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Friona Star early deadline next week

The Friona Star will publish the January 1 issue a day early next week.

Deadline for news and advertising is Monday December 29 at 5 p.m. The Star will be published Wednesday, December 31 due to the New Year's Day holiday on Thursday.

We will resume our normal publishing schedule Thursday, January 8, 2009. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

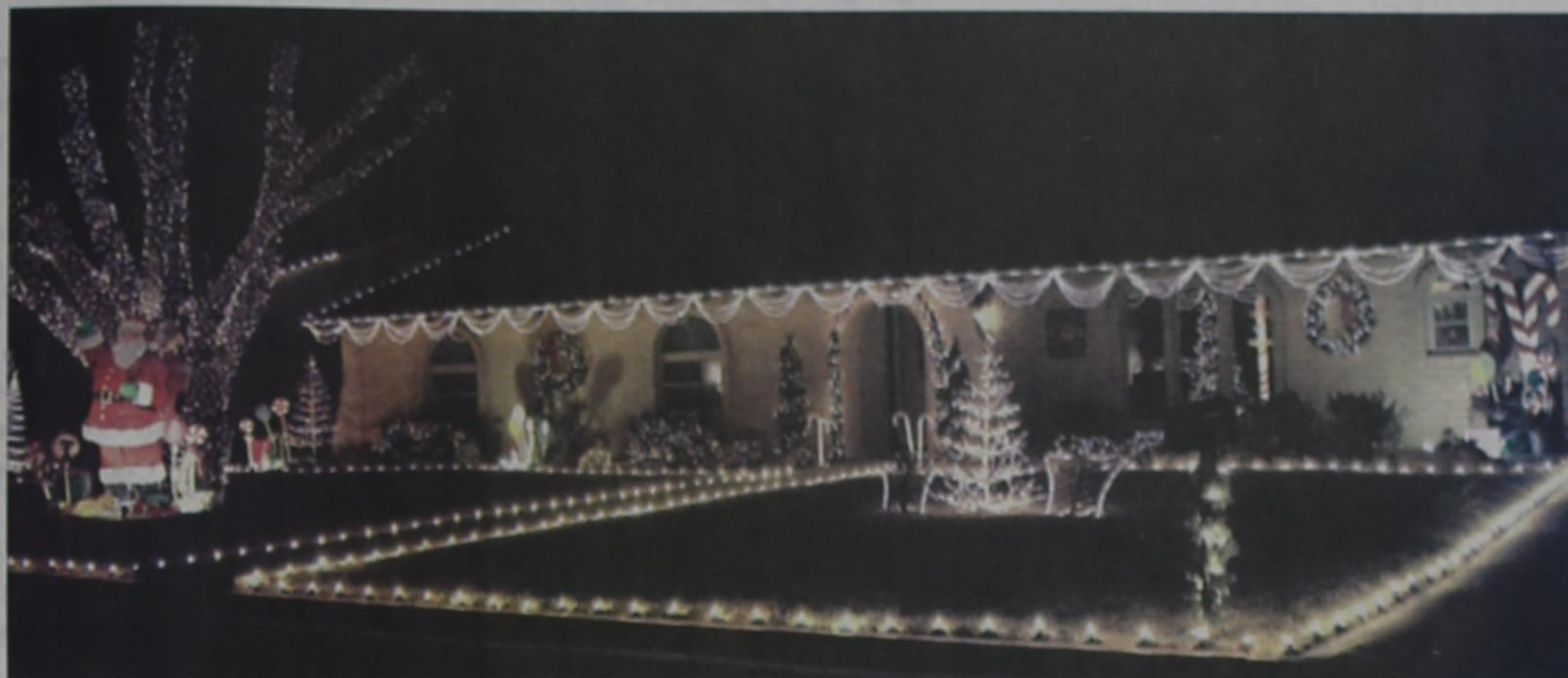
Lubbock newspaper cancels Parmer Co.

Effective at the end of December the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal will no longer be delivered to Farwell, Bovina, and Friona.

We have learned that the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal will not be distributed in this area beyond Muleshoe. Home delivery and news rack sales of the Lubbock paper will not be available in Parmer County beyond January 1, 2009.

Anyone interested in receiving the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal by U.S. Mail should contact the newspaper.

LIGHTING WINNER



ron carr photo

The Friona Chamber of Commerce Judges selected the Bryan and Dana Campbell residence at 1610 W. 10th as the 2008 Christmas Lighting contest winner. The Campbells won \$100 in Friona Bucks.



Emily Campbell visits Santa

Livestock show is January 14-17

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Friona Community Center January 14-17.

Registration and weigh-in will be Wednesday January 14. The show will be Thursday and the premium sale will be on Saturday January 17. Times and show schedule will be published at a later date.

Merry Christmas



Cheer is catching - pass it on

BY RON SMITH, Southwest Farm Press

You know those annoying news flashes that creep across the bottom of your television screen while you're trying to watch some educational program like Samantha Who or the Big Bang Theory? And you miss something significant when a blurb catches your attention and you have to TiVo back to catch up? Don't you hate that?

Well, I usually do too, but this morning I was distracted from Good Morning America by this brief little message that said research has discovered that cheerfulness is contagious. That's welcome news, I thought, cheerfully, especially as it scrolled across the screen behind the latest figures from Wall Street.

I think the news also was timed to drop during the Christmas season, which is supposed to be a time of great cheer, but is often a time of great stress instead.

It came on a day when I had a meeting scheduled with a broker to review the dismal state of my IRA and I also had an appointment to get a cortisone injection into my increasingly balky right shoulder. And it was cold and I don't like cold. So I needed a dose of cheerfulness.

Good to know that cheerfulness is contagious. Now the question would be: Am I a carrier or contractor?

At that early hour no one was around, or at least awake, from whom I could contract a bit of cheer. I decided I had to be the catalyst so I had another cup of coffee and started slogging through the e-mail that accumulates in my computer overnight, not always a pleasant activity.

I soon found myself in cheerful online banter, however, exchanging bad puns with my good friend Roger Haldenby, at Plains Cotton Growers. And my colleague at Delta

Farm Press, Ed Phillips, a great American, and I soon exchanged some pleasantries of a somewhat literary nature.

Several of us e-commented on an e-mail gag regarding how a man likely would hang Christmas lights, all this while trying to put the finishing touches on a story regarding dismal economic projections.

Nothing, I cheerfully thought, would make me grumpy today.

I made my appointment with the shoulder surgeon and tried not to grimace while he attempted to pull my shoulder out of joint. Chuckling and groaning in pain at the same time stretches the limits of cheer, but I managed.

I informed the waitress at the barbecue joint where I had a pulled pork sandwich for lunch that she served the best pulled pork this side of North Carolina. Cheered her right up. She called me sweetheart.

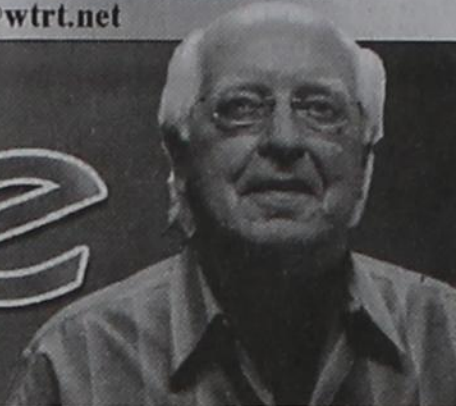
I saw Christmas decorations. That always cheers me up. Some people admit to being a bit crotchety at Christmas, something to do with stress and hectic schedules and spending too much money. I understand that, but I still get happy around the first of December and stay that way until February, the month I reserve for curmudgeonry.

This should be a time of cheer, after all. That's what Christmas is about, cheerfulness, wonder and hope. And if we can put all that business of economic doom and gloom, stress and hectic schedules on a back burner for a few days, we might have time to remember that.

We face a lot of things we can't do much about, but Christmas reminds us that we always do better when we concentrate on others. So, Merry Christmas. Cheer up. And pass it on.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



so how are you doing

A blanket with sleeves. Why didn't I think of that?

Have you seen the Snuggles on TV? It's a blanket with sleeves that comes in three great colors. It's probably a great gift to have in case of an ice storm and your electricity goes out. You could snuggle on the couch and use the arm holes to eat a can of cold pork n' beans in the dark.

They say you can even take it to football games and stay warm and eat nachos at the same time. It looks pretty stupid but at least your arms don't get tangled up in a blanket.

How about that obnoxious guy named Vince and his Shamwow. It is a cross between a chamois and a paper towel as near as I can tell. According to Vince you can use it to soak up a small lake. Use it over and over. Or you could just stop being clumsy and spilling stuff all over the house.

There seems to be a never ending parade of gadgets advertised on TV or in the AARP magazine where polyester pants with elastic waistbands and warm fuzzy slippers will never go out of style.

Most of the gadgets are designed to make life easier. At least that is what they say. My daughter Kirsten

brought my mom one of those TV chopper/dicer combination gadgets Thanksgiving. Kirsten says it is the greatest kitchen gadget she has ever owned.

Mother used it on some tomatoes, and I think there are still some tomato seeds stuck on one of her cabinet doors. After all no gadget is 100% perfect.

Gadget promoter Billy Mays touts Mighty Mendit. It is some sort of glue that mends cloth and airplane engines with equal strength. He actually mended a rip in a parachute and convinced some dunce to jump out of an airplane with it to prove it works.

The national news is non-stop gloom and doom these days, yet the gadget world expands. It is amazing to me that all at once, every industry in America is almost bankrupt. Depending on the expert, the crunch was started by the housing industry, the financial industry, the automobile industry, or all of the above. Maybe even you and me had something to do with it.

Companies are closing down plants and branches and laying off employees. Citi Bank announced it will lay off 32,000 employees the next three years. I'm of the opinion that if a business lays off 32,000 employees they

probably had way too many employees to start with. Someone should have noticed before now.

Some guy in New York named Madoff bilked investors out of \$50 billion over the last 20 years? Shouldn't someone have noticed earlier? That \$50 billion, where did it go? It's pretty hard to hide or spend \$50 billion without someone noticing. Lots of wealthy retirees in Florida are asking the same question as their investments are worthless and their future uncertain.

Government complained about all of those obscene bonuses stockbrokers and CEOs are paid. So Goldman-Sachs decided not to pay the extravagant bonuses this year. The state of New York says it will lose about \$175 million in tax revenue if the bonuses aren't paid. Sorry, you can't have it both ways.

Many retirement and pension funds are cut in half or worse, leaving retirees out on a limb and facing scary times. All industries seem to be in distress.

Meanwhile, the Congress voted themselves a raise. Cost of living you know. I shouldn't complain. Those of us drawing Social Security will get a raise too on January 1, 2009. Another whopping \$30-\$40

bucks a month will help out.

So how are you doing in all of this turmoil? Maybe that light at the end of the tunnel isn't a train after all. I've decided to maintain a positive attitude and stop listening to people on TV and in Washington who like to scare the hell out of everybody.

An expert pointed out that if unemployment reaches 10% that means that 90% of us are still working. Not too comforting if you are among the 10% but nevertheless not all gloom and doom.

Let's all be positive, at least for the next few days until January 20 when Mr. Obama and the ruling Democratic party are going to kiss it and make it well. Soon there are going to be 2.5 million or maybe 5 million new jobs in America. Mr. Obama said so.

Here is a final thought. Wonder if Leno, Letterman, Comedy Central and other comedians will trash Mr. Obama like they did President Bush?

As John Mc Cain might say, "That, my friends, is a slippery slope."

Good luck, God bless, Merry Christmas, and a Happy and most of all, prosperous, new year. Thanks for showing up every week.

Mark Your Calendar

December 22 - January 2
School's out for Christmas Holidays

January 5
School Begins

January 7-8
Orders for Angel Food Ministry food program at First Baptist Church from 12-5p.m. Info at 250-3933.

January 14-17
Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show is the 15th, sale is at 1 p.m. on the 17th.

January 18
Prairie Acres benefit Mexican dinner, Jr. High Cafeteria

January 19
City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Main Street.

January 24
Pick up Angel Food Ministry boxes at First Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m.

January 27-29
Farm & Ranch Show at the Lubbock Civic Center

January 31
Deadline for history stories in 3rd Parmer County History Book

March 10
Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Community Center

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

That was a wonderful article on the Moody family with a lot of school history and life in the earlier days. It also showed what family and friends can do without the help of the government taking over everything. Today it would have been impossible for them to live in a rented room at a young age. I kept this article to remind me of how anyone can survive with the help of God and family. Thanks for a wonderful true story at the holiday season.

Paula Fairchild
Adrian, TX

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We reserve the right to limit the amount of space used for wedding announcements without extra charge.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

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News articles and advertising are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday to guarantee publication. Articles and ads submitted after the deadline are accepted only on a space available basis. Deadlines may be changed from time to time for holidays or special issues.

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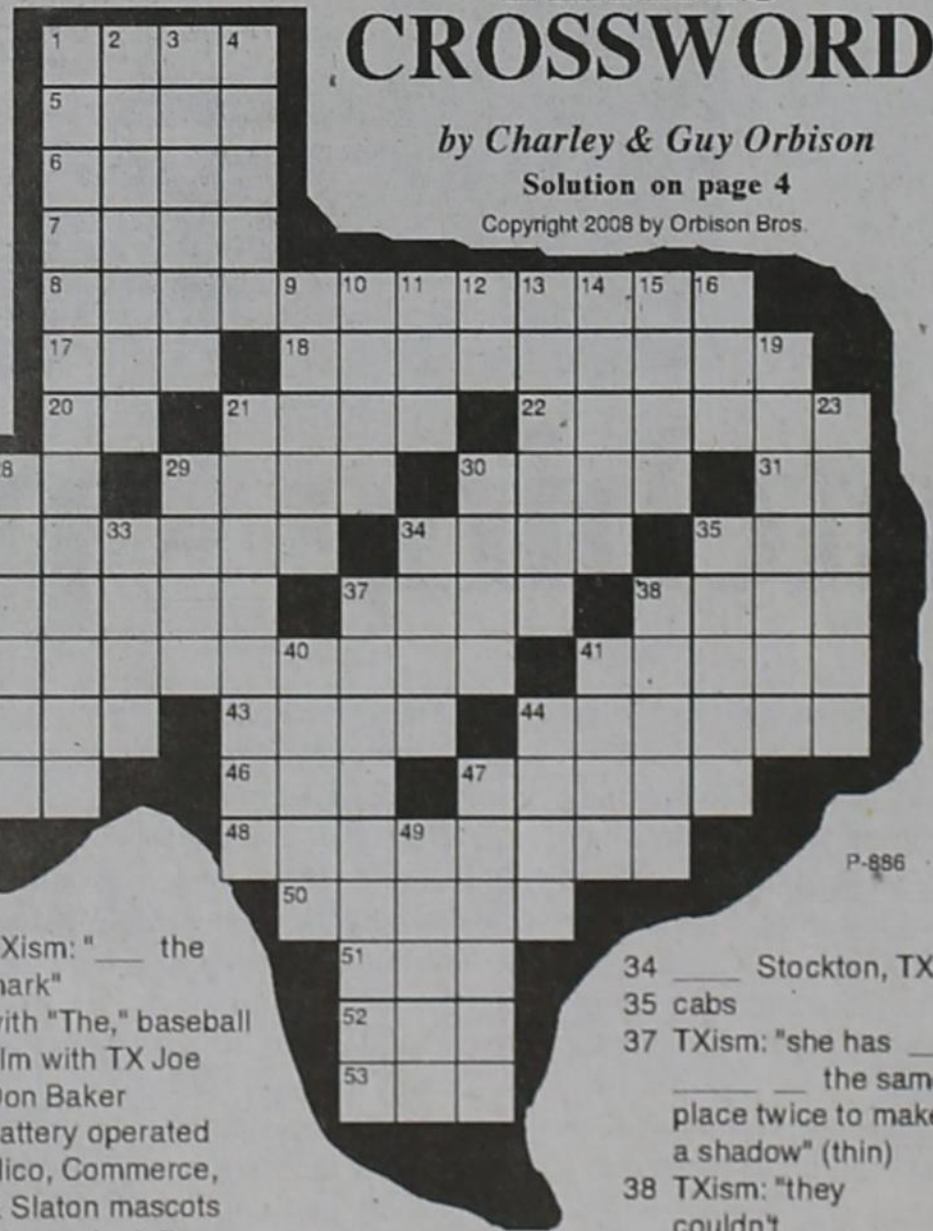
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by Charley & Guy Orbison
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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

Merry Christmas to all. Town Talk news is slim this week. School is out and Christmas is here so the pace has slowed. Winter arrived officially on Sunday and the temperatures this week have hung around in the 20s with some really nice Panhandle wind adding more chill. Be safe during the holidays please. If you do anything exciting let us know.

Thanks to all who contributed to Project Christmas Card and the Empty Stocking Fund. Project Christmas Card collected over \$2,300 for the hospital. Congratulations to all the winners in the Chamber's lighting contest and Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotions.

Good luck to the Chiefs and Squaws at the Caprock basketball tournament later in the month. We look forward to returning to a normal schedule

of activities after January 1. The Chieftains played two state champions during football season. The Stratford Elks won their state championship last weekend. The Chiefs played both Stratford and Muleshoe this year, both of whom won state titles.

The Idalou football player, Tanner Cook, has been moved to Dallas for some rehab. The young man suffered a closed head injury followed by three strokes. He is expected to recover although it will be slow. He was injured in Idalou's loss to Cisco in the playoffs.

On the trip to Dallas in a motorhome, the Cook family stopped in Cisco for the Cisco pep rally before their state final game with Daingerfield (they lost). The Cisco booster club moms set it up and the Cisco play-

ers and cheerleaders came out to the motorhome to wish him well. A nice gesture for a nice young man. We also wish him and his family well.

Bad news if you read the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. I read it every day. At the end of the month they will no longer bring the Lubbock paper to Friona, Bovina, and Farwell. They will not be delivering past Muleshoe. Clovis stopped bringing the News-Journal to Friona a few years ago, but they do bring it to Farwell and Bovina. Here at the Star office we get the Clovis News-Journal via mail subscription but I doubt if we will subscribe to the Lubbock paper by mail.

The new Amarillo Globe-News carrier in Friona is Deirdre Osborn. Hopefully the Amarillo paper will continue to be distributed here.

Many daily newspapers have limited their distribution radius the past couple of years.

Since most of us newspaper folks are newspaper junkies, we trade newspapers with many of our weekly newspaper colleagues. We subscribe to the Hereford and Clovis papers. In addition we receive newspapers from Farwell, Muleshoe, Dimmitt, Littlefield, Olton, Tulia, Memphis, Clarendon, Floydada, Slaton, and Spearman. I believe that shrinking daily newspaper circulation makes weekly newspapers stronger in terms of circulation and support. At least we hope so.

Monday's senior lunch had below average attendance. The 20 mph wind and 20s temperature no doubt kept some seniors at home. There will be a senior lunch Monday December 29 but not Thursday January 1. Normal twice weekly lunches will resume January 5.

Bill and Carol Ellis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 20 by attending a Michael Martin Murphy concert in Lubbock. They plan a 50th anniversary party June 20, 2009, at the Friendship House. Carol said it sounded like a good idea 50 years ago to get married at Christmas but these days with everybody so busy it is difficult to plan an anniversary party in December. She was sporting a new ring, a gift from Bill.

Former Friona Star employee and FHS graduate Tyler Jameson was recently hired as a reporter/layout person at the Hereford Brand. Previously he had served as

editor of the Olton and Fritch newspapers and according to his dad Coy he is glad to be back in this area. Good luck to Tyler. Get after it.

Another grandchild is on the way. My middle daughter Kirsten is pregnant and notified me this week "it's a boy." The youngster is due in early May. Kirsten and Jamey live in Frisco and have a 3-year-old daughter, Hannah, named after my mother and her great grandmother, Hannah Lookingbill. They say they are done after two kids so having a boy and a girl is special. They

have already picked out his name. Holden Mitchell McCurry. No surprises anymore so now I guess we'll just hang out and wait for him to get here.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our readers and especially our loyal advertisers. A special holiday greeting to Coach David Dewitt (and Betty) in Hillsboro and to my HHS classmate Al Podsednik in Houston. Have a safe, healthy, prosperous new year as we flip the calendar to 2009. Until then!

Lucky chili on New Year's day

BY RON CARR

The legend says eating black-eyed peas on New Year's day brings you luck in the new year. I'm not sure if it works but who wants to take a chance.

This recipe should work for those who don't like black-eyed peas. It is black-eyed pea chili. Who doesn't like chili.

It was submitted to American Profile magazine by Pat Tomme of Brownwood, Texas. Pat says, "This is my family's favorite around a good campfire or the dining table." Good luck. Don't risk it. Have some blackeyeds on New Year's Day.

Black-Eyed Pea Chili

Serves 10

- 1 lb bulk pork sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 4 (15 oz) cans black-eyed peas, undrained
- 1 (14 oz) can diced unsalted tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
- 2 tbsp chili powder.

1. Heat a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add sausage; cook until no longer pink, stirring constantly. Drain sausage on paper towels; discard all but one tbsp. pan drippings. Add onion and celery to pan; cook until onion is translucent, stirring constantly.

2. Add black-eyed peas, tomatoes, tomatoes with green chiles, and chili powder. Stir in sausage. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, 30 minutes. Ladle into soup bowls and enjoy. Happy New Year 2009.

Chamber of Commerce winners are named

The Chamber of Commerce winner in the Christmas lighting contest is the home of Bryan and Dana Campbell at 1610 W. 10th St. The Campbell's won \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Drawings were held Thursday, December 18, for winners in the Chamber's Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion. The overall winner of \$100 in Friona Bucks was Matilda Caballero.

Individual winners of \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent at the sponsoring business are:

W.T. Services, Pam Hamilton; A-1 Service Center, Sue McClaran; Ivy Cottage, Claudia Castillo; Lowe's Supermarket, Loretta Hand; Veterinary Industries, Ben Osborn; Blackburn Hardware, William Quinn; Dairy Queen, Betty Smith; Reel Ticket Videos, JoAnn Berend; Friona Fitness Center, Raquel Mendez; Kendrick Oil, Debbie Abeyta; Malouf's, Melody Drake; Friona Star, Leon Talley; Bi-Wize Health Mart, Carmen Perez; and Ingram's Department Store, Joy Osborn.

Mark your calendar
 You are invited

Mexican enchilada dinner

Sunday, January 18, at the junior high cafeteria
 Benefiting the Prairie Acres Donation Fund.
 Tickets \$8 adults \$5 children 10 and under
 Raffle Tickets \$5

Drawings will be held the day of the dinner for a child's Amish rocking chair, and Amish cross, a 17" television, a Texas Star donated by Allan Haile, and two \$500 gas cards courtesy of Kendrick Oil Farm Store.

Committee members have raffle tickets. Contact Nancy Edelson or Jyl Grimsley. Raffle tickets also available the day of the dinner.
 Proceeds assist with Prairie Acres February bond payment

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DPS increases holiday patrols

DPS troopers will increase patrols during the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make travel safer on Texas roads.

Of special concern, is drinking and driving during the holidays. Troopers also focus on speeders and seat belt violators. All available troopers will be on patrol from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28, and again on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers issued a total of 28,000 citations and 14,000 warnings, including 919 DWI arrests, 19,612 speeding tickets and 3,379 safety restraint violations. DPS statistics suggest tickets and drunken driving arrests by troopers double during holiday enforcement periods.

"The best present you can give to yourself and your loved ones is to make sure you arrive safely at your holiday destination—most traffic deaths are preventable," said interim DPS Director Stanley E. Clark. "We feel our efforts, in conjunction with increased enforcement from other agencies, will make the holidays just a little bit safer. DPS prefers voluntary compliance, but we write citations and arrest drunk drivers to save lives."

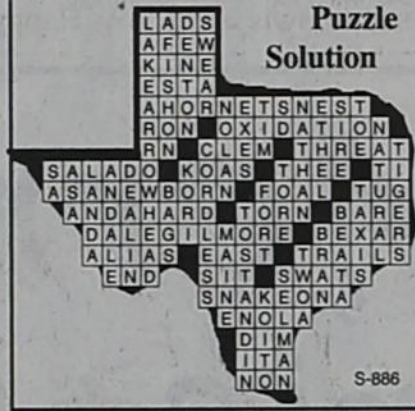
- * DPS offers the following advice as gifts to the traveling public:
- * Drive with courtesy; it's contagious. Remember, it's the holidays!!!
- * Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- * Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.
- * Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.
- * Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum, and avoid texting.
- * Avoid drowsy driving.
- * Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 28, 2008 – January 3, 2009

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wtrt.net.)

- Dec. 28-Todd Long, James Chadwick, Sara Zerfas, Kim Caffey, Jan Parker, Nathan Hoon, Amy Stephens, Caroline Zagorin, Brandon Berend, Francis Johnson
- Dec. 29-Holly White Schueler, Alan Monroe, Debby Stovall, Heather Schueler, Melissa Vazquez, Zora Gaede, Angie Riley, Scott Riley
- Dec. 30-Jerry Goen, Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport, Sarah Hendley, Jessica Jamerson
- Dec. 31-Bill Ellis, Glenda Ellis Kitten, Keith Martin, Staci Murphree, Oscar Torres, Michelle Stanberry, Frankie Lindeman, Emily Marie Epperson, Janice Richards, Tonya Rainey
- Jan. 1-Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Richard Wilson, Cordella Jeter, Loree Myers, Benny Pryor, Corbin Jay Potts
- Jan. 2-John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Vegeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke, Sherry Carr, Cynthia Escobedo
- Jan. 3-Vicki Kube, Jennifer Brockman Baize, Marriott Horton, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate, Keylan Moore, Dale Mann, Jayden Merket



Lions Club News

By Ron Carr

The Friona Noon Lions Club met Thursday December 18 with 12 members present. Boss Lion Andy Montana presided. Guests were members of the Friona high school choir and director Allison Johnston. The choir sang a selection of Christmas carols.

Our meeting place, Headquarters Restaurant, recently underwent some remodeling with new floor tiles and a new paint job inside and out.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday January 15 since the normal first Thursday meeting is a holiday January 1.

Thanks from the Friona Noon and Evening Lions Clubs for the support the community gives us with our burger and fries fundraisers throughout the year. See you all in 2009.

The Noon Lions meet the first and third Thursday each month at Headquarters Restaurant. Prospective new members and guests are welcome. We always need new members and you are cordially invited to join us.



ron carr photo

Several members of the Friona high school choir with director Allison Johnston presented a selection of Christmas carols as the program for the Noon Lions December 18 meeting.

DPS drug busts on I-40

DPS Public Information Officer Gabriel Medrano released information on two drug busts on I-40 on December 17.

At 10 a.m. troopers were notified of a vehicle rollover 1-mile west of Shamrock on I-40. Troopers on the scene were investigating the crash of a 2003 Lincoln SUV when witnesses said the woman driver had thrown a green bag over a fence after the crash.

Troopers found the bag and discovered 10 grams of methamphetamine, 3.3 grams of cocaine, and 11 lbs. of marijuana in the bag. The passenger, Marquisa Lavette Smith, and the driver, David Wayne Morris of Highland, California, were traveling from California to Arkansas. They were arrested and booked into the Wheeler County jail for possession of a controlled substance.

Also on December 17, troopers working patrol in Carson County near Conway stopped a Chrysler passenger car for a traffic violation. Troopers requested consent to search the vehicle but the driver, Adam Ruppel of Glendale, Arizona, refused consent.

A K-9 then conducted a "free air sniff" and alerted on the vehicle. Troopers found 398 pounds of marijuana valued at \$167,558 in the rear seat and cargo area.

Ruppel and passenger Tyiesha Renee Hunter of Phoenix, Arizona, were arrested and booked into the Gray County jail. They were said to be traveling from Tucson, Arizona, to Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIGHT WISHES AT CHRISTMAS

Sheriff's Report

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

December 10, 2008, Luis Sayas, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Bailey County warrant, posted bond and released.

December 12, 2008, Danny Rainey, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Bailey County warrant, posted bond and released.

December 12, 2008, Gary Jones, 48, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 13, 2008, Javier Solano, 36, of Lazbuddie, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.

December 14, 2008, Lora Dersham, 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury.

December 14, 2008, Jesus Ramon Garcia, 43, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for driving while intoxicated (3rd or more with an open container), pending Grand Jury.

December 15, 2008, Arleen Keithley, 28, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant, posted bond and released.

December 16, 2008, David Taylor, 31, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear (possession of marijuana), pending County Court.

December 16, 2008, Brody Grimes, 17, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for unlawful carrying of a weapon, pending County Court.

December 16, 2008, Lach Grimes, 41, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for unlawful carrying of a weapon, pending County Court.

December 17, 2008, Elias Perry, 36, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 20, 2008, Robert Hughes, 34, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department for deadly conduct, pending County Court.

On December 9, 2008, in 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Isaias Francisco Castillo, 17, of Bovina, charged with theft (reduced to lesser charge of Class A misdemeanor theft), was sentenced to 1 year in Parmer County Jail, deferred for 6 months; confinement of 30 days in Parmer County Jail; \$320 court costs; \$200 fine; and \$1,450 restitution.

— Luis Alberto Arguelles, 28, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 4 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, confinement suspended, placed on community supervision for 4 years; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision; 10 days in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision; loss of driver's license for 18 months; \$470 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$400 attorney fees.

— Freddy Coleman, 30, of Muleshoe, charged with burglary of a building, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$320 court costs; \$500 fine; and \$400 attorney fees.

— Joe Luis Herrera, 22, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$470 court costs; \$500 fine; \$400 attorney fees; and \$140 restitution.

— David Jessie Lee Aragon, 24, of Fort Sumner, charged with forgery, was sentenced to 1 year in Parmer County Jail; \$291 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$513 restitution.

— Dennis Gallegos, 50, of Amarillo, charged with subsequent DWI with an open container, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, confinement suspended and placed on community supervision for 4 years; 10 days in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision; loss of driver's license for 18 months; \$470 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$400 attorney fees.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 11, 2008 to December 17, 2008:

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Walker

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Justin Bailey

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Junior high band students in all-region

Forty four students of the Friona Junior High Band traveled to River Road high school December 2 to audition for the ATSSB ClassAA/AAA all-region junior high band.

Of the students participating, 18 were selected to participate in the All-Region Band, composed of the top junior high musicians in the Panhandle.

Friona students and their chair placements are:

Flute: Jessyca Rivas 4, Darian Irons 6, Shantelle Pruitt 11, Holly Johnston 13, Sajal Patel 14.

Clarinet: Jeri Duenes 11, Bianca Romero 15, Nohely Juarez 1st alternate.

Trumpet: Benjamin Anthony 4, Alexys Romero 7, Javier Trevino 12.

French horn: Maegan Davis 4.

Trombone: Eduardo Rojas 4, Jacob Osborn

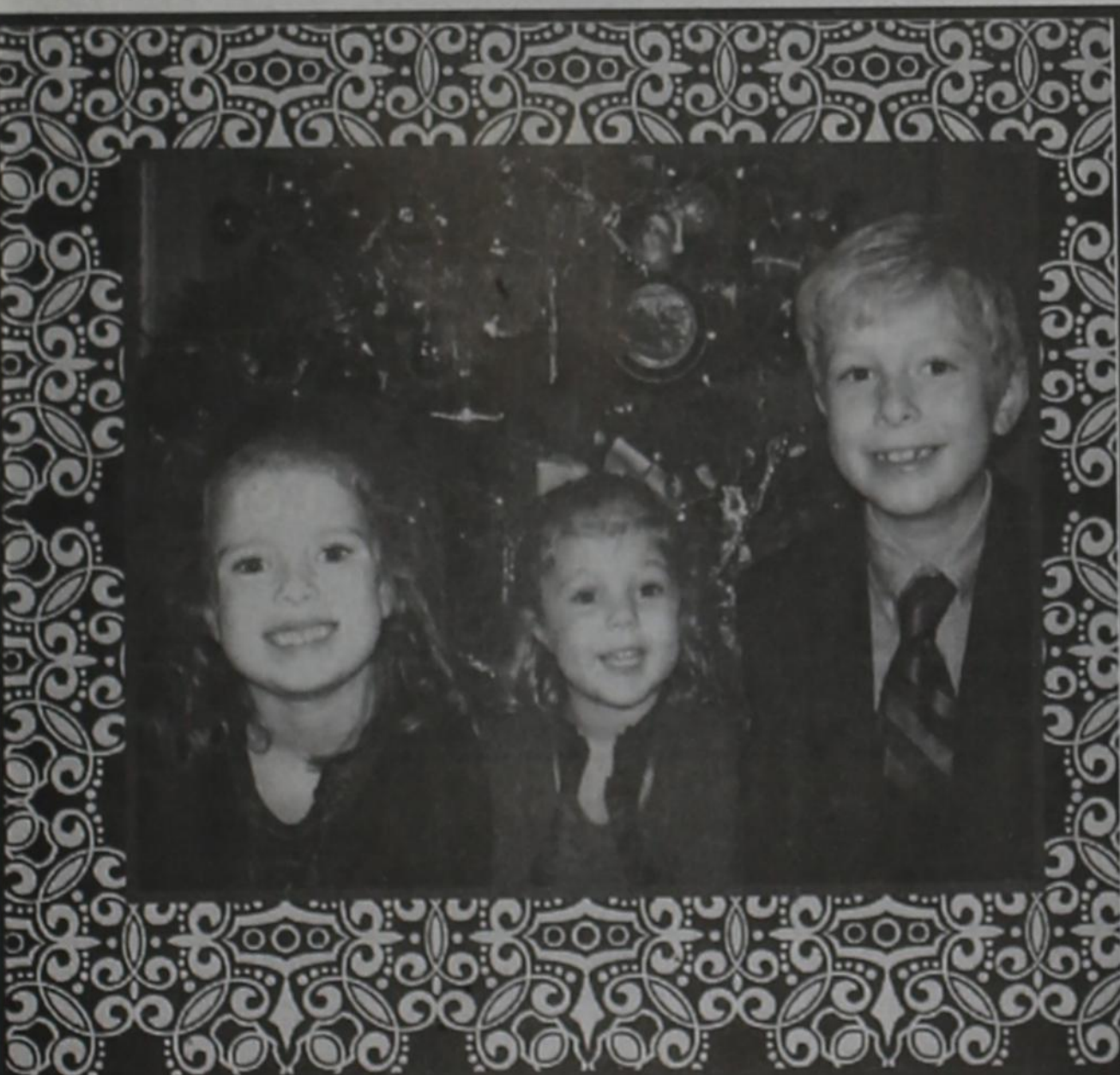
10, Alex Ovalle 11, Eribaldo Delgadillo 12, Salena Bautista 1st alternate.

Baritone: Andres Silva 2, Omar Ramos 1st alternate.

Tuba: Diego Licerio 1, Michael Garcia 5, Derreck Hernandez 1st alternate.

On Saturday, January 17, the student's efforts will pay off when they perform with the ATSSB All-Region Band at the Amarillo Globe News Center for the Performing Arts.

"Mr. McWilliams, Mrs. Johnston, and I are very proud not only of all the students who made the band but all the students who tried out," said junior high band director Chris Rackley. "Our students did an excellent job of representing our school and community."



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A Merry Christmas

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

I'd bet most of us feel a little "Scrooogy" this time of year. Being clergy is no different.

One way I try to get around the grumpiness is to remember others' problems, not mine. It works sometimes. So here is my plan for a Merry Christmas: I need to realize that I seldom ever think of those 50,000 people each day who starve. What can I do about it?

I really don't know other than what I can do. I simply can't believe this figure but I've been told it's true. I did not think of this fact when I considered a new iPod and a Wii for next week's gifts. Should I be merry about my apathy? No. I'm still giving the gifts even though it makes me wonder why. I know my gift is a gift of love that makes me smile.

Of the world's population of 7 billion, 50% live on less than \$2 a day. What part did I play in this? What do I do when I see videos of people who live on less than \$2 a day and are as happy as can be and I'm sometimes a sad sack of goo? I feel ashamed.

Happiness must be something more than income. Maybe, as I age, I'll get a better grasp of what I can do with what I have and don't have. That may be the key to the door of being a little Scrooogy: Christmas is about giving and receiving but after the presents are opened I hope I don't fall back into apathy about those who did not make it to the 26th.

So where's the merriment of Christmas from this middle-aged pastor who spent hundreds this year on items some would consider extreme luxury while others would see hundreds of dollars as a drop in the ocean? It's behind the gift, or because of the gift. It's in the giving.

No matter who we are and what we have become, there was once a boy born who became a man very quickly, who lived a short life, loving wastefully, giving without consideration of cost, and paid the price for bringing a new vision of God.

This is why he is called Emmanuel, a Hebrew word for God-with-us. May I somehow be reminded of a little baby boy who aged quickly and gave everything away so that I could receive. Maybe this is why he is called The Prince of Peace. Jesus' story gives me peace of heart, peace in my world, and, when I remember, peace of mind too.

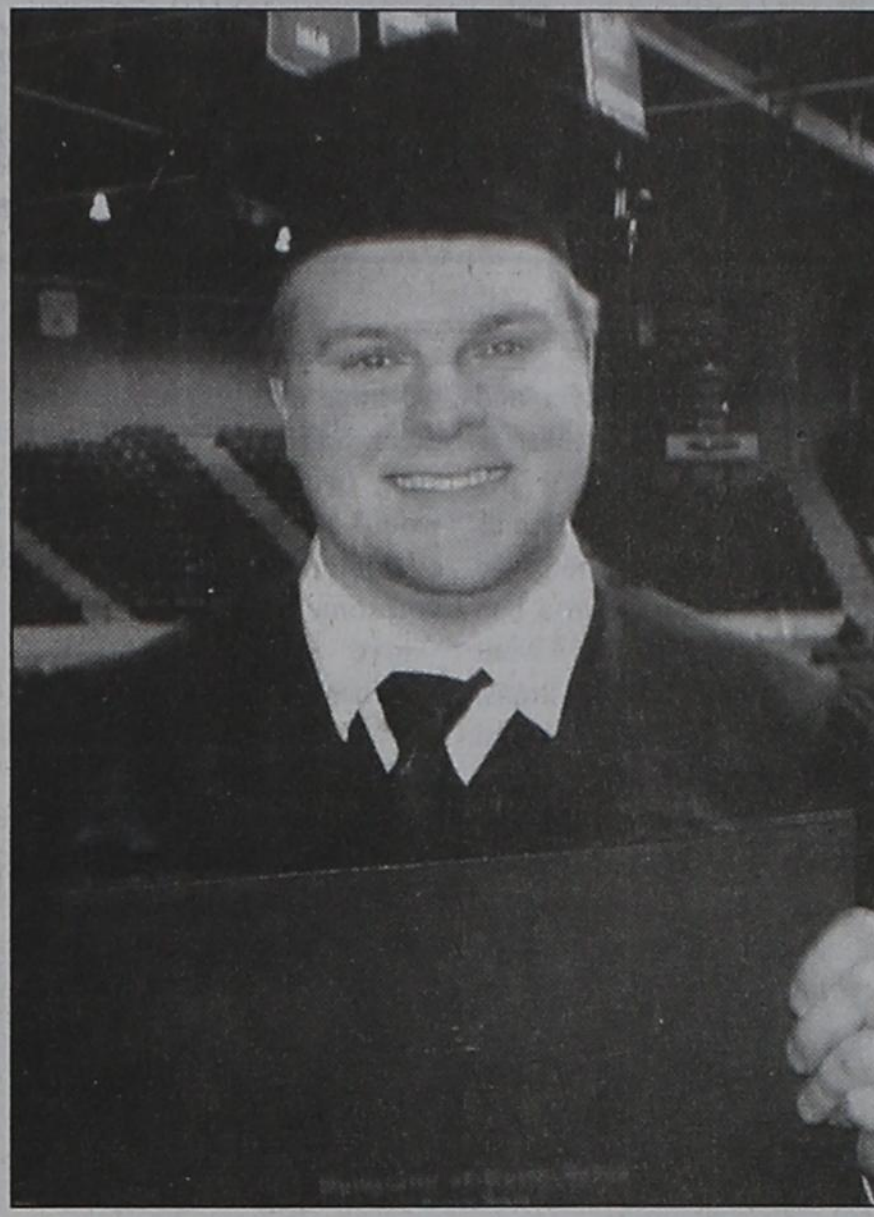
TDH immunization January schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for January 2009 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Friona will be open Friday, January 2 and Friday, January 16 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, January 12 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.



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Jarrod Cleveland, the son of Dale and Kathy Cleveland of Springtown, graduated December 13, 2008 from the University of North Texas in Denton, with a degree in Advertising and a double minor in German and Marketing. He is the grandson of W.L. "Dub" and Virginia Cleveland of Friona, and Bill and Nell Bates of Azle.

Think about this

The spirit of Christmas

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Something we see readily during the Christmas season is:

(1) **The spirit of Love**
Paul stated, "Above all, put on love, which is the bond of perfection". (Colossians 3:14)

But, too often, we forget about love after the holidays. The man of Galilee gave the world a new definition of "love". The nearest we can come to understanding God's love is to go to Calvary. We can look at that tragic scene and know for sure that God loves us. The very spirit of the cross of Christ is love. During this time of the year we also see:

(2) **The spirit of Happiness**
Christmas is usually characterized by cheer and happiness. What's so sad is to see the exceptions: Homes broken by divorce and death, homeless children, empty chairs around the fireside.

The philosophy of Jesus is "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". (John 16:33)

One of the key words of the New Testament is rejoice.

Let's strive in 2009 to let the spirit of Christmas be seen in us daily.

Pastor's Thoughts...

BY RON COLWELL, Friona Methodist Church

Many years ago I had the opportunity to travel with a choir to Varanasi, India, "the holy city of the Hindus". A friend of mine took a breath-taking picture of a boat, gliding along the current of the Ganges River, with the sun rising in the background. It looked for all the world like a picturesque scene, one that any person would want to occupy in that moment. The reality, however, was quite different. The Ganges is where many Hindus build funeral pyres on boats. Un-incinerated portions, as well as diseased persons coming to bathe in the river in hope of healing, and other pollutants, make the Ganges one of the more dangerous waterways in water quality, and the stench of the place is beyond my ability to describe. When I approach Christmas, I remember that experience.

All too often, the colorful and delightful decorations with which we adorn the Christmas season only describe a part of its reality. It becomes difficult to imagine a tired, cold, young couple, huddled against the elements in a small cave that had been hastily cleared of livestock. Giving birth in that place must have been quite an exercise of senses, and one that was a far cry from the tranquility of a silent night or the cleanliness suggested by a holy night.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not against the decorations, the carols, nor even the Christmas cards. But God came into a hostile world, an unholy world, a dirty, dingy, tattered and torn world. The picture of the manger in Bethlehem is a world no one would want to occupy. Yet God does.

There are times my life resembles Bethlehem of long ago; cold, filthy, and unwelcoming. Yet God chooses to come, to offer me the love of Christ, to transform me into someone warm, clean, and whole. God lights a dark world at Christmas, with the hope and joy of his only begotten child.

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Leal, 44, was born in Sugarland and raised in the Fort Bend County area. He began his career with DPS in June 1984. He started as a Highway Patrol trooper in Stafford and Rosenberg and then moved to San Antonio as a Highway Patrol sergeant, before promoting to the Texas Rangers in 1994.

His Ranger duty stations included assignments in Liberty, Seguin and San Antonio, where he was part of the Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team. Leal promoted to lieutenant in 2002 and was stationed in Austin.



Antonio "Tony" Leal

In 2005, he promoted to captain of Company A in Houston, overseeing 20 Texas Rangers responsible for 30 counties. His appointment to Ranger chief took effect December 10.

"My dream as a young man was to become a Texas Highway Patrolman, and I never imagined becoming a Texas Ranger, much less the Texas Ranger chief," said Leal, who will carry the rank of Senior Ranger Captain. "I appreciate the confidence and support of the Directors and the Commission. It is my goal to continue to uphold the Ranger tradition, while moving ahead with the goals of the Department as a whole."

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Friona will be received at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 **until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 13, 2009.** All bid summaries shall be read aloud in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the date stated above.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Friona, Texas, in an amount not less than **five percent (5%)** of the largest possible bid submitted as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guarantee in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

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All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's interest.

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Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid by the City of Friona. Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be obtained from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

Merry Christmas! I had ben good this year. I hope your having a good year if you think I was good I would like to have a go cart. I would also like to have a new BB gun. also I would like to have a Paintball gun I would also like to have a xbox 360. I would also like to have a wii with a Boxing game. The last thing I want is the new game Madden 09. PS I hope I git all the stuff I wished for. I rilly hope that you have a rilly good Christmas.
love
Ezekiel Grado
PS. Say hi to the elfs for me. thank if you do.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a PS3 and a vido game of Ratchet and Clank. Oh, and careful when it snows in Christmas Eve, it is very windie this mouth, marry christmas to you, Miss claus and the elfs.
your friend
Jonthan Lucatero

Dear Santa,
For crismas I want a remot conchrow car and a kickt a Football hemet I am a good boy I will leve you cookys for crismas you are a good gy tell the elfs I sade hiy. I like crismas a lote crismas is the best holaday. I want getar Hero on to Decked for ps2 get ars. And texas tech blaket and pilow.
Rolanda Javilez

Dear Santa,
I want guss who littles pet shop a Ds game But it has to Be Bilda Bear workshop Ds game, and guitarr hero to and a laptop and ipoud aa touch ipoud. is it cold at the North pole i bet it is. Friona is cold it snowed today and Junie B. Jones books wii too! I have bin a good girl Hann Montana dolls Like mily Lilly Olaiver HannaH Montana shoes Good maners Merry Chismas a Bed Sread Arthur Books and a puppy Becase my Brother want one i have a fake one But it is a piggy Bank and merry Christmas
Mariah Trevino

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have ben good this year. I hope I am on the nice list. I want a flat screen T.v. for my family and me. I also want puppy. I also want to be a singer. I want to be rich and haeve a big big big house and limo. I also want a big big music room and a art room. This is the spshel thing I want to have magic.
Love
Valerie Ramirez
P.S. tell Rudolph and the elves I said hello.

Dear Santa,
I hope that you are feeling great. Say hi to Mrs. Claus I have been good all year. I would like a Playstation 3 for Christmas. I left you some milk and cookies
Love
Jose Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I hope that you are feeling Say hi to Mrs. Claus. I have been good all year. I would like a Nintendo D.S. for christmas. I left you same milk and cookies.
Love,
Jesus Flores

Dear santa
I hope that you are feeling great. Say hi to Mrs. Claus I have been good all year I would like a dog for christmas. I left you some milk and cookies
Love
Angelica Molina

Dear Santa,
Can i have a real Laptop. can i have a real four-wheeler. can i have a real celphone. can i have a real Xbox360. can i have a wii and can you bring games with them. Thank you Santa Claus O can i have a nintendoDS. can i have a MP4 black one. can i have a camra. And can i have a teddy bear. now that you Santa Clause.
Damian Rorriquez

Dear Santa,
What i wont is an Tots and a hana Montana toy like on tv i will live you some mills and cookes. I will be good I promes Santa. I will not be bad I will not lie to my mis Houston agin. I no I will be good.
Yuliana Sanchez

Dear Santa,
for chismis I want Gentl Grevos achon figer thelon wars and Lege Deth star and imperl star Destroyer and 2 green light sabers and 2 Ble light sabers. and a Lego Deth star twe.
Peyton Hofferichter

Dear Sant
I am in first grade I want an Xbox 360 MP Game Boy I am god boy I nise an box of Hot Wheels
Love
Juan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I hop I,m on the good list. I hope that I get a wii and a psp. What I want in my stoking is a awesome tooth bush a pair of leather work gloves and a set of magic tree house bookes. Some other stuff is more and more and more book with a zwesome robot that transforms and has laser eyes. What else is a football and sports game.
From:
Bryce Michael Bunker
P.S. Tell Miss Clous and the Elfs hello

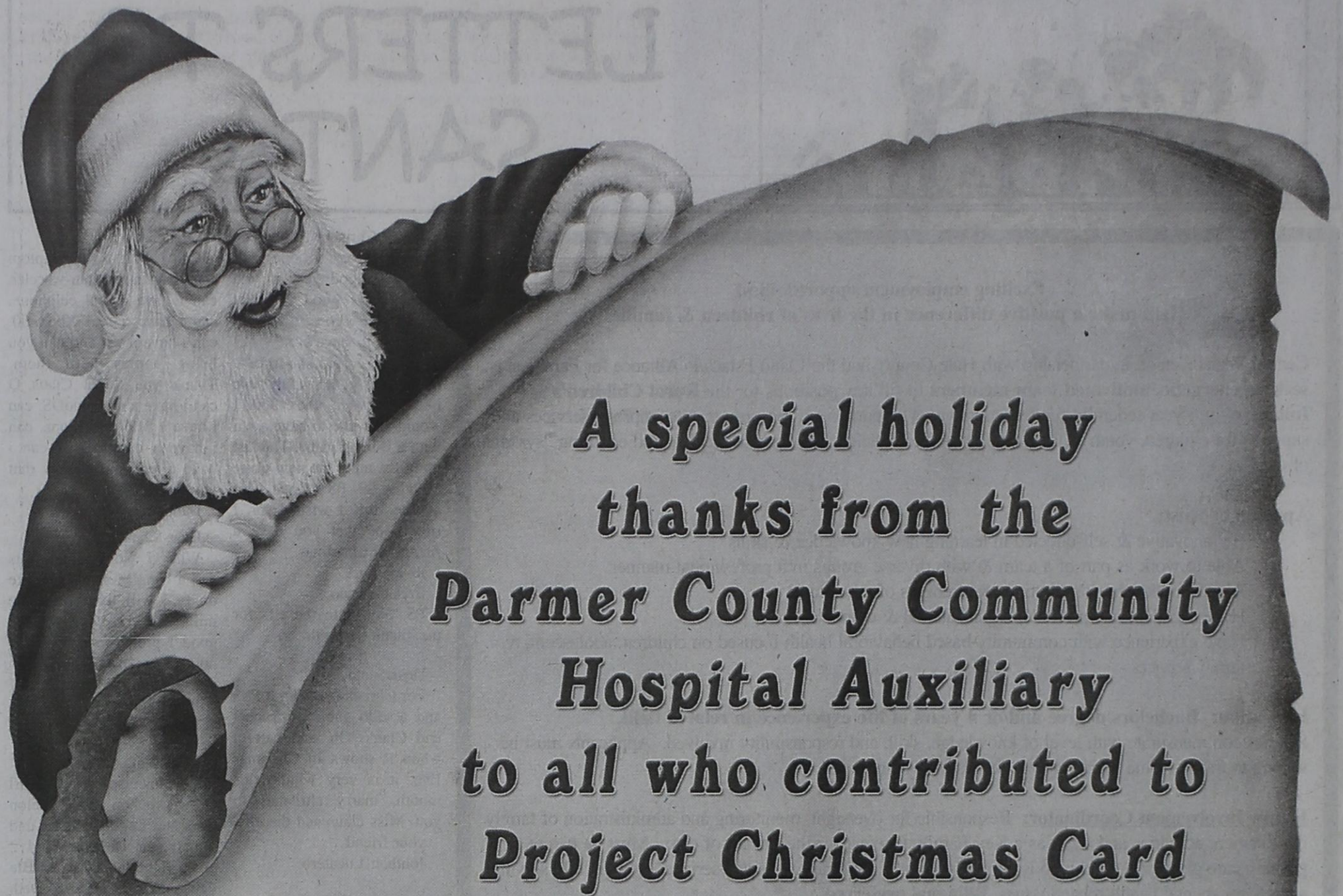
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I want a Lego indyin Jons. Lego Star wars Ships. and Zero gravdey sportcar. and Nintendo DS Lego starwars the clown wars and Starwars. and ironman acserficer. and wii. I like sikre for play Stashen. and haws the Reindeer. and haws ms clas doing. and Rodoff nose is cool. and fed the rander. and you hav a merry chrismis to snta.
Dylan Hofferichter

Dear Santa,
I hope that you area feeling great. Say hi to Mrs. Claus I have ben good all year I would a real computer for christmas I left you some milk and cookies
Love
Daniela Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I hope that you are feeling great. Say hi to Mrs. Claus I have been good all year I would like a cosenea for Christmas. I left you some milk and cookies.
Love
Olga Salinas

Dear Santa
I hope you are feeling great say hi to Mrs. Claus I have been good all year. I would like bike for Christmas I left you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Julian Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I hope that you are feeling great. Say hi to Mrs. Claus I have been good all year I would like a kichn for Christmas I left you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Prislla Magallanes



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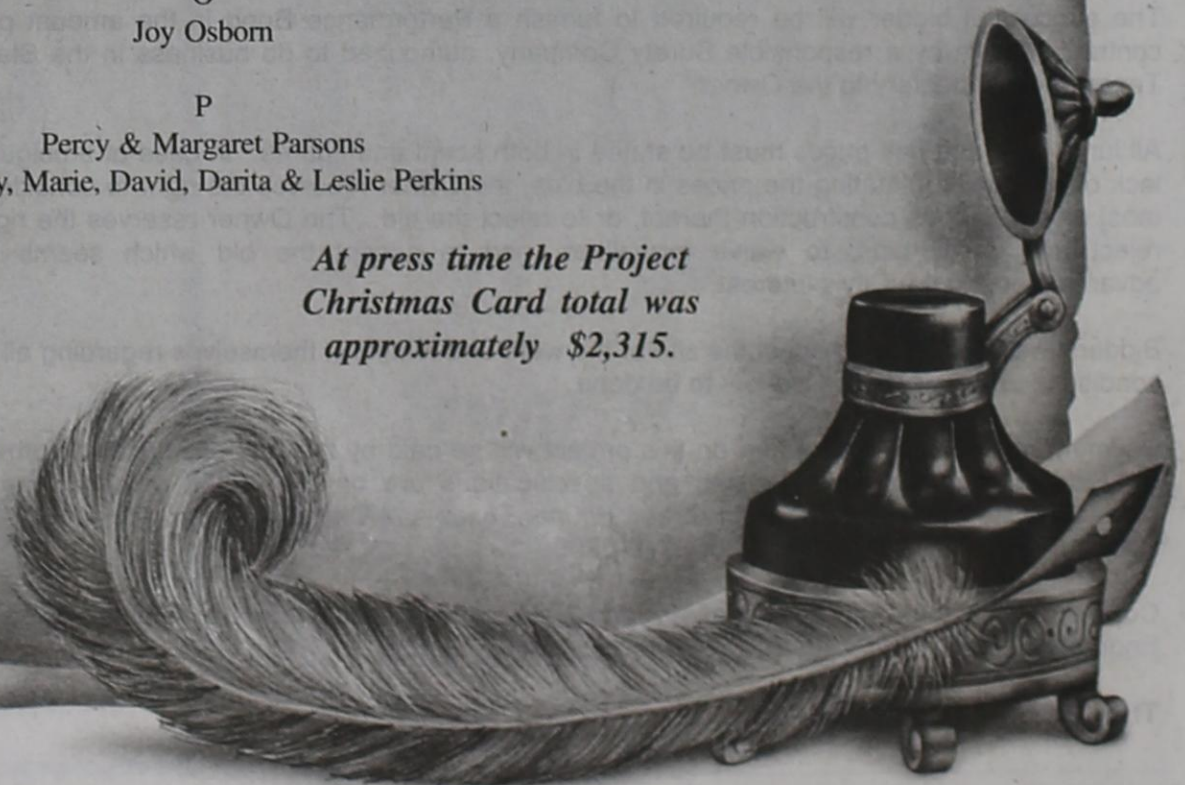
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Santa & the Soldier

'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 the 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 grownups 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."

— Anonymous

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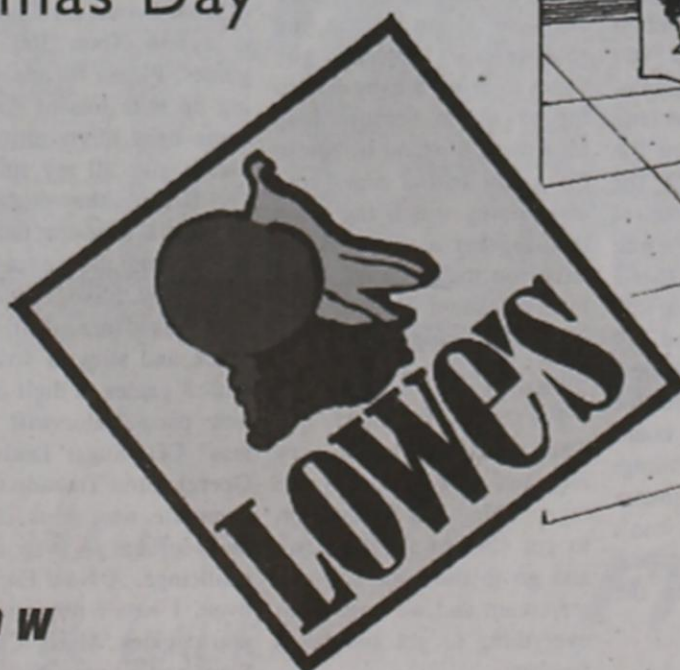
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SANTA LETTERS



Dear Santa,
I want a ipod or a little tine pc or portable computer or I want a little make up set. In addition I would want a little teddy bear most of all. If you could bring one one size 1 baby boy close for my bunny. If it is to much I would be satisfid with a packet of prity stickers to decorat my stuff. I don't care about that stuff. I just want my family to have the best Christmas ever because they are always ruind by the lost of a family member. So all I am asking for is that my family members all stay healthy and well. Also this Christmas pleas come to my house and make me believe in you come agin.

Sensurly
Lizet Anett

Dear Santa,
I been good Santa I want for Christmas is a playstation three please and a wii and New Cumputer and a flat sreat TV and a xbox 360 and sps and a I fone tough and a New I pod and mpe 3 and and I want a Raiders Jerzy Number 20 and a sweather of Raiders and a shirt of Raiders and a football of Raider and a hat of Raiders and a blacket of Raiders and pellow of Raider and I wait my holl room to be full raiders and I want a Longhorn of jerzy Number 12 and a football of Longhorns and I want a Raider folder please and I sorry that I want a lot of stuff and I want a chair of their chair and a book of the football player of the Raider please.

Rene Rodriguez

*To Santa
With Love*

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a DS and a Baby Boy DS Game and a toy Baby Boy alive and a Baby Girl alive and a Baby that gos popy and a candy santa and a toy brby and a toy baby boy and a macke up set.

Love,
Sarah Rando

Dear Santa,
Can I have a key Bordanda Hamster

Love
Gabbi D.

Dear Santy Clase,
I been good most a the year but I realy want the top things here are my things number 1 is a new brand new will game called the blobe and how are you on the North pole how is Rould? This is the number 2 is a natantoiop I have no clue if I am going to make cookies or not. Here is what I want for my third gift is a Ds and my fourth gift that I want is a new bratz angel. I have a tree but I have not got it up and my last thing is a new jackit to give to Chithy.

From your friend Briana Padilla

Dear Santa,
I want a donkey, Zune and some clothes. That is pretty much it that I want so maybe I'll see you at night. Wait one more thing I want a pony never mind I'm not done I also want gum, jingle bells, Wii, games for Xbox 360, flat screen TV, laptop, car, magic kit for magic shows and magic tricks, madden 09, madden 10, Junie B. Jones Books, fake eyeball, fake eyeball eraser, fake spider, fake snake, led pencils, and fake teeth maybe until next time till then Hfn ta ta for now Bye Bye.

Kim DeWit

I can't tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I know that I want the gift I wanted last year that I didn't get. I also want some big favers from you so here they are. I want every kid in the orfanige to get there life long dream gift, I want every person in the world that dose not have a home or food to get free rooms in a hotel and fresh hot food. Oh and Santa, can you please, please, please give Mamaw Pat the gift of a cure for her altimers this Christmas. I've been great this year and hope I get this, oh and if all that is to much you can forget about my personal gift and just do the other stuff. I believe in you Santa Clause! Merry Christmas!

Aspen

Dear Sata,
I wot a laptop and a flat screen tv and the camera. I wish I can go to the North pole.

Love
Drew Motana

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am franky Summerlin, 9 years old. For Christmas I want grand theft auto IV, Joe Montana jersey tony Gonzalez, jersey star wars: force unleashed.

Love,
Franky

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. What I want from you is the best Christmas ever because sometimes my dad is not home on Christmas, thanksgiving so that's what I want from you. I was wondering if you could get my mom a special gift that she would love. My fake daddy a new phone. My cousin Nicolette a psp. Just give everybody a great Christmas and wonderful presents and there parents to get along. My mom said that you told her you were going to give me something that I will appreciate. What I want from you the most is a giney pig for Christmas. Give my mom a present from you some hershey's and tell her that I love her all the way to the stars. But what me and my mom want from you is a new house that has a fence for five dogs so that way I could see her happy and smiling. Could you give my grandma a new house. If you can't get everything I'll understand because you gave me the best Christmas ever.

Nastassia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 9 TV Movies. Will you leave my I dresesus under the Chritms tree. I would like a santa hat too.

Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph! MERRY CHRISTMAS I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie and Barbie Make up and dishes and dresses.

Love, Chloe Braillif

Der Santa,
How are the reindeer and How are you? You are a great Santa and can you bring a pretty dress for my mom. And I want a Bubble Bee trans former car.

Love
Alex Santiago



Dear Santa,
I want a intindo D.S, lip sticks, dress, make up, ring, teddy Bear, tenise shoes, high hels, a CD names High school musical, coloring Books, crayons, markers A pack of blendy pen, a pack of fake nails, a pack of high liters, baby alive, a pair of pants, a pack of shirts, a pjomas, new slippers, a new coat, new movies. Some paints, a new blancket a pack of nekless, a pack of bracelets, a cell phone, a real laptop, a flashlite, a good luck charm. A elexret pinsel sharpener.

Karina Santiago

Dear Santa,
I would like a lot of stuff for Christmas, it is fine if you only get me some of the thing I want. And here is what I want. I want toys, games. These are the things I want. A MP3 player, a teddy bear, and a necklace. A WII would be nice too, and so will a few board games like Monoplye, and Sorry or maybe Jinga. I have a lot of things in my mind right now but not a lot of time, so I geuss this is all I got to say. Happy New years and Merry Christmas. And don't worry I won't forget to get you milk and cookies.

Jessica Izaguirre

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer Please bring me a Box 360 or a Nintedv DS.

Love Bryan

Dear Santa,
What I whant for Christmas is a I-pot and a psp. I want those because I think that I hade bone a grate gob in school. I had getting A,B,C,C, and S. Well I hade gotten a D in reading. Well Santa I whant some book so I can get in my reading ac. I whant goo Santa to bring a baby ball to my to sisters because they love them. I want to you to bring my bad a nice, cool and julurey watch my mom to bring her a watch. Santa have fun making toys and I love you Santa. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Cinthia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
For Carmas I want My dad That want and he is very nice and is wost to buy me ervey Thing and I want him to get out and play and we and go to the park and buy ice cream and we uost to do everything to get and he is the best.

Happy Carmas
Yaseline Aguelles

Dear Santa,
I want a lazer tag air hogs and lazer tag that has a gun and a psp with rainbow six and madden 09 and a remot helkopter that is a big.

Ivan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like six thing's for Christmas like a PSP and a Xbox 360 and a lego Star Wars the webo Game and I want my family to have the Best Christmas and I want a skate bord Game and a wii.

Love
Noah Maestas
P.S Can you put me on the nice list.

Dear Santa,
For this cristmas I won't a cupcake maker and a mp3 player and colose and diffintly no school and I won't a cut and coutly puppy and a teddy bear a moveiy cld twiy light snow on the ground on cristmas eve and on cristmas day and a computer and a xbox game the same is midnight 3 and a coloring book and some crony to go with that and I won't a ds and a game with it and I will like some jolyory like ererings and neck leches and I will like a CD player and a CD to go with it and lot of pjomas and some new bed shoes and cristmas light and som hot cholet and my mom to see my cristmas play and my mom off of work on cristmas eve and cristmas day and my family has cristmas all together.

Libby Castillo



Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a HD blayray DVD player some more D.S games. I want a F-150 09 for my granpa and some new Dirt bikes have to be 09 or ATV and a high Teck computer. I want a golden recriver with a Dog houses. Make the Dog house blue and black please Santa and a Dog coler so if he gets lost they will find him and bring him to my house ok santa.

Ramon Perez, Jr.
P.S. Santa merry x-mas

Dear Santa,
I like your hat and I wut suding for Crismes I wot saws for cristmas Star Wars suit.

Joy

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a few Xbox 360 (Girl) games, Please fill my stocking up with lots of goodies, some baby alive alfits, and please give all my animal a toy! Because they disere one! A book a bout the ticani. A wii a jump house caste. A new baby alive bottle and new beland pens. Girl crush strick and stiey, a siver DS with 3 games, a digit camra, new pants, talorswift "Fear less" CD. Sugar lands CD. Goergle Strat Trobado CD. A compurte, new shirts, dresses new earings. A wee fitness challeinge. A New Easy bak oven. I won't forgit to give you cookies. Merry Christmas Santa and a happy New Year!

From:
Chelste



Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a new toy. I want a new Nintendo DS games. How is Rudolpn doing Do you thank my dog needs a present. Can I have a teddy bear. Can I have a new friend.

Logan

Dear Santa,
I wont a jonas brothers CD for cristmist and a dress that goes around yoru neke and hi hilis sippers for cristmist and my mom is gunu get you cookies. When you come and we ant. Gunu yous are bathroom. That you went in were. Going to yous are. Sisters Allees restroroom. All of us wont wont get up. We will promise you if my brother or my sister gets up and my other sister will get up and go in the living room.

Emalee Roberts

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I hope Im on the nice list and I will like sevrell thing's and I will tell you the vere first thing I want is a tuchsleerine lab top with enternet and I want a pink one. The second thing I want is a Ripstick and a Raser phone. The therd thing I want some more foam and I want black, white green yellow orange blue,. The fourth thing I want is a pet snake and I want a trained snake that dosent bite. The fifth thing I want is a big plasma tv with Rush on it and a big pickup truck for my dad and a coneatable for my mom. The sixth thing I want a basketball clothes and a basketball and some basketball shoes. The seventh thing I want is a NFL football and a rell football helmet and a bb gun. From Arlissa,
P.S. tell the Elf's to read my letter

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a beanbag and a race car and and this is my Biggest! Thing is a phone, I hope I get it and a ripstick, Indiana jones the lego game, and legos, a gun kung Foo Punda the game and movie go cart. I want a Willy Wonka Bar in my stocking Xbox 360 mochantroler guitar hero, a remote control robot and a mat for my dog and a bolt game for xtoys and a old movie and a real live ginepig and a tinex coat for my puppy.

Sterling Osborn

Der Santa,
I want a real conotuter and a Nentindo D and Moon Sand. And a red Gutor Can I have One of you evle. I love you Satut.

Love your friend
Maddie Sharrock

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you tobae. Santa I hav been a good like giris. Wut I wut for Christmas is the hope that you fed it fak cerists.

Love
Breanna



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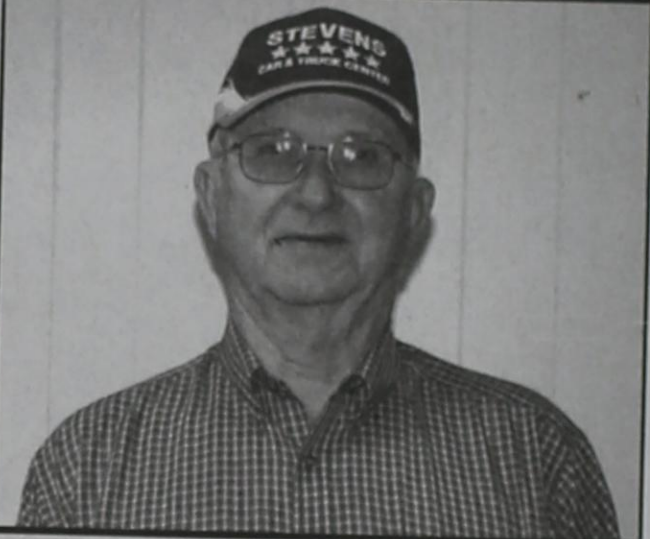
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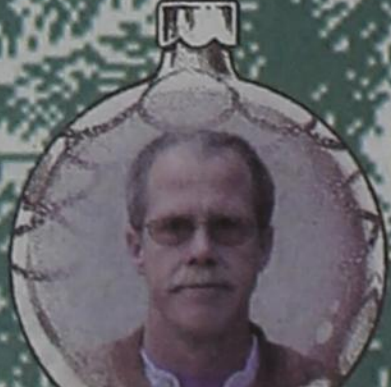
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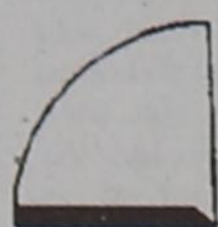
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