girls learned the 8 Basic Outdoor Skills, worked on crafts using both manmade materials and materials from nature, and studied more about the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliet Gordon Lowe.

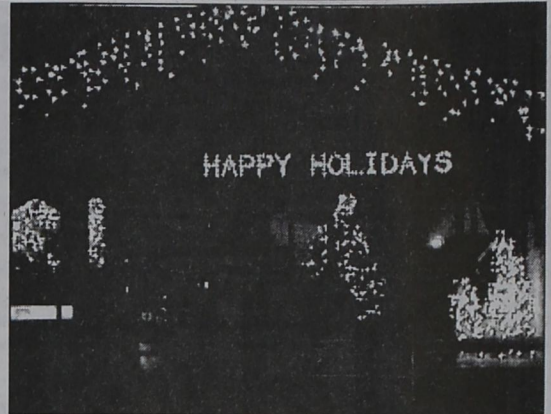
The girls took a hike around the camp and learned the history of Camp Rio Blanco. They were visited each morning by the wild turkeys that roam freely about the camp.

The campers learned to cook on a propane stove and an open campfire, and they made their own Buddy Burners and Vagabond stoves to cook on as well. Smores and singing were a traditional staple around the campfire.

On the last night, a flag burning ceremony was conducted. Melanie and Micah London had a flag they had flown during the Persian Gulf War that was worn and torn, so they gave it to the Girl Scouts to dispose of properly. The ceremony was a moving one and really highlighted the patriotism inspired by Old Glory.

At the end of the weekend, the junior Girl Scouts had earned these badges: Outdoor Creativity, Outdoor Fun, Troop Camper, Outdoor Cook, and Dabber and Girl Scouting in the USA. The juniors attending were Kaylee Crozier, Kirsty Cruz, Kia Given, Jessie London, Lacey Lookingbill, Melina Vega, Heather Sandoval, Britney Mercado, Kandra Villanueva, Staci Fairweather, Kaysa Crozier, Tori Abeyta, Maria Meza, Desiree Rando, Lucy Mendez and BreAnna Valenzuela.

The cadette campers earned two Interest Project Patches: Camping and Outdoor Survival. The cadettes attending were Jennifer Kendrick and Jamie Clark.



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Love, Eliseo Delgadillo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. I hope you are doing well. I hope you give me a toy dirt bike and a road bike and a four wheeler. P.S. I love you Santa.  
From Paden Henry  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a personal CD player and free carry case with purchase. Game Boy advance survival kit. Take a fun ride with scooter Samantha. Diva Starz collectible dolls are ultra cool. Slimmer, more portable Password Journal 2, opens to the sound of only your voice. Little artists will love making rainbow colored effects with this rainbow art activity set. Glitter Girl activity kit is a must for every young girl. She'll carry her Britney Spears backpack everywhere.  
Love, Corina  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love to see your northpoll. Is it big or not cause just want to know. I would like to go up there. The end.  
From Eva  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want some clothes for Christmas. I would like some CDs for Christmas. I would like some hats and mittens. I would like three new sweaters for Christmas. I would love some jewelry. Because I really been a good girl.  
Love, Trinidad Gonzales  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas or a toy or close. It doesn't matter. I don't want you to have a hard time. You shouldn't have a hard time. I don't mine what you give me.  
Liliana Hernandez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. I hope you are doing well. I have been a good girl this year. P.S. I am sending a picture to show you what it looks like. Be safe. I love you Santa.  
Love, Terra Montana  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I will like to see you at Dallas because I want to see your elves and I will stay up maybe I will stay up for you but you have to promes you will come so I can see your raindears. Oh, and this is what I want. A computer, something that says princess. And a baby sister a real baby sister because I do not have one to play with. Let's get back to the presents.  
Mirella Galaviz  
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Dear Santa,  
I am very proud that you bring us presents. I wish you could bring your elves for I could see them. I am sending this letter to you. What I want for Christmas is a contin candy muchin. That's what I want for Christmas.  
Your friend, Gabriela Reveles  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I live in a deffrent house at 308 Woodland. What I want for Christmas is a trampolen and a puppy or a dog. Tell Roudolf and the others we will have treats for them, you too.  
Your friend, Christina Elena Young  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Are the elves working hard? I am all ready for Christmas. I want two G.I. Joes, a vehicle for them and some beef jerky. I love beef jerky. I also want Mario Bros. and Sheep Raider.  
Your friend, Trevor  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a KZ125, and a cd games, for a play station, a four wheeler.  
Kolton  
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