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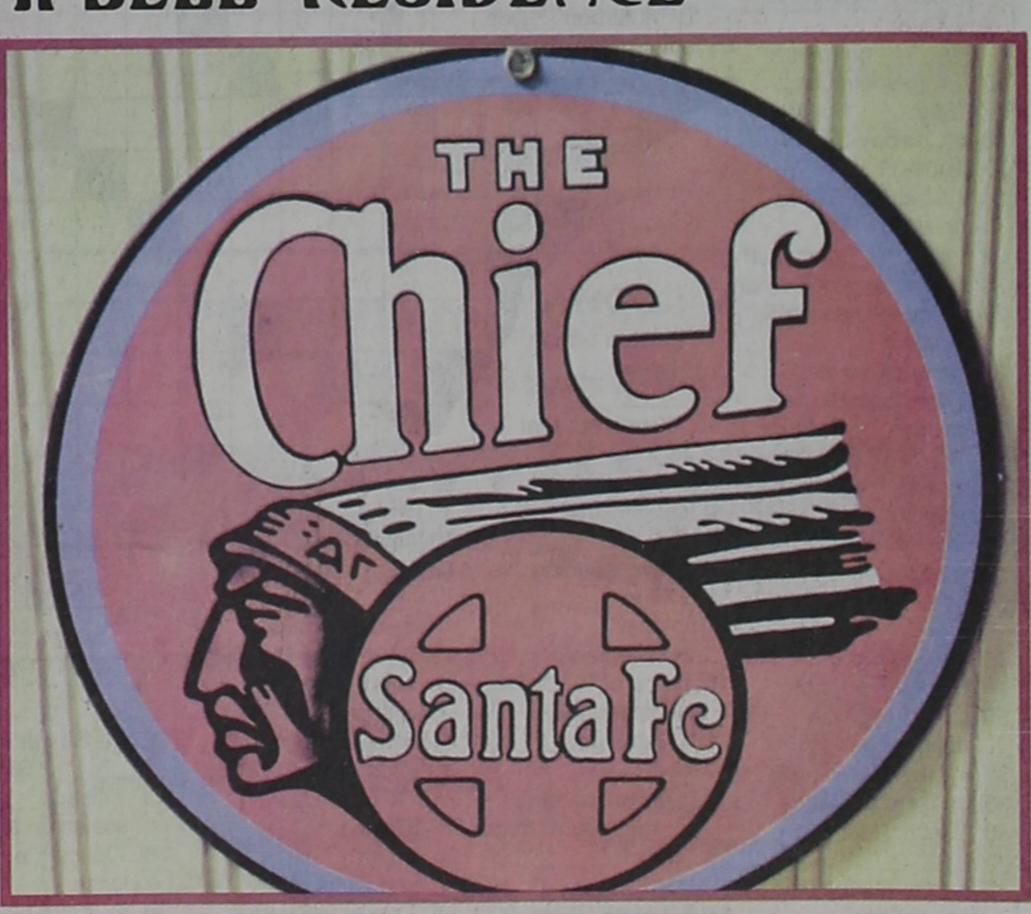


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here we go again!

Are we ready for 2012?

Not sure I am but it will be time for a new calendar in about 10 days. If we meet here again in December 2012 will we have a new president? Many hope so.

This is the time of year when some of us, especially older folks like me, can be heard saying, "Where did this year go?".

Here we go again, waiting for January and looking the Friona Star for another 52 weeks. Thanks to technology, filling the pages has gotten easier and more fun.

Thank you to all the moms, friends, grandparents, and readers who submit photos and news for the Star. Digital cameras, cell phone cameras, Facebook, flash drives and email allow our readers to send in news items along with photos for our weekly paper. We appreciate you and usually manage to get most of what you send into the paper.

Contrary to some opin-

ions, I believe weekly community newspapers will be around for a long time. Some say technology will bring an end to newspapers. Perhaps so but not in my lifetime.

Unless you each get your own website, where else will you be able to brag about your kids and grandkids' accomplishments, clip out their photos for the scrapbook, find out news about your neighbors, and what ahead to filling the pages of the city council is doing. Plus local obituaries, who is on Facebook and the book getting married, who's having babies, who won at the livestock show, and a lot of other stuff interesting only to those who live here or once lived here.

> We appreciate all of our readers and subscribers, near and far. It is fun to know that former residents from around the country still keep in touch through our newspaper (and yes, on our Friona Star website).

> I especially appreciate those who read my column every week and put up with

my political views and attempts at humor. I've also enjoyed resurrecting Uncle John White's column and views from long ago Friona Stars. You will see more of both in 2012. Thanks for sticking around and feel free to disagree.

Recently I came across a list of things that no longer exist (or barely exist) thanks to technology. It is from a book titled Digital Leader by Eric Qualman. It was posted is available on Amazon. If you are from my era I'm sure you will remember some of these conveniences from days of old that technology has pretty much eliminated:

Phone book, busy signal, encyclopedia, overhead projectors, blind dates, carbon paper, maps, cursive writing, pagers, attention spans, pen pals, Polaroid, long distance calling cards, film, pay phones, rabbit ears, transistor radios, floppy disks, dictaphones,

slides, spelling skills, mi-

crofiche, paper boys, and privacy.

You could probably make your own list of near obsolete items replaced by modern technology. Some of us older folks resist but sooner or later give in to the technology generation. We use technology here for our weekly page layouts, digital cameras for the variety of photos we publish, an external hard drive to store all of our back issues and many photo albums, and software to sort each issue for the post office and keep up with our subscriber list.

It is great to be where we are and to be able to look back at 2011 and the accomplishments we have recorded on the pages of the Star. It is great to be a part of this community and to chronicle its history. So as we approach Christmas and the New Year, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very successful and prosperous New Year in 2012.

Here we go again!

Chief baseball pancake supper

Friday January 6 is the date for the Chieftain baseball team pancake supper fundraiser. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria prior to the Squaw/Chieftain basketball games with Dimmitt. Pancakes, sausage or bacon, butter, syrup, coffee and juice. Mark your calendar and support Chieftain baseball.

Chamber announces Ho! Ho! and home lighting winners

The Friona Chamber of Commerce Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion urges local folks to shop at home as much as possible during the Christmas holidays.

Local businesses participate with sign-ups for drawings to win Friona Bucks. Each business draws a winner of \$25 to be spent at that business. Then all names are combined and a drawing is held for an overall winner of \$100 Friona Bucks to be spent at the business of the winner's choice.

In addition, the Chamber conducted a Christmas lighting contest of area homes. Six homes signed up for judging and the winner was the Dana and Bryan Campbell residence on W, 10th. They win \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Winners in the Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays drawings were: overall \$100 Friona Bucks winner was Karen Baker. The following were \$25 winners at these local businesses: A-1 Service Center, Richard Carson; Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Rena London; Blackburn Hardware, Kathryn Goddard; Fast Stop, Leah Onod; Friona Fitness Center, Sandra Berend; Friona Star, Blaire Herring.

Hometown Hardware, Salvador Garcia; Ingram's, Martha Mae Shelton; Ivy Cottage, Glenda Sifford; Kendrick Oil, Elida Perez; Lowe's, Nancy Jackson; Malouf's, Rebekah Cantrell; W.T. Services, Richard White; Veterinary Industries, Kelwin King.

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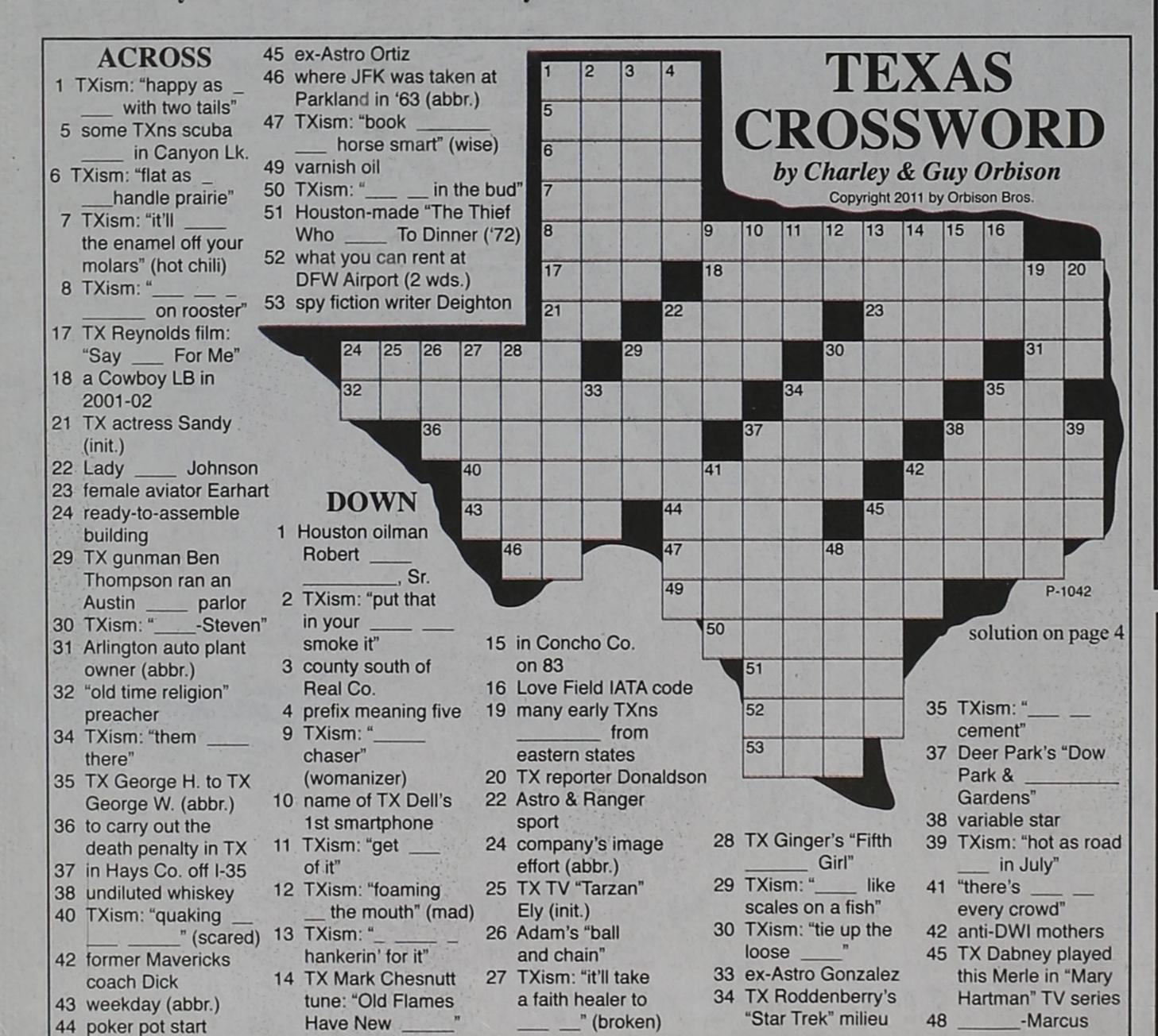
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At the Friona Fire Department Christmas banquet Saturday evening, Albert Trevino, left was honored as Fireman-of-the-Year and received the award from Fire Chief Jim Taylor. The fireman-of-the-year is chosen for the honor by his fellow firemen.



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Town Talk II

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Lot of people seemed disappointed because we did not get a blizzard Monday and Tuesday. We did get Monday rain, anywhere from 0.61" to 1.1" depending on who you ask. The heavy snow did not make it to Friona. We had a dusting of snowy sleet stuff. It was bone-chilling cold Monday night about 8 p.m. when us fans came out of the Friona gym. Winds of 20-40 mph iced up the vehicles pretty good during the basketball games. Looks like no white Christmas this year. Winter officially arrived Wednesday.

had a story Monday about a wreck east of Melrose, NM, that killed four people and injured two others. Four people died just before Christmas. What a devastating time it will be for their families. We hope if you are traveling anywhere during the holidays, by any means of transportation, you will slow down, take your time, and return home safely.

Another local grandson will be marching in the Rose Bowl parade. Joe Angel Gonzalez, grandson of Victor and Socorro Gonzalez of Friona, is a sophomore trumpet player in the Lubbock Coronado band. Victor and Socorro will be traveling to Pasadena accompanying their grandson.

Nita Clark, grandmother of Lubbock Monterey band member Ashton Lafuente, emailed that there will be 482 Lubbock band students from four Lubbock high schools marching in the Rose Bowl parade January 2, the unic buor

largest band to ever march in the parade. The band kids will be gone for over a week and will perform three times in California, including once at Disneyland. Each student had to raise over \$1,000 to pay for their travel expense.

The winner of the 50" TV raffle at the high school to benefit the Martinez family was Ben Kirton. The drawing was Monday night during halftime of the Chieftain - Idalou game. Coach Mike Herbert sends thanks to everyone who participated in the benefit fundraiser.

Chieftain baseball coach The Clovis News Journal Styler Haddock says the baseball team's pancake supper fundraiser will be Friday, January 6 at the high school cafeteria prior to the Friona vs Dimmitt basketball games. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Cost about \$6 for pancakes, bacon, butter, syrup, coffee or juice. Might be sausage too, I don't know yet. Mark your calendar.

> Sam Mears had laser back surgery Tuesday morning in Oklahoma City. His son Clint said the surgery went well and he was recovering for a couple of days at the hotel there.

Good to hear from Scooter Russell this Christmas. Thanks for the Christmas card. Scooter and Jim live in Spearman. She is the former Bovina Blade columnist that wrote Scooter's Scoops for many years. Hope you are still having a "good time" Scooter.

The annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 19, 2012, at the Friona community center. The show is Thursday January 19 and the sale is Saturday January 21.

Candidates for the Precinct 3 county commissioner position are incumbent Ron Byrd, Kenny White, Harroll Redwine, and Mike Haseloff. Precinct 3 is the Farwell precinct but there are Friona farmers that have land in Precinct 3 we are told. Other county offices on the March primary ballot, all running unopposed, are District Attorney Kathryn Gurley, County Attorney Jeff Actkinson, County Tax Assessor

1 commissioner Kirk Frye.

I attended the Heritage Estates Christmas dinner last Thursday. What a nice comfortable assisted living facility we have here. Resident Rheata White pointed out their 50s Christmas tree with its bubble light ornaments. I remember those from my youth. The lights resemble candles, they light up, and when they warm up they begin to bubble. A nice evening with piano music provided by the Cooper family. Thanks for inviting me. Merry Christmas to Rheata, Gertie, Margaret, Ann, Kenneth, and Charlie and the Heritage staff.

Visited with John Blackwell at the Heritage party. He spent a couple of weeks in Las Vegas at a condo timeshare. His daughter Melanie and his brother came out for a week and they had a good time visiting. Ask John about his adventure of hitting a cow with his new Yu-

kon, getting it repaired, then hitting a coyote.

District Judge Gordon Green has announced the appointment of Joyce Ketcherside of Farwell as the new Parmer County Auditor. She will have an office at the courthouse in Farwell and will work at least three days a week. The permanent auditor position became necessary when the 2010 census counted over 10,000 people in Parmer County. A state law requires a full time auditor in counties with a population over 10,200. The county exceeded that figure by about 60 people, County Bobbie Pierson, and Precinct Judge Trey Ellis requested a waiver from the state but it was declined, requiring the county to have a full time auditor.

The Friona high school choir had 128 members sing Saturday night in Clovis on the program with the Flying J Wranglers. It took four school buses to transport the group. I would venture that not many 2A schools have a 128-member choir. I think this is the sixth year of the high school choir program. It has grown in membership each year under the direction of Allison Johnston. Roughly one-third of the high school enrollment participates in choir. Nice job Allison.

At the Fire Department banquet Saturday evening, Albert Trevino was recognized as Fireman-of-the-Year. Receiving service recognition were Jerry Lanier 5 years, Charlie Pope 10 years, and Glenn Reeve 55 years. Fire Chief Jim Taylor told the group that the department had answered 93 fire calls in the county this year compared to 33 last year. If you add in the calls inside Friona city limits, the total number of calls this year is over 100. Hats off and Merry Christmas to all of our volunteer firemen and EMS for their service to the commu-

*** A letter in last week's Farwell newspaper said that Southwest Ag Tire Center in Farwell would close.

Dollar General store manager Pat Upton told me the store would be remodeled and reset after the first of the year. It will close for a few days while the work takes place. New shelving and new cashier stands are in the plans.

We have learned of the passing of former Friona resident Estis Bass Tuesday in Arkansas. Funeral services in Friona Friday. Martha Hamilton's sister Doris Hooks passed away Monday in Odessa. Also former Friona Star publisher W.H. (Sonny) Graham, 81, died this week in Lovington, N.M.

He was the publisher of the Lovington newspaper. Keep the families in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

V'Laura and Justin Sundlie and family are moving to Lubbock from Valley Mills during the holidays. Justin has accepted a position as an assistant coach at Lubbock Christian University and will work on his masters degree. Grandparents Terry and Varla Wilcox are happy to have the Sundlie family closer to Friona.

Hard to believe another year is almost over. We appreciate your support in 2011 and your help with local news and photos to fill the pages. In spite of the deep freeze last winter and the drought and heat wave last summer we seem to have survived it all. Let's look forward to 2012 with a positive outlook and hopes of better things to come. From the Friona Star staff, have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Until



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At the Friona Fire Department Christmas banquet Saturday evening, these three firemen were recognized for their years of service to the department. From left, Jerry Lanier 5 years, Charlie Pope 10 years, and Glenn Reeve 55 years.

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During this holiday season and every day of the year, we wish you all the best.

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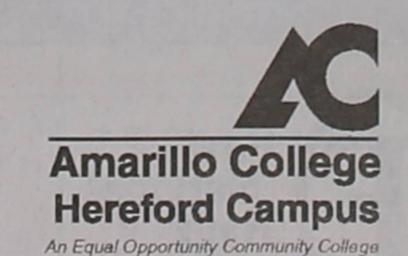
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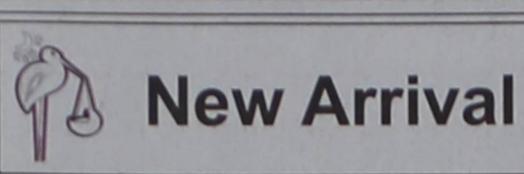
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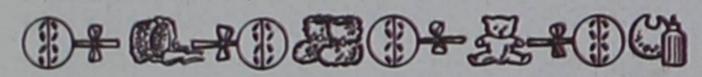
Jayden Gayle Morgan

Kyle and Lucretia Morgan, of Friona, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 10:30 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Named Jayden Gayle, the new arrival weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Jayden is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Dennis and Vickie Field of Friona, and Joe and Valerie Morgan of Perryton.

Great-grandparents are Ron and Melba Smiley of Friona, Frances Field of Dalhart, Norma Morgan of Perryton, and Jo Westhoff of Weldona, Colorado.



Chieftain band members advance to area auditions

On Monday, December 12, twenty-seven members of the Chieftain Band went to Panhandle High School to try out for the Class A-AAA All-Region bands. Each year the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) sponsors the selection of outstanding high school band students to perform in the annual All-Region Bands.

The process of selection is very competitive as the two All-Region Bands are made up of students from three high school classifications in the Panhandle: A, AA, and AAA. Top students are ranked according to their tryout performance and placed according to that ranking in either the top band, Symphonic, or in the second band, Concert. Students who are placed at the top of their section in the Symphonic Band then advance to All-Area in the ATSSB All-State process.

Friona students selected to the All-Region Concert Band were: Jessyca Rivas, Katie Osborn, Holly Johnston, flute; Benjamin Anthony, first chair trumpet; Jacob Osborn, Eduardo Rojas, Ivan Soto, trombone; Diego Licerio, Dakota Hernandez, Michael Garcia, tuba.

Students selected to the All-Region Symphonic Band were: Sajal Patel, flute; Miguel Soto, first chair, bass clarinet; Christian Rangel, trumpet; Haden Smiley, Candice Malone, French horn; Kailey Lucas, percussion.

Four of the students placed high enough in the Symphonic Band and were selected to move on to participate in the All-Area auditions on Saturday January 7, 2012. They were Miguel Soto, Haden Smiley, Candice Malone, and Kailey Lucas. Band director Ron McWilliams said, "We are not only proud of all the students who made the bands this year, but all of the students who auditioned."

The Friona Noon Lions regular meeting Thursday December 15 had 10 members present. Also present were club sweetheart Tenna Montana and Caleb Stephenson, manager of the CHS Grain facility, guest of Lion Dale Houlette.

Members of the Friona high school choir were guests and entertained with a selection of Christmas music. We thank Mrs. Johnston and the choir members for their participation. Sweetheart Tenna was the winner of our club's cumulative jackpot drawing held each meeting. She won \$179.

The club met at the Friona Golf Club restaurant building being remodeled for the Headquarters Restaurant. They are not yet open to the public as remodeling and inspections continue. The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be held January 5, 2012 at the same location unless otherwise advised.

We thank the community for their support of our Noon Lions fundraising activities during 2011. Thanks to you our burger and fries cookouts were successful and allowed our club to support several local organizations and community projects. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Friona Noon Lions Club.



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Members of the Friona High School Choir attended the Noon Lions Club December 15 meeting and entertained with a selection of Christmas music.



Sheriff's Report

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

December 13, 2011, Larry Wauson, 34, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with violation of community supervision (burglary of a building), pending District Court.

December 14, 2011, Jorge Castillo, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with theft of property (more than \$500-less than \$1,500), pending County Court.

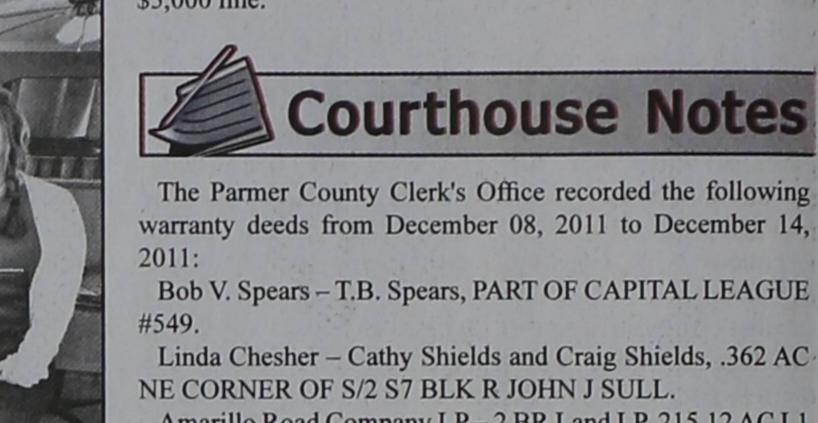
December 17, 2011, Brittney Mercado, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with motion to revoke (DWI), pending County Court.

On December 1, 2011, in the 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Laundra James, Jr., 22, of Friona, charged with possession of marijuana, was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication\n; \$418 court costs; \$500 fine; and \$140 restitution.

Earnesto Ortiz, 42, of Friona, charged with DWI 3rd or more, was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years; \$484 court costs; and \$5,000 fine.

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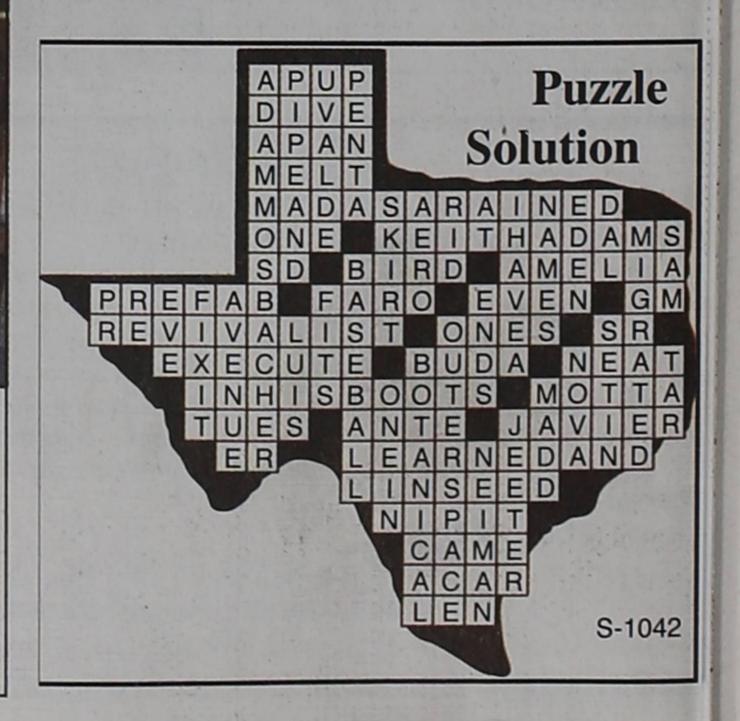
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These youngsters from the First Methodist Church Kidz Choir went Christmas caroling at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates last week.

Merry Christmas Carols

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"Adeste Fideles" is the Latin name of this well known Christmas Carol that is adored by people of all ages and sung in over one hundred languages. Although you are familiar with the first, third and fourth stanzas, the second stanza is rarely sung today.

This second stanza says, "God of God and Light of Light Charles Leonard Bass of Pea begotten, Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, be- Ridge, Arkansas, and Troy gotten, not created—O come, let us adore Him". This weighty second stanza revels in Christ's deity and that the babe in the manger is God himself, come to dwell among His people. In fact, the final verse says it this way, "Word of the Father; now in flesh appearing".

Do you know the song "Adeste Fideles"? It is known to us as "O Come, All Ye Faithful", and is fitting for any season as we come and adore the Lord. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" is a call for God's people to adore Him, but the reality is that we can only adore God because of His faithfulness to His promises.

And this month we focus on God's promise in Matthew 1:21; "And she will give birth to a son, and you shall give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Have you been saved from your sins and eternal hell they bring?

(Song information gleaned from Kenneth W. Osbeck, Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions; Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel Publications, 1990.)

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OBITUARIES

Estis Troy Bass

Estis Troy Bass, 93, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, formerly of Friona, died Tuesday, December 20, 2011 in Springdale, Arkansas. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2011, at the Friona United Methodist Church

with Rev. Kurt Borden, Pastor, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Bass was born May 16, 1918 in Washita County, Oklahoma, to William Arthur and Mary Elise Bailey Bass. He married Zonah Thalia Anthony on June 30, 1940 in Hobart, Oklahoma. He was a longtime area farmer, a member of the Parmer County Sherriff's Posse, and board of the Friona Senior Citizens.

He is preceded in death by his wife and three brothers, Ertis, Cecil and Raymond Bass.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Bass of Canyon; two

Lubbock; three sisters, Ruth Shough of Enid, Oklahoma, Mary Lou Walker of Houston, and Marjorie Berger of Tucson, Arizona; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.



Estis Bass

Congregational Church Christmas eve service

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at the Congregational Church on Saturday, December 24, at 6 p.m. Christmas service will be held Sunday, December 25 at 11 a.m. Visitors are invited to attend these special services at the Union Congregational Church at 1601 Euclid in Friona.

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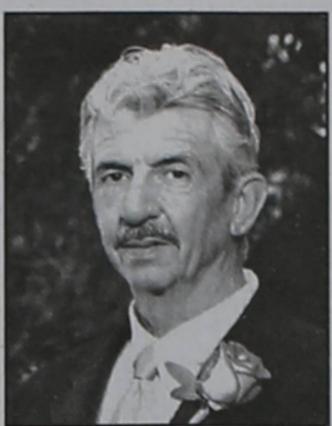
Daniel McMahan Carmichael

Daniel McMahan Carmichael died peacefully in his sleep on December 5, 2011 in Fayetteville, Arizona, where he had been living for the last year.

He was born to the late D. L. and Elizabeth Carmichael of Friona, Texas, on December 15, 1945 in Borger, Texas. Dan

graduated from Friona High School in 1963 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1969. He served in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1966 to

Dan worked as a farmer in Parmer County, Texas, in the propane business in and around the Austin area, and most recently, as a contractor, driving fuel trucks in Iraq. He loved to read, shop in thrift stores, and most of all, visit and laugh with everyone he met.



Daniel Carmichael

During this past year, Dan spent most of his time with his daughter, Hannah, and her family where "Papa Danny" entertained and cared for his grandsons, Spencer and Lucas.

Dan was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Overton Carmichael in 2009.

Dan is loved, and survived by his daughter, Hannah Carmidaughters, Betty Ann Jones of Amarillo, and Barbara Sue Bass of chael Holloway and her husband, Chris, of Fayetteville, Arizona; his sister, Susan Carmichael Knox and her husband, Steve, of Los Alamos, New Mexico; stepdaughter, Necole Ivey and her husband, T.J., of Amarillo, four grandsons, Spencer Holloway, Lucas Holloway, Ty Ivey, and Tucker Ivey; niece and nephew, Erin Knox and Peter Knox; and former wives, Patricia Chamberlain, Shirley Overton-Otto, and Monte Welch Bailey.

Graveside services will be held in Friona, Texas, at a future date.



Panhandle Parables

Coming home for Christmas

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

The road had been long and darkness settled over the land as the shorter days gave way to colder nights. The travelers were on the move in pursuit of a future that collided with a past. A unique opportunity, one filled with hope and promise, but for now the road was long and dark with the simple question coming from the back, "Are we there yet?" "No, not yet, but soon," was the response from the front.

So many times this road traveled, but never like this before. Then oft in the distance like a lighthouse beacon, the star shone brightly. A summons from the front seat to the back, "Sweetheart see that star?" "Yes" was the sleepy reply. "We are going to live in the place where it resides." "Are we there yet?" came the response. "Almost" was the reply. Like the star of Bethlehem, was the beacon calling the shepherds, this star was bidding the travelers welcome. This star meant home.

Now for some this melodramatic introduction might set the tone for some deep discussion, but I must tell you, the Star on Wheat Growers was that little beacon calling us home. Like most of you, I grew up seeing it a million times, but this year I see it differently.

We are here neither to visit, nor here because my parents chose to live here. Now we are here because we want to be here and have prayerfully trusted God with that choice. I am not just talking about our choice, but your choice, to have us come home, as well. Thank you. Thank you to 6th St. for loving us so, and this community for all the encouragement and kindness.

We look forward to what God has in store and are thankful for what all He has done. We do wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Looking forward to what God does in this place to His glory. God bless.

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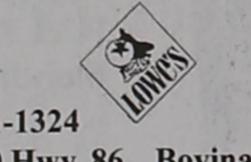
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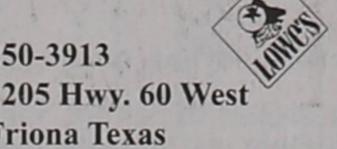


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Kadyn Hicks (22) scores a jump shot over a pack of Wildcats in Monday night district action at Friona gym. Final score was Idalou 85 Friona 30. More game photos available at frionaonline.com.



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Cole Stowers' (5) shot attempt is halted by two Idalou Wildcat defenders. The Chiefs opened district play hosting the 2A Division II state champions at Friona gym Monday night. The Chiefs lost 85-30. More photos from the game at frionaonline.com.



BID NOTICE

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office is accepting bids for medical services for the Parmer County Jail. These services are to be provided at the Parmer County Jail on a yearly contractual basis. A list of requirements are available at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office. Bids should be received at the Parmer County Courthouse at 401 3rd Street, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, Office of the County Judge. Bids for this service will be accepted until 5:00 PM, January 20, 2011 with the contract to be awarded on January 23rd, 2011. Parmer County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals as it shall deem to be in the interest of Parmer County.

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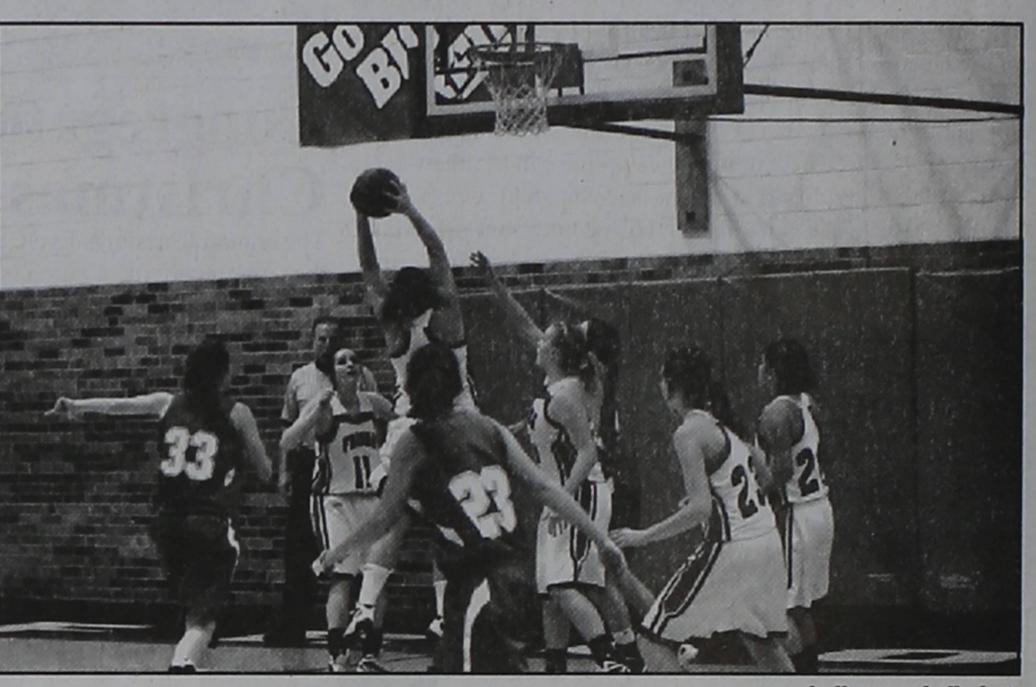
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Kendall Kimbrough (23) battles a Lady Cat for the ball in Monday night's district game with Idalou. The Squaws beat Abernathy last Friday 45-36 but lost to Idalou 64-36 for a 1-2 district record. Check frionaonline.com for more game photos.



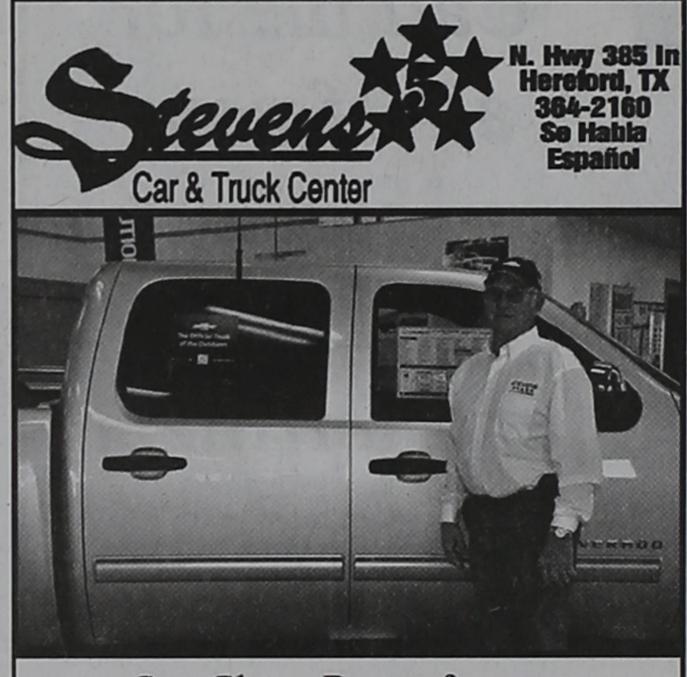
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Ashli Smith (10) lends an elbow to an Idalou Lady Cat during the Monday game at Friona gym. More photos from the game at frionaonline.com.

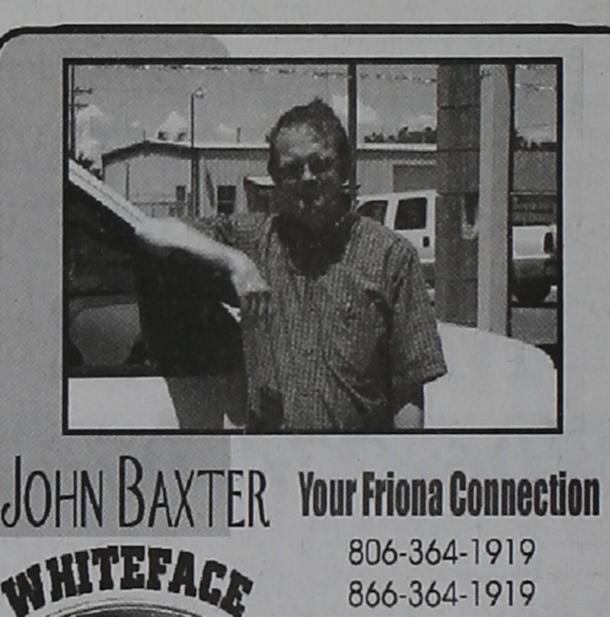


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Dakotah Hicks goes high for a rebound against the Idalou Lady Cats. Teammates are, l-r, Tamra Stormes (11), Maddie Murphree (21), Kendall Kimbrough (23) and Marisol Posada (24). The Squaws lost to Idalou 64-36. The game was played here Monday due to the potentially bad weather forecast for Tuesday.



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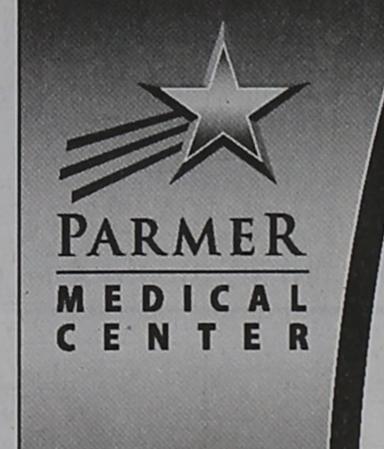
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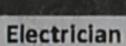
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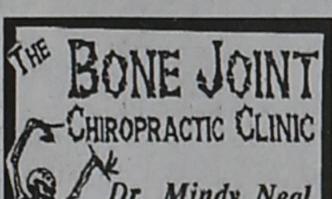
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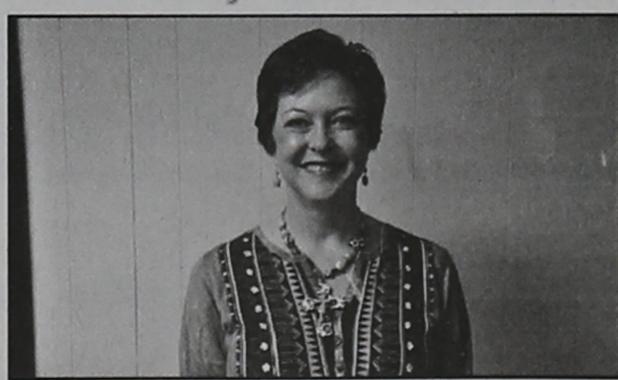


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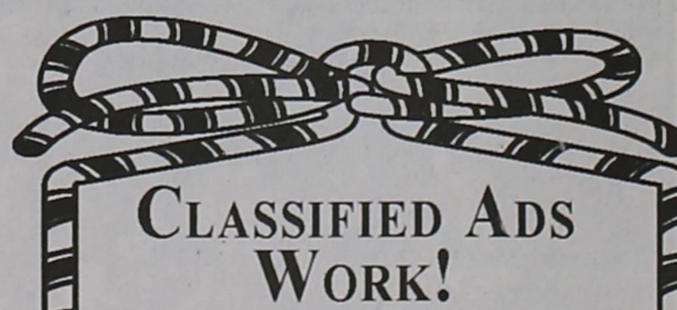


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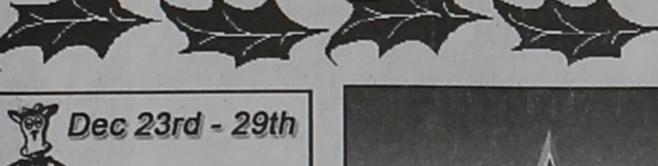
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As I Remember Riding the Texas Centennial Excursion Train to Dallas in 1936

By Willie Ellen "Billie" (Cogdill) Fairchild Age 92, Interview: November 10, 2011

I had just turned seventeen years old when I would be staying with my aunt and uncle, my friend Julia O'Brian and I got the opportu Homer and Laura Drew, while we were gone. nity to ride on the special excursion train to the Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas, ride, we arrived in Dallas and I called my Texas. It would cost \$16.00 for the round trip Aunt Laura from the train station. When she and that was a difficult sum to come by for asked me exactly where I was in the station, most folks back in the fall of 1936, plus our she told me to look up and asked if I could see food and lodging would be extra. We were a wire. I told her, yes—she said, 'Follow that told about the trip at school; I was then a se- wire and go to the entrance and Uncle Homer nior at Friona High School. Mr. J. T. Gee, one and I will pick you up there.' So Julia and I of our teachers, would go along with however went to stay with my aunt and uncle while many students were interested and could se- we were in Dallas. The other students from cure the funds to go. There was also a female Friona were to stay in a hotel and even though sponsor, but I cannot remember just who that they had made reservations, the rooms were was, now these 75 years later. [2011 is the 175th anniversary year of Texas Statehood.]

The railroad system offered special cars for cause we could not afford the hotel. the student passengers from each town. For the Friona car, there were about 30 people or so that went. Some of the ones that I remember, besides Julia and I, were Naomi Hand, Geneva Boggess, Ralph Baxter and Ruth Reeve. It was in the fall of the year and everybody was in the fields shocking bundles of not get around to them all! I think the thing grain. We got on the train in Friona for the ride to Dallas for the big event. I am sure that cades—the ceremonial processions and dissomeone had to sponsor the train, but I do plays with horses, vehicles, people, historical not remember who that was now. Julia and scenes with live actors, all kinds of things in

After what seemed like a very long train quite crowded. They had to sleep six to a bed, crossways. Julia and I had separate beds be-

The next day my Aunt Laura Ellen (I am named after her) took Julia and me around the grounds to see the Centennial Exposition. It seemed like such a big place especially since most of us had never even been out of Friona. There were so many things to see; we could that impressed me the most were the Cavalan outdoor amphitheater. But the most impressive of all was the curtain of water that came up between the scenes. It was very dense (you couldn't see through it) and there were colored lights of red, blue and green shining onto the water—it was the most beautiful sight!

That night my Uncle Homer took Julia and me back to the exposition grounds and we saw different things that night. The lights were beautiful! Uncle Homer shared more Texas history with us. I have always loved history so it was all very interesting to me. There was also the biggest Ferris wheel I had ever seen, and Julia and I got to ride it. We could see everything from the top of that Ferris wheel!*

Too soon it was time to get ready for the train ride back to Friona. Aunt Laura's maid graciously made us a sack lunch for the train ride home. We were so thankful for that! As I said, money was pretty hard to come by back then. I will never forget this wonderful trip; it was so exciting for all of us.

*Note: At the time, it was the largest Ferris wheel in North America.

New on the Bookshelf: Fiction: Zero Day by David Baldacci, LP; Litigators by John Grisham, LP; Hotel Vendome by Danielle Steel, LP; Explosive Eighteen by Janet Eva-

novich, LP; V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton, LP; Red Mist by Patricia Cornwell, LP; Devil's Gate by Clive Cussler, LP; Come a little closer by Dorothy Garlock, LP; Bride of the Night by Heather Graham, LP; Learning by Karen Kingsbury; Parchment of Leaves; Covert Warriors by W E B Griffin; D C Dead by Stuart Woods; Drop by Michael Connelly; Kill Alex Cross by James Patterson; Locked On by Tom Clancy; Richest Hill on Earth by Richard S. Wheeler; and Left-Handed Dollar by Loren D. Estleman.

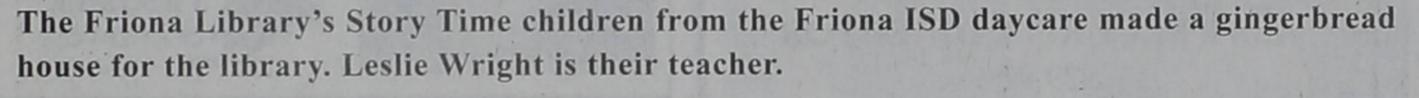
Non-fiction: American Whitetail Deer; Amarillo's Historic Woflin District; Fix it and Forget it Christmas Cookbook 600 Slow-Cooker Holiday Recipes; Inside Seal Team Six by Don Man; Spontaneous Happiness by Andrew Weil, MD; Happiness Diet by Graham; Quiet World by Douglas Brinkley; No Buddy Left Behind by Terri Crisp; White House by Goldberg.

Biography: No Higher Honor by Condoleezza Rice; Steve Jobs by Walter Issacson; and Sharon; life of a leader by Gilad Sharon.

Just Arrived! There are lots of new adult titles in Spanish--fiction and non-fiction. Also, we have many new children and junior books for Christmas Holiday reading. Come see us!!



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Friona's Cub Scout Pack 56 held a canned food drive at their December pack meeting. Food collected will go to needy families this holiday season. The Cub Scouts wanted to give back to the community to say thanks to the United Way for helping fund the pack. The scouts have been able to purchase needed tables, chairs, and supplies plus make needed repairs to the Friona scout house.

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Dear! I want a Dog want a cat plea a talking bab Delilah

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
baby alive, a wii with
the game, just dance 3 a
neckless with a heart on
it, a telosope, a laptop.
Love, Bryanna Chavira

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Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,
Please bring a telescope and play dough a transformer a laptalk and a Nintendo BDS.

Love,
Xavier Gonzales

Dear Santa,
What I wunt for Christmas
is all the kids who don't have
moms and dads I which they
have a merry Christmas and
I will all so wunt a xbox 360
and the dss and a wii gams.
Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,
Can I please a telescope
and a punching bag. Please
give to those who are poor
in Philipeans and the Usa.
Love Juan

Dear Santa,
May I get a gocar. Oh and
I like my Dad to be here
nest chrismas. Oh and we'd
like you for to come to dinr.
Oh and I like a now game
for ds. Marry chrismas.
Love Audry



Dear Santa,
I woud like a ps3
for Christmis. I woud
like to spend time with
me family. its fun with
you giving present and
giv childrens present.
I woud think I will get
a toy monster truk for
Christmas. I woud want a
Xbox 360 for christmis.
Love, Jose

Dear Santa,
I want a Dog please. I
want a cat please. I want
a talking baby please.
Delilah Anima

Dear Santa

I am going to want a BMX gas scotter. I am going to want a 3DSi. I am going to want a toch Phone. I am going to want a DS, DSi. I am going to want a iPhoe for my dad and a happi napper and a Pillow Pit. I am going to want a Bike for my dad. I am going to want a Ice crem maker. I am going to want a lazer watch. I am going to want a nickiles that ses my name on it. I am gong to want a chor list. Lewis monarrez

Dear Santa,
I want hihels and a dress.
Thank you!
Love, Leah

Dear Santa,
I want a white dog.
Thank you!
Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
Is it cold wher you
fly? Please bring a
baby brother.
Love, Mason Eichenauer

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I
left some cookie for you
at the table for you. I
would like a santa doll.
Love, Yolanda
Alonso Nuci

Dear Santa,
You're the Best. Are
you funny? I would
like a remote control
car and that's all.
Love, Joey Frye

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer
doing? I would like a
Barbe House. There is Hot
chocolate on the table.
Love, Elaney Arzate

Dear Santa,

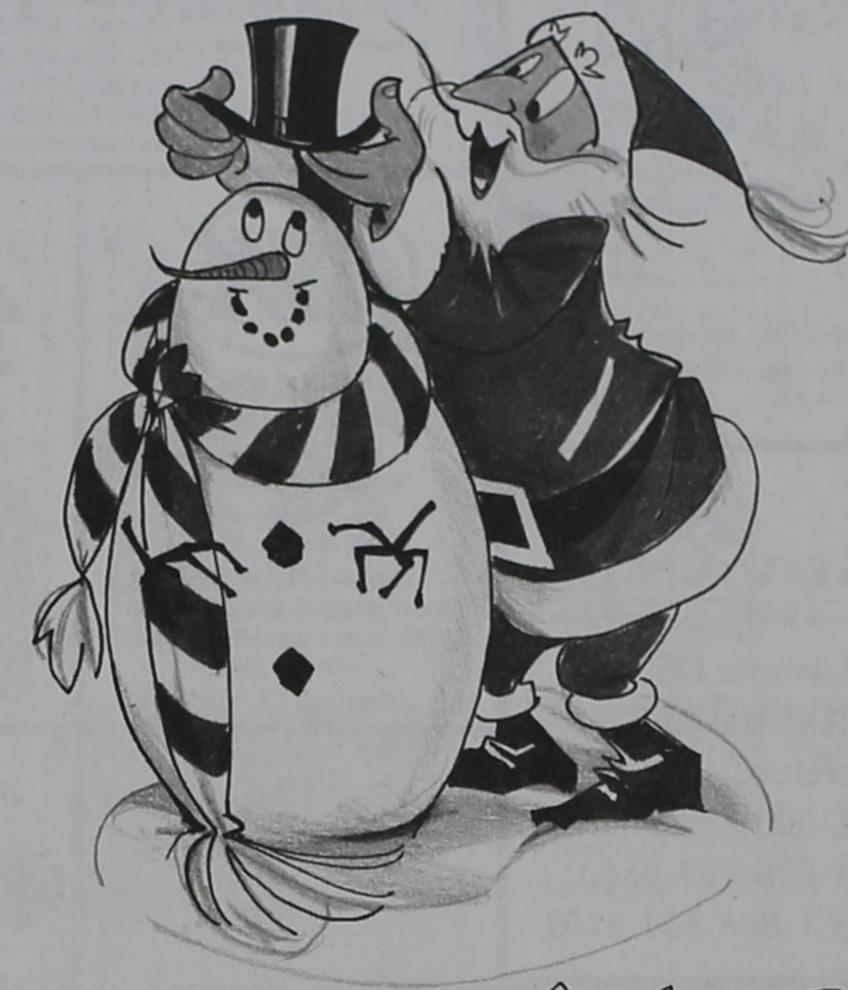
I like you and I like the reindeer too. I would like a pony. Is it cool there?
Why is it cold there?
Love, Stef Ally

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want to know is Mrs.
Clause pretty? I want for
Christmas is a Baby dolls
and a Barbie. Do your
Reindeer eat snow?
Love, Breanna Rivera

Dear Santa, I want 2 dollz. Love, Ellie

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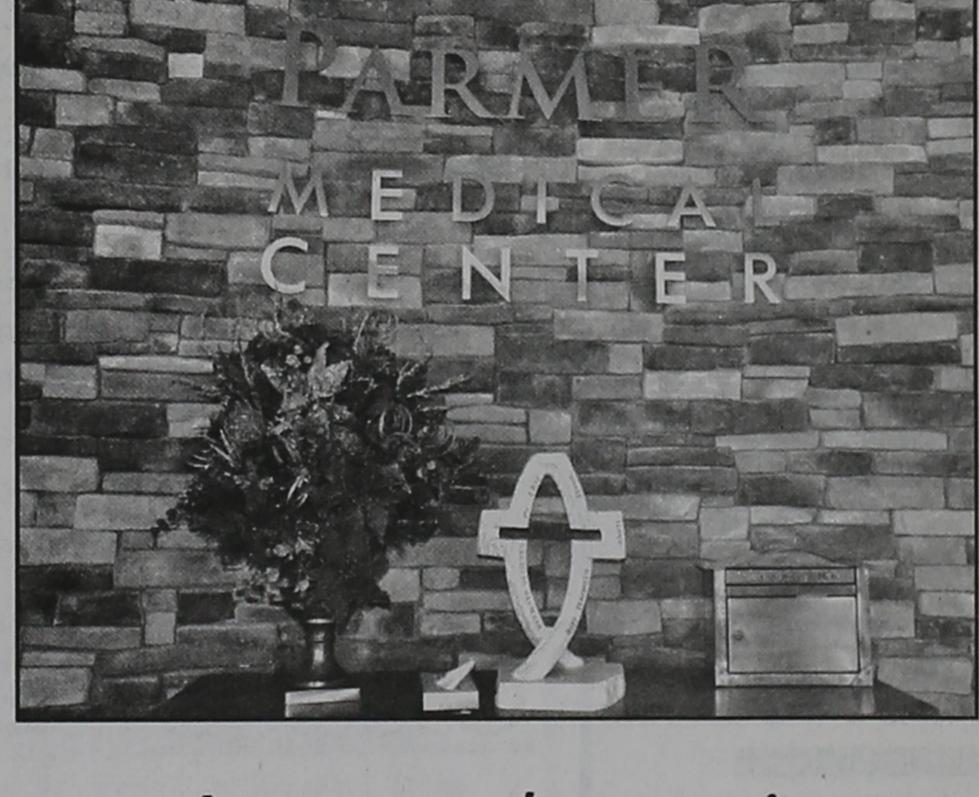
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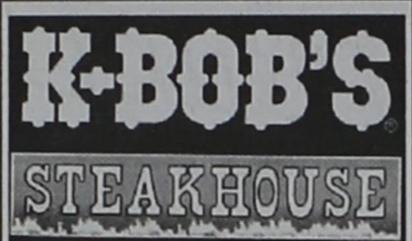


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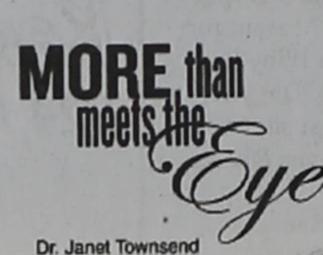
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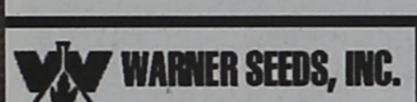


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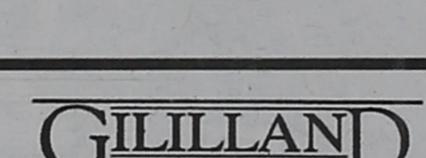
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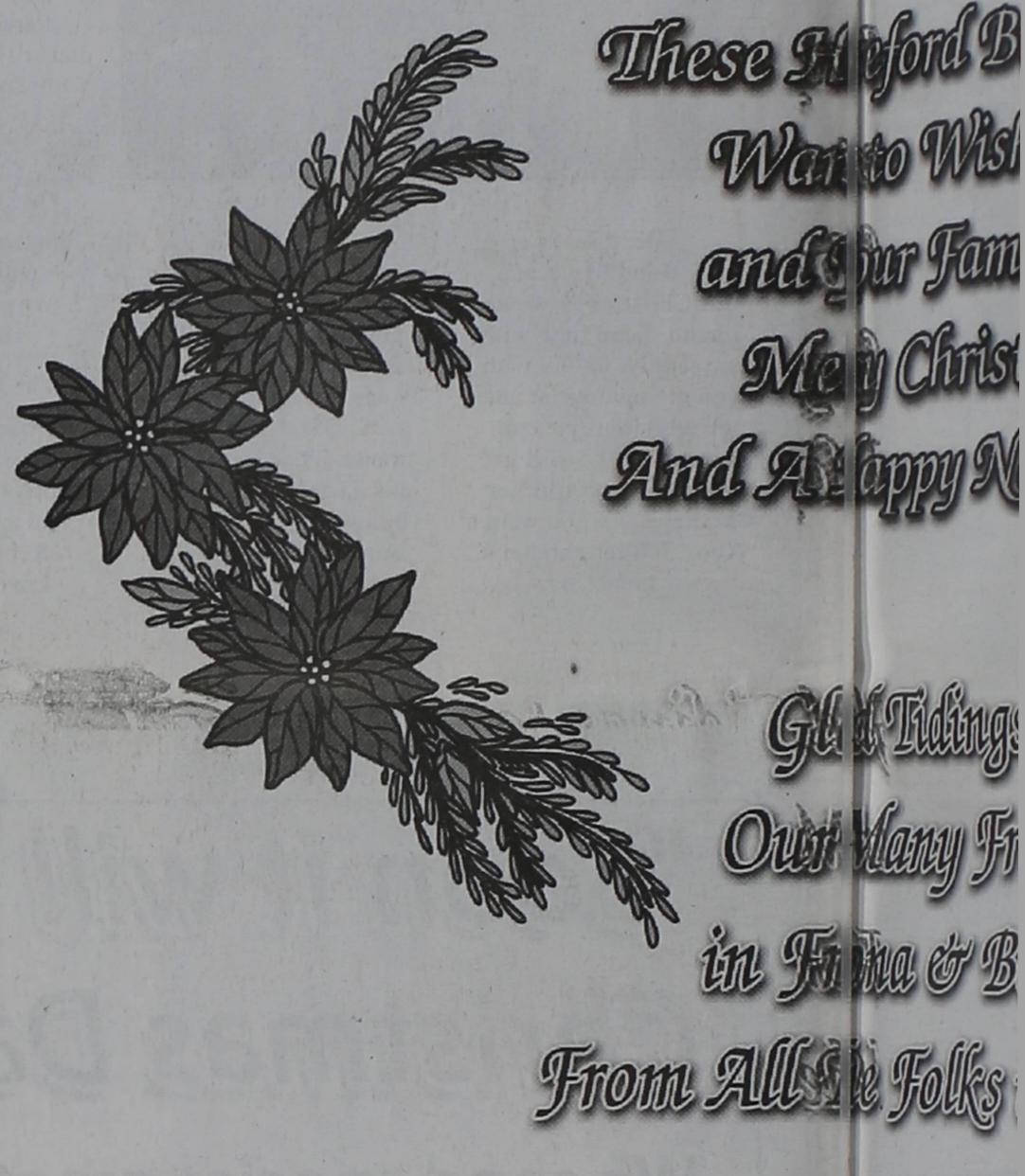
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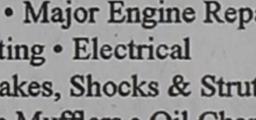


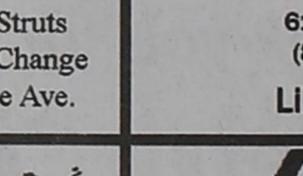


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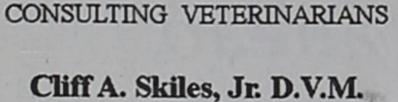
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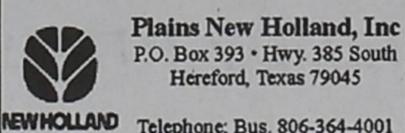
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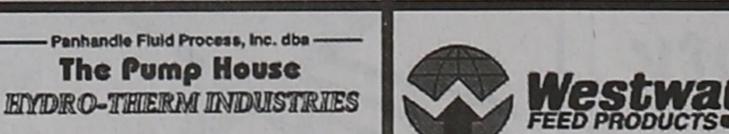
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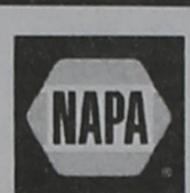
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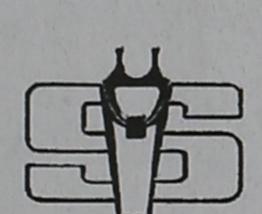
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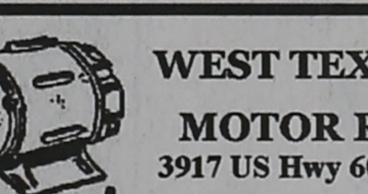
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PSP and a battery operated
scotter a surprise any color
with a lot of color with a
little splash and Desinds.
Happy Chrismas!!! Have
fun with Jesus I now I will
and I now you will!!
Lewis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want
some colors, a truck with
a remote control, a small
Christmas tree, A barn with
different animals, some
little cars, wrestling people,
and some football cards.
One more thing I forgot
to put a zombie game for
X box 360. The thing I
want the most is a zombie
game for X box 360.
Aaron Salinas



Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas
is two kinds of Playdough
and a scooter and some
roller skates the color I want
are gray and pink and my
size is 13. I think I deserve
these presents. Are your
deers ready for Christmas.
I don't have a chimney but
I'll leave my door open.
Have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Anahi

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus
are doing well. Please say
hello to Rudolph for me! I
would like a Monster High
Doll named Abbey Bominable, a 3DS, LPS bat or
cat, and maybe a Dora doll
for my little sister Maggie.
Thanks a lot,

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a apple Laptop. And one wish I want is for every one to be Happy in this world is not easy but Happiness is always important. Alex

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for chrismas and my cousin wants a DS.

Deno wants a surprise present. I want a white cat toy.

How is Rudolph and Dancer Dasher and Pranser and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Donder and Blitzen and make this the Best Chrismas ever.

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. Do you like to ear Hamburger? Are you coming to my House?
Love, Cheyenne Correa

Dear Santa,
I want a set of books.
Sorry sliders. Blizzard
maker and a camera. And
a vampire Barbie. Dora
bake shop. A new box
of crayons, A playdog.
A bathroom set. And a
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think you. and I will
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Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas
is a bear and a baby and
make up and a pupy
Santa clause cover and
a play phone and a book
and a coloring book.
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Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a toy remote monster truck and a game call Mario cart 7 for my DSi and a 3DS and a book call Junie B. Jones Jingobells batman smell so dose may and a game call Zelda for the 3DS and a toy Remote airplane.

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and three pair of shoes
and a pillow pet and a
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want monkey pajamas
and I want plain slipers
and angry birds pajmas
and angry birds slipers.
I want a dog thats name
is sam and some colors.
Noelia Bautista

Dear Santa,
please bring me a pin
spider-man and a smack
dawn, sin cara in a yellow mask. It you cant
make them it is ok. Hay
haw is mrs claus?
love Jared Rejino

Dear Santa,
Can you pleas make
a toy jet and a play set
of your raindeer and
you and Mrs. Claus.
Love Xavier Guerra

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. May I
ride a raindear please. May
I please have a teddybear
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you like cookes and milk.
Merry chrismis Santa.
Love Cesar Molina

Deer Santa,
I want a Nintendo 3DS and
a Game called stretfider.
James Salinas

Dear Santa
I would like a mp3
player and Just Dance 3
the video game for the Wii.
I would like everyone to
have a merry Christmas.
please and Thank you
Love Hirayma

Dear Santa,
I want a raser scooter. I
want a pop up pillow case.
How is Mrs Clos dooen?
Are the elvs doing gud?
Love,
Anthony Gurerro

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good
Christmas. I want a baby
crib and a camera and a
fone. You are the Best!
Love, Madison Osbrn



Dear Santa,
I want a Wii What kind of food do the Reindeer eat?
Love, Jasmin Roman

Dear Santa,
I would like a DSi or
DS. How are the Reindeer,
Mrs. Clause and the Elfs?
Love, Gabriel Abarca

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 3DSi.
ow is Rudolph Doing? I
have been a good boy.
Love, Evan Snyder

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Clause real? I
am 7 years old. I do Not
want anything for Christmas but to see my family.
Love Kamryn Riethmayer

Dear Santa,
how are the reindeer? how
is Mrs.Clause? how are
the elves? I want a cat her
name is Charie Thank you
love Nevaeh Maestas

dear Santa,
how are the reindeer?
How is mrs. Clause? How
are you? I want a dol Cristl.
Love Trinity Ramos

Dear Santa,
how is the elfs doing? how is Miss Claus
doing? I wut a Transformers thanc you
love Kaden Jeter

Dear Santa,
I just want to say that how are the els are thay Good or bad are you ok. I want wii
Love Gael Garcia

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Dear Santa, how are you good The reindeer had a red noze for Christmas i want a truck foot dall. Thank. Emmanuel Gonzalez

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a puppy. Is it cold at the north Pole? Aracely Hernandez

Dear Santa,
My name is Karlee I hope
you have a perfect Christmas I want a makeup Box
Love Karlee Osborn

Dear Santa,
What do you eat I know
you like cookes I want toys
Love Jacob Villa

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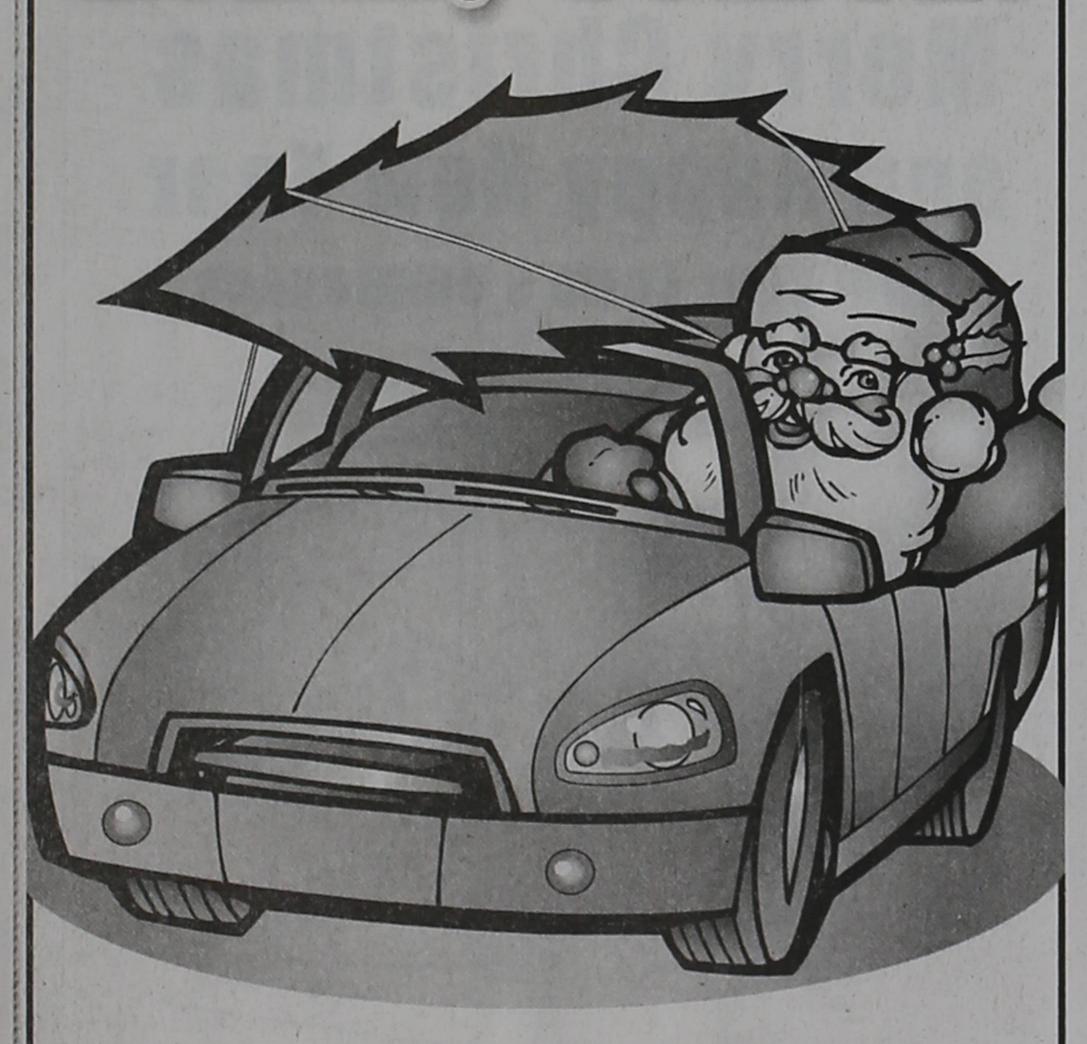
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Dear Santa, Please brinm me sam dolls please and that toc. Your friend, Yoselin

Dear Santa, How are you I hae ben good. can you bring me nitendo 3ds kort? thake you. Christmas. Your friend, Fernando

Dear Santa, Wen you giv aur presets to us in the night Ill giv you some cookies with Milk can you bring me a psp and a Grand the tothel and a big baet. Your friend, Isael

Dear Santa Claus, What I really want for Christmas is a baby penguin, a football, a football helmet, football pads, and that is it. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerly, Brayden Potts .

Dear Santa Cluas December is my favorite month because of Sana Cluas and Christmas. The bad thing about Christmas is if you don't want to get up early. But some kids just thing that Christmas is about geting presents but it's not, Christmas is about love and giving presents like giving presents from heart. You don't have to get it from heart, but it's better to make it from heart. Sincerely

Xavier Hernandez

of your raindeer and

Dear Santa Claus, This year I want to get Dairy of a Wimpy Kid Caibin Fever a 3DS and Super Mario Bros 3D land and Mario cart 7. but the present I want the most is that everyone gets a present from you naughty or nice.

from Mariana Pina

Dear Santa Claus All I really want from you is an ipod touch with a really cute case to go with it. I didn't know the raindeers names till now. Good luck delivering the presents. Sincerly, Mia Bonds

Dear Santa, We love you so much. Will you stay here. We are nice. I want a loptop and a train. Thank you. Alan Martinez

Dear santa claus, I hope you come to my house I whant a litte thik but it cost about 300 doller but i don't know if you can get that to me. So that is mostly it i gust whant that for chimst and that it But made if you can't get that can you get a exbox. Your friend Ezra

Dear Santa Claus, This is what I want for Chrismas. I want some games for my Nintendo DSi like this Wizerds o Wavely Place, Sqenkies, Fhineas and Ferb, Tangled, and a wii that is all I want. Merry Christmas. Love, Briana Beristain

Deer Santa, I wont a DS for Christmas. love Johanna

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Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a BIC Truck and a AirHog helecopter and I want some black new shoes that my mom liked. But she didn't have much money. And I want a

pillow pet dog with its blankit. And I want clothes for Christmas and I want a R/C Hammer and if my brother dosen't get one then I'll give him one the one he likes. And for my dad I want to give him a tool box to put his tolls inside it. For my mom I want to give her clothes and a Xbox 360 knickt with a exersising CD because she wants one so I want to give her one. And their nice so I want to give her the Xbox360 knickt and I want to give my dad the tool box.

From, Javier Rodriguez

Dear Santa I am 9 years old and my name is Danielle Trevino. Some of my friends say that there is no Santa Claus. But my dad says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth is there a Santa Claus out there some where. And if there is one I wanted to tell you that I want my family back together. Because my parents are devorst. And I have 2 sisters named Marcie, Gabbie and 1 brother named Tim. And it is hard for me and my brother and sisters. So all I whant for Christmas is my family back together. And I hope I am on the good list. I hope you get this message. Danielle Trevino

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Dear Santa Claus,

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Love Chloe

Dear Santa Clause, Hellow Santa how are you and everybody else. I was wondering do you ever get a frostbite. I do believe in you but a lot of my friends don't. I want an IpadZ and if you can let my friends see you so that they can believe. I also want a mouthgourd one of those costom mexico ones with my name on it lik on the magizine. But I just want the IpadZ. Sincerely, Jesus Torres

Dear Santa Claus
What I want for christmas
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a picture of you raindeer

a picture of you raindeer I love them I have to pictures of them I don't know why I like rindeers a lot I think I like them because they run fast and I want an four wheeler I like them because they don't get that stuck in the mud my brother wants a playstation he always plays mine he wants the game of blackcops that's my favorite game I have a PlayStation and a psp and Xbox 360 kinnect it is cool Sincerly your friend

Julian

Dear Santa, I'm very glad we have you. Kids are very happy you igsist. I am blessed we hace you. The thing I really want for Christmas is a Dsi I really, reall want it. I promise I will be a good girl always. Tell Mrs. Clause I said hi. I cant believe you can deliever present to each boy in girl in one day. Thats amazing you should give your elf's presents to. They work hard trying to make presents. I'm in 4th grade I'm a girl. I love chocolate its the best. Well its time to say goodbye have a good Christmas!!! Sincerly,

Audrey



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote
control jet. My BB wants
a mini LaLa Loopse. Nat
wants a volleyball.

Love, Martin Godinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 3DS
and for My sister a Barbie Doll and for my Baby
brother, a little toy for
him. Hows Rood off.
Love,
Carlos Reyes

Dear Santa,
Last yeer I got a yoneen
bold (ironing board) and
I rily liked it so so much.
This yeer I Hope That
I git a alarm clock.
Love,
Haily Stewart

Dear Santa,
Guess What? I have a
new baby sister. Can you
bring me, X and Jay Leigh
happy napers. We all Love
you. Did you no I moved!
How are your reindeers?
Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car that mves.
cars 2 wii game I have
been good. Thanks!
Love, Elaina

Nicole Guerra

Dear Santa,
I want 2 cars. I have been good. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jacen

Dear Santa,
I want a gun. Pokit nife. I
have been good. Thanks!
Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus? all I want for Christmas is a pupy just like my dogs but a boy Santa all thes years I ben rood to may Bruthers but please give me a presentand that allmy family to come on Christmas.
Love Magdalena Licerio

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a german Shepard. How is Mrs
Claus? How is Rudolph?
How are reindeer?
Love Deiondre
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you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph. Please
bring me skate board
and spy cam glasses.
I would like new leap
frog game like Hulk and
spideman and ronman.
Luv Anthony Diaz



Der santa claus
How is Mrs. claus?
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me a Princess
Barbie Ring and bracelet How is your Grandma Doing How are your
elves and you Give me
a DS I have been nice.
Love Mercedes
Espinoza

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer.
How are your elve.
Please bring me two
remote control car.
Love Corbin Potts

Dear santa Claus
How is Mrs Claus?
How is Rudolph?
Please bring me barby
doll clothes and a
teddy bear that is cute
and a puppy dog.
Love Danielle Padilla

Dear Santa Claus.

could you please bring me a
Nintendo 3-d DS and when
you get to mi house sum
cuke would be waiting for yo
luv Lizbeth Toledo

Dear santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? I
have been good this year
Please bring me a trampoline
and a psp and a Blackpsp2
Love Caleb Geske

Dear Santa Claus
How is Rudolph? How
are your Reideer? Please
Bring me a go Cart. Please
Bring me a camera.
Love Ivan Reveles

Dear Santa Claus
How are your reindeer? I
have been nice this year.
Please bring me teddy
bear and a baby doll.
Love Aliscia Ticum

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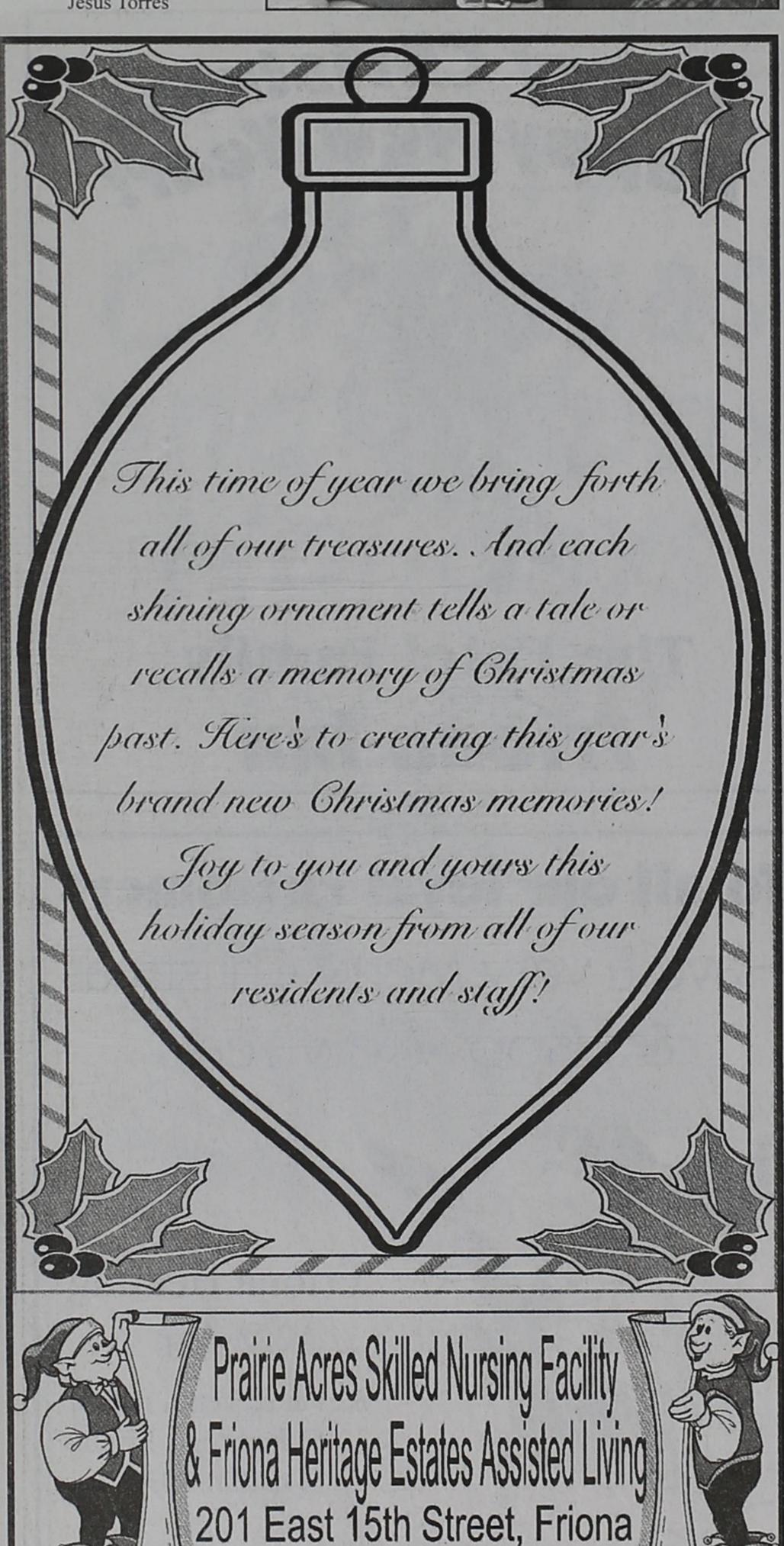
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Dear Santa,
How are the Reindeer?
Oh how is Mrs. Claus doing too? Carter wants a Nintendo 3D Psi. My brother Foster wants a Baby doll.
Carter

Dear Santa,
The things I want for
Christmas are on a list. I just
sent it to you a few weeks
ago. There's something
wlse I was not putting on
the list. Headphones for
my Christmas ipod. Oh and
I forgot to tell you, thank
you for all you do. I'll leave
you milk and cookies. Do
you want a present too? I
bet you do. I'll leave one
for you. Merry Christmas!
Sincerly,

Sincerly, Nayeli

Dear Santa,
My name is J'Dyn. I'm
in the 2nd grade. I wish
you a merry Christmas for
chrismas I would like a
camera and a pillow pet.
Thank you, Love J'Dyn.
I want a Skatebord
and I want a psp go.
love Kevin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the baby clothes so so much. This year I want a baby that danses with a pink ipod. My sister Aubry wants a Dora baby and a play fown. Ivy, she wants a Barbie house for the Barbies. I saw you at the Polar Express.

Your friend,
Emma Schueler

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope the raindeer are strong enough o pull the slay on chritmas efe. I bet the elves are very tird. Is Mrs. Claus ok? I want an Ipod for chritmas. I want a bull riding set plies. I want a punching bad that airs up plies and a par of punching glufs. I traid to be good Love Anthony

Dear Santa,
How are you? today is
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mrs claus are the raindeer
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strowler merea Christmas.
Love Bianca Ramirez

Dear Santa,
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Love Alberth Arguelles

der Santu I wont a DS for Christmas Love, Brandon

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Christmas.
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Dir Santu, I wont a Borb Christmas Love Alezandra

Dir Santu. I wont a Borb Christmas. Love Evelyn



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a magic
want and a spider that climbs
up the wall. Thank you for
bringing me present every
Christmas. I Love you
Love, Heston Grimsley

Dear Santa,
I want to ask your
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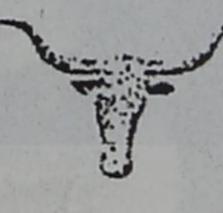
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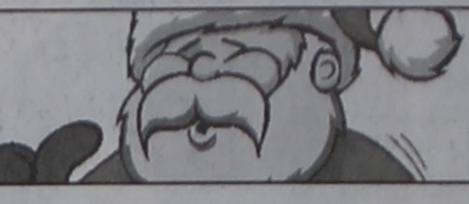
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa

How are you doing how is Mrs Claus? Is the raindeers okay? I try to be good and try to be good to my mom and dad. Are your elves working? Is the north pole cold? Is Rudold stil has that red nose? I want a labtop and a pony. love Tim Ally

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeers and Rudolf? North pool is cold! All I want for Christmas is Maxi gril a baby a faek little cake clous for my dolls a new bike faek kichin a big fack dog a monstr hay watr girl a box to keep my dolls clos a big stack of pipr and morkers. I can't way't intill you came to my hous and I love you so moch and we made elfz. Love, Litzy Gonzalez

Dear Santa, I bend nice. How are you? Good or bad or tiyer? For chrimus I want two moster high a vampire. They sale at Wal marte. They look lik moster. Love Mariela Riveles

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrses. Clas. I hop you are making evry toy. I hop all the raindears are fine. Are all the elves are good to make toys. For Christmas I want a Xbox 360 and a dritbike. Love Bryan Chavira

Dear Santa, how are you? I want to see roodof the red raindear. hay sant how is mrs claus hay santa how roodof rainder nos I cant wait intell you bring me my Deatedods.

Love Jennifer Der Santa, How is Rudolf? How are yoow and Mrs. Chlaus

downig? The north pole is cold! Der Santa I am in sekingrad. I want a BiBl. How tall is Rudolf? or the elfs ookay? I o sow want a tendow des 4 Gams?

Love Aneesa Amaya

Dear santa,

How are you? Santa do you have a son? Santa how do your elfs make all thaws toys be for Christmas? Santa how are your elfs? Santa how are your elfs dowing? Santa how small are your elfs? Santa do you have a dauagh? Santa how is Mrs. Claus? Santa for Christmas can your elfs make a ipod tech. Love Breanna Godinez

Dear santa how are you and Mrs. Claus? I will love to see your reindeers and Rudolf want I want for Christmas is I want intendol ds and glovs. I have tride to be a good girl I am in secent grad I a teacher She is nice to me. I canot wat for you to come yor friand Megan Jackson

Dear Santa, How are you do you go to my haws? Im going to give you cookies and you giv me sum presnts I want games Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Diego

Dear Santa; How is Rudof? How hav you been? I hope you are good Santa I wud like a Nintendo and a monstr truck thank u. Your friend, Angel

Dear Santa, On the table I out cookies and milk. For chrismas I want a play stashin and doll. Thank you. Your friend, Renata

Dear Santa, How are you? fore Christmas I wont a litl doll. She can have short hair, I want makup to. I hope you hav a good day. Your friend, Azarel

Dear Santa, I made sum cuceye for How are you can you bring me a Wii and sume games thank you Your friend, Alan

> Dir Santa. I wont a komputr for Christmas. Love Dora



Merry Christmas and Sappy New Year to All! From the Bluebonnet staff



From left, back row, Norma Torres, Penny Phillips, Dawn Campos, Cindy Riley-Harper, Monia Ann Wilson, Payton Darrow, Rhonda Sanders; front row, I-r, Dahlia Bautista, Angelica Chico, Diana Perez.

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Dear Santa, How are the reindeer. I wot A Semi and a playstation and GTA for the playstation. thank you Love Eduardo Juares

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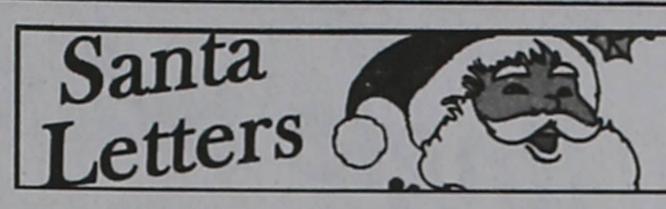
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Dear Santa Claus, How is Rudolph Please bring me a monster truck Love, Elijah Robledo



Dear santa claus How is Rudolph Please bring me Baby doll and a DS and a Dsi and a Dest and a grol and a kc hmv Bag and a belt How ron yoy ef. Love Ivory Shelby

Dear Santa, How the elves? how are the reindeer? I wot transformers regular Aiden Gonzales

Dear Santa, How are you today Santa? I am fine. I have been good this year. I Love you, Santa I would like a dog. Love, Prisilla Jaramillo

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa? I am fine. I live you, Sana I would like an oven. Love Naydelin Ontiveras

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa? I am fine. I have been good this year I love you, Santa I would like a bike and a truck Love, Eduardo Rodriquez

Dear santa, How are you today, santa? I am fine I have been good this year, I love you, santa I would like a snowman globe ball. Love Joscelin Barraza Lopez

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa I am fine. I have been good this year. I love You, Santa I would like an x box. Love, Ethan Mendez

Dear Santa, How are you today? Santa I am fine I have been good this year I love you, Santa I would like a cat. Love, April Avila

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa? I am fine. I have been good this year. I Love you, Santa I would like a Des. Love, Angel Palacios

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa? I am fine I have been good this year. I love you, Santa I would like a bike. Love, Jesus Godoy

Dear Santa, How are you today, Santa? I am fine I have been good this year. I love you, Santa I would like a mortol video game and a McQueen car. Love, Jorge Lorenzo

Dear Santa. Last yeer I got a tede ber and this yer I want a pilo pet. Danielle wots a ipad and mi sistr Gabbie wans a fon. Mi bruthr Timoty wons a ipod toch. Thank you,

Marae Trevino

Dear Santa, Bring me another wii control and my sester wants a doll. Did you kow I have a new baby Brother? Have a nice Christmas. Your frend,

Fabian Salinas

Dear Santa, Can you breing my baby brother some shrets size 0-3 and can you get some pajamas size 0-3 and can you breing some toys like a teddy bear for Gabril. I would like some wii controls and can you breing my mom a braselt? Can you breing my dad a Christmas cup.

Love, Janessa Garcia

Dear Santa, Thank you fore the prezente you gave me last year. I want another bebe gun. How is roodof? From Brian Victoria your Friend

Dear Santa, I wat a big toy truck for Christmas. Please bring my brudr, would like a gren tractor for Christmas. Mere Christmas. Your frend,

Dear Santa,

A.J. Gonzalez

I want a Barbie. Love, Alexia

Dear Santa, I want a motrskl and a liting McQeen. Thank you! Love, Omar

> Dear Santa, I want a Sonic and a wii game Mario. Love, Isaac

Dear Santa, I want a wii game. I want a cowboy western movie. Love, Wyatt Surman

> Dear Santa, I want make up. Love, Adynaih

Dear Santa, I want make you own lip gloss and makeup I have been good Love, Amy

Dear Santa, I want a Modzikl and a golden game boy. I Have been good. Love, Hayden

Dear Santa, I want a DS and I want a supr hero sqoid gams. Thanks! Love, Andres



Dear Santa Claus How is Rudolph? Please bring me Nintendo DS 3-D battery operated car Love Elian Rodriguez Der Santa, I wont a prinses Kasoi for Christmas Luv Valeria

Dear Santa Claus

How is Mrs Claus doing?

Is she doing good yes or

No? and Please give me a

iPad and a Nintendo DS 2

Love Vicky Rojas

How is Mrs. Claus? and yor reindeer I have been good Please bring me a Collie dog I Love you Love Brooklyn Ray Dear Santa, How is mrs. Santa? and

Der Santa Claus

the reindeers? I want a toy motorcycle and a nerf gun. Maria Carranza

> Dir Santa, I wont a komputr for Christmas. Love Naara

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our Thoughts Turn 10 Family and Friends This Time of year. We hope you have a very, very, Very Merry Christmas?

Kathryn Gurley, Attorney at law 250-2050





Dear Santa, I wat a Barbie. I rile like the tenckbell table from last year. My brother wots a pello pet. Love, Vaness Perez P.S. How is Ruduvf?

> Dir Santu, I wont a an G reBr D3S for Christmas. Love Justin

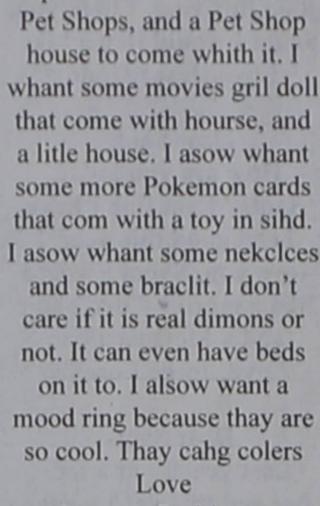
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Deer Santu. I wont a DS for chrismas Love Leslie

Dear Santa Claus This year I have been good. This year I want every pearson to get some thig from you. it would mean a lot to me if everybody got a piece from Santa Claus. I want there to be happieness all over the world.

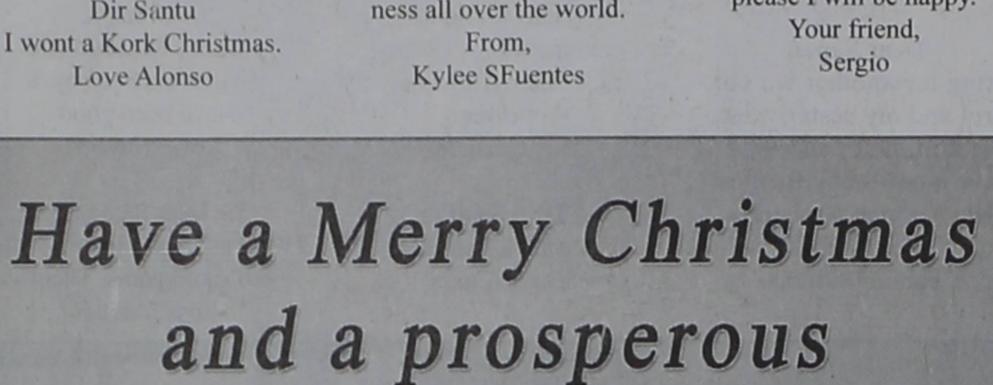
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Dear Santa, How have you ben? I have been good can you bring me a robot please I will be happy. Your friend,



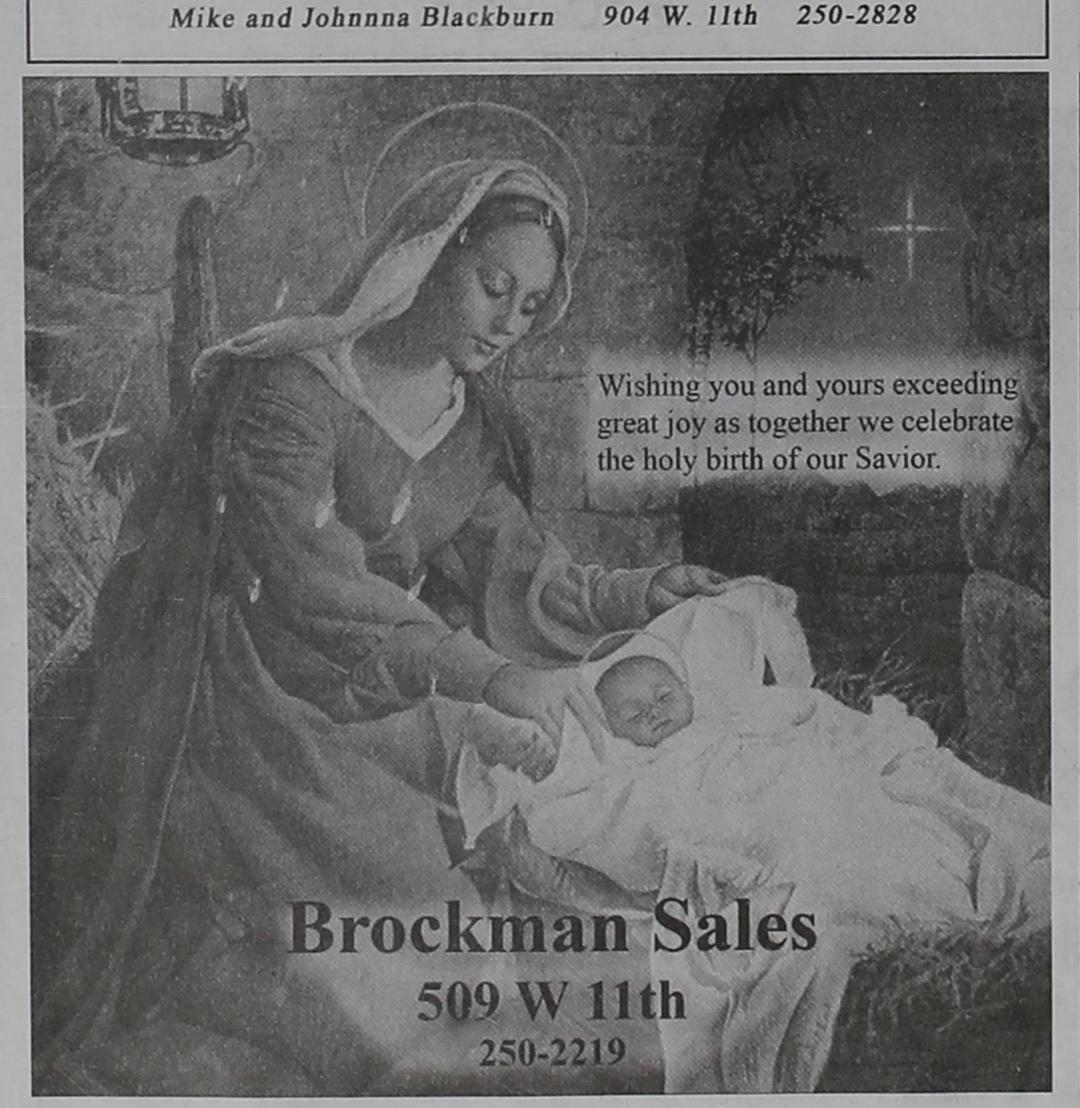
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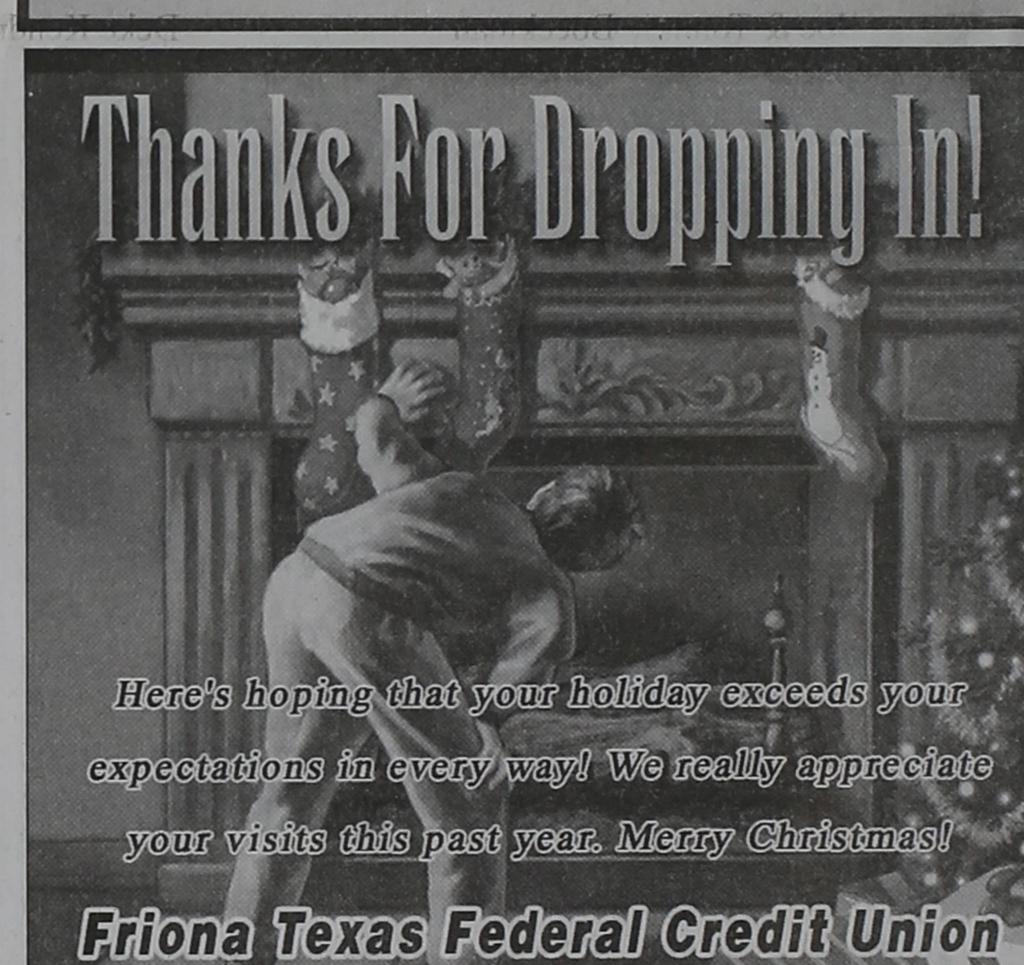


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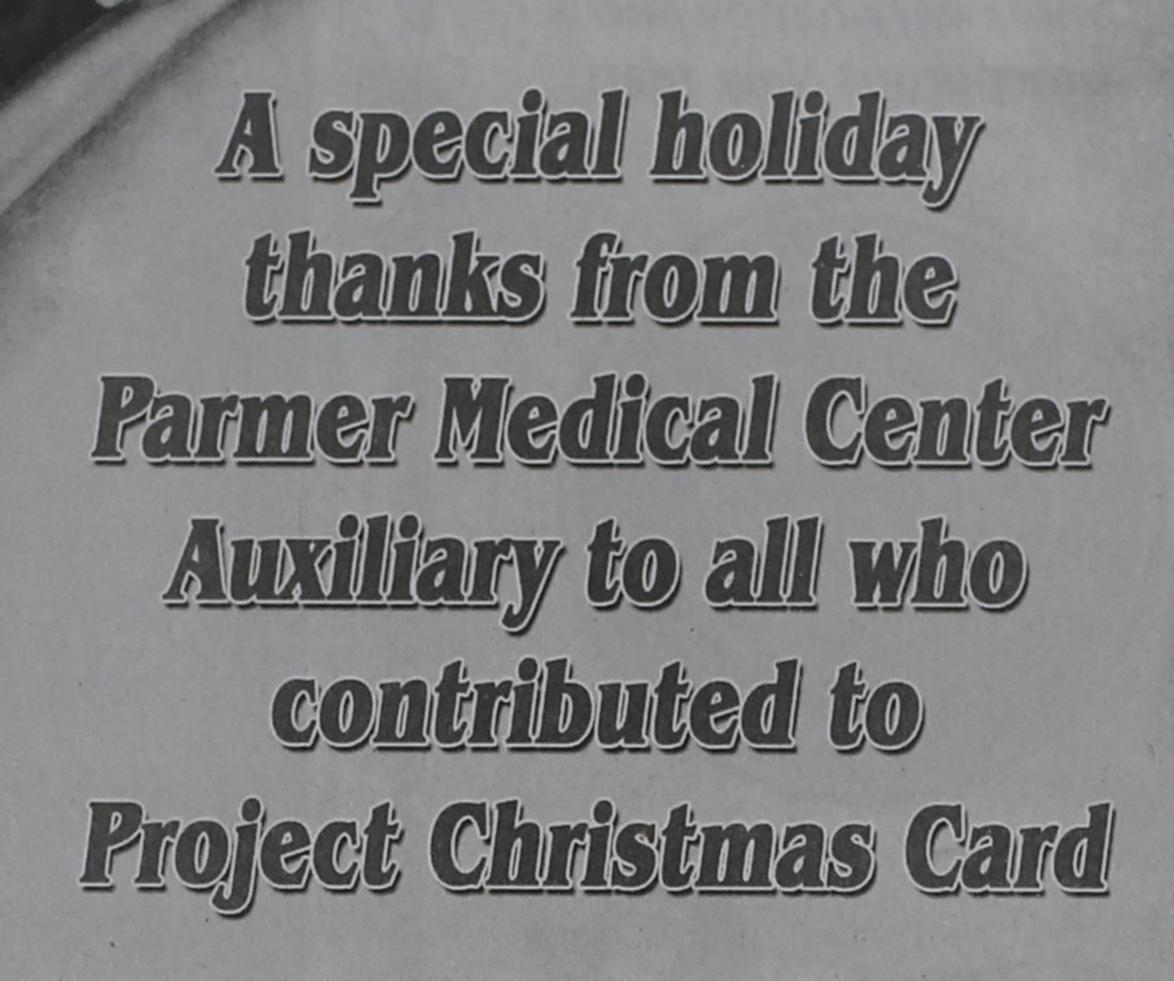


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