2008 District 24-4A All District Selections are:
1st Team Offense - Lineman Rocky Castro, 1st Team Defensive End - Shane Sobnosky, 1st Team Linebacker - Garret Key, and 2nd Team Defensive Back - Daniel Perez. Honorable Mentions are Linebacker - John Bradley, Defensive End - Louis Danesi, Free Safety - Joey Smith. All District Academic picks are Rocky Castro, Forrest Garner and Blake Medley.

New Goals, New Look
Did you notice the new title bar? We have decided that a newspaper may not be what this town needs, but we need something. Something to tell us what’s going on and who’s doing what just in case you missed something after church on Sunday. This year we are turning the paper into a monthly community news magazine in hopes of better meeting the needs of our community. Please send us your likes, dislikes and ideas, by mail, email or just a phone call. We aim to please.

Something is Always Blooming in Santa Fe!

This is a Cape Honeysuckle & you can register to win one at Poverty Point!

See Page 8 for details about this lovely plant!

Christmas Parade Results
We tried again, but still did not get any great pictures of the Christmas parade, the snow on the fire truck is pretty nice though. The parade awards given were as follows: Best marching group (Sew & Go), Best clown (Shriners), Best decorated vehicle (the Manis family), Best horses (Horses for Kids), Best emergency apparatus (Santa’s Kingdom), shown above still decorated and Best float went to (Kim’s Performing Arts). It’s nice to still have a home town parade, thank you Kevin.

Happy New Year!
May God Bless the USA!

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Our Mission Statement:
Our goal is to serve the community by bringing The Good News to people who might otherwise miss some of it, had they not taken the time to read the paper!

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Notice to Subscribers:
Most home subscriptions will be ending soon. We are going to offer mail subscriptions, however it adds .84 cents to each issue for postage. (That’s a lot to pay and it will arrive 3 to 5 days later than normal.) Our other alternative is web subscriptions. For the next 90 days we will be getting the kinks worked out of the web edition and you can watch it unfold online at www.santafegoodnews.com and until April, it’s FREE!

Rumor
Has it That...

Medicine Man sold out to Medicine Shoppe last year and now it looks like CVS bought them out. They closed up.

DW Florals & Gifts has moved. They opened up a little further east on Hwy. 6.

The Senior Center got a new 12 cup coffee pot graciously donated to them by Cindy Brouillard, owner of Grooming Solutions out on 28th St. She saw a need and met it. Thanks Cindy and since one good turn deserves another, if anyone needs any grooming, please call her at 927-4775. Be sure to thank her for taking care of our seniors too!

Jack Worley and Lucy Parker won the Christmas raffle at the Senior Center. Everybody was secretly coveting the beautiful reindeer centerpiece I’m sure.

Tommy and Vicky Gates gave over 300 turkeys and over 300 hams to our community again this year. They don’t live here anymore, but remembered us at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We thank them.

It’s hard to believe that many families in our 2 little towns need help. H.I.S. Ministries has been overwhelmed with donations and with requests for help. May God richly bless your family for helping those less fortunate.

That’s all I’ve got this issue. Call us when you’ve got GOOD NEWS you want to share. (409) 370-0030

Pick up an EXTRA COPY of the Good News for a friend!

Just Say Yes To:
- Fresh food.
- Fruits & vegetables used to be “required eating” for a reason.
- Calling your neighbor to see if they need anything, while you’re at the store.
- You stop one more car from being on the road.
- Going to the library.
- It’s FREE educational entertainment.
- Local shopping.
- It may cost more, but supporting China is costing us a lot more in the long run.
- Volunteering.
- We got more help from local organizations with volunteer help than anyone got from the Federal Government with paid employees during IKE.
- The next fundraiser.
- There but by the grace of God go any one of us, yours could be the next one.
- A cup of coffee & a chat.
- Unity is formed by conversation.

Just Say No To:
- Every child in America having a cell phone.
- Are they made in America? Do they protect our children or open them up to being targets?
- Waste.
- Our grandparents are rolling over in their graves over what we throw away today.
- CEO large salaries.
- Quit buying their products & you quit paying their salaries.
- Bad food.
- Quit paying for food that doesn’t taste good, is high in fat, low in nutrition & is ridiculously overpriced.
- Bad Service.
- Times are tough, there are too many people who are willing to provide good service that have families to feed.
- Bad quality.
- Rather than buy 4 cheap ones and throw them out, buy one good one and send the message that filling landfills is not the right choice.

This just a partial list of the 1000’s of choices we make daily that can have a big impact on our city, our county, our state, our country and our world. Pick the ones that matter most to you and start taking a stand for what you believe in. When millions of us choose wisely every day, we do make a difference!

Send us your ideas & we’ll print the best ones so that we can all begin to make better choices.

Mae Bruce Library

Story Hour will resume on Tuesday, January 6 at 11:00a.m. for children 6 years of age and younger. Bring a friend and enjoy stories, songs, and a craft. For more information call the library at (409) 925-5540 or our website at www.maebrucelibrary.org.

The library also wants to offer a huge thank you to Santa’s Kingdom for arranging a visit with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and the Elves here at the library. We appreciate your support!
Bad Apple Report

According to Robert Powers, President of the Santa Fe Police Officers Association, their contract was settled. “It’s a three year contract with a 10% raise this year, and 5% each of the next two years. The City agreed to raise our incentive pay (Intermediate, Advanced, Master certificates), added a shift differential for working night shift, increased holiday pay for people who actually work the holiday, and we ironed out the hiring, promotional, and disciplinary processes. It is the best contract we have ever had and we are very happy with it.”

That’s good news for everyone citizen as well. Our City officials have agreed to pay our police well and our police are happy, therefore we all get better service. There’s nothing worse than bad morale in a police department, it trickles downhill to us.

I hope all my fans got that favorite rifle or handgun they have been asking Santa for all year under their tree this Christmas. After all, the best thing that we as Americans who believe in our 2nd amendment rights to bear arms can do to protect that freedom is to buy and buy a gun. Besides this helps the economy by the gun purchase and then think of all of the gear and accoutrements that you will buy to go with your new firearm. Have you priced a new quality rifle scope lately? They like everything else have gone up in price. So go out and support your right to bear arms, BUY A GUN of your choice, before the government starts limiting what you can own.

In keeping with this theme I was told by the manager of the gun shop that a major ammo manufacturer took orders for 47 million dollars in ammo sales on November 5th 2008. That’s wholesale value folks, not retail. In my favorite gun shop sales have been brisk since November 5th 2008. Most people are buying defensive type weapons, AR style rifles, multi-round shotguns and high capacity semi-auto handguns. These sales in my opinion are driven by two types of fear, first that the president elect will make any gun sales or ownership in the future a red tape nightmare during his administration, and secondly that there will come a circumstance that would cause rioting in the streets. Let’s face it folks there is change in the wind and we as Americans are going to have to improvise, adapt, adjust, and overcome. Protect yourselves, your loved ones, and your country. There are forces out there that are predators just waiting for a slackening of wariness or a sign of weakness before they pounce. Now since 9-11-01 they have learned that we as Americans are soft targets, content to stay home watch TV and play the Wii game with our children. Take your children out into the world, teach them gun safety and responsible firearms ownership.

Ok, this month we’re going to cover one of the most prolific small arms of World War II, the M-1 carbine. The military name for this light weight carbine was United States Carbine, Caliber .30, M1. The first carbines were delivered in June 1942 and the last were delivered in August of 1945. This shoulder fired carbine weapon was massed produced by many different companies including: Inland Manufacturing Division (General Motors Corporation), Winchester Repeating Arms Company, Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Company (Best known for the Underwood typewriter), Saginaw Steering Gear Division (General Motors Corporation), National Postal Meter, Quality Hardware & Machine, International Business Machines Corp, Standard Products Co., and Rock-Ola Co (Makers of the Rock-Ola jukeboxes of the day). Shortly after he learned that the attack on Pearl Harbor, HI, had not been preceded by a formal declaration of war, Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto said, “I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.” Little did he know once awakened, the sleeping giant of American industrial capacity was able to produce and deliver over six million M-1 Caribines into the hands of the American fighting man in thirty eight (38) months.

Conceived as a replacement weapon for rear echelon troops who had been issued the Colt.45 acp pistol, the logic was that a hit with a weak bullet fired from a rifle was better that a total miss fired from the hard kicking Colt.45. The M-1 carbine fired a bullet that was first designed to be fired from a pistol. The projectile although .30 caliber has a small case and is substantially less powerful than the .30 caliber round fired in the revered M-1 Garand.

Small light and versatile the M-1 Carbine came in several different variations. The first carbines were semi-automatic and came with either a full wooden stock or wire folding stock for paratroopers. Next came the select fire M-2 models that would fire either semi or full automatic mode. In speaking with a Korean War vet who has fired the M-2 he explained to me that the light recoil of the .30 caliber M-1 cartridge made full automatic fire a breeze. He stated that the only problem was the limited 15 round magazine capacity, thus causing the little carbine to empty itself very rapidly. Later there was an M-3 variant that amounted to an M-2 equipped with an early infrared scope system. There is a strange but true back story involved in the development of this handy little carbine. A man named David Marshall Williams was a moonshiner in Godwin, NC. On July 22, 1921 there was a raid on his still and during the melee a deputy sheriff named Alfred Jackson Pate was shot and killed. Williams was arrested and charged with 1st degree murder and upon going to trial there was a hung jury. Rather than face the chance of a new trial which was certain to occur in a cop killer case, Williams decided to accept a plea deal where as he would plead to a charge of 2nd degree murder and he was given a 20 to 30 year sentence in a North Carolina prison. While serving time at the Caledonia State Prison Farm in Halifax, NC the superintendent, H. T. Peoples, noted William’s mechanical aptitude and allowed him access to the prison’s machine shop. While in prison Williams invented the short-stroke piston and the floating chamber principals used in millions of small-arms, including the M-1 Carbine. It was his use of the short-stroke piston in the M1 carbinem manufactured by Winchester and others that brought his greatest fame and the nickname “Carbine Williams”. As a footnote General Douglas McArthur called his light rapid fire carbine “one of the strongest contributing factors in our victory in the Pacific”.

I know that there is a nice M1 Carbine on the shelf at my local gun shop right now, but alas it’s a consignment gun and the owner is one of Santa Fe’s finest and despite our long working relationship I don’t think he would either lower his asking price or finance it for me over the next several years. I’m looking for one to add to my WWII collection, but alas with this weak economy and the current values assessed on WWII military firearms, that might take awhile to accomplish.

As a dismal future for gun aficionados seems imminent my only hope is that things change dramatically in the next election cycle and that the NRA is strong enough to protect our gun rights. Support the NRA, vote, and write to your elected officials early and often. Speak loudly and wisely for your values assessed on WWII military firearms, that might take awhile to accomplish.

December’s Knock Out Rose Winner at Poverty Point Nursery is Mr. & Mrs. Mitchen of Hitchcock
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**SANTA FE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Registration Dates:
- Sat Jan 10th 8:30 to 12 FBJ Gym (during basketball games)
- Sat Jan 10th 12:30 to 3 Kubacak Gym (during basketball games)
- Reg & Try Outs:
  - Sat Jan 17th 9 to 1 @ Runge
  - Tues Jan 20th 6 to 8 @ Runge
  - Sat Jan 24th 9 to 1 @ Runge
  - Juniors (13 & 14 yr old) Try Outs Sat Jan 24th 9 to 1 @ Behringer Field (Ave M & 22nd St)

“Marcie Dreyer” <marcie.dreyer@verizon.net>

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**2009 SANTA FE SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

www.eteamz.com/sfgirlssoftballleague

Saturday, January 10th
Player & Coach Reg. - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Saturday, January 17th
Player & Coach Reg. - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Tryouts for ages 8U and up - 1:00 PM
Any girl who reaches the age of 5-years old and is not more than 18 years old by December 31, 2008 is eligible to play during the 2009 season.

All new registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate.
Registration and tryouts will be held at the SFGSL Fields located at 12330 6th St.
For more information contact Stacy Tacquard at sltsoftball@aol.com or Gina Bouvier at gina.bouvier@yahoo.com

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**Retirement Celebration for Chuck & Nita Denson**

Sunday, January 11, 2009
3:00 pm at Aldersgate Methodist Church
No gifts please.....bring goods for the pantry if you can’t come empty handed.
What better way to honor the Densons than to fill the pantry shelves.

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**FRIENDS OF MAE BRUCE LIBRARY**

Meeting January 15th at 6:30 at the Library.
Anyone who loves libraries is welcome to attend.

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**COACH ROBERT “BOB” GALKOWSKI JUNIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM DEDICATION**

Saturday, January 17, 2009.
We will begin the evening by hosting the annual alumni game for all former athletes of Coach Bob starting at 6:30 PM. Immediately following the game we will have a ceremony and refreshments will be served.

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**VFW Post 5400 Breakfast Brunch**

Sunday January 18th 8AM - 11AM.
Plates are $6 each. Generous portions.
Public welcome. 11230 Hwy 6

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**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

Sunday, January 18th at 12:30 pm
SF Junior High Gym
Boys-Girls 10-14 yrs
Free Entry - Trophies
Contact Robert Cervantes 316-1747 or Jim Kilroy 925-3819
JimandHelenTX@cs.com

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**Santa Fe Area Historical Foundation**

Annual Membership Meeting & election of officers
Sunday, January 18th, at 1:30 P.M. Open house to follow from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Depot Museum is located at 11225 Hwy. 6.

### Project Grad. 2009 Meeting
Monday, Jan. 19th, at 6:30 p.m.
H.S. Cafeteria.
Monthly meetings have moved to the 3rd Monday of each month, with the exception of Spring Break.

### SFHS VOLLEYBALL BANQUET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009
JOE’S BANQUET HALL
Dinner will be served promptly @ 6:00 p.m.
Program will begin @ 6:45 p.m.
Please RSVP by January 16th, Friday. 
Laffol6830@aol.com or 281-455-3313. Tickets are $15.00 per person.

### SFHS CLASS OF 1984 - 25 YEAR REUNION
Class of 1984 will begin planning their 25 year class reunion and for all those interested please contact Lanette Hunt Womack @ 409-457-4552 or via email lanette.womack@sfisd.org.

### Project Graduation 2009
1st Annual – “Night of the Stars.”
Feb 7th 7:00pm until 10:00pm
Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door.
Questions? Please call: Kelli Douglas 409-978-2222

### FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH HITCHCOCK
Revival Jan 23-25 7:00 pm Nightly
Gospel singers & Evangelist
Ronnie and Myrna Davis
9325 Hwy. 6 between fairgrounds & FM 2004
Pastor Spears 409-457-4552

### 2009 SFHS SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER
SFHS Softball Booster Club Bunco Night:
January 24th 2 sessions 2PM & 6PM
at SFHS Cafeteria
Entry fee into the event is $20.00 per person.

### Mark Kilroy Foundation 14th Annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser
for S.A.F.E. Youth Activities
Saturday evening, February 14th at Our Lady of Lourdes Madonna Hall in Hitchcock. 925-3819

### Community Outreach Bible Study
Amegy Bank Community Room.
Christian Fellowship, Fresh Coffee & Donuts each Tuesday at 9 a.m.
Bible Study....9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Discussion Time follows.
Everyone Welcome!
No Nursery available.
Questions Call 925-3738

### Mark Kilroy Foundation 14th Annual Dinner Fund Raiser
Benefit for S.A.F.E. Youth Activities
Saturday, February 14, 2009
6:30 pm – 11:00 pm
(Doors Open at 6:00 pm)
Our Lady of Lourdes Madonna Hall
10114 Highway 6 – Hitchcock
Music, Prizes, Auction & Much More

#### Ticket prices
- Corporate Table for 10 - $250
- Reserved Table for 8 - $120
- Couple - $30
- Single - $20

#### Sponsorships
- Platinum $5,000
- Gold $2,500
- Silver $1,000
- Bronze $500

**Advance Tickets Only**

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**AARP Chapter 1314**
meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Aldersgate Methodist Church at 10:30AM. If you like food, fellowship, and up to date info on current events and changes in government affairs, come and join us!

**The Galveston County Citizens Sheriff’s Academy Alumni Association**
will be meeting every third Monday evening starting at 7:00 pm at the Kelley’s Restaurant

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**The Community Calendar Page is FREE for community news.**

**Please feel free to email your events to:**
LYNN@SANTAFEGOODNEWS.COM

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**Did You Know That...**

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) International Wine Competition recognized Haak Winery with a Gold medal for their 2004 Madeira Jacquez?

The winners were recently announced for the 2009 competition and the Madeira is a fortified dessert wine that was originally developed on the island of Madeira in the 17th century. It is a wine that is aged in oak barrels in a heated cellar or estufa, as the Portuguese call it, and then aged after that in oak barrels for up to and over 50 years. This magnificent wine is virtually ageless and while in the barrel, it continues to improve. There are rare Madeira wines that are over 150 years old that are still drinking very well!

This Gold Medal is the third one for Haak Winery in this International Competition and helps close out a very eventful 2008 for them. The winery won five other medals/wards, hosted 12 weddings, handled 35 private events, had 7 fundraisers and donated more than 400 Tour & Tasting Certificates to various non-profit organizations.

Even with a struggling economy, Raymond & Gladys Haak, the owners, believe everyone needs to enjoy a great glass of wine with good food and music. Their 2009 event schedule includes 50 or more concerts, festivals or reservation events for everyone to enjoy.

_Editors Note: When our businesses succeed, our community as a whole benefits. Our congratulations and thanks to the Haak’s for making our city look good!_
I arrived and wasn’t sure what to think. There were people lined up around the church. My mom in all her “infinite” wisdom had volunteered me to be an ELF for the H.I.S. Ministries Toy Distribution Drive. I circled around to the front door and finally found my way inside.

I didn’t know her name yet, but Ruth Crosby was obviously the lady in charge. She promptly and courteously explained what I would be doing. Basically I would help guide the parents who had been registered with the ministry in picking out toys for their kids. It was an awesome feeling, kind of like getting to shop for people with no budget constraints, I was in heaven.

Everyone I had the pleasure of helping were not only very polite, but very grateful for the opportunity to give their children a better Christmas than they had planned. One lady in particular stands out because at such a young age, she had 5 kids at home. Shopping around to meet their varied tastes was definitely a chore, but I am proud to say my inner child and I are still in close contact. I was able to help her pick out the best toy for each of them.

Volunteering your time to help others can often be exhausting but the little pieces of other people’s lives you take with you, makes you ever more grateful for the life you have. Around 11am we finally finished with the entire line. Because so many elves showed up, we were able to whip through the whole process very efficiently.

Every elf present gave their time and their attention to each client that passed through the doors. Even afterwards as stragglers showed up, Ruth herself helped them and made them feel among friends. I would have to say that the Christmas spirit was more present in this one little church, than anywhere I had seen in years.

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In 2008 H.I.S. Ministry fed 4,346 families. That is a total of 10,762 people. That total does not include the 2,000 they fed out of the back door of the Ministry following the storm. It also does not include the 500 families they gave Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to.

And they ended the year with this awesome toy distribution. Volunteers make all this possible but they could not do it without all the big hearted people who donate the supplies and funds to do it with. We live in a great community folks, I encourage you to get out and become involved in it.

Written by Staff Writer, New ELF
ANY SIZE DOG, ANY BREED CAT GROOMED AT YOUR HOME OR OFFICE

OUR STANDARD GROOMING SERVICE
1. Check for fleas
2. Check for any skin problems
3. Brush out before bathing
4. Nails clipped/filed
5. Ears cleaned
6. Eyes flushed before & after bath
7. Warm massage bath
8. Anal glands expressed
9. Blow dry & fluff
10. Pads clipped
11. Hair clipping to breed standards or to your instruction
12. Final brush, add fresh sent cologne and much more...

To schedule an appointment contact Tylena today 409-682-1826
tylena@udirtydogpetgrooming.com
www.udirtydogpetgrooming.com

COACH ROBERT “BOB” GALKOWSKI
JUNIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM DEDICATION

Everyone is cordially invited to the dedication ceremony naming the Santa Fe Junior High Gymnasium the Robert “Coach Bob” Galkowski Gymnasium in Coach Bob’s honor on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 6:30PM. The evening will begin by hosting the annual alumni game for all former athletes of Coach Bob. Immediately following the game we will have the ceremony and refreshments will be served.

It is a way of honoring and thanking Coach Bob for his many years of dedication to the Santa Fe Basketball Programs.

Who Knew a Snowman of this proportion could be built in Santa Fe?
Dustin Haney, 28 and Felix Rivera, 26 are pictured with their accomplishment. They were helped by Chris Dobson, Tyler Gurka, 8 and Jidustin Haney Jr., 2, who are not pictured. Good work fellas!

VFW News

The VFW Post 5400 located at 11230 Hwy 6 will serve a Breakfast Brunch every third Sunday of the month from 8am-11am, starting January 18. Plates are $6 each and come with generous portions. The public is welcome to stop in and get to know some of our veterans. Coffee is a wonderful ice-breaker.

They will also be having a Pork Rib Cook-Off January 24th. Call 925-2525 (YOUR LOCAL VFW POST) for more details.

Quick Question

“True or False”?
A well established business owner on Hwy 6 may be moving further east on Hwy 6 to serve their customers better. Pick up the February issue to see the answer.

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The Life and Times of Paul Walker

Two Places Of Business

At the corner of Hwy 6 and Jackson St there were two very interesting places of business, Uncle Charlie’s and Ms. Mack’s. They were the primary sources of food and drink for Arcadians. I tell this now because of the contributions they made to Arcadia. Ms Mack’s proved to the loyal Arcadians that Alta Loma wasn’t the only place that you could buy a hamburger. I think that both places’ primary source of income was from the beer they sold and when I was a youth from the gambling that took place.

During the 1940’s and on into the 1950’s gambling was a thriving business in Galveston county. The city of Galveston did not have a monopoly on games of chance. As I can recall there were three primary games of chance. They were the pinball machines, the slot machines and the tip books. There must have been some code of honor that prevented youths from playing the tip books.

On second thought it may just have been that the tip books were passed down the bar so that as you had your beer you made a few bets. If the book didn’t have all the tips pulled the first round, it continued to make it’s rounds until all slots were pulled. Then the bartender would pull the seal and whoever had the winning number won the pot. A five cent tip book might bring in twelve dollars and the winner would be paid ten. The house would keep the rest.

Slots machines were also a source of chance. The slots were throughout the county. I don’t remember there being any slot machines in the grocery stores, but they were in the service stations and cafes and beer joints. Their play was not limited to adults. Youths played these machines in some places. There wasn’t much chance of winning at these machines. They were unregulated and heavily weighted in favor of the house. Nevertheless they were throughout the county and in Arcadia. Galveston rivaled Las Vegas as a gambling resort and functioned as a wide open city.

My oldest brother used to tell me that I still had part of the first dollar that I ever made. He was wrong I spent it playing the slot machine at a service station. That is where I learned an important lesson, games of chance are not my skill. Brother would probably have been correct if he had said that I still have part of the second dollar. The gambling disappeared from Galveston County during the early 50’s when the Texas Rangers and some concerned citizens closed those activities. Galveston has never recovered. You can still hear talk about the movies stars and entertainers that used to come to Galveston.

While I am on the subject, let me say another word or two about the pinball machines. They were called marble tables. The sign always said for, “Entertainment Use Only”; but most knew better. You would rack up points and the payoff would be at the bar when you quit, if you won anything. Many of them were so sensitive that if you touched the machine in the slightest bit to cause it to move you “tilted” the machine and lost your points. Nevertheless they provided the best chance of winning for the youth.

Kids could usually play these machines until they became skilled enough that they always won, and then they were told they were too young. When I think back over these things I realize that even though I lived in a very small community there was plenty of diversity and opportunities. Those things helped me to figure out that life is not what you are exposed to but is determined by what you do with yourself as the result of those life experiences. Arcadia provided me with some valid life experiences at an early age.

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Cape Honeysuckle
Blooms & Blooms & Blooms!
Pictured on front page

Cape Honeysuckle (Tecomaria Capensis) is another have to have for your back yard. It can be trained into a 6-8 ft shrub with heavy trimming or used as a spiraling vine (you would just need to tie with string) on a fence or trellis. It has heavy orange tubular (2”) flowers from October thru the winter months. It needs sun, good drainage, and tolerates the heat, wind, and salt air. It will bloom off and on through the rest of the year (not as heavy as now though). Give it plenty of room to grow.

Our Nursery also grows the red one as well, which is very pretty and not many people have it. This is an evergreen vine or shrub with no fuss care and very low maintenance. Just the regular fertilizing and watering.

Always here to help the local homeowner with their landscaping needs.

Mel and Larry
Poverty Point Nursery and Landscaping

If you see ads in this paper month after month, don’t ignore them. It means they are the businesses paying to bring the paper to you. THANK THEM!
Sunday Schedule

8:30am Contemporary Worship
9:40am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

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Angel Food Ministry Update:
Unfortunately we are not going to print it again this month because the due date is the second Friday of the month and this month that day falls on Jan. 9th. However, we hope to get it for you next month.

Top 10 Predictions for 2009

As we begin the year 2009, with all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I will share with you ten predications that are sure to come true this year!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn’t It Great To Remember Who Is Really In Control and that; “the Word of the Lord endures forever.” 1 Peter 1:25

Author Unknown

GROUP THERAPY OF A DIFFERENT KIND!

If you are new to our community or just seeking to have a closer walk with our Lord, or are searching for a better way of life, or need encouragement, or are looking for a prayer partner or would like to make some new friends or enjoy some old ones... COME JOIN US.

Everyone is welcome! Hugs, welcome smiles, hot coffee, cappuccino & donuts await your arrival. We meet each Tuesday for Bible Study 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m at Amegy Bank on Hwy. 6. Everyone is welcome! No nursery is provided though. We are a non-denominational Bible Study Group.

We believe wise men & women still seek Him!
Where have all the leaders gone?

Remember Lee Iacocca, the man who rescued the Chrysler Corporation from its death throes? He's now 82 years old and has a new book out, 'Where Have All The Leaders Gone?'

Excerpted from this book, Lee Iacocca says: 'Am I the only guy in this country who's fed up with what's happening? Where is our outrage? We should be screaming bloody murder! We've got a gang of clueless bozos steering our ship of state right over a cliff, we've got corporate gangsters stealing us blind, and we can't even clean up after a hurricane much less build a hybrid car.

But instead of getting mad, everyone sits around and nods their heads when the politicians say, 'Stay the course.' Stay the course? You've got to be kidding. This is America, not the damned, 'Titanic.' I'll give you a sound bite: 'Throw all the bums out!'

You might think I'm getting senile, that I've gone off my rocker, and maybe I have. But someone has to speak up. I hardly recognize this country anymore. The most famous business leaders are not the innovators but the guys in handcuffs. While we're fiddling in Iraq, the Middle East is burning and nobody seems to know what to do. And the press is waving 'pom-poms' instead of asking hard questions. That's not the promise of the 'America' my parents and yours traveled across the ocean for. I've had enough. How about you?

I'll go a step further. You can't call yourself a patriot if you're not outraged. This is a fight I'm ready and willing to have. The Biggest 'C' is Crisis! (Iacocca elaborates on nine C's of leadership, with crisis being the first.) Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is forged in times of crisis. It's another thing to lead someone else's kids off to war when you've never seen a battlefield yourself. It's another thing to lead when your world comes tumbling down.

On September 11, 2001, we needed a strong leader more than any other time in our history. We needed a steady hand to guide us out of the ashes. A hell of a mess, so here's where we stand. We're immersed in a bloody war with no plan for winning and no plan for leaving. We're running the biggest deficit in the history of the country. We're losing the manufacturing edge to Asia, while our once-great companies are getting slaughtered by health care costs.

Gas prices are skyrocketing, and nobody in power has a coherent energy policy. Our schools are in trouble. Our borders are like sieves. The middle class is being squeezed every which way. These are times that cry out for leadership.

But when you look around, you've got to ask: 'Where have all the leaders gone?' Where are the curious, creative communicators? Where are the people of character, courage, conviction, omnipotence, and common sense? I may be a sucker for alliteration, but I think you get the point.

Name me a leader who has a better idea for homeland security than making us take off our shoes in airports and throw away our shampoo? We've spent billions of dollars building a huge new bureaucracy, and all we know how to do is react to things that have already happened.

Name me one leader who emerged from the crisis of Hurricane Katrina. Congress has yet to spend a single day evaluating the response to the hurricane or demanding accountability for the decisions that were made in the crucial hours after the storm. Everyone's hunkering down, fingers crossed, hoping it doesn't happen again. Now, that's just crazy. Storms happen. Deal with it. Make a plan. Figure out what you're going to do the next time.

Name me an industry leader who is thinking creatively about how we can restore our competitive edge in manufacturing. Who would have believed that there could ever be a time when 'The Big Three' referred to Japanese car companies? How did this happen, and more important, what are we going to do about it?

Name me a government leader who can articulate a plan for paying down the debt, or solving the energy crisis, or managing the health care problem. The silence is deafening. But these are the crises that are eating away at our country and milking the middle class dry.

I have news for the gang in Congress. We didn't elect you to sit on your asses and do nothing and remain silent while our democracy is being hijacked and our greatness is being replaced with mediocrity. What is everybody so afraid of? That some bonehead on Fox News will call them a name? Give me a break. Why don't you guys show some spine for a change?

Had Enough? Hey, I'm not trying to be the voice of gloom and doom here. I'm trying to light a fire. I'm speaking out because I have hope - I believe in America. In my lifetime, I've had the privilege of living through some of America's greatest moments. I've also experienced some of our worst crises: The 'Great Depression,' 'World War II,' the 'Korean War,' the 'Kennedy Assassination,' the 'Vietnam War,' the 1970's oil crisis, and the struggles of recent years culminating with 9/11.

If I've learned one thing, it's this: You don't get anywhere by standing on the sidelines waiting for somebody else to take action. Whether it's building a better car or building a better future for our children, we all have a role to play. That's the challenge I'm raising in this book. It's a "Call to Action" for people who, like me, believe in America. It's not too late, but it's getting pretty close. So let's shake off the crap and go to work. Let's tell 'em all we've had 'enough.'

Editor's Note: This was sent to me by email with the following request: Make your own contribution by sending this to everyone you know and care about. It's our country, folks, and it's our future. Our future is at stake! I of course had the opportunity to share it here, so I did, now you go do your part.

The book is available everywhere and although it steps on a lot of big toes, you can't overlook the apathy of the common person's accountability in this mess as well. We all played our part and will all ultimately determine our future.

Volunteers Needed, No Experience Required!!!

Hospice Care Team's Volunteer Department is still looking for Volunteers. We will be doing trainings all year long and can find a schedule to meet most every one's needs. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Judy Wilson/Director of Volunteer Services at Hospice Care Team 409-938-0070

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Pick Up an EXTRA Copy of the GOOD NEWS TODAY!

Good News is hard to come by, but you'll always find it here. Look for us at Big Chief, Kroger & almost all the convenience stores in town.

Does Anyone Know What's Going On?

I discovered 2 weird things this Christmas. There were no turkeys on sale and every place in town was sold out of spice drops. What happened? I know that groceries are high right now, but only one brand of turkey was even remotely on sale and I don't happen to like that brand. I went to 4 stores in search of spice drops only to find the supplies gone. Was there a stained glass cookie recipe going around that I didn't get? If you know why either of these things happened, please tell us all.
RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES & OLD CELL PHONES AND HELP SANTA FE PROJECT GRAD. ’09!

Please call one of the following contacts when you have cartridges for us to pick up! This is an ongoing fundraiser... so feel free to call us repeatedly to make pick ups through APRIL OF 2009! We certainly appreciate your help!

Connie Medley 409-739-5732
Becky Sullivan 409-750-1493
Kay Winwood 409-925-5050

A satisfied customer paid for the ad below because they gave her warranty on her car and eliminated her fear of having a large repair bill hit her out of the blue. Thank you Auto Exam.

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8 Reasons to Eat LOCAL FOOD

1. Locally grown is fresher.
2. Locally grown is not trucked.
3. Locally grown keeps the money in our community.
4. Locally grown keeps us in touch with the seasons.
5. Locally grown lets you get to know your neighbors.
6. Locally grown puts food on your neighbor’s plate and after you get to know him, you’ll want him to eat.
7. Locally grown reduces our dependence on anyone outside of our nation.
8. Locally grown just plain tastes better!

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Does Anyone Know

What do you with the milk that you've skimm the cream off of to make butter with?

Pigs aren't an option and neither is making the husband drink it. Several of us are wanting to make butter but we don't want to waste all the milk that's left. Call me with your suggestions. (409) 370-0030.

Lion's Club "Avenue of Flags" & New Member Orientation Kicks Off

Six days a year the Lion's Club puts flags up along the major highways in town. This "Avenue of Flags" is one of their biggest fundraisers because each business pays for that flag to be raised in front of their business to show their support of both the Lion's Club and their country. The cost is $30.00 and goes to support the many projects the Lion's get involved in, both in this community and internationally.

They are also offering a FREE new member orientation program. Have you ever wanted to learn more about what it means to be a Lion? It's set for January 31st from 10am to 2pm here at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located at 13136 Highway 6. This isn't just for New Lions- it's for those who might be interested in joining Lions Clubs. It includes a free lunch and drinks. There will be prizes given out and a 50/50 will be sold.

Lions do great things for this community, the country and the world. Show up at this free program and discover what Lionism is all about. Contact any Lion or Cotton Miller at 925-2615 for an "Avenue of Flags" form to show your support for Lions and your country.

TIPS THIS ISSUE

1. Several little things accomplished beats one large one not done any day. Big New Year's resolutions get put on the list every year because they are just too big to ever pull off.
2. Use a mason jar. They don't break, the wide mouths are easy to wash and you only have to pay for them once. All that plastic just goes in the trash and costs a fortune.
3. Kill your ants without pesticide. Just scoop up a shovel of one ant bed and put on another. Then scoop from it and put it back on the 1st one. It works, they kill each other off.
4. Start taking taking real good care of yourself. Take your vitamins. Try not to get hurt.

Getting medical care since UTMB closed is impossible. The doctor's offices, clinics and emergency rooms are full of REALLY SICK people right now. Try to stay away from them if for no other reason than to protect yourself. We just thought it used to be bad, it's much, much worse now. I was even asked to sign a lengthy Tuberculosis questionnaire form. There's usually no form unless there's a reason for it.

Haak Vineyards & Winery

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Come Celebrate Our 10th Anniversary as a Commercial Winery

The San Pasqual Membership

Gladys and Raymond Haak welcome you to experience Haak Vineyards & Winery through our wine club. Due to your loyal support we will be guaranteeing you special access to our newest wines; to our limited release wines prior to sell out and to our Reserve wines before the general public has the opportunity to purchase in The Tasting Room. You will receive these wines at your door in Texas as well as a limited number of other states.

January 10th
Port and Chocolate: Our executive chef will serve decadent chocolates paired with our award winning wines while listening to acoustic music by David Grace.
Time: 6:00 to 8:00pm
Entertainment: David Grace

January 11th
Anniversary Party: Celebrating 10 years as commercial winery with music by Whiskey Saints.
Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Entertainment: Whiskey Saints

January 17th
Tapas Night In The Cellar: Multi course Spanish style meal prepared by our executive chef.
Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Entertainment: Jando

January 24th
Oyster Fry and Pruning Day: Pruning starts at 9:00am with instruction from a gardener. Enjoy oysters and music by blues band The Sharks.
Time: Pruning at 9:00am
Oyster Fry 11:30am to 3:30pm