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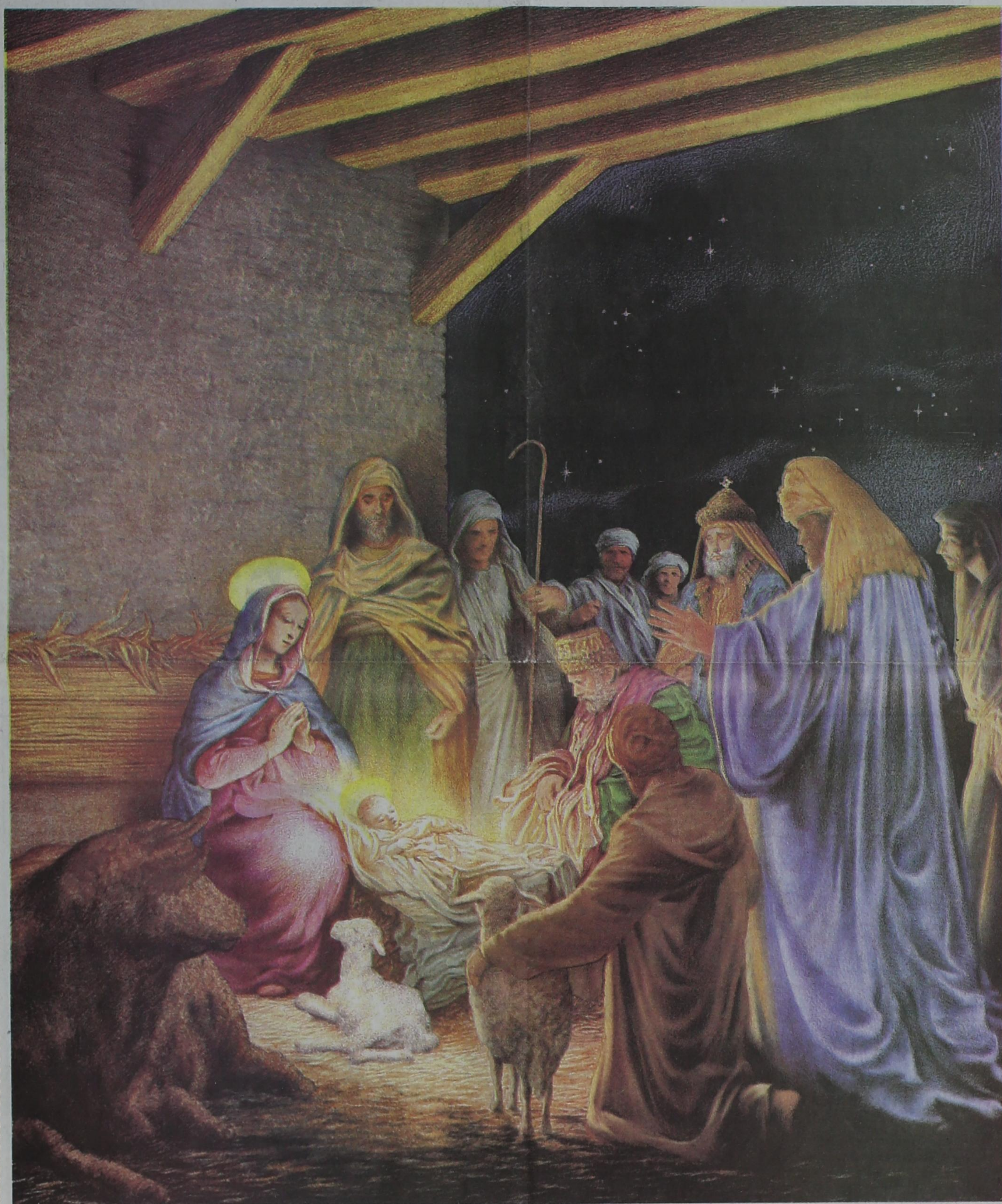
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REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

May you and your family bask in the glow of His light and His love this holiday season.

It's Not Just About Christmas Trees and Christmas Gifts

by David Arnold Livingston

Let kids tell you what they think of Christmas and they will speak of images full of snow, caroling, putting up Christmas tree ornaments, Christmas gifts and the irresistible magic and wonderment. For everyone else, Christmas is a whole 30 days (even more for some) of headaches and stress.

This doesn't have to be so. Who says you can't enjoy the yuletide season like kids can? This article will give you a few tips on how to celebrate Christmas with less of the stress and more of the ho, ho, holiday fun.

I bet you've heard this a gazillion times, but I guess once more doesn't hurt until you take it to heart: do your Christmas shopping early. Beat the mad rush and escape your kid's heartbreak when you find out that the very last sought after toy, that sells like hotcakes here, has been won in a duel by another overzealous parent. So shop early and avoid the scuffle.

And no, Christmas doesn't mean you have to be a Stepford wife whipping up delicious Christmas goodies from scratch. Doing this will definitely eat up time on your hands to actually enjoy the things you cooked or baked. Order your food ready-made, pop it in the oven for a few minutes, and no one will ever know. It's your little secret, everyone's happy, and Christmas will be full of merrymaking from then on.

If you need help with your holiday preparations, then by all means, ask for it. Is Christmas not a season of goodwill to all men? (And Women?) More often than not, you will come out with better relationships, a long overdue chat, or discovering kindred hearts. There's no better time of the year.

Learn to let loose and let the small things go. Trust me, no one will care about whether the food's a little late as long as they're enjoying each other's company. Hey, it's Christmas. In fact, you might get carried away by the excellent time spent with each other yourself. Just don't forget, there's still food cooking back in the kitchen. I mean, Christmas will cause you to be a little more cheerful and forgiving than most other days. Your guests are really there for the joy of your company - not just for the food.

K.I.S.S. works real well. In other words, keep it simple, sweetheart. Sure, your guests will no doubt be impressed by excellent Christmas decorations, but the whole point of Christmas is to enjoy each other, and pretty soon, after some interesting conversations, they won't even notice the Christmas tree is not a real tree. Don't go overboard on the decorations and preparations. Simple pine-tree scented candles can do wonders to your Christmas-inspired ambience.

Lastly, keep in mind what Christmas is all about, it's all about giving and caring, it's all about the season of happiness and delight, it's all about magic in the winter air. It's about innocent kids secretly staying up all night so they may have a glimpse of Santa and his reindeer. Remembering what this season is all about will keep you from going overboard and from going crazy with endless preparation. Christmas is about each other, not about competition. It's the memories of each other that last in our minds, not the Christmas decorations.



WINTER WONDERLAND — This courthouse scene from a snowy day, November 30, makes Matador look like a winter wonderland.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

— I Thessalonians 5: 16-18



*The
Holiday's
Abloom!*

With joy and peace.
May all your holiday
"arrangements" blossom
and flourish.

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is trimmed with
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other good things!

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I've been good! And here's my list!

Grant Potts came prepared when it was his turn to visit with Santa during Late Night Shopping in Matador, December 2. Grant brought his list so he wouldn't forget anything. He is the son of Jim and Mary Ann Potts of Matador.



May the miracle of His birth and
the glorious message of His life be
celebrated this holiday season

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of
great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We wish you and your family
a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year



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The Night Before Christmas

By Clement C. Moore

Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
And Mamma in her kerchief, And I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted,
And called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid!
On, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now, dash away, dash away,
Dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle,
Mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys,
And St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, And was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound;
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled!
His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses; His nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as snow.
The stump of a pipe he held fast in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly!

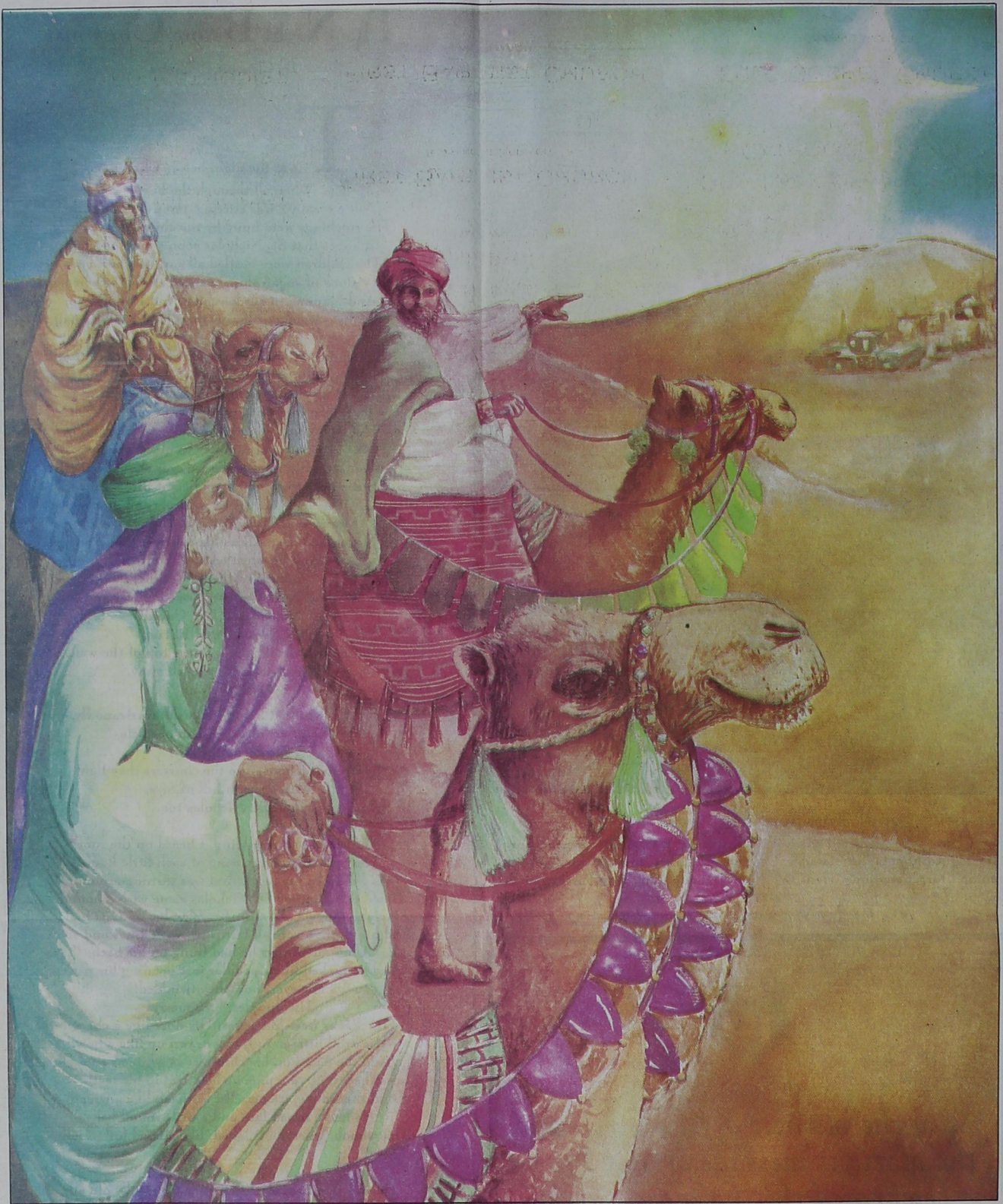
He was chubby and plump, — a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, To his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight.
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all, and to all a Good-Night!"



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Happy Trails to you
& yours





Guided by the Star of the East, three wise men traveled far to see the newborn child, bringing their precious gifts.

As we celebrate the miracle of His birth, let us extend our heartfelt Christmas blessing to you.

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HAVE A MOTLEY COUNTY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Matadors named All-Region

Motley County Matadors, Bradley Brown, Isiah Archer and Shane Newman, (left to right) were recently named to the Sixman All-Region team.

Three Matadors named to Sixman All-Region

Motley County Matador football players, Isiah Archer,

Bradley Brown and Shane Newman were named to the Sixman Division II Region 1 All-Region team. Isiah Archer was named second team running back and second team line-

backer. Bradley Brown was named first team running back. Shane Newman was named first team noseguard.

"These young men are certainly deserving of this award," said Matador head football coach Mike Bigham. "This rec-

ognition shows the respect that the other football coaches in the region have for the accomplishments of these individuals and the team. We are very proud of Isiah, Bradley and Shane and look for great things from them in the future," said Coach Bigham.

Prioritize safety for holiday travel

Austin — Motorists traveling during this Christmas holiday season should be prepared for two things that could affect the trip — increased travel times and winter weather conditions.

TxDOT warns motorists to be prepared for increased travel time due to an increased volume of vehicles traveling roadways during the holiday season and potential changes in weather that could affect driving conditions.

TxDOT and its construction contractors cause roadway work during the major holidays. So, motorists are not likely to see many workers alongside roadways. But some work zone lane closures will remain in

place, where necessary.

Motorists can make a trip easier when they:

- Prepare the vehicle for winter travel. Check brakes, tires, and fluid levels.

- Prepare for traffic delays that may be encountered. Leave ahead of time.

- Buckle up and make sure children are properly restrained.

- Slow down and drive to conditions.

- Drive friendly. Yield to other drivers and be courteous.

- Maintain a safe following distance at all times.

- Look both ways before you enter an intersection.

- Use signals at every turn

and lane change.

- Stop at red lights and stop signs.

- Do not drink and drive.

- Make rest stops during long trips. Alternate drivers, when possible, to reduce fatigue.

- Check area weather conditions on radio, television, or on-line before starting a trip. Motorists can call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm.

- For non-emergency roadside assistance, motorists can call the Texas Department of Public Safety at 800-525-5555.



Ho, Ho, '07 ... These two MC high school students, Seniors 2007, Marc Henzler and Gene Salazar, proudly show off their Christmas tree decorations, Sr. '07! The school lobby is decorated in holiday style.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at the First United Methodist Churches in Roaring Springs and Matador.

The Roaring Springs service will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Matador services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Both services are for the entire community and everyone is welcome to come and be a part of these special Christmas Eve services.

Christmas Lighting Contest winners announced

Texas Highway 70 Association announced this week the winners of their annual Christmas Lighting Contest as follows:

Matador: 1st. place, Randy and Andrea Brown; 2nd., Tim and Lyndee Ward, 3rd., Pete and Toni Gonzalez.

Roaring Springs: 1st. place, Lewis and Lauren Drum; 2nd., Joe and Diana Martinez; 3rd., Kelly and Pennie Keltz.

Tribune closed next week

As in years past, the Motley County Tribune will be closed Christmas week, December 25-29 and will not have a paper that week.

The next edition of the Tribune will be the January 4th issue. The deadline for that issue will be Tuesday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m.

We wish each of our readers a very Merry Christmas and our most sincere wishes for a prosperous New Year.



Standin' in high cotton

Chancy Cruse, pictured here standing in one of his cotton fields, brought in the first bale of cotton ginned at the Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs. The cotton was ginned on November 7, 2006, and weighed 497 pounds and had 770 pounds of cottonseed. Chancy farms near Clarendon and Lelia Lake.

Christmas dinner will be served at RS Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs invites everyone, regardless of race or religion, who do not have family or friends to join them for Christmas lunch in celebrating Christ's birth.

There will be no collection

or donations asked for.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs.

For more information call Alex Crowder, 806-348-7336.




4 days
left until Christmas



This issue will be the last for 2006. The office will be closed next week and there will not be a paper Dec. 28. I look forward to this week all year. It's nice to spend a little extra time at home. Although I'm usually at the office everyday, trying to catch up, it feels good to know that I don't have to meet a deadline for one week of the year.

This has been a busy year! And December has been a very busy month! With Late Night Shopping, the Christmas Edition and the Christmas program at Church I've been running through myself.

The children's Christmas program has been the highlight of the month. The performance, held this past Sunday night, was beautiful. I was so proud of the kids. Everyone did such a great job, even the wandering sheep and the stray cow. Actually they stole the show! The Angels were beautiful, the Shepherds were stately, the Wisemen were royal, Mary and Joseph were comforting and the donkey was perfect. The narrators spoke clearly and the story of the birth of our Savior was told in a wonderful way.

I remember playing the part of Mary in my church, the Roaring Springs First Baptist, when I was a little girl. Jeremy played the part of Joseph in that same church when he was a boy. Memories I will cherish always.

Christmas memories are wonderful. There was a time when everything wasn't so hurry, flurry! I remember the holidays being so festive and fun. Now, it seems that everyone is so busy, the joy of the holiday is sometimes replaced with dread. Some people will say "I just can't wait until Christmas is over." I love Christmas and everything that goes along with it. Hopefully someday I will have time to enjoy the holiday with baking, decorating, and all the fun things.

I truly wish every reader of the Motley County Tribune a blessed Christmas and much prosperity in 2007, and I pray that we will all take time from the hustle and bustle to remember why we celebrate Christmas. As the children so wonderfully portrayed in their program, the birth of Jesus Christ is the reason for this season!

*Jesus is the Reason
for the Season!*

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

On the 12th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:
12 drummers drumming, for \$2,301.00
11 pipers piping, for \$2,124.00
10 lords-a-leaping, for \$4,160.25
9 ladies dancing, for \$4,759.19
8 maids-a-milking, for \$41.20
7 swans-a-swimming, at a cost of \$4,200.00
6 geese-a-laying, for only \$300.00
5 gold rings, for \$325.00
4 calling birds, running \$479.96
3 French hens, a bargain at \$45
2 turtle doves, for a mere \$40.00
and a partridge (\$15.00) in a pear tree (costing \$129.99).

Thus, the total that my true love spent on the last day was \$18,920.59.

This was a price increase of 3.1% over the prices in 2005.

Actually, since my true love sent me many sets of these presents over the whole 12 days of Christmas, he spent \$75,122.03 this year for my presents.

Since he only spent \$72,608.02 last year, inflation increased the prices of the presents by 3.6%.

These, and many more fascinating figures were arrived at by PNC Advisors, who have been calculating the cost of the 12 Days of Christmas to my true love for the last 22 years. And costs this year are at a 22 year high.

While you may have thought that CPS stands for "Consumer

Price Index," at PNC Advisors, it stands for "Christmas Price Index," and you can check out all the prices, their sources, and even analyze the graphs of the prices over time and hear presentations on developments at www.pncchristmaspriceindex.com.

They also calculate the "Core" Christmas Price Index, which came in this year at \$14,720.59. In this index, they exclude the cost of the swans, but it was not possible to get an explanation of this exclusion before press time.

What caused the prices rises this year? The dancers, drummers and pipers were all earning more, the result of a tight labor market. But this is the entertainment market. There was no change in the cost for the maids-a-milking, since they get minimum wage, and there has been no change in that this past year. Watch for a jump next year, if the minimum wage is increased.

A number of prices, notably those for the gold rings, and the birds, were unchanged since last year. This is explained as the result of the drop in real estate values, which means people no longer are responding to the wealth effect, and thus are not spending as much on luxury items.

If my true love had not shopped at home, but instead had bought all the gifts on the internet, he would have paid a whopping \$125,767.32, or 67.4% more than he did. This is primarily due to the increased shipping costs.

So, once again, the clever true love shops locally. The Motley County businesses thank you for it.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott,
Librarian



The Library will be closed December 25, 26, and 27. We will also close on January 1. We wish all our patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We thank the Ben Grundy family for the donation in memory of Jerry Green, N.L. Moss and Lucretia Edwards Campbell. We received notice that the library will receive gift subscription to *Newsweek* from Dorothy and Stan Hanesworth. The library will also receive a gift subscription to *Reader's Digest* from Billie Beth Moore of Fort Worth. We know that our readers will enjoy these magazines.

Thanks to Granny's Tea Party, the library has a new copy of *Charlotte's Web* and a

Charlotte's Web Picture Book for the little ones. These will be popular books with the new motion picture based on the book.

In the Juvenile Section we have *Takedown*, a story about wrestling, *Larklight*, *A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space*, and a beautiful book, *The Adventures of Marco Polo*.

For adults the library has *Bill Neal's Getting Away With Murder on the Texas Frontier*, *Notorious Killings & Celebrated Trials*. We also have *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. This is "The untold story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl."

**Look who's
New!**



Trent & Trevor Barclay

Tylee Barclay would like to announce the arrival of her two new little baby brothers, Trent Branson and Trevor Bryson.

Trent and Trevor were born December 6, 2006 at the W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. Trent arrived at 1:24 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long.

Trevor arrived at 1:32 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces and 19 inches long.

Proud parents of the children are Ty and Brittany Barclay of Matador.

Grandparents are Jerry and Sandra Barclay of Flomot; Brenda Hurt of Dumont and Danny Perryman of Matador.

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Breast Cancer Screening Clinic to be held in Matador

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on January 4, 2007.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammo-

gram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Happy Holidays!

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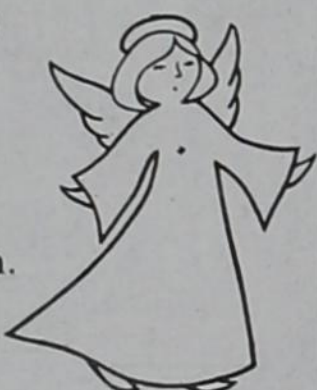


New to You

Downtown Matador

You don't have to dine alone on CHRISTMAS DAY

The First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs invites everyone, regardless of race or religion, who do not have family or friends to share Christmas lunch with, to come dine with us in celebrating Christ's Birth.



There will be no collection or donations asked for.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 on Christmas Day at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs.

For more information call 348-7336

Poor for Our Sakes



Our exalted Savior found as His first home on this earth, a crude first century stable. The Bible tells us that the Light of the World entered Bethlehem in the darkness of night. The Word of God became a speechless infant. The One destined to clothe His redeemed in white garments was wrapped in coarse strips of cloth. The Bread of Life was laid in a feed trough where the animals were fed.

Though He was rich, yet for our sake He indeed became poor. Our Lord Jesus came into our world in humble circumstances in order to show you and I that being great may not mean having the best of things this world has to offer.

Jesus gave His attention to spiritual matters and not the material wealth of the countryside around Him. He was on a mission. He was here to prove that the ways of heaven are indeed higher than the ways of this earth. Jesus would tell Pilate that His "kingdom was not of this world." Again, reminding us that it is the spiritual concerns that He came to take care of for us and not our bank accounts. "...He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." (II Corinthians 8:9).

ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	SSA - IDEA Part B, Formula	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,011,482	\$ -	\$ 247,938	\$ 14,728	\$ 1,274,148
5800 State Program Revenues	617,631	-	6,098	45,759	669,488
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	311,980	-	335,211	647,191
5020 Total Revenues	1,629,113	311,980	254,036	395,698	2,590,827
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	746,658	311,980	67,173	295,835	1,421,646
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	10,605	-	-	49	10,654
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,230	-	-	4,500	6,730
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	-	168,100	7,693	175,793
0023 School Leadership	81,319	-	-	468	81,787
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	20,924	-	9,871	253	31,048
0033 Health Services	8	-	-	-	8
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	96,867	-	-	733	97,600
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	89,808	89,808
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	73,772	-	-	206	73,978
0041 General Administration	174,387	-	-	2,301	176,688
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	172,118	-	8,892	886	181,896
0053 Data Processing Services	59,701	-	-	605	60,306
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	35,891	-	-	-	35,891
6030 Total Expenditures	1,474,480	311,980	254,036	403,337	2,443,833
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	154,633	-	-	(7,639)	146,994
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	15,200	-	-	-	15,200
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	7,414	7,414
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(7,414)	-	-	-	(7,414)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	7,786	-	-	7,414	15,200
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	162,419	-	-	(225)	162,194
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	566,449	-	-	4,356	570,805
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 728,868	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,131	\$ 732,999

Santa's Reindeer grounded for drinking TxDOT unveils new animated TV commercial to curb drunk driving

Austin -- Santa's reindeer star in a new animated TV commercial produced by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and airing throughout Texas this month. In the spot, Santa's reindeer are grounded for drinking on Christmas Eve, prompting Santa to hook up his sleigh to a quartet of yellow taxis. TxDOT's message to holiday revelers: if you've been drinking, designate a driver or take a cab to get home safely. With holiday revelry now in full swing, state officials are urging motorists to take the precautionary step of planning ahead to get home safely when their holiday celebrations include alcohol.

"Drunk driving will ruin the holidays for hundreds of families," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "We can't say it enough: plan ahead and plan not to get behind the wheel if you've been

drinking."

TxDOT's 9th annual holiday-theme campaign also uses radio commercials based on popular Christmas carols, billboards along interstate highways, ads at gas stations and festive coasters in bars and restaurants to deliver the remainder to designate a driver. The \$500,000 public education initiative extends through New Year's Day. Safety advocates credit stepped enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising reminding Texans not to drink and drive with the continued decline in impaired driving fatalities. Federal officials report that 135 fewer people died in Texas last year in alcohol-related crashes than in 2004, continuing the trend from 2003.

The Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Al-

coholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Municipal Police Association and Valero Corporation are also participating in the holiday DWI-prevention campaign.

Penalties for a first-time DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.



Jesus is
the reason
for the
Season!



Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the Greenbelt District Banquet on Monday, December 11th. Justin Newman, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell and Shane Newman, along with Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper, were among the approximately 140 members and guests that attended the banquet which was held at the Main Event in Childress. Motley County is one of 17 schools that make up the Greenbelt District, which is one of six districts in the Area 1 FFA Association.

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Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 12)

God is infinite. This means that in His Being, God is without termination and finitude. He has no limits or boundaries, and is without beginning or end, i.e., limitless. This can be contrasted with us. We are finite, i.e., limited in time and space - even physical life, but not God. Given our finite (limited) minds, this is another attribute we cannot comprehend either. Only God can. But His infinity follows from many of His other attributes, such as His eternity, omnipresence, perfection, immateriality, transcendence, omniscience, omnipotence, aseity, and necessity. Thus, in our contemplation of God, we are met with incomprehensibility. Even the universe is finite with limits and boundaries, but God is

beyond measure. He is infinite! And, there can be only one infinite being.

God is also eternal. This means free from succession of time. Literally, He had no beginning and will have no end. He has always been, and always will be! Thus He is beyond time, which He created, and He sustains the changing realm of succeeding events. The skeptic asks: "Who created God?" The answer: "Nobody! He is eternal - the uncaused First Cause!" If He were not eternal, then sometime in the past, there would have been nothing, and if so, there would be nothing now!

God is also immutable. This means that He is unchanging and unchangeable. "For I am the Lord, I change not." Malachi 3:6. This is exactly what God was saying in Exodus 3:14, "I AM

THAT I AM." The expanded Hebrew is enlightening: "I will continually be who I always have been!" Some of his other attributes, e.g., perfection, aseity, simplicity, and eternity, establish that He cannot change! He would be less than God. God's unchangeability is the key to understanding much about God and His plan of salvation. It can be rightly argued that He did it the only way He could do it. Thus, we have no choice but to accept it. Also, this attribute reveals some other very important matters. It means that not only is God

findable and knowable, He is also provable and consistent, a major comfort factor to us. But it also means that He must will and act in accordance with His perfect and unchanging attributes, meaning that we must get right with God - not the reverse! Finally, God's unchangeability vastly differs from the perceived God of Islam, Allah, who is ever-changing and a moving target, i.e., unknowable.

Correction: The last article should have said, "The Son was the prime 'MOVER' in creation."

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Motley County 4-H'ers compete in District Food Show

Motley County 4-H members participating in the District Food Show held at Vernon are pictured above left to right, Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, Meagan Ford, Shane'a Russell, Autumn Woolsey, Angelica Meredith, Catherine Ward, Kyla Simpson, Lexie Osborn, Jaci Zingerman and Hance Davey.

Top cooks named in 4-H Food Show

Vernon — 200 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show here Saturday (December 9) at the Wilbarger Auditorium. Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 2007. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.

Motley County winners included Cassidy Turner, receiving first in the Junior Fruit and Vegetables division. Catherine Ward received a third place in the Junior Nutritious Snacks.

Alexis Osborn received a third place in the Intermediate Fruit and Vegetable division.

Hance Davey received second place in the Intermediate Desserts.

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa CattleWomen and Wichita Falls Area CattleWomen were also presented to first and second place winners in Main Dish in which beef was an ingredient.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District Meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the district. These 4-H'ers were recognized with certificates.

Exhibits relating to the foods and nutrition project: Cassidy Turner, Jaci Zingerman, Shane'a Russell of Motley County.

News Articles: Shane'a Russell, Motley County.

Also participating in the District Show were Motley 4-H'ers Seth Baxter, Angelica Meredith, Kyla Simpson, Autumn Woolsey and Meagan Ford. This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Kalico Leech, Extension Program Specialist 4-H & Youth, with the Texas Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

Motley County 4-H leader, D'anna Russell, said, "All the Motley County kids did a great job!"

Participants were accompanied to Vernon by Ryan and Jamie Martin, Tammy Simpson, Brittany Moore, Lori Alexander, Colleen Baxter and D'anna Russell.

Comptroller Strayhorn forecasts healthy growth for Texas economy

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last month that the state's economy will continue tracking the U.S. economy and will moderate over the next three years, growing at a somewhat slower pace than what the state has seen recently, but still at a healthy rate. Economists with the Comptroller's Office recently completed the Fall 2006 economic forecast.

"After the robust growth in our Texas economy in 2004, 2005 and 2006, the next three years are expected to deliver healthy growth, but at a slower pace," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn noted that, "With the State's increasing ties to U.S. performance, Texas economists pay close attention to the national developments when forecasting the direction of our state's economy. Nationally, sales of existing homes, prices, and new construction starts are falling. Although the Texas housing industry remains relatively healthy, it will be hampered by a smaller number of new home starts over the next three years, as well as a slowing economy in general."

"Texas has recovered from the 02-03 economic slowdown that followed the triple economic whammy of 9/11, the Enron and WorldCom scandals will still slightly outpace the national gross domestic product in calendar years 2007 and 2008 and increase the national rate in 2009," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn's Fall economic forecast also projected the average annual growth rate in personal income in Texas to be 6.4 percent in calendar years 2007,

2008 and 2009. This projection is less than the 7.0 percent average annual growth over the past three years.

"Texas' gross state product and the high tech bubble bursting," Strayhorn said. "The gross state product this year will grow 5.0 percent. And Texas' real gross state product is now expected to grow at an average annual rate of 3.5 percent in calendar years 2007 through 2009, compared to 4.8 percent annually from 2003 to 2006."



5-YEAR ADULT LEADERS — Shawn and Shonda Elliott, Tina Brooks, and Tammy Simpson were recognized for serving the Motley County 4-H Club as leaders for 5 years at the October 4-H banquet. Not pictured are adult leaders Matt Washington, Ted Davey and Gilbert Guerrero.



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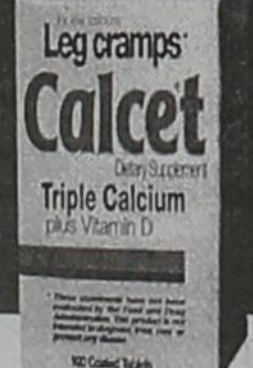
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Joyce Meredith, Daphne Meredith, Sherry and Shea Rose accompanied Angelica, Jonah and Parker Meredith to Lubbock Saturday, where they met Carla Meador and grandchildren, Morgan and Judson, to attend The Nutcracker Ballet at the Civic Center.

I really haven't heard any specific news for this week's paper. Everyone I know is busy getting ready for Christmas; baking, wrapping; a few are still working on Christmas gift projects; some are packing to go to their families for Christmas and some are still cleaning house making everything ready for family coming to their house.

The different civic clubs were packing boxes for shut-ins Monday for delivery. The Women On Mission at the First Baptist Church met Monday to pack little personal gifts for shut-ins. Christmas is definitely in the air.

Sunday Morning the United

Methodist Church attended a special Christmas service at the First Baptist Church. Sunday evening the Full Gospel Church had their Christmas service.

If I could write a letter to Santa Claus, I would ask for at least another week to finish all the things I have planned to get done before Christmas and I would mark it URGENT!

Oh, yes. Our tree is still standing and Little Toot is becoming more of an outdoor cat which is what she is meant to be. She still needs a few roars from the vacuum when she is inside though.

Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season as we are reminded everyday. It's crucial to remember this in order to enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Have a Merry Christmas and let me know about your day so I can put it in next week's paper.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

As nature reveals her miracles in this season of joy, may peace come into our hearts. Have a joyous and thankful peace filled Christmas!

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Janice Hughes had hip surgery Friday, Dec. 8th at the Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She returned home Monday, Dec. 11th.

Visiting her since her return home were Pete and Billy Meyer and Ginger Morgan of Turkey, Kellye Payne of Quitaque, Jo Ann McFall of Silverton, Roger Hughes of Floydada and Mark and Brenda James of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lubbock Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton.

Mrs. Leona Degan, Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Crosbyton Sunday to celebrate the

birthday of Kason Degan, son of Dane Degan. He blew out his three candles on a decorated birthday cake that was served with ice cream and punch. Other family members attending were his grandparents, Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary and Shay, Jimmy, Seth and Luke McDaniel of Lubbock.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his brothers, Johnie Starkey and Jack Starkey.

Visiting the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks and celebrating the birthday of Coy Saturday with a special birthday cake and best wishes were his children and families, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Coy McKay of Turkey visited Wednesday with Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers.

Wilburn Martin accompanied Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton to Childress, Thursday for her last therapy treatment on injured shoulder. She also had a medical appointment and received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert received word Monday, Dec. 11th of the arrival of a great grandson, Cavin Douglas Cook. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Keith and Lauren Cook of Atlanta, Georgia.

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg hosted a birthday skating party in Plainview Sunday afternoon for their daughter, Haley who was five years old. Those attending the fun filled celebration beside her sister, Emily and friends, were Keri, Kevin and Brian Sehon of Ropesville, Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot and their houseguests, Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert and son, Cade of Bogota, Colombia; Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter of Flomot.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CHURCH SERVICES

The First Baptist Church in Flomot held an impressive Christmas Candlelight Service Sunday night, Dec. 17. The Rev. Nathan Mulder conducted the services.

The Twelve Powers of Christmas was enacted by twelve church members relating each power. They then lit a green candle that was placed on different levels. Following the services, refreshments and spiritual fellowship were enjoyed.

Matador News

Jerome H. Wallingsford

Graveside services for Jerome H. Wallingsford, Sr., 71, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador, with Vince Sandlin, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Wallingsford passed away Sunday, December 17, 2006, at his residence in Matador.

Jerome was born in Waco, Texas on July 9, 1935 to J.B. and Alice Wallingsford. The Wallingsfords moved to Plainview from Waco in 1941. He married the former Martha Beavers on April 19, 1964. Jerome and Martha moved to the Matador community with their family in 1973. Mr. Wallingsford worked as a farm laborer for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Jerome had three daughters from his first wife that include: Shielda Annie, who preceded him in death in September 2001; Phyllis Stall, and Elizabeth Carol Wallingsford of Nebraska. He had five grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren from his daughters.



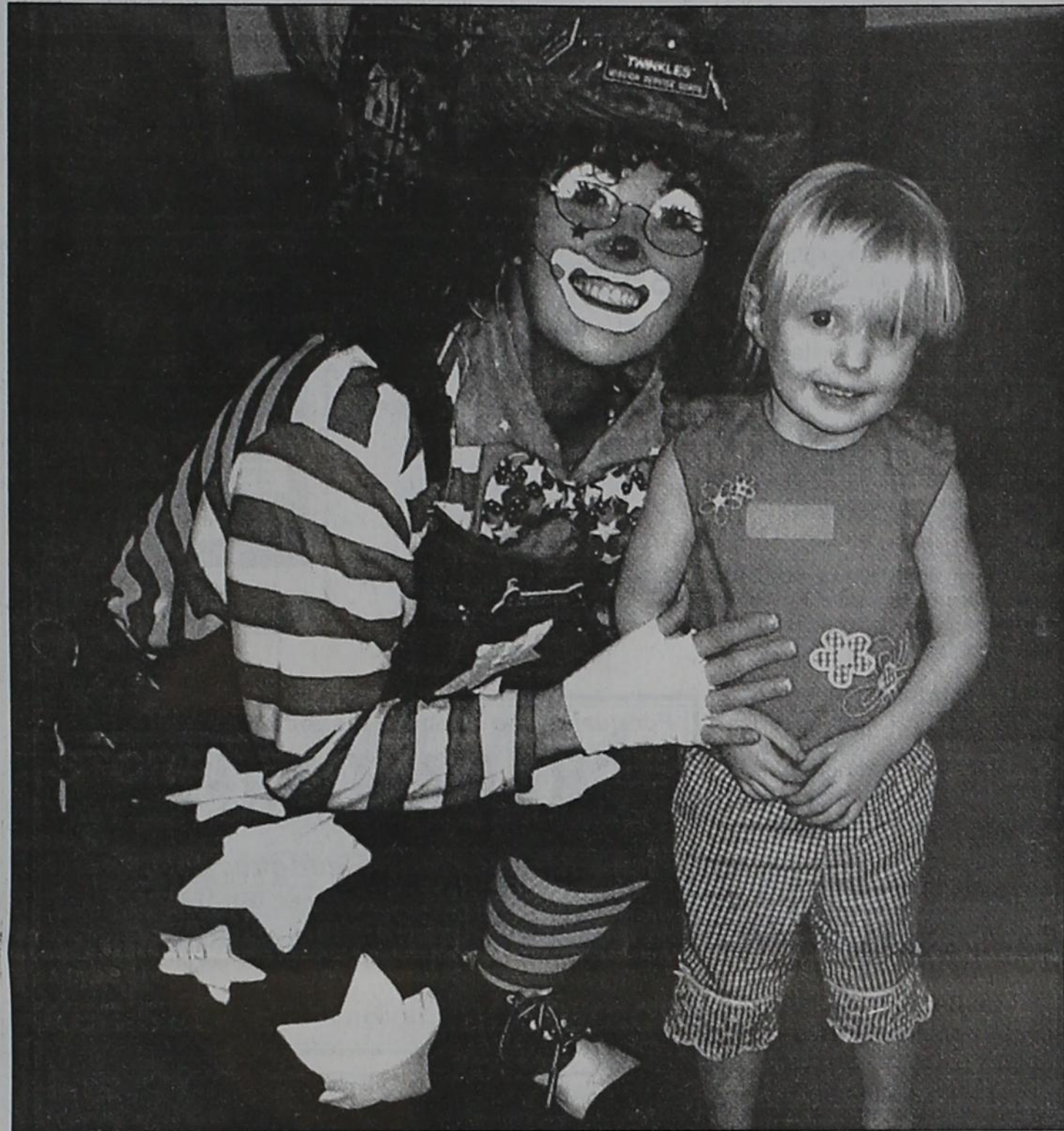
Jerome and Martha had four sons that include: Jerome, Jr. "Jay" and wife Inez of Tacoma, Washington; James Ross "Jim" and wife LaDonna of Little Elm, Texas; John of Matador; Joe of Matador; four grandchildren from his sons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, David, Edward, Harland, Tracy and by two sisters, Arelene and Dorothy.

Matador News

Mrs. Geraldine Key was conveyed by ambulance recently to the hospital in Childress and was a patient for a week. She had returned home and reported to be improving. She and husband, Ellis visited in Amarillo from Thursday until Saturday with her sister and husband, Barbara and Jimmy West. Geraldine had a medical appointment Thursday. They attended the graduation ceremony of granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Scott (Jenny) Fulton held at the West Texas A&M University in Canyon Friday night.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison last weekend were her sister and family, Sue, Dick and Christy Lancaster of Breckenridge.



Twinkles the Clown and little Sydnee Pope at last week's Kids' Praise at the Matador First Baptist Church. Twinkles was one of three clowns entertaining the crowd of children. Kids' Praise is sponsored once a month by the Women on Mission.

I just want to thank everyone who has helped me so much and wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

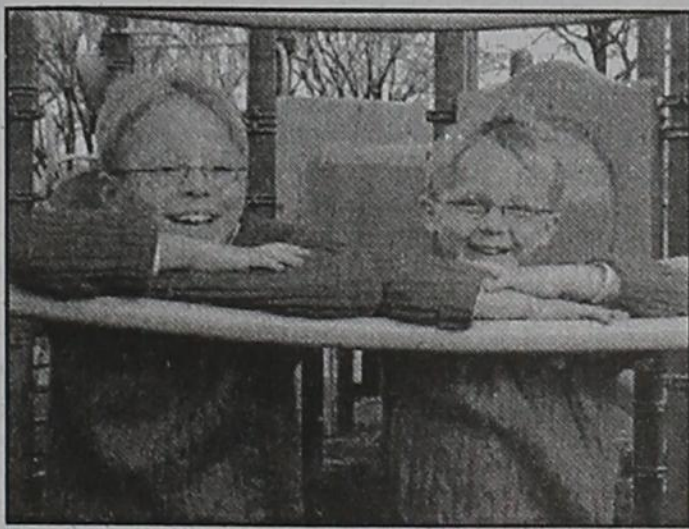
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Got Cotton? Texas Researchers' discovery could yield protein to feed millions

by Kathleen Phillips
Texas Cooperative Extension

College Station -- A scientific method used to explore cancer and HIV cures now has been successfully used by agricultural researchers in the quest to develop food for the world's hungry.

"The exciting finding is that we have been able to reduce gossypol - which is a very toxic compound - from cottonseed to a level that is considered safe for consumption," said Dr. Keerti Rathore, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant biotechnologist. "In terms of human nutrition, it has a lot of potential."

The cottonseed from these plants meet World Health Organization and U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards for food consumption, he said, potentially making the seed a new, high-protein food available to 500 million people a year.

The work, announced this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, was done by Rathore and a team of scientists from the Experiment Station, Texas A&M University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Southern Plains Research Center in College Station.

Gossypol naturally occurs within the glands in all the above-ground parts of the cotton plant including the seed. Rathore said the "beauty of this project" is that the gossypol has been reduced only in the cottonseed - where the high levels of protein are packed - but not in the rest of the plant where the compound serves as a defense against insects and disease.

The team used RNAi, or technology that can "silence" a gene. This enabled them to target the gossypol gene only in the cottonseed but let the gene express itself in the rest of the plant. The discovery of RNAi is what landed the Nobel Prize for Medicine this year for U.S. scientists Andrew Z. Fire and Craig C. Mello.

"What we have done is use this technology to selectively inhibit a gene that codes for an enzyme that is involved in the gossypol biosynthetic pathway in the seed," Rathore said.

Cotton fibers have been spun into fabric for more than 7,000 years. For most of that time, products from the fuzzy seed that is extracted in the fiber process have been edible only for cattle. They can tolerate gossypol only after digesting it through the four compartments of their stomachs.

"Very few people realize that for every pound of cotton fiber, the plant produces 1.6 pounds of seed," Rathore pointed out. "The world produces 44 million metric tons of cottonseed each year. Cottonseed typically contains about 22 percent protein, and it's a very high-quality protein."

In all, about 10 million metric tons of protein are contained in that amount of seed, he said.

Decades ago, California and Texas researchers were able to breed cotton varieties that contained no gossypol glands throughout the plant. But glandless varieties were a commercial failure, Rathore said, because the lack of any gossypol made the plants a delicious treat for insects and diseases.

Processes have been developed to extract gossypol, making the oil available for human consumption but at great expense, he said. Plus, the meal that is left after the oil is removed still contains the gossypol and thus is not edible for humans, or for pigs, chickens or turkeys.

Plants with the new trait developed by the team could make the plant more valuable both as a fiber and a food crop.

"One could utilize the cottonseed either directly as food if there is no gossypol or as feed for livestock," he said.

The food value of the cotton crop may be for countries "where there are small farmers who grow cotton, and if they could use the seed they could get much more value from it," Rathore noted.

He believes food products ultimately could be developed from the cottonseed of these new plants. Though the glandless cotton varieties bred by Experiment Station researchers in the late 1970s and 1980s suffered from insects and disease, one of the food products - TAMUnuts - made from the seed of these plants could be eaten by humans.

This discovery will yield not just one new variety, but rather "a new trait that can be bred into any good commercial variety, and the trait should be maintained generation after generation," Rathore said.

The researchers have been successful in maintaining the trait through three generations in lab work. The next step will

be to screen for the best plants from the many lines they have produced, then grow plants with the trait in a greenhouse. Field demonstrations will follow that, he said.

He estimates at least another decade in the development of cotton varieties for widespread commercial production.

OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



MOTLEY COUNTY:

On Monday, December 18, 2006, eField Exploration, L.L.C. of Yorba Linda, California issued a News Release stating they had completed a High Resolution Electromagnetic Airborne Survey over the Columbus Resources, LP Lease Interests in Motley County of the Palo Duro Basin. Columbus Resources, LP is headquartered in Flower Mound, Texas.

FLOYDADA:

(This information from Mrs. Dora Ross, Executive Director Floydada Economic Development Corporation): Bergstein Oilfield Services, Inc. (BOF) of Lubbock has leased the Russell Equipment Red Building and Yard located in the 600 block of East Houston Street, Floydada, for an Oil Field Service Yard. BOF Services, Inc. plans to operate three trucks out of this Floydada yard. BOF Services Inc. is currently providing the majority of Tank and Trucking Services to the ongoing Palo Duro Basin Operations.

FLOYD COUNTY PIPELINE CONNECTION:

(This information from Floyd County Hesperian Reporter, Darwin Robinson):

On Monday, December 11, 2006, the Floyd County Commissioner's Court gave permission to PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. to use four miles of County Road 271 right-of-way south of highway 62/70 for a pipeline connection from the McIntosh Lease Well #1077 into the Atmos Energy four inch pipeline which runs west-east along the south side of Floyd County Road 290. Floyd County Road 271 is located two miles west of Dougherty and runs north-south from highway 62/70 for four miles and intersects into Floyd County Road 290. Floyd County Road 290 is located four miles south of highway 62/70 and runs east-west for seventeen miles from the intersection of Floyd County Road 293, south of Dougherty to two miles west of Highway 62/207 where it intersects with Floyd County Road 121. The Atmos Energy four inch pipeline section that PetroGlobe is planning on connecting into comes off of the Atmos Energy six inch pipeline from Hale County which runs west-east approximately two miles south of FM Road 784. The four inch Atmos Energy pipeline begins at the connection point with the six inch pipeline one mile south of Floydada on the west side of Highway 62/

207. The Atmos Energy four inch pipeline runs south for three miles along the west side of Highway 62/207 to the intersection with Floyd County Road 290. The Atmos Energy four inch pipeline then runs east for fourteen miles along the south side of Floyd County Road 290, where it reduces down to a three inch pipeline before turning north and running into Dougherty. PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. will be connecting into the Atmos Energy four inch pipeline at approximately the thirteen mile mark. It was stated that PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. desires to start this pipeline connection project immediately and be completed and start producing gas from the McIntosh Lease Well #1077 into the Atmos Energy pipeline as soon as possible.

FLOYD COUNTY:

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	Thursday
	Mostly Sunny
	High: 53 Low: 29
	Friday
	Mostly Sunny
	High: 53 Low: 30
	Saturday
	Mostly Cloudy
	High: 38 Low: 27
	Sunday
	Mostly Cloudy
	High: 40 Low: 32
	Monday
	Partly Cloudy
	High: 45 Low: 34
	Tuesday
	Mostly Sunny
	High: 44 Low: 28
	Wednesday
	Partly Cloudy
	High: 50 Low: 32

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 53°, humidity of 66% and an overnight low of 29°. The record high temperature for today is 75° set in 1954. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 53°.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
12/27	1/3	1/11	1/18

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	62	34	54/30	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	66	38	54/30	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	67	34	54/30	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	59	28	54/30	0.00"	0.00"
Thursday	64	33	53/29	0.00"	0.00"
Friday	68	32	53/29	0.00"	0.00"
Saturday	84	39	53/29	0.00"	0.00"

Weather History

Dec. 21, 1929 - A tremendous storm produced snow from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to southern Arkansas. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Hillsboro, Texas, 18 inches at El Dorado, Ark. and 14 inches at Bossier, La.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:02 a.m.
Moonset today	6:43 p.m.

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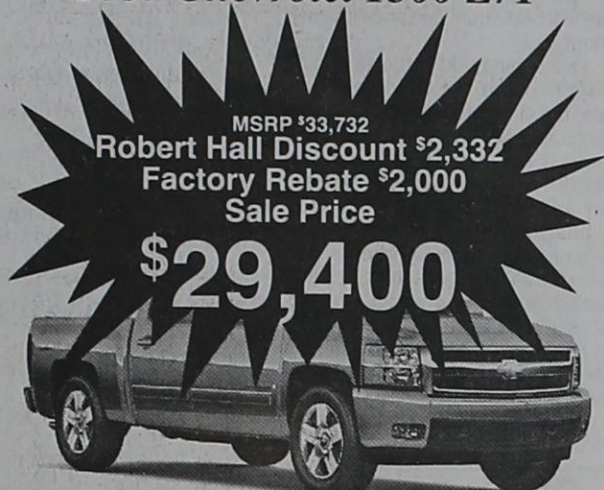
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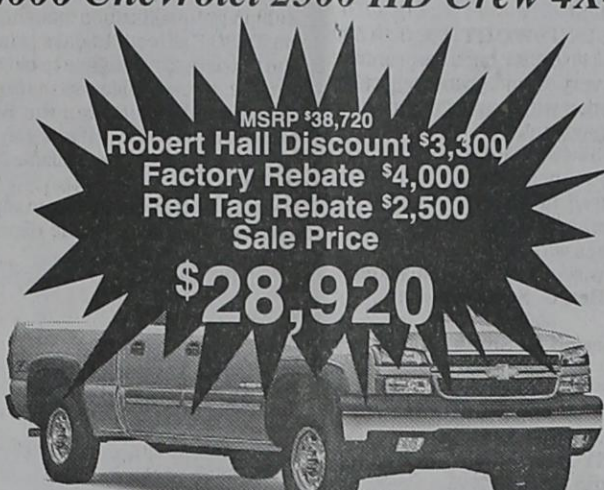


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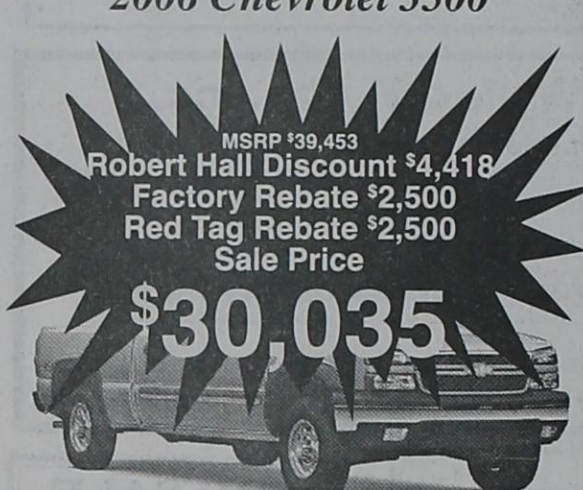


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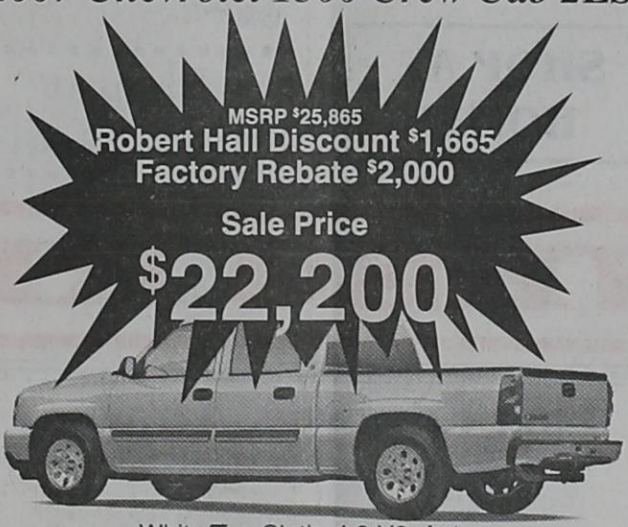


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God's Shepherd - A Christmas Story

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

The frost of forty winters had etched deep lines into the shepherd's face. Having spent his entire life outdoors on Bethlehems hills, he was old at forty--and cold. The hillside where he sat this day was cold, too, and he pulled his mantle close about him to block the wind.

Every so often he would shift position, not out of discomfort so much, but from a sense of unease, anxiety, crowdedness. Instead of hundreds of sheep with whom he felt quite at home, this hillside was crowded with people--thousands of them--listening attentively to the Teacher. They could hear him fairly well, except when the wind whisked away his words.

Tobias be David (pronounced da-VEED) was the shepherd's name, though people called him Toby. His flock were in good hands this week, cared for by his grown sons, but Toby had left them to

listen to Jesus of Nazareth. Today the Teacher was talking about salvation, how God came to save his people from their waywardness and sins, to rescue them and gather them close.

Now Jesus' illustration turned to sheep. Toby felt better. He knew a lot more about sheep than people.

"The good shepherd," Jesus was saying, "lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand who doesn't own the flock runs away when he sees the wolf coming, but not the good shepherd...." One night, years ago, the men Toby had hired to watch the flock with him fled when they saw a mountain lion roaming the hills. But Toby had stayed. Shepherding was his livelihood. He knew the sacrifices that good Shepherding required. He knew about defending defenseless lambs. He knew about putting his life on the line for the sheep. That's what good shepherds did.

Jesus continued, "Suppose you have 100 sheep and when night comes one is missing. What do you do? You leave the 99 sheep all safe together and the climb the hills, looking, searching until you find the lost sheep. Then you pick him up, put him on your shoulders, bring him down the hill to the camp, and ask your fellow shepherds to rejoice with you."

"Your heavenly Father is like that," Jesus said. "When you have lost your way, he will rescue you and save you and never give up on you until he finds you--and you find him."

Toby's heart was racing. He felt a lump in his throat. He understood. Toby had combed the hills for lost sheep, not stopping, not quitting. He knew the joy of

discovery, of rescuing the sheep from a thicket, of bringing it back and celebrating with his friends. He had been that kind of shepherd.

But he also knew how it felt to wander off, feeling lost, aimless, trapped. Clueless about where he was and where he was going. Flailing about, struggling to climb out of what seemed to be a deep ravine. That's why he came today to hear the Teacher, hoping to regain the faith he felt as a child, a ten-year old child.

His mind spun back to the evening of his tenth birthday. Like nearly every night, he was out on the hills with his dad or his uncles, caring for the sheep. The stars were brilliant, dancing in the black sky. But suddenly an overpowering bright light flooded the hillside. A voice

boomed out, "Behold, I bring good news of great joy which shall be for all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

A savior, a rescuer--shepherd's work. He had often wondered about the boy-like child they discovered that night, lying in a manger, just as the angel had said. Toby had knelt down and worshipped the baby who bore the world's destiny upon his tiny shoulders. What had become of him, this baby? By now he must be thirty-something. Had this savior saved anyone yet? Rescued anyone? Could he rescue me from my aimless existence? Toby wondered.

Just then the wind caught Jesus' words and blew them

Toby's direction. "I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus was saying, "who lays down his life for the sheep. Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," he said with warmth and joy full on his face, "for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

I wonder? thought Toby as he felt big tears begin to roll down his cheeks and into his beard. I wonder? thought Toby as joy and the certainty of God's love began to fill his heart until it seemed like he would explode. I wonder? thought Toby, if this Jesus is the little baby I saw that night, the Savior of the world? Yes, thought Toby, he must be. His words found me and, frankly, he sounds like he's....God's shepherd.

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Dear Santa, I have been very good



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Dear Santa,

I want a barbie, guitar, an intendo DS lite, a nintendo wii, a candy cane and my dad.

From,
Chyanne

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I hope you have had a wonderful year. I have. I have some really great brothers and sisters. They spoil me rotten. Please let them have what they really want for Christmas.

There is only a few things I want this year. I would like a toddler bed, so I can become a big kid. I would like to have a new ball to play with my brothers because my old one got ate by my dog Buster. I want to have a gymnastics uniform so I can practice my tumbling with my sisters and look just like them. I'm pretty good, especially with an audience. I love horses, unless they are real.

Please don't forget my friends at daycare. They are really nice and play with me. I want them to get everything they ask for too.

Hugs and Kisses,
Trinity Lynn ward

PS. I will try not to eat all the cookies and milk my mom and dad leave for you.

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I would like a basketball goal and a drum. My sister wants a baby doll and a soft toy. This is what I would like for Christmas. Tears (my dog) needs a hard bone or ball.

Thanks and Merry Christmas,
Andrew Westbrook

★★★★

Dear Santa,

Hope you are doing well. We are all doing fine and waiting for you to make your trip on Christmas Eve. We have tried to be very good this year.

Our Pre-K Class has been learning all about your reindeer and elves. Our teacher, Mrs. Parks has been helping us countdown the days until Christmas. Here is a list of what each of us would like for you to bring.

Dawson Baker would like a shooting star gun, calendar, clothes, boots and a necklace.

Zowie Barton would like a Barbie that spins around, and a Princess that sits on a heart and clothes.

Trevor Buckner would like a new cowboy hat, boots, clothes and a race track.

Dereck Fisk would like a spin top, football, and some Batman things.

Chrs Flores would like a cash register, train or race cars with clothes and a necklace.

Jaylee Flowers would like an Easy Bake Oven, an American doll, clothes and anything else.

Kennedy Fritzier would like a Barbie doll and clothes, clothes for herself and games.

Tatum Guerrero would like a Bratz doll and mat, Easy Bake Oven, clothes, makeup and jewelry.

Emily Jameson would like a play tiger, ring, clothes and a cash register.

Kaitlyn Keltz would like an Easy Bake Oven, a bear machine, jewelry box, ice skates and a special rock for her rock collection.

Cambrie Marshall has asked for a Barbie jeep, clothes, jewelry, cook stove, and things for her sister and brother.

Nellie Bly Shannon would like a basketball, necklace, ring and clothes.

Riley Smith would like Barbies, Barbies' horses, clothes and a race track.

Brazos Washington would like some more thanks that would go with his train collection. He said you would know what train he needed!

Matthew Moncrief would like some new clothes, more trucks and new games.

Santa would you please remember all the other boys and girls all over the world. Please bring them the things they requested. We will be leaving you a snack and maybe something for your reindeer too.

Wish Mrs. Claus and everyone a Merry Christmas from us here at Motley County I.S.D.

Love you,
Mrs. Parks and Pre-K 2006-07

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Dear Santa,

I hope all of my students have their merriest Christmas ever!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alexander

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a million dollars and fishing bow and a little motorized car.

Sincerely,
Tristan

★★★★

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want a game for my PSP. The game is ATV Offroad. I also want a shot gun.

Sincerely,
Seth

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an ipod, x-box with controllers, and Big box of chocolate for Mrs. Alexander.

Sincerely,
Michael Iean Martin

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz Dimondz and a Bratz dimondz control car that's "white." And I hope that your elves are ok. And I still believe in you Santa.

Sincerely,
Hannah Mason

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an x-box 360 for Christmas and shoes.

Sincerely,
Luis Mendoza

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big new TV with glitter pens, girl and boy Bratz with a car.

Sincerely your friend,
Catherine Ward

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good all year. I have been thinking about what I want, and I've decided to get an electric scooter and quick Gems.

Sincerely,
Katie Barton

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a game boy, Ipod, Littleman the movie, and a San Antonio Spurs bag.

Love,
Gabby Silva

★★★★

Dear SC,

I want a stereo that I can blare and see if I can make somebody mad. I want 5 xbox games. I want 10 CD's for my stereo if I get one. Last I want a BIG box of chocolate for Mrs. Alexander and me.

Sincerely,
Logan C. Ferguson

PS. I'll leave bunches of cookies for you. Bring a box of Hershey's for Mrs. Alexander. Bye! Bye!

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I would like an electric scooter, chalk, Quick gems, Christmas music, Meet the Santa's, DVD, Portiball DVD player, Game boy. A box of half mint and half chocolate bars.

Sincerely,
Meagan

PS. Give me some for Mrs. Alexander.

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Digital Camera, Herbie the Car, Game Boy Advance, and Felicity and Elizabeth American Girl Doll that are Historical that are 18 in. tall. I will put out milk and cookies for you and your reindeers.

Love,
Cassidy Turner

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good kid. I want some Spurs for Mrs. Rankin. I also want chocolate for Mrs. Alexander. I want an Xbox 360 and a bicycle.

Sincerely,
Caleb Clary

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I want a new Mrs. Pac Man and a Bratz motcontrol car and I want a computer and a game named Froggy.

Sincerely,
Victoria



ARE YOU FOR REAL? Little Derek Fisk was looking Santa over while big brother Brendan thinks about what he wants to ask Santa for. The two boys visited with Santa during Matador's Late Night Shopping event. They are the sons of Robert and Christie Fisk of Matador.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a toy monkey, some GI Joe guys, and a monster truck for them. Tell Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer Hi for me. Have a safe trip!

Love,
Judson Jones

★★★★

Dear Santa,

Hello. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am wonderful! I have tried to be good. I don't want a lot of things, but I know I want these: Zelda a Link to the Past/ The Four Swords and other Gameboy games. The game Clue for Mom and me, a massage chair for the family, and I would like for Coach Sanders to come back. Please be careful on your trip.

Love,
Morgan Jones

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I want for you to watch over God, Jesus and the Lord. Please let everybody watch over them and let everybody let them into their Heart. And for me I want a bunch of different Science stuff.

Sincerely,
Shelby Nicole Elliott

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I want a play Station 2 and Madden 2007, Nina 2007 and N Bar live 2007.

Sincerely,
Korbyn

Dear Santa,

I want a PSP and a DNA revolution football helmet.

Sincerely,
Hayden Davey

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a King. A list of the presents I want this year. Shot gun bullets, love, friends, a shotgun and good grades.

Sincerely,
Tallon Pollard

★★★★

Dear Santa,

I want a horse named Butterscotch but not a real one. I want a puppy and a doodle bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you,
Ruby Klebahn

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus feeling? How is Rudolph doing? Is Rudolph ready for Christmas Eve? I have been good? I am 8 years old? Can I have a Scooter that is pink and that you can charge up and drive it?

Can I have a Bratz doll to play with?

From,
Autumn

★★★★

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are both good. I'm doing great. I have been good. I hope you are going to bring me a present. I would like a gymnastics mat, the movie Happy Feet, and a notebook. It was nice talking to you.

Your friend,
Michaela Sage Guerrero

SEASON'S GREETINGS
We wish you all a great American Christmas.

**American Legion
& Auxiliary**

Christmas Memories

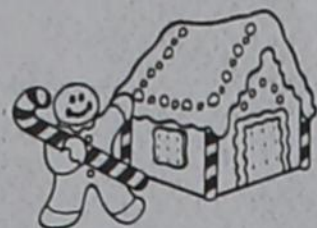
As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.

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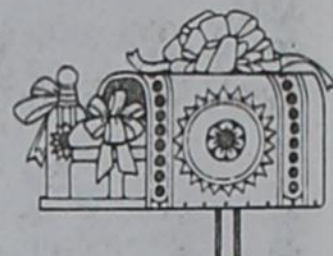
O holy Night

May God bless you and keep you in the circle of His precious love now and forever. Have a wonderful Christmas season.

**Lighthouse Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**



Dear Santa Claus



I know what I want, Santa — Mickey Clary was happy to be giving Santa his Christmas wishes during Santa's visit to Roaring Springs. Mickey is the son of Conway and Lacey Clary of Matador.

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph ready for Christmas Eve? This what I want this year: I want a laptop, playstation 2, CD player, pair of shoes and an Xbox 360. I am 8 years old. I am a 2nd grader.

From,
Thalia

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? How many elves do you have? Are your reindeer 10 pointers? I want 8 raptors with the jet, stealth fighters, M1A1 tanks and tank destroyers and an airport for the jets.

I am Grant. Nice knowing you. You are a nice guy.

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph really real? Do your reindeer really fly? For Christmas this year I want some really nice jewelry, Nintendo D.S., a Jess doll and a Molly's and Felicity movie. I am 8 years old and in 2nd grade.

From,
Chloe

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am having a good first grade year. I want a dord bick.

Brendan Fisk

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves doing a good job at the shop. I want a pair of shoes, 3 video games and a CD player. I can read well. I am 8 years old.

From,
Chris Ward

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am good first grade you. I would like a gun and a dirt bike.

Michael Silva

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am having a good first grade year. I would like a bed to my bunn to sleep in. Please be careful come to Texas. From the good child.

Mikenna Ford

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am having a good first grade year. I would like Blacer. I want a gun. I want a folleler. Please be careful coming to Texas. From the good child.

Dixon Eli Marshall



Mom - where are you? ... Kegan Woolsey had fun sitting on Santa's lap, but wanted to keep an eye on Mom. Little Kegan is the son of Matt and Teresa Woolsey of Roaring Springs.

Share The Spirit!

*Hoping you experience
all the love and joy
that is Christmas*



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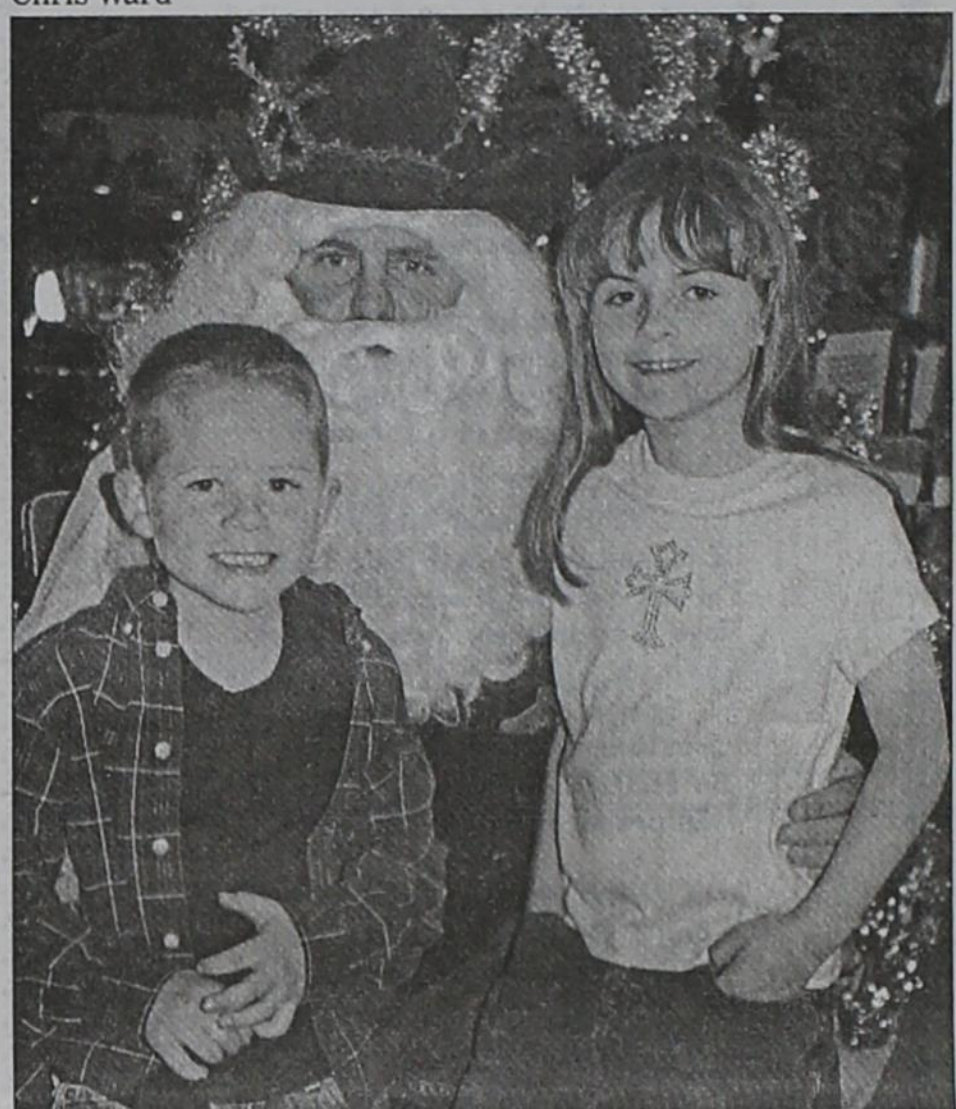
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It's Always Nice To See You!

Won't you drop in again soon? We'd love to wish you a Merry Christmas in person.

Meanwhile, happy, happy to you and yours!

**Barbara Armstrong, Curator
MOTLEY COUNTY MUSEUM**



All smiles for Santa — Judson and Morgan Jones were all smiles for Santa when they visited with him in Roaring Springs. Judson and Morgan are the children of Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock.

**Enjoy The
Timeless
Beauty Of
The Season**

Love, laughs, joy and contentment... Christmas and you are a natural.

JoAnn's Country Coiffure

HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

Spur Security Bank
SPUR, TEXAS

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

*Merry
Christmas
to All*

May the gentle blessings of the holy season touch you and yours this Christmas and always!

Thacker Jewelry

Downtown Roaring Springs
806-348-7546

Unbelievable!

by Missy Caporale

It's that time of year again!
My schedule's full already
When will the madness end?

What? Decorations!
No ~ you CAN'T be serious.
It comes earlier every year
Forget "MAD", I'm Delirious!

X-mas party Chair?
Kindergarten and 4th grade?
Sure I can, what's one more thing
It's the "Perfect Mom" charade.

Madrigal Dinner?
Absolutely, we will go!
Employee X-mas party?
My boss will not take 'No'

Play the part of Mary?
But you'll have so many lines!
Your science project will be due,
And basketball starts at that time!

WHAT? They'll ALL be here?
How long do they plan to stay?
My home's not "In-law ready"
THAT will take more than a day!

Shopping left to do
Teacher gifts will have to wait
X-mas cards have not been mailed
Your recital Oh My! We're late!

What am I thinking?
Saying 'Yes' to everyone
Spending money I don't have
I can't get everything done.

If I had more time
And more money wouldn't hurt
If my family would just help
I know I could make it work.

I remember when
I looked forward to this time.
I'm not sure what was different,
Have I completely lost my mind?

Seems as though the joy
Has been lost along the way,
So focused on my list of "do's"
In preparation for this day.

What now is missing?
Can I fit something else in?
X-mas shouldn't be this hard,
How did this all begin?

Something about a Little Town
And a star that led the way,
Mary, Joseph, 3 Wisemen,
And a manger filled with hay.

Shepherds and an angel
Good news and peace on earth
Heavenly hosts were praising
A little baby's birth.

Yes, there was a baby,
And a reason why He came.
He came because He loves me
Christ Jesus is His name!

That's it! Christ is missing
From my worldly X-mas list
How obvious it is now
The One thing that I missed.

My Savior, my Redeemer
Immanuel, God With Us
My Lord, My King, My Jesus
The Reason for CHRISTmas.



O' Christmas Tree ... This beautiful decorated tree was displayed in the lobby of the historic downtown Hotel in Matador during Santa's visit at Late Night Shopping.

True compassion began with the first Christmas,
and its magnificence has inspired mankind to
seek glory in humility. At its knee the
great learned the simple truth of love.
Trail Dust by Douglas Meador

Birthday Invitation

You are cordially invited to a
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

DATE: Every Day. Traditionally December 25th, but
He's always around, so the date is flexible.

TIME: Whenever you're ready. (Please don't be too late,
though; or you'll miss out on all the fun).

PLACE: In your heart ... He'll meet you there (you'll
hear Him knock).

ATTIRE: Come as you are ... grubbies are okay. He'll
be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about
new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till
the last ...

TICKETS: Admission is free. He's already paid for
everyone. (He says we would not have been able to af-
ford it ... it's cost Him everything He had!)

REFRESHMENTS: New wine, bread and a far-out drink
He calls "living water," followed by a dinner that prom-
ises to be out of this world!

GIFT SELECTIONS: Your heart. He's one of those
people who already has everything else. (He's very gen-
erous in return though, just wait until you see what He
has for you.)

ENTERTAINMENT: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life,
Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgive-
ness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise,
and much more! (All rated "G" so bring your family
and friends).

R.S.V.P. Very important! He must know ahead so
He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also,
He's keeping a list of His friends for future refer-
ence. (He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life"). Let us
rejoice and be glad and give Him glory. For the
wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has
made herself ready. Fine linen bright and clean,
was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the
righteous acts of the saints).

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding
supper of the Lamb! ... Revelation 19: 7-9



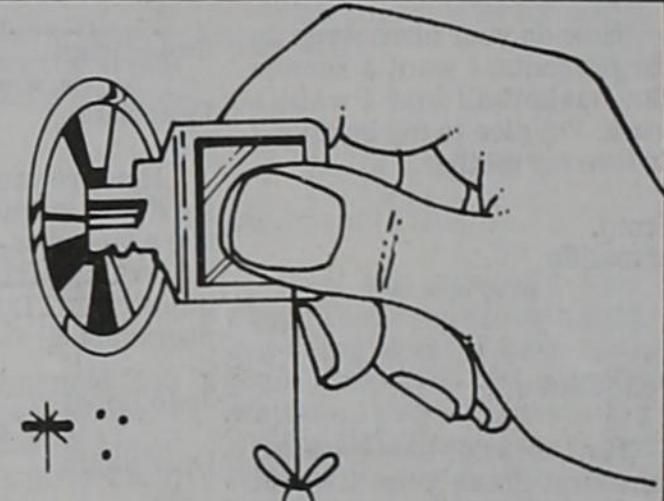
JOY TO THE WORLD

We'd like to join with all
of you in praying for
worldwide peace and harmony
this holiday season.



Traveler's Inn

Roaring Springs



Hope this Happy Season
finds you sleek
and smart
and rarin' to go —



ROBERT HALL CHEVROLET

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Merry Christmas



We Rejoice

To seek for a King was their intent
and to follow the star wherever they went.
A joyous Christmas to all.

Red Ball Gin

Roaring Springs

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May the season deliver
daily cheer to your
doorstep!



Motley County Farm Bureau



Gloria!

The power of His love
is everlasting.

As we reflect and
remember, Christ's
message is forever.
We take this joyous
occasion to express our
thanks to all of you.

Long Insurance

Roaring Springs

BLESSINGS TO ALL



May your Christmas be filled with good will,
abundance, and the tranquility of faith.
Happy Holidays to all!

New to You

downtown Matador

THE JOY OF WAITING

by The Rev. Canon Renee Miller

As a child, one of the most difficult aspects of the holiday season was waiting for Christmas to arrive. I was an adept sleuth. I was able to open all my presents and return them to their wrapped condition before Christmas morning without my parents being any the wiser. It may have been my own devilish nature that motivated me, but I think my religious tradition also had something to do with it. Being an Episcopalian meant that we kept the season of Advent. It was actually taken very seriously. Christmas carols could not be sung during Advent. Christmas decorations were not displayed. The Christmas tree could not be trimmed and lit until Christmas Eve. The decorations for the Advent season were sparse. It was the season of purple, marked only with an Advent wreath for decoration. Reflections and prayers accompanied the lighting of a candle on the wreath each week of Advent as we prepared and waited for Christ's coming. But I wanted the glitz of ornaments and lights! I wanted "Jingle Bell!" I wanted the party without the preparation! I didn't want to wait!

In our world today waiting and watching are seen as unproductive. Our culture is result-driven because results feed the economy. Hence, Christmas decorations appear in stores long before Thanksgiving, and Christmas carols are played and sung as soon as Thanksgiving is over. Even in our holidays and sacred traditions we are urged to speed along ever and ever faster, and yet our souls cry out for silence and stillness. We are caught in the trap of wanting everything 'now' yet feeling that we never really have the opportunity to experience anything fully. In so many arenas of our lives we are hardly aware of finishing one thing before moving on to the next. And because we are hardly aware, we miss -- "he comes, comes, ever comes."

What would it be like if we were to change our attitude for a year and experiment with a tradition of waiting and preparation? It might be that we would find the party at the end much more glorious. We might also find that waiting for God's coming helped make it possible for us to wait more gracefully for other things in our lives - the order we placed on-line, the traffic that threatens to make us late for an appointment, standing in line at the grocery store behind someone with a full cart, the encounter with a friend that has been delayed. In other words, we might find that practicing waiting in Advent might help us be more patient the rest of the year. But, even more surprising, we might find that the practice of waiting helped us become more aware, more attentive to the presence of God that is always coming into our lives. Yes, practicing waiting might make us more aware, more attentive, to the reality that --- "He comes, comes, ever comes."

Perhaps Advent seems outmoded, even ancient and irrelevant for the 21st century. Yet, what is not outmoded, ancient, or irrelevant is that God comes, comes, ever comes. When we take the time to wait, we become aware of that presence. Stress, tension, conflict, inner disparities find a centering point in that presence, and life becomes fuller and deeper.

Christmas is a bejeweled and brilliant feast. The jewels and brilliance are like the secrets that were held within those presents that I insisted on opening before Christmas. My inability to wait spoiled the wonder and surprise of those secrets wrapped in shiny paper and moire ribbon. But when I chose to embrace the practice of waiting, my eyes were dazzled on Christmas morn. So these days, I'm hurrying up to wait.

A City named Christmas ...

Five cities in the United States and one in Canada are named for the Christmas season:

Christmas, Gila County, Arizona
Christmas, Orange County, Florida
Christmas, Lawrence County, Kentucky
Christmas, Bolivar County, Mississippi
Christmas, Roane County, Tennessee
Christmas Island, Nova Scotia



Santa Claus sits quietly while waiting for the children, inside the lobby of the old hotel in downtown Matador. Santa heard Christmas wishes at the hotel during Matador's late night shopping event, December 2.

Jesus is
the reason
for the
Season!

"Behold,
the Lamb

of God."

John 1:29

Happy
Holidays!



Lee's
Insurance

Flomot & Turkey

To all our Customers,
Friends, and Family
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and the Best of 2007!



May God's Blessings
be with you and yours

Anna's Mexican Restaurant
Frank & Anna Ortiz

May Your
Home Be Blessed
This Holiday
Season

Here's to a future that
knows no ill,
A world filled with
brotherhood, peace and
good will.
Where every child has
a place to call home,
And a person is judged
on his merit alone.

While this may seem like a
pipe dream to some,
We admit there's a lot of
hard work to be done,
And the best place to start
is where we are living,
By sharing the spirit of this
season of giving.

Motley County
Chamber of Commerce



Happy Holidays

Here's hoping your Christmas yields big
returns! We value your business and
your friendship!

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OF FLOYDADA**

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and TelePC

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Member F.D.I.C.

Ho...Ho...Hoping
Your Holiday
Delivers Loads
Of Good
Cheer!



Motley County
Tribune

(This is a story for people who love Christmas and Christmas trees, holly berries and mistletoe, Santa Claus, and music boxes that tinkle Silent Night. The Littlest Angel is as real and heartwarming as the Spirit of Christmas.)

Suddenly, almost before he knew it, he was perched on the lap of the Understanding Angel, was explaining how very difficult it was for a boy who suddenly finds himself transformed into an angel. Yes, and no matter than the Archangel said, he'd only swung once. Well, twice. Oh, all right then, he'd swung three times on

A small, rough, unsightly boy, lying among all those other glorious gifts from all the Angels of Paradise. Gifts of such radiant splendor and breathless beauty that Heaven and all the Universe were lighted by them mere reflection of their glory! And when the Littlest Angel saw this, he suddenly knew that his gift to God's Child was irreverent, and he wished he might reclaim his shabby gift.

It was ugly and worthless. If only he could hide it away from the sight

There it shone on that Night of Miracles, and its light was reflected down the centuries deep in the hearts of all mankind. Yet, earthly eyes blinded, too, by its splendor could never know that the lovely gift of the Littlest Angel was what all men would call forever: "The Shining Star of Bethlehem!"



The Christmas Tree stands big and bright,
It takes us back to that long ago night.
Jesus Christ was born by moonlight.
Virgin Mary gave birth without fright,
While the stars were shining bright.
The Wisemen traveled far and wide,
To see Baby Jesus by Mary's side.
Christmas Trees are all aglow,
To remind all, that Jesus loves us so.
He forgives us for all our sins,
That is when our life begins.

★★★
A few favorite people seem to have the Spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the years.



Motley Mill & Cube

Roaring Springs

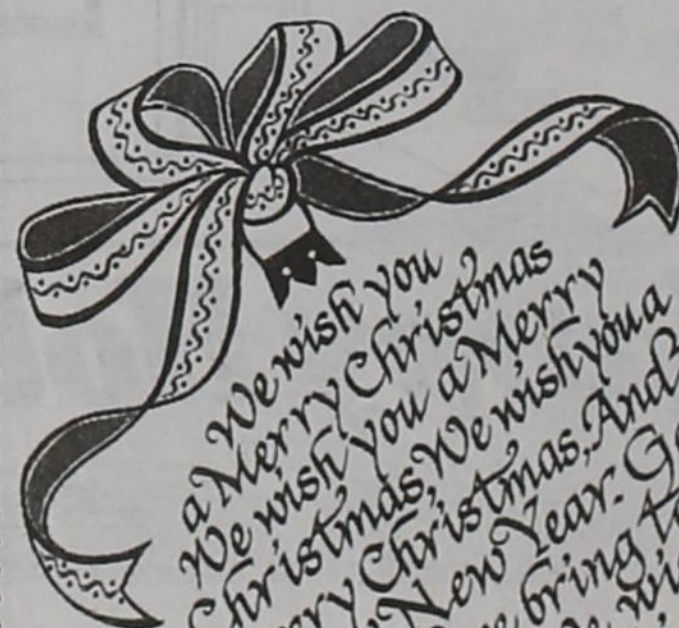
L & K,
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We're tuning up to wish all our many customers and friends a Christmas that's perfect in every way!



Roaring Springs

Isaiah 60:1

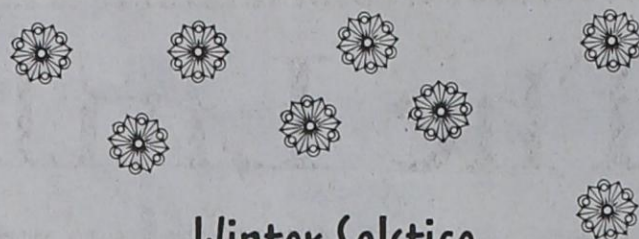


Tom & Deanie Edwards
Marge Edwards



Scenes of Winter

These scenes of Winter in Motley County were shot during the first snowfall of the season, November 30.



Winter Solstice

Winter Solstice, usually December 21 or 22, is the longest night of the year. It marks the beginning of winter; but it also marks the turning of the year, when days start getting longer again and the earth heads back toward spring. In older times, when lives were more dependent on the cycles of nature and agriculture, this was celebrated as the rebirth of the mighty Sun, the Lord of Light.

The Christian Church absorbed many pagan traditions in the effort to win folk over to the new faith. Many of the aspects of the ancient mid-winter Yule celebrations became Christmas traditions, part of celebrating "Christ Mass," the birth of the mighty Son.

Today, there is a renewal of interest in the ancient traditions among people who feel that modern life has become unhealthily separated from the cycles of nature, and who celebrate the ancient traditions of Yule on Winter Solstice.

*Jesus is the reason
for the season!*

Yuletide Cheer

Warmest thoughts and the best of holiday wishes to you and yours. We are proud to have you as our customers.

Graham's Supply

Roaring Springs

Peace & Brotherhood

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It's customers like you who have been the foundation of our success.

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Holiday Roundup

Have an 'ol fashioned Christmas and a grand 'ol time!

God Bless You!

Calico Treasures

Downtown Matador

On behalf of myself and Dean Osborn, we would like to thank everyone in Precinct 4 for your support

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Russell Alexander
Commissioner Precinct 4

Pol. ad paid for by Russell Alexander

Let's savor the special moments of this loving season.

HP FEED & SEED

Roaring Springs

GREAT IDEAS

Glad Tidings

As we gather together with friends and family, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, God's love for us! Best of the Season to all.

DeBruce
Ag Service, Inc.

Lockney, TX 806-652-3326



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN! Santa arrived in 'Old West' style to Roaring Springs, escorted on this beautiful Christmas wagon by Dr. Jim Gamble of Dickens County.

Christmas is for Kids

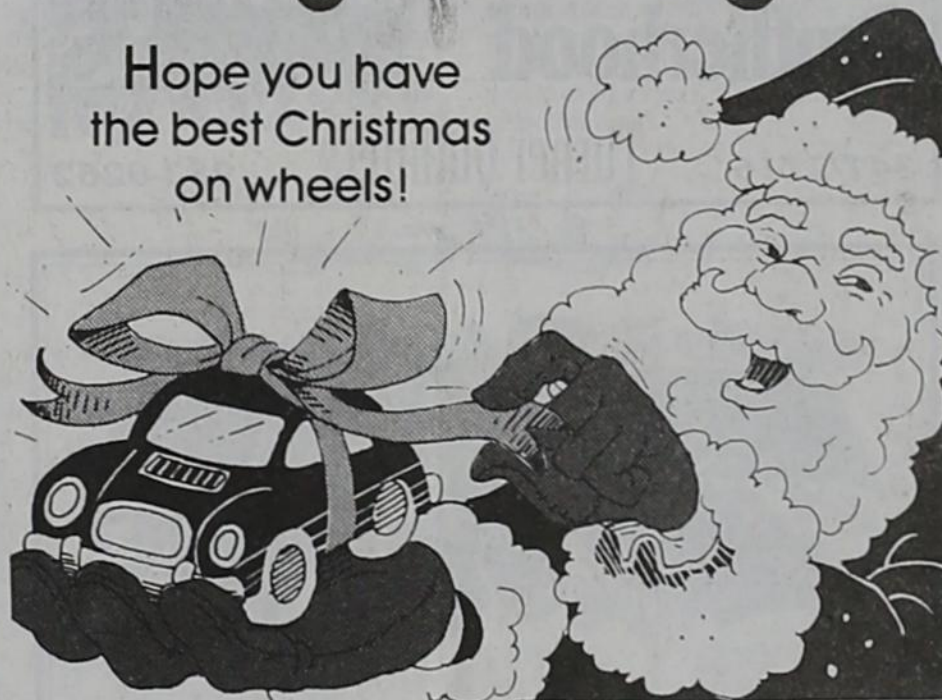
"Jesus said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God.'" ~ Mark 10:14



The Groves Family
Rita, Pat & Kathy, James Truman,
Kelly & Cortney

Merry Motoring!

Hope you have the best Christmas on wheels!



Oden Chevrolet
Floydada



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do,
Is thank each and every one of you!

Wylie L.P., Inc.
Matador

COWCAMP CHRISTMAS DANCE

By Susan Gahr

The Cowboys were miffed ... They was hatchin' a plan!
This is Do-able!
They agreed ... So Sam snuck out to get a tree...!!
It's Christmas ... ya know ... it only comes once a year!
We should have us a time round here!
Pete could blow on the harp ...
Toad play on the fiddle ... He knew only 1 tune ...
Would make the dog growl and howl at the moon!

They were really ashamed of themselves to be true
Kinda brought a tear to their eye
Along at Christmas ... What a Ta-Do!
Ethel the cook would be up fore dawn
Baking them biscuits and coffee on
Now, Ethel was not what you would consider a doll,
But she'd have to do ... It was Christmas ya'll!

So they hung a red ribbon on the cookhouse door
And when the cook got there she swooned to the floor!
Well, nobody had ever even winked at her once!
Not in her whole lifetime did she have time for fun!

Now there was a lot of Ethel ... ya might say.
It would be a chore to keep her going round the dance floor
It took two cowboys to hold her ...
as she swooned and she swayed
Totally overtaken by the attention that day.
Pete on the harp, Toad on the fiddle ... that left Sam and his
brothers to dance...well, with Ethel in the middle
They fiddled and danced all through the night.
Now, Ethel was smitten, her head in a fog,
when the cowboys gave up, she sat on a couch
and sang with a dog, Christmas songs in
harmony, the little dog bellered and Ethel
sang loud. The Best Christmas they ever had.

Oh, you better watch out,
you better not pout,
you better not cry ... I'm tellin' you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town!

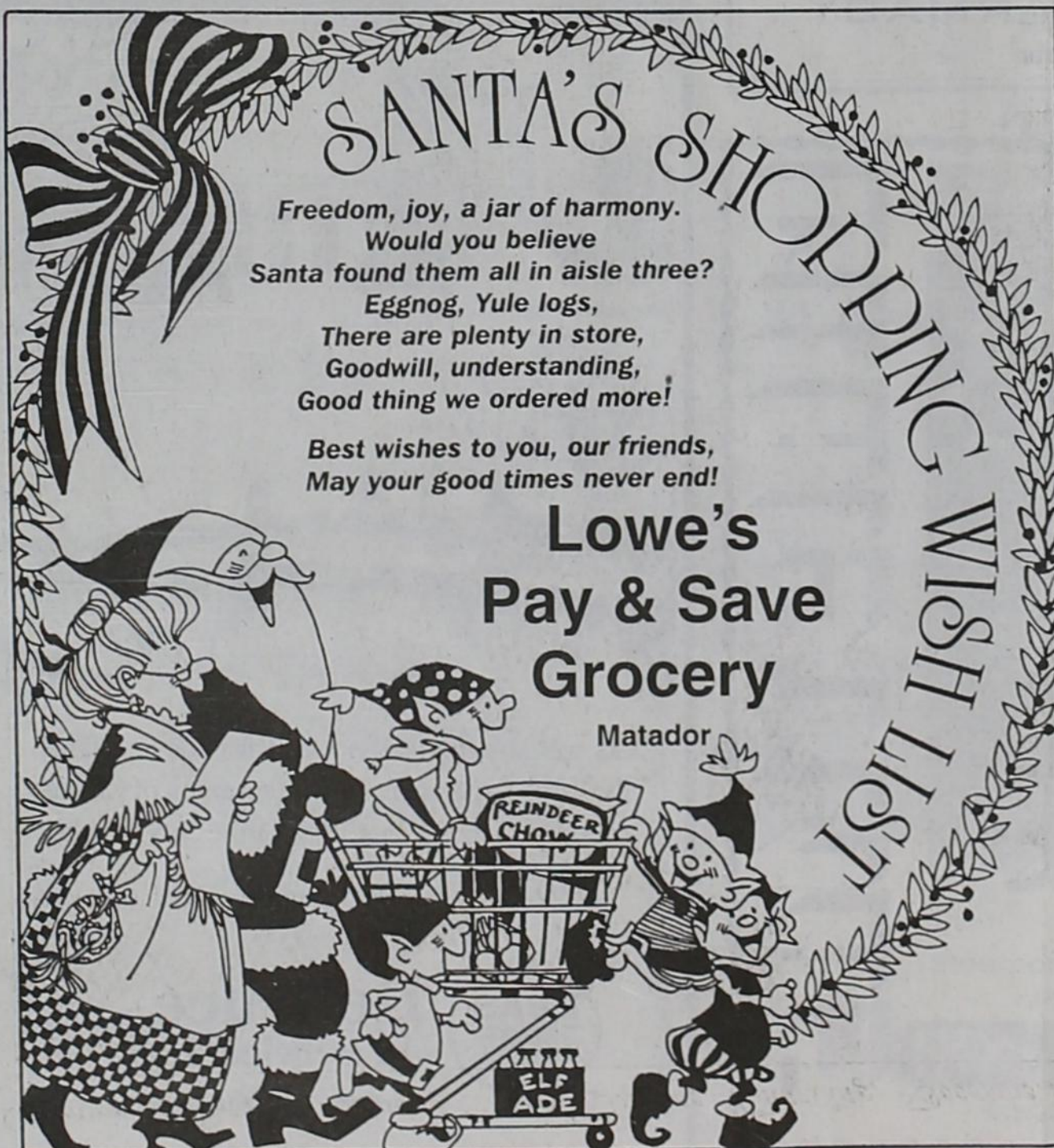
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Here's hoping your holiday is one-of-a-kind!
We appreciate your continued loyal support.

Merry Christmas!

ARVIS DAVIS CHEVROLET
1010 9TH ST. - PADUCAH
ARVIS DAVIS USED CARS
1800 F NW - CHILDRESS

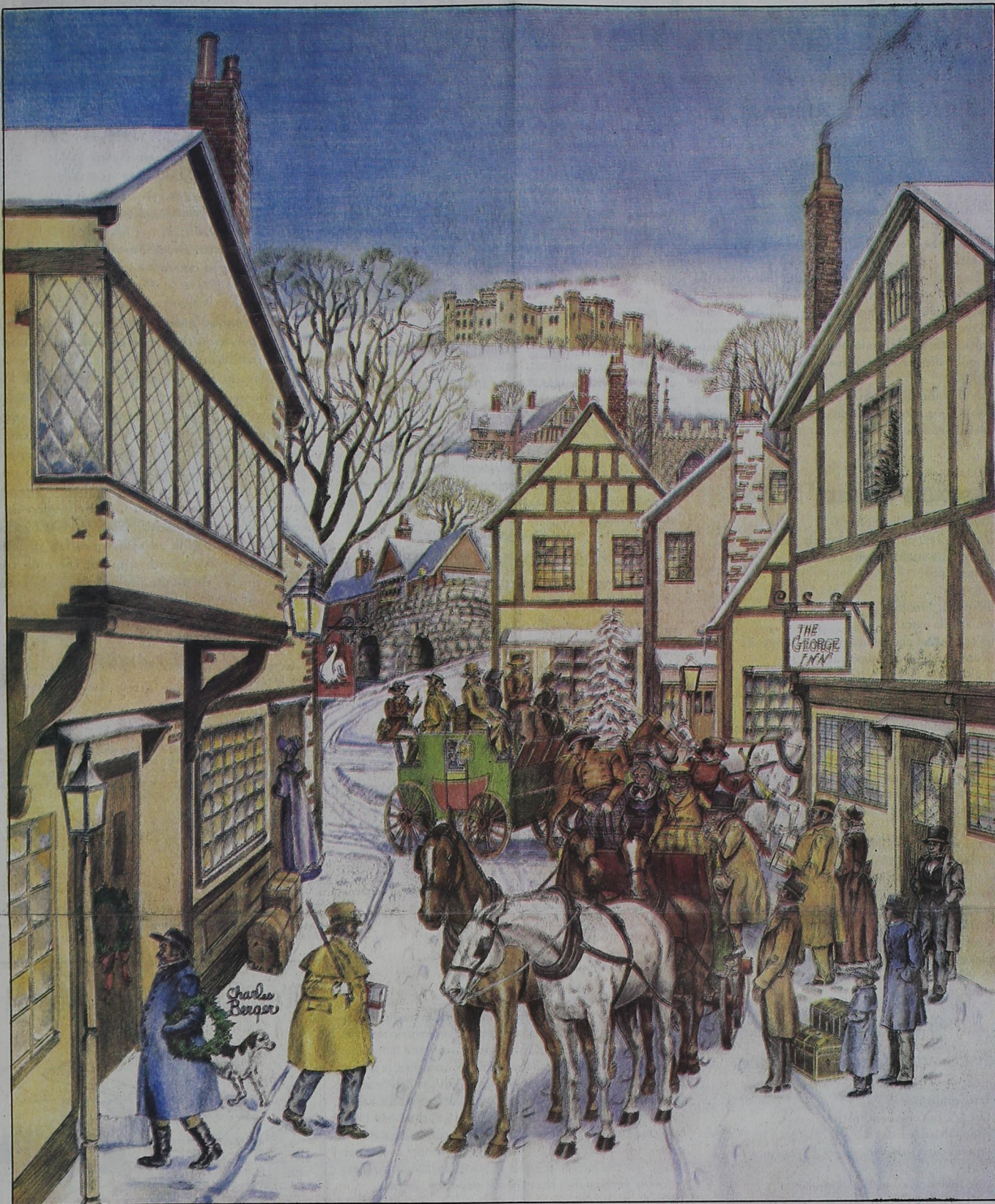


Freedom, joy, a jar of harmony.
Would you believe
Santa found them all in aisle three?
Eggnog, Yule logs,
There are plenty in store,
Goodwill, understanding,
Good thing we ordered more!

Best wishes to you, our friends,
May your good times never end!

**Lowe's
Pay & Save
Grocery**

Matador



The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will. Motley County is filled with the joy of Christmas and the magic of the season. May it live in our all hearts year round. Merry Christmas to all!

THE CITY OF MATADOR
AND
**THE CITY OF
ROARING SPRINGS**
CITY COUNCILS & EMPLOYEES

Have a Yummy Christmas!....

Spicy Honey Almonds

- 1/2 cup Honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups unblanched whole almonds

Preheat the oven to 250° F. Generously oil a heavy baking sheet.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat the honey just until very runny; remove from the heat. Add the ginger, ground red pepper, and salt, and stir to combine. Add the almonds and, with tongs, toss to coat evenly and completely. Spread the almonds on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 1 hour, tossing once or twice during the baking.

Let the almonds cool completely on the baking sheet. Break them into small clusters and place them in serving dishes. Makes 3 cups.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Chocolate-Chestnut Truffles

- One 16-ounce can whole chestnuts
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 14 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder.

1. Drain the chestnuts and pass them through a potato ricer set over a medium bowl; set aside.
2. In a double boiler over gently simmering water, melt the bittersweet chocolate; let cool slightly.
3. In a medium bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed, cream the butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add the chestnuts, brandy, and vanilla, and blend well. Stir in the cooled chocolate until well combined. Chill the mixture until it is set.
4. With a melon baller, roll the mixture into 1 1/2-inch balls. Set the truffles on an ungreased baking sheet. If the mixture becomes too soft, chill in the refrigerator for a few minutes. Refrigerate the truffles for 10 minutes.
5. In a double boiler over gently simmering water, melt the semisweet chocolate; let cool slightly. With a fork, carefully immerse each truffle in the melted chocolate, then place it on a rack over wax paper. Allow to set for several minutes. Dust the truffles with cocoa before serving. Makes about 5 dozen truffles.

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Turkey Breast

Braised with Garlic and Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 cup long-grain rice
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz) chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon each dried rosemary, thyme and sage
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1 bone-in Turkey Breast (5-6 pounds)
- Paprika
- 3 Cloves Garlic

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In 5-quart Dutch oven combine rice, broth, wine, parsley, rosemary, thyme, sage and bay leaf. Place turkey over rice mixture and sprinkle turkey generously with paprika. Cut off root ends of garlic cloves. Place whole garlic bulbs, cut-end-up, in rice around turkey breast.

Cover top of Dutch oven with foil and lid. Bake at 350° F. 2 1/2 to 3 hours until meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of breast registers 170-175 degrees F. Allow to stand 10 to 15 minutes before serving. To serve, carve turkey into slices and place on platter. Spoon rice mixture into serving bowl. Squeeze garlic from skins onto turkey and rice.



Here's hoping this holy season will bring blessings to you and your loved ones, and peace to everyone!

We will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and reopen Tuesday, Dec. 26

Rejoice

MAIN STREET CAFE

Winter Breakfast Frittata

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, halved and sliced
- Salt, to taste
- 8 large eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped mozzarella
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 each red and green bell peppers, cored, seeded, and chopped

★ Preheat oven to 350° F. Generously butter a deep 10-inch ovenproof skillet.

★ In a medium skillet over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the onion, season with salt, and saute for 7 minutes, or until it is lightly golden. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly.

★ In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, cheeses, chives, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and the pepper, mixing well. Add the onion and peppers and stir gently to combine the ingredients.

★ Pour the mixture into the prepared skillet and bake for 30 minutes, or until it is golden brown on top and set in the middle. Remove from the oven and let cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

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Berries & Pound Cake Parfait

Make the pound cake from scratch, or buy one and skip ahead to the lemon cream recipe.

POUND CAKE

- Scant 2 cups cake flour (not self-rising)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

LEMON CREAM

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract

★ 2 cups mixed raspberries, blackberries, and hulled, sliced strawberries.

Mint sprigs, for garnish

Make the pound cake: Preheat oven to 325° F. Butter and flour a 4 1/2 - by 8-inch loaf pan. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. In the large bowl of an electric mixer at medium speed, cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time and beat until well combined. In a bowl, combine the milk, syrup, and extracts. Add the flour mixture alternately with the milk mixture to the butter mixture, beginning and ending with the flour, mixing until just combined. Gently scrape the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan on a rack for 10 minutes; remove the pan and cool the cake completely on the rack.

Make the lemon cream: In the large bowl of an electric mixer at medium-high speed, beat the cream and sugar until soft peaks form. Add the lemon zest and extract and beat until combined. Slice the cake crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices. With a 2-inch star-shaped cookie cutter, cut out stars. Lightly toast the stars in a toaster oven. Spoon some cream into each bowl. Top with some berries, 2 cake stars, and a mint sprig. Serves 6



Christmas Cappuccino

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup Espresso Beans
- 3 cups Boiling Water
- 2 TBS. Sugar
- 1 Vanilla Bean, split
- 4 cups Milk
- 4 oz. bittersweet chocolate chopped
- Whipped cream - optional

Instructions:

In a coffee mill, finely grind the beans. In a coffee maker, brew the espresso with the boiling water. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the sugar and cinnamon and set aside. Using a small knife, scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into a medium saucepan. Pour in the milk and scald over moderate heat, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add chocolate and stir until melted. Cover and keep warm over very low heat. Divide the hot espresso into 4 cups. In a blender, begin whipping half of the warm chocolate milk at low speed. Gradually increase the speed to high and blend until frothy, about 1 minute. Pour the chocolate milk into cups of coffee, stir briefly and top each serving with some of the milk froth. Sprinkle the reserved cinnamon sugar on top. Serve immediately with a dollop of whipped cream, if desired.

Mint Snowballs

- 1/2 Cup Icing Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Shortening
- 1/2 Cup Butter
- 1/2 Tsp Peppermint Flavoring
- 2 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 1/2 Tsp Salt

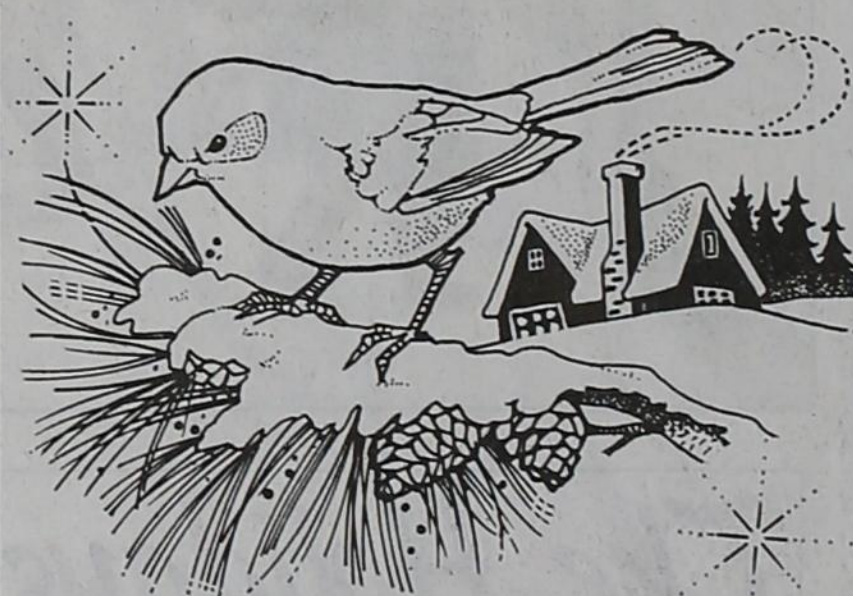
Cream sugar, shortening, butter, and extract thoroughly. Measure flour WITHOUT sifting into wax paper, add salt and blend well. Now add dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Mix well. Form into one inch balls, place on cookie sheet and cook in 400F oven 8-10 minutes. Cool on rack. Dip tops in icing, pink and green, then in coconut. Yield 4-4 1/2 dozen.

Pecan Dreams

- 1/2 lb. Butter, Creamed
- 4 T 10X Sugar
- 4 T Vanilla
- 2 C Flour
- 1 C Chopped Pecans

Mix and Roll then press with a fork. Bake 15 Min - @ 375F. While hot roll in cinnamon and sugar.

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fear not: for behold,

I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

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May yours be
blessed this holiday
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Christmas Angels

by P.Z. Mann



The Whittles lived in Humbleburg,
As poor as poor can be,
But all their neighbors loved them,
For their generosity.
For though the Whittles shelves were bare,
Their cottage tumbledown,
When Christmas came they made a toy,
For every child in town.
One Christmas Eve they climbed in bed,
After all the toys were made;
And while they dreamed of better times,
The Whittles were repaid.
That night three Christmas angels came,
To give them a reward --
For heaven won't let any act
Of kindness be ignored.
One angel searched the cupboard
And found just a crust of bread;
"Now, this won't do," she whispered
"Let's prepare a feast instead!"
The angels flapped their magic wings,
As only they are able,
And in a flash a flood of food
Filled all the shelves and table!
The tiny house still looked quite dab,
It needed to be cheered;
And as the angels waved their wings,
A Christmas tree appeared!
Two angels trimmed the pretty tree;
The third flew to and fro,
Hanging bells and holly boughs,
And sprigs of mistletoe.
Outside the angels dressed the house
With icicles and snow,
And on the door they placed a wreath,
Complete with bright red bow!
They finished all they came to do,
Before the break of day,
And as the Whittles roused from sleep,
The angels flew away.

Now, when the Whittles saw the food
And all the decoration,
They pinched themselves and wept for joy,
Then danced in celebration!
As word spread through the village
Of their heaven-sent surprise;
Every Humbleburger came
To see with their own two eyes!
The Whittles shared their Christmas feast--
They emptied all the shelves;
Their kindness wouldn't let them keep
Good fortune to themselves.
When everyone had cleaned their plate,
They all joined in a song;
And up above-though no one hard -
The angels sang along!

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"Let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God."

I John 4:7

Child of Promise A Prayer for Christmas Morning

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Who are you little baby? Who are you little Christ child, lying so quietly in manger straw? Who are you that angels should herald your presence and stars announce your birth? That wiseman and shepherds--the high and the low--should bow before you? Who are you, child of Bethlehem, son of David? What is your future? What is your promise?

Seven centuries before your birth the ancient scriptures speak of you....

For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders,
And his name will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace
There will be no end.*

What is this government? What is this peace, O Christ-mas baby? Are you a warrior-to-be? Are you a king? What promise do you hold?

How can you be the Mighty God while flecks of straw, blown from the stable floor, dot your fine hair? How is this? How can you be the Everlasting Father while not yet an hour old? How is it?

How can you be a Wonderful Counselor before you've learned? A teacher before you've been taught? What is this wellspring of your wisdom?

What is the mystery set before us, enigmatic newborn lying in a stable manger, born of parents poor, yet destined for this greatness? You must be the one we've hoped for, longed for all our lives. The one who will set us free from our depressions and oppressions, within and without.

Little wonder angels cannot contain their Good News of Great Joy. Little wonder heavenly host sing in chorus,
Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to men....**

Be my peace, O Prince of Peace. Let its gentle, joyful blanket comfort my nervous soul, and still warring of your earth.

Be my government, O Christ. Govern not my own heart only, but also this desperate world in which I live.

Be my Everlasting Father and my Counselor. By your counsel guide me out of confusion and turmoil into the sunlight that always shines above my low-lying clouds.

Welcome, Christ child. All my life I have needed you. O Child of Promise, this Christmas morning I give to you my heart. Amen.

*Isaiah 9: 6-7a

**Luke 2:14



For somehow, not only
at Christmas,
but all the long year
through,
The joy that you give to
others
is the joy that comes
back to you.

— John Greenleaf Whittier



Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that
your Christmas be blessed with joy.

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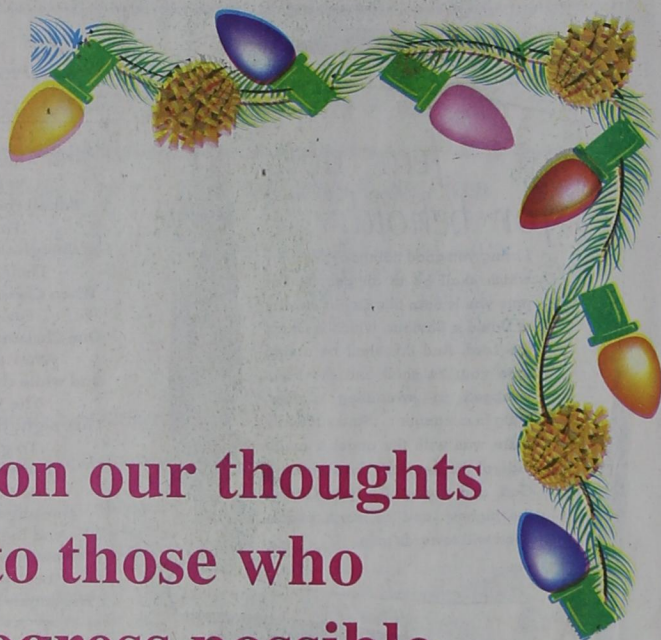
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