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A VERY SPECIAL SNOWMAN

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Chester was a snowman that stood proudly in the yard of a very large house in Snow Valley. He was adorned with a very nice hat, fur lined gloves on the ends of sturdy broom handle arms and his scarf was made of angora.

Sometimes the scarf tickled his chin, but it never changed the expression on his face. His eyes and his mouth were fashioned from smooth black rocks and his nose was a hand carved creation that was placed between his eyes and mouth. Chester wore a smile, but he took his job seriously. His job was to accent the lawn of the large house. He knew that somehow he was unique, but he wasn't quite sure about what made him special.

Each year, with the thick snowfalls of early December, Chester was created and rolled into the same place on the lawn. He enjoyed a view of the lake and the forest that rose up along the sides of the valley. He also had a view of the quaint town that stretched out between mountains. He had watched this view from early December through March for the last ten years.

He spent his days talking to the birds that came to rest on his arms and his hat. He also liked watching the birds hop around for food and seeing the squirrels run back and forth along the tree limbs with their mouths full of nuts.

Yes, he had a nice life on the lawn. He liked it when the gardener would check on him and talk to him about his chores for the day. He always felt very close to the gardener. He liked the sound of his voice and the way he whistled when he was walking and working.

One day the gardener came to see about Chester. "Hey there Chester! It's going to be a fine Christmas! Sounds like there is going to be houseful of company here for the holidays. I've got to get you all spiffed up and powdered!" he mused as he gathered a large clump of fresh powdery snow.

Christmas!
Chester got an excited chill as he thought about his favorite time of year. He loved looking down upon the town as it twinkled with Christmas lights. He loved the sound of the carolers that made their way singing through the streets and the scent of Christmas cookies wafting through the air.

Yes, Christmas was a wonderful time of winter and the fact that company would be coming to the house made it even better.

"I hope the children are coming," Chester thought. "It's been a long time since there have been children here to play in the snow."

The gardener finished packing Chester's base. He stood up, adjusted Chester's scarf and tweaked his nose. "I'll see you later!" he waved and winked as he turned back towards the house.

A few days later, several cars drove up into the driveway of the large house. Chester couldn't see who got out, but he thought he heard children's voices shout the word "Grandma!"

Chester's eyes twinkled at the sound of the excitement. Children were just what this Christmas needed. Chester had listened to the gardener tell about how excited the lady of the house was when she found out that all of her children and grandchildren would be coming to her house for Christmas. Chester knew that this would be a very special Christmas.

Moment's later a man trudged through the snow with two children in tow and they stopped in front of Chester. It was his old friend Dan. Chester shook with joy!

"Mandy and Mason; I'd like to introduce you to Chester. I first built Chester when I was twelve years old and he's been coming back here every year since. You're looking great Chester!" the man exclaimed as he patted him on the stomach.

"He's so pretty!" Mandy giggled. "I like his hat and his eyes! Ooh! I like his scarf too!"

"Can he throw snowballs with us, Uncle Dan?" Mason asked while jumping up and down.

"Throw snowballs? Not Chester! His job is stand on the lawn and watch. But I can throw a pretty mean snowball. You'd better run for cover!" the man laughed as he started gathering a mound of snow.

Chester remembered Dan. He remembered him as a freckled face young boy that worked for hours building him that first season. Dan had built him for many years, but then he had gone away. The gardener had taken up the job since that time. Chester also remembered something about a scarf that Dan used to wear around his neck, but his memory was a little frosty.

After a wild flurry of snowballs were thrown back and forth, the trio fell down in front of Chester.

"Uncle Dan, do you think Chester ever gets lonely out here all by himself?" Mandy asked as she rested.

Dan looked up at Chester and cocked his head to one side. "I don't know kids. If he does get lonely, what do you think we should do about it?" Dan asked with a curious look on his face.

"Let's build some more snowmen!" Mandy and Mason shouted out in unison.

"Let's do it first thing tomorrow morning," Dan replied. "Grandma's got a nice beef stew calling my name and I'm hungry. Plus, it's getting cold out here!"

Chester didn't know what to think. A part of him didn't like the idea of sharing his spot or his view of the valley with another snowman. But then it did get a little lonely during the night when everything got quiet and still. It might be fun to have someone to talk to.

Snow began to fall that night all over the valley. By morning a fresh blanket of powder glistened on the lawn and all over Chester. He gave a little shiver to clear the snow from his face. Chester looked about and saw for the first time that the lawn looked big and empty. The trees were big and full, but with all the snow, Chester realized that he really was all alone in the yard. He hoped Dan and the children would come out soon to build him some new friends.

The sun rose higher in the sky and Chester began to worry that Dan and the kids might have forgotten about their project. Then Chester heard the sound of Mandy's laughter as she and Mason plodded through the snow towards Chester.

The children sat down on the snow and began to discuss how they were going to build a snowman. They began to pull snow up into a mound and pat their gloved hands on the top to make a firm base. Then they pushed the mound over and began to roll it in the snow. Slowly a ball began to form. The kids pushed the ball all over until it was about as big as Chester's base.

The pushed it over close to Chester and went back to work on another ball. A little while later, Dan came out to help his niece and nephew with the task.

After what seem like an eternity, the kids and Dan had two more bodies of snowmen set into position on each side of Chester.

Dan plopped down in the snow to catch his breath. Mandy knelt down in front of her uncle and asked, "Can we dress and decorate them now, Uncle Dan?"

"Yep, you can, but remember what I told you last night. While you're dressing up your snowman, you've got to think of a special name for them. Snowmen are special because they're only here to visit for a short time. But if you put all your heart into building them and

decorating them, they'll come back every year with the snow."

"But Uncle Dan, you haven't been here in a couple of years. How does Chester get built each time?" Mason asked.

"That's the other special part about Snowmen. If you can't be where the snow comes back to, then you have to ask someone special to take over the building and care of the snowman."

"Is that why you have Mr. Delaney, the gardener, build Chester each year now? He's somebody special?" Mandy questioned.

"Every person is someone special in God's eyes Mandy. And yes, Mr. Delaney is very special to me and to Chester. Just look at what good care he takes of him for me!"

The three looked up at Chester and smiled. Chester suddenly felt very proud. About that time a gust of wind blew up and snow powder blew across the yard.

"Brrr! It looks like we're in for more snow this evening. Let's give this up for today and come back out tomorrow." Dan urged.

Chester hated to see them go, but he knew that more snow was coming. He braced himself for a cold night on the lawn. But he wasn't cold because he had a warm, almost mushy feeling in his heart. Something special was going to happen tomorrow.

As the wind blew and snow fell through the night, Chester thought about Dan and the gardener, Mr. Delaney. His memory was a little frosty about the early years when Dan would build him each winter. The only memory that came back to him over and over was how Dan would sit out in the lawn next to him and talk about things. It was never anything specific; just about the routine things about his day and his school. But as Dan grew up, he would talk just a little during the time he would take to dress him. Then four years ago, Mr. Delaney built him and had been doing the task with the return of the first snow every since.

Late in the afternoon Mandy and Mason trudged out in the yard with a big box. The snow was up to Mason's waist and Mandy had to keep pulling him back up onto his feet. The pair got to the group of snowmen and began pulling things out of the box.

The first things they pulled out were four spindly tree limbs that had been snapped off some pine trees in the yard.

Mason laid claim to the smallest snowman and stuck the limbs in the middle ball. One limb stuck up like the snowman was waving. Then he stuck four little sticks into the top of his head for hair. He popped two black rocks in for eyes and used another stick for his nose.

"Mason! You can't leave his head like that!" Mandy shrieked. "Give that poor snowman a hat and a better nose."

"But I couldn't find a hat!" Mason quickly replied. "You grabbed all the good stuff for your snowman!"

Mandy threw a wad of snow at Mason.

"Whatever! Keep your snowman looking like that. Maybe you should name him 'Spike!' Mandy shot back.

"Hey, hey what's going on out here?" Dan questioned as he walked up on the pair. "It sounds like

you two are arguing like a typical brother and sister. You let Mason dress his snowman just how he wants. Now, how about your snowman? What's the style for this one?"

"Uncle Dan, can I make a snow woman?" Mandy asked as she took out a large pink floppy hat from the box. "I found this hat of Grandma's and she said I could



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Special Snowman

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use it."

Chester giggled to himself as he listened to the commotion. Stick hair, pine tree arms and now a snow woman. This was getting interesting.

Dan and Mandy placed the pink hat on the top ball. Mason handed Mandy two limbs to use for arms, but Mandy just stood with her arms crossed eyeing the three snowballs and pink hat.

"Why don't you make her arms to look just like yours?" Dan asked. "All you have to do is pack more snow onto the body into the shape of crossed arms."

Mandy jumped at the idea and began packing small snowballs onto the body. Then she fashioned a large carrot onto the face for a nose and she used black yarn for a mouth. The eyes were two large black buttons and she put two more buttons above her arms. She stood back and eyed her creation.

"She's lovely! I'm going to name her 'Princess Snowella!'" Mandy stated proudly.

"Oh! Brother!" Mason groused. "That's just what we need...another princess!"

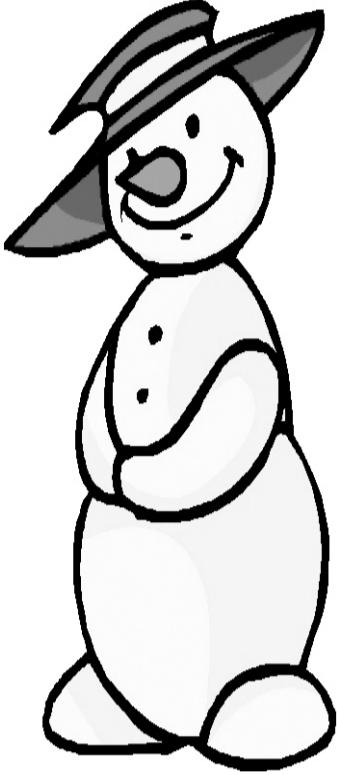
Mason dug through the box and found a pair of bright green gloves and then he stood back and laughed, "You're right, he needs a hat."

Mr. Delaney walked up and asked, "Did somebody say they needed a hat?" He smiled as he presented Mason with a large, bright blue garden hat. I use this in the spring when I'm mowing the yard. I'll let your snowman borrow it while he's here!"

Mason placed the blue hat onto his snowman's head and then took out the stick for the nose and replaced it with a large carrot. He then announced his creation was complete.

"Not quite yet, sport," Dan stopped him. "You've got to name him."

Mason looked at the snowman for a bit and then grinned. "I'm going to name him 'Dandy. Dandy Dan Delaney.' That's because Uncle Dan helped us and the hat is from you, Mr. Delaney."



Mr. Delaney and Dan looked at each other with surprise.

"Now Chester has two special friends to spend the season with. They almost look like a family!" Dan laughed.

Chester blushed at the comment. He had taken quite a shine to Princess Snowella in the short time that she had been completed. And as for Dandy, he knew they were going to be good friends. Dandy Dan Delaney knew how to crack a good joke."

"I'm pleased to meet you Chester. You know, you're a little flaky?" Dandy teased.

"I like your scarf Chester," Princess Snowella beamed. "It looks very nice on you." She eyed him with a look that made Chester melt just a little.

"Come on you two, don't let things snowball!" Dandy quipped. "It is a nice scarf. And hey! Just look at that view!"

The children announced they were ready for a cup of hot chocolate, complete with marshmallows and some of Grandma's cookies. They took off towards the house. Dan and Mr. Delaney stood quietly looking at the snowmen and snow-woman.

Mr. Delaney was the first to speak. "You know Dan; I think I was as excited as your mother was to hear you were coming back for Christmas. I've missed seeing you these past four years. Mrs. Delaney has too. We think about you and all the fun you and Chester would get into...especially at Christmas."

"Thanks, Mr. Delaney. I should have come back for a visit sooner. Life just sped up and since Mom and Dad started coming out west for Christmas, coming home always got pushed out of the way," Dan commented with a sigh. "I think about you and Mrs. Delaney all the time, though. You know, you're like a second father to me and I appreciate how you've stayed on to help my mom with the yard and the house."

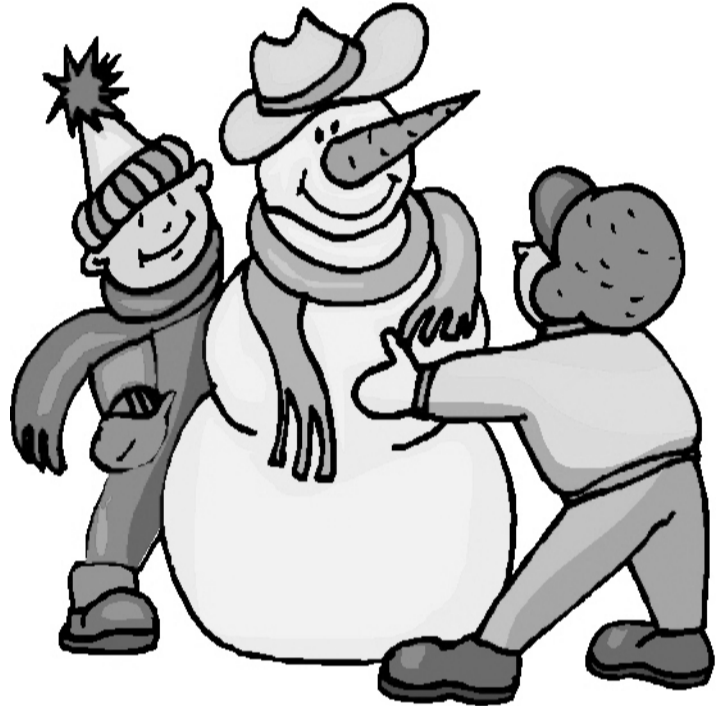
Dan and Mr. Delaney hugged each other and then stood arm in arm looking back at Chester.

Dan then reached out and gently fingered the scarf that hung around Chester's neck. There were tears in his eyes. Then he and Mr. Delaney walked slowly to the house talking along the way.

"Did you used to run and play with that guy when he was a kid?" Dandy asked. "I thought all that stuff about Frosty was just a rumor?"

"The man looked a little sad, Chester. What would make him sad at this time of year?" Snowella asked.

Chester shivered a little as the memory of years gone by suddenly came flooding back. Chester remembered two boys romping in the yard around him. He saw in his memory snowball fights with two boys and one of them running behind him and yelling out "Bet you can't get me behind Chip."



"Chip? One of the boys called me Chip." Chester said out loud. Then with a cry, Chester remembered.

"Now I remember! I was once named 'Chip.' It was ten years ago. Dan and his friend built me together the year before and they were the very best of friends. Then something happened to the other boy...he got very sick



before the next snow. Dan and Mr. Delaney built me together the next year. After that, Dan would sit and talk to me about his friend. His friend was named 'Chester' and this is his scarf!"

"But how did Dan know about how we would return each year?" Snowella wondered.

"Chester's dad, Mr. Delaney, used to read a book to the boys about snowmen when they were young. Dan told me all about how much fun Christmas used to be with Chester and how their families shared special times together! Chester cried. "When Dan and Mr. Delaney came out together to build me the following year, Dan placed this scarf around my neck and declared my new name would forever be 'Chester' in memory of his best friend.

Mandy, Mason and Dan walked out to the snowy trio later that evening. Dan had shared the story with his niece and nephew about Chester, his friend and Chester, the snowman. The scarf was one that his friend Chester had given him before he died to place around the special snowman that they had built together. When it came time for Dan to move away for college, Dan asked Mr. Delaney to build the snowman for him just like he had read in the storybook. Mr. Delaney had been honored to do the task as it was always a special time for him during the hustle of the holidays. The memory of his son was always a bright one as he finished dressing the snowman with his sons' scarf.

Princess Snowella sniffed back the tears as thought about the story and Dandy puffed up his chest.

"I like my name 'Dandy Dan Delaney' because those are two special people and I'm honored to be named after them!" he exclaimed.

Chester stared out toward Snowy Valley as the hint of darkness fell upon the town. The lights of Christmas were starting to twinkle and the sound of singing rose up from the valley. It was a beautiful night out on the lawn and it was going to be a wonderful Christmas with his new friends. Chester choked back a few icy tears.

But there were tears of happiness because Chester would no longer be alone on the lawn and he had discovered that he was, indeed, a very special snowman.

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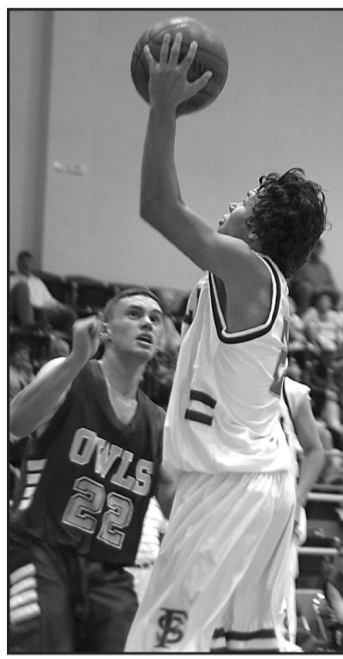
Varsity Boys

The Steers had a 61-45 win over Whitharral on Dec. 14. Scoring were Robbie Tabb, 5; Derrick Chandler, 3; Tate Nichols, 21; Rowdy Mitchell, 8; Chris Culver, 20; and Carlos Saenz and Colton Sudderth, 2 each.

On Dec. 17, Farwell smashed Dora, 65-49.

Scoring were Brett Howard, 2; Robbie Tabb, 5; Derrick Chandler, 1; Tate Nichols, 27; Rowdy Mitchell, 10; Chris Culver, 8; Carlos Saenz, 3; Colton Sudderth, 6; and Matthew Edwards, 2.

JV Boys



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The Lady Blue ripped Dora, 66-46, on Dec. 17.

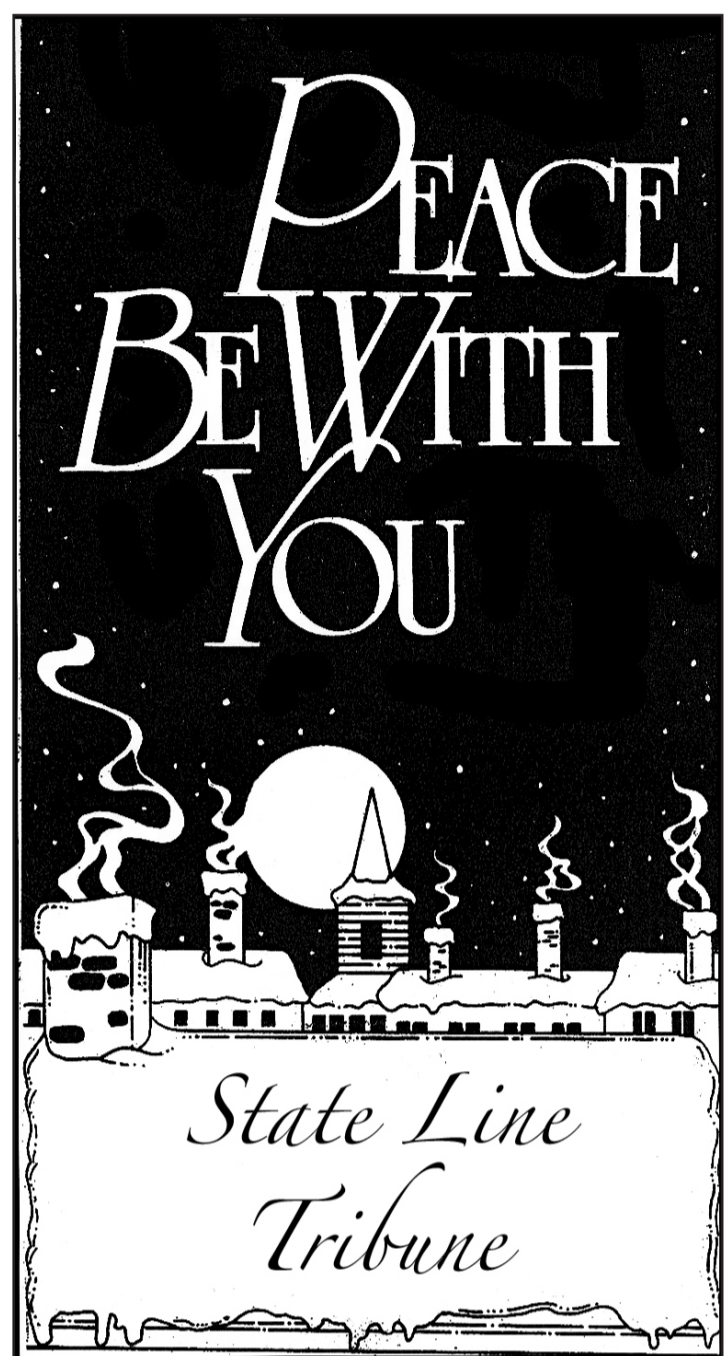
Scoring were Jennifer DeLeon, 4; Britton Barrett, 5; Julie Castillo, 8; Dellani Jones, 11; Salida Edwards, 22; Ashley Martin, 1; and Danielle Cargile, 15.

JV Girls

Farwell fell to Whitharral, 27-22.

Scoring were Brenda Cano, 2; Trish Robertson, 3; Cindy Quezada, 8; Kaylyn Meyer, 5; and Hayley Fowler, 4.

Farwell beat Dora, 40-8, on Dec. 17.



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Wolverines top highly-rated Sudan

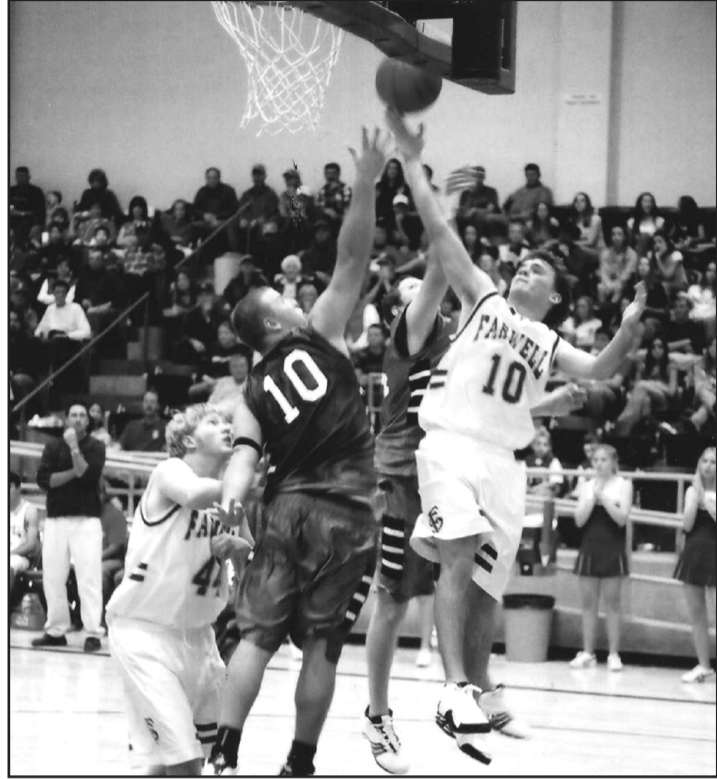
7th Girls

Texico's 7th grade girls wiped out Tucumcari, 32-13. Scoring were Lisa Vidal, 4; Victoria Richards, 12; Shelby Cockerham and Shay Anderson, 1 each; Kaitlin Luscombe, 9; and Jennifer Shirley, 5.

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines last Friday defeated Sudan, one of the top-ranked teams in Texas Class 1A, 56-55 at home.

Scoring were Braden Vaughan, 16; Josh Pena, 2; Tony Clements, 10; Garrett Mayfield, 9; Logan Brown, 14; Ricky Burns, 2; and Aaron Vaughan, 3.



On Saturday, Texico improved its perfect record to 8-0 with a 71-56 win over Logan there.

Scoring were Curtis Williams, 4; Braden Vaughan, 16; Pena, 2; Zane Anderson, 2; Clements, 17; Mayfield, 8; Brown, 21.

Brown had a trio of 3-pointers.

JV Boys

Texico lost to Sudan, 57-54.

Varsity Girls

Texico was nipped by Sudan, 44-43, on Friday.

Scoring were Ashley Kidd, 15; Faith Martin, 6; Lori

Richardson, 5; Lauren Boazman, 8; and Stephanie Bailey, 9.

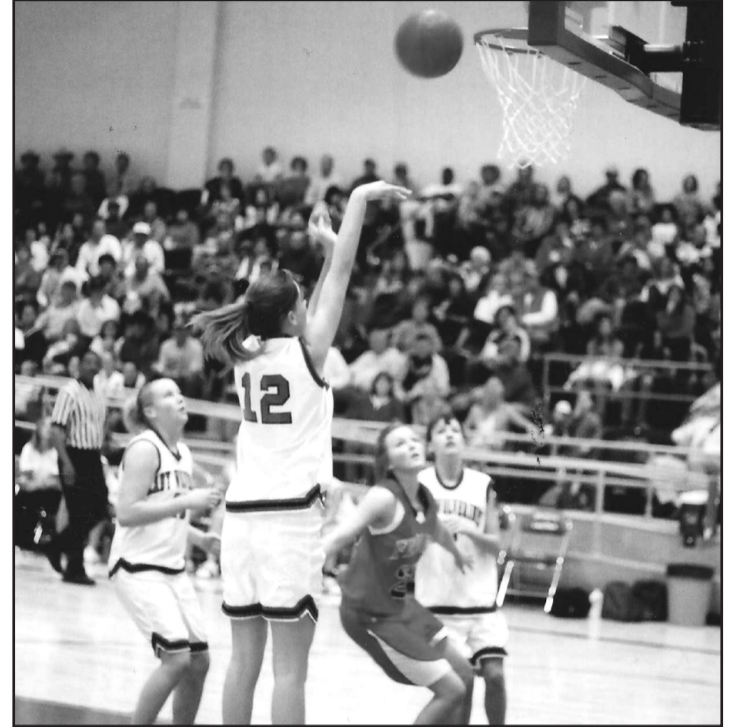
Martin and Kidd both had a pair of 3-pointers.

The Lady Wolverines were 6-2 after clobbering Logan, 72-29.

Scoring were Bryn Mayfield, 12; Erika Autrey, 5; Amber Parmer, 6; Martin, 16 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Brette Hadley, 9; Richardson, 11; Bailey, 12; and Kidd, 4.

JV Girls

Texico's JV girls beat Sudan, 36-24.



photos by J.R. Ivins

Richardson, Vannatta, Cain file for Texico school board

Tuesday was signup day for the Texico School Board. The deadline for signing up was 5 p.m., but the Tribune had to call at 1 p.m. due to press deadlines. So if more folks sign up, it will be listed in next week's paper.

Signing up as of 1 p.m. were:
Position 4 -- Ted Richardson, incumbent.
Position 5 -- Charles Vannatta and Randy Cain, incumbent.

The Latest

Correction:
The Texico Fire Department honor for selling fund-raiser tickets went to Roger Menning, not Royce, as reported in last week's Tribune.

Parmer County Retired

Obituary

Edward Allen
Edward Lee Allen died on Dec. 12.

He was born in Levelland on May 10, 1942, to Marvin and Annie Allen.

In 1961, he married Monty Baker, and they lived in Friona. In 1997, they moved to Buckeye, Ariz.

He was a custom harvester, working with three generations of his family, including his father-in-law J.G., son Dexter and grandsons.

Surviving are his wife, at home; a son Dexter, of Buckeye; a daughter, Shannon Grissom, of Lubbock; his mother, of Lubbock; and his sister, Twila Hicks, of Lubbock.

Teachers and School Personnel Association will meet at 2 p.m. Jan. 4 at Friona State Bank.

Ken Starcher, of West Texas A&M's ag department, will speak on "Potential for Renewable Energy in the Panhandle." All are welcome.

A \$1 million project to widen Parmer county Farm to Market Road 2290 from the New Mexico state line to U.S. 60 in Bovina is planned by the Texas Highway Department.

The two-lane road gets heavy use from Cargill Meat Solution workers in Friona who commute back and forth from Clovis, where they live.

Word has been received of the death of Pearl Louise Muller, 84, a resident of the Farwell Convalescent Center. Services were held on Dec. 22 in Clovis.

Texico police continue to report all quiet again.



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Scenes from the Farwell Holiday Band Concert



Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries:
 On Dec. 16, Israel Escobar, 18, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft. Case pending before the grand jury.
 On Dec. 16, Juan Mariscal, 42, of Lockney, Texas, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving without a license. Case pending in county court.
 On Dec. 18, Michael Cox, 34, of Texico, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of theft by check. Case pending in county court.
 On Dec. 18, Victor Alvarado, 49, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.
 On Dec. 17, Tracy Price, 26, of Portales, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft. Case pending in district court.
 On Dec. 15, Aaron Tanner, 33, of Broadview, N.M., was arrested on a charge of violation of community supervision. Case pending in district court.
 On Dec. 15, Kenny Edgington, 17, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft. Case pending before the grand jury.
 In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding on Dec. 17:
 -- Osvaldo Range, 35, of Bovina, charged with violation of community supervision (subsequent DWI), had his community supervision revoked and was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
 -- Robbie Colene Johnson, 23, of Farwell, charged with violation of community supervision (theft), had the community supervision amended and continued for an additional two years. Confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision.
 -- Derek Anthony Williams, 23, of Elk City, Okla., charged with violation of community supervision (burglary of a building), had his community supervision amended and continued for an additional six years. Also, to pay \$468 in attorney fees.

Upcoming sports

Basketball continues:

The Farwell varsity teams will play in the Littlefield Tournament Dec. 27-29. The Lazbuddie varsity teams host Vega on Dec. 27 (a Monday). The Texico JV and varsity teams host Jal on Dec. 30.



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Santa,
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Jaden Lawrence

Santa,
I want a computer, some books and some pattern blocks. Bring my mom a car.

Yasmin Cervantes

Santa,
I love you because you are nice. Please bring me a go-car, a bike, and a white, fake dog. My dad wants a watch. My mom wants a necklace and my papa a knife, my nana a ring and Tamra a ring. Be careful, Santa!

Taylor Askew

Santa,
I am doing very well in school. Please bring me a Barbie car so that I can drive it, a video camra, and a sponge bob phone. For my family, please bring them lots of presents.

Melissa Davalos

Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I want two of the Brat dolls, two cats and a Barbie for the cats. Bring my dad a bike and a ring for my mom.

Gia Wells

Santa,
Can you bring me a Barbie and a baby doll. I also would like lots of candy in my stocking and a teddy bear.

Sierra Baca

Santa,
When are you coming? I want a dirt bike and a remote control car, and a chopper.

Dalton Autrey

Santa,
I want a Doctor Barbie, a

princess Barbie and a Barbie computer.

Claudia Colmenero

Santa,
I want a toy puppy and can you bring me some Barbies? I also want a Bratz doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Alexandra Rodriguez

Santa,
I want a skateboard, a toy dog, a toy lion and a bike.

Christian Frausto

Santa,
I would like a computer, a big life size doll and a stuffed horse.

Micah Pinnell

Santa,
I want a bike. I can't wait til you come, Santa. I will try to make you cookies. If I do, I will get you milk, too. Please tell the elves that I said Merry Christmas.

Isak

Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want a transformer and a Spiderman weber. I want a Lepster too and more lap pads. I want a video now and a black ranger morfer.

Matthew McWhorter

Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want a dollhouse, a Barbie, and a bell from your sleigh.

Angelina Ornelas

Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Good, I hope. I am doing good. I would like a new bike and a new basketball goal.

Conrad Villa

Santa,
I want a ring, some pants and 3 fashion figure dolls. I will leave you some milk and gingerbread cookies. I know those are your favorite. I hope you

have a very good Christmas, Santa.

Itzel Cobas

Santa,
Are the elves good? I want pink boots and a pink jacket and a CD player.

Britni Foreman

Santa,
I have tried to be very good. I like the toys you gave me last year. I want a remote control airplane, a stuffed giraffe, string and beads, toys, a tackle box with lures, a new fishing pole, a lamp and candy.

Tyler Bridges

Santa,
How are the elves doing on Christmas eve? I want care bear sandles, a CD player, snow boots, a bike and some markets like my teacher.

Destiny Gaytan

Santa,
Santa, I love you and Mrs. Claus. I would like a Barbie, a cat, a baby doll, a bell from your sleigh, a pair of slippers, a kite and a hat.

Maira Luna

Santa,
Thanks for the gifts last year. I want an airhog sky winder, a new gameboy, a remote control boat and a fast and furious cat.

Garren Bass

Santa,
I would like a PS2 and an x-box. How is the North Pole? Is it very cold? How is Rudolph and the reindeer?

Joseph Ramos

Santa,
I hope you have a good time delivering gifts to the world. You seem really fast at delivering gifts. I would like a mountain bike, 10 stuffed animals, 81 books, 2 real puppies, toys for the puppies and a big TV.

Sydney Hunte



Texico varsity girls

Bryn Mayfield, Skyla Cockerham, Lauren Boazman, Erika Autrey, Amber Parmer, Sarah Johnson, Faith Martin, Brittany Anderson, Lori Richardson, Stephanie Vega, Stephanie Bailey, Ashley Kidd.

Santa,
I want a karaoke machine, a baby doll that cries, a fluffy house coat with fluffy slippers, some butterfly clip-on earrings and a flower necklace to go with my earrings.

Tacia Beavers-

Students learn about spirit of giving

Fourth and 5th graders at Farwell Elementary School chose to contribute to help make Christmas extra special for some families in the community.

Fourth graders in Mrs. Actkinson's and Mrs. White's classes collected more than \$500 to buy Christmas gifts for three families.

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- Mighty Clean Portable Toilets, for providing a clean toilet during our work day.
- Glaze Monument Company, for helping with our headstone project.
- Tedson, Inc., for making signs for unmarked graves.
- Curry County Teen Court Workers, for helping paint the fence.
- Lewis Foster, for mowing and trimming the cemetery.
- Everyone who helped on the Work Day.
- To all who have paid their cemetery dues and made donations.

BOVINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 847,349	\$ 86,465	933,814
State Program Revenues	3,080,252	80,642	3,160,894
Federal Program Revenues	-	557,303	557,303
Total Revenues	3,927,601	724,410	4,652,011
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	2,282,266	327,992	2,610,258
Instructional Resources & Media Services	38,100	49,630	87,730
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	5,895	-	5,895
Instructional Leadership	895	20,061	20,956
School Leadership	257,638	1,387	259,025
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	5,330	24,420	29,750
Health Services	5,217	36,576	41,793
Student (Pupil) Transportation	123,998	1,828	125,826
Food Services	-	268,798	268,798
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	174,815	565	175,380
General Administration	208,294	902	209,196
Plant Maintenance and Operations	340,183	2,763	342,946
Data Processing Services	20,260	-	20,260
Debt Service:			
Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	11,045	-	11,045
Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	7,613	-	7,613
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	23,740	-	23,740
Total Expenditures	3,505,289	734,922	4,240,211
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	422,312	(10,512)	411,800
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	1,150	-	1,150
Transfers In	-	25,552	25,552
Transfers Out (Use)	(25,552)	-	(25,552)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(24,402)	25,552	1,150
Net Change in Fund Balances	397,910	15,040	412,950
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	911,354	15,764	927,118
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,309,264	\$ 30,804	\$ 1,340,068

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Farwell: 'Santa, I have a very big family; do you?'

Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I like you. How do you fly? I want my dad to have new pants. I want my mom to have a new necklace. And I want to have a new bracelet.
Marisol Rodriguez

Santa,
I want a playhouse with a chimney. What is it like at the North Pole? How does the sled fly? What time do you fly? My familie's names are: Lorre, my mom; Darren, my dad; Kylie, my sister, and Garrison, my brother.
Cambree

Santa,
I love the gifts. How are you? I feel fine. How are the elves? My family is great. I want a kitten for Christmas. I will take good care of it. I want a white kitten, please. I will give it love. I will feed it and water it. I want my brothers to have their own dog. I want my dad to get a new gun. I want my mom to get a beautiful necklace.
Jenna

Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are the elves? I want a robot for Christmas.
Juan

Santa,
How is it at the North Pole? Thank you for being so nice and giving all the little boys and girls presents. Is it cold at the North Pole? Will you bring me some presents this year? I have a very big family. Do you? How are all the reindeer and elves and Mrs. Claus? I liked my presents that you gave me last year.
Carina

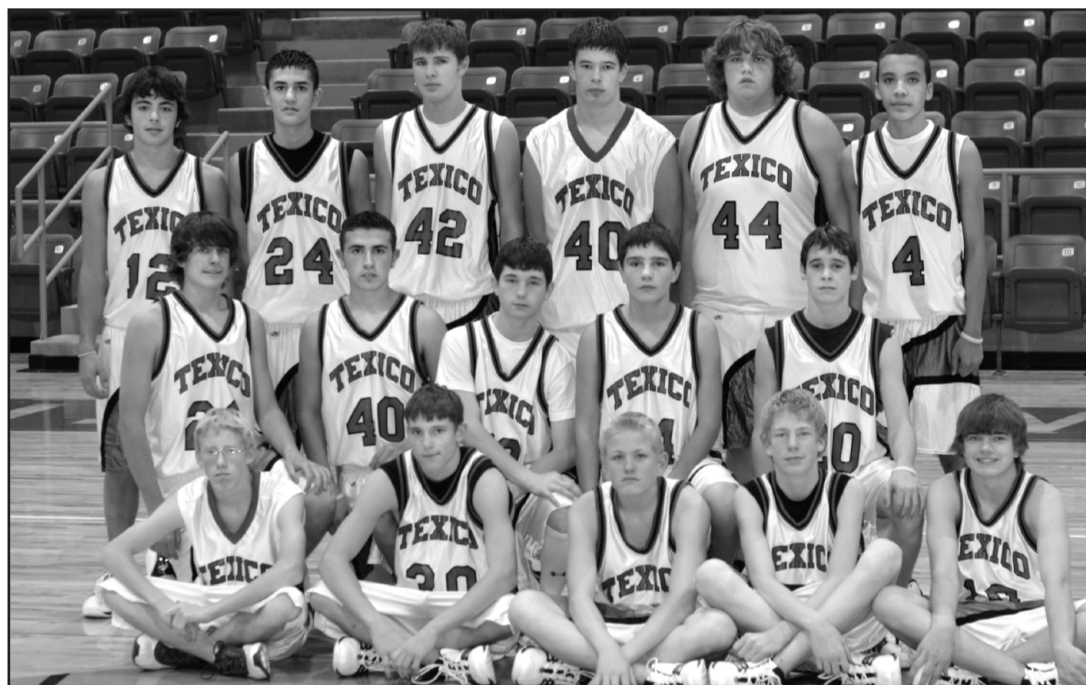
Farwell varsity boys

Tate Nichols, Robbie Tabb, Rowdy Mitchell, Chris Culver, Carlos Saenz, Colton Sudderth, Ty Gast, Matthew Edwards, Brett Howard and Derrick Chandler.



Texico JV Boys

Casey Crist, Justin Garrison, Sterling Bowers, Michael Reid, Wacey Williams, Josh Murray, Rolando Renova, Ruben Lindley, Jesse Walters, Courtland Luscombe, Adam Engram, Theo Mares, Daniel Schueler, Zac Morgan.



Watch for more team photos in next week's Tribune

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12-17-04

Live Cattle: The market took a giant leap up this week. Maybe a little too much, considering the fact that cattle on feed over 120 days is almost 20% higher than the 5 year average? Either way, the market was due to bottom in mid-December and all trends are now up and should continue in this direction until late January or early February. Targets could be as high as \$94 basis Feb.?

Feeder Cattle: Cash feeders have continued to hold, but not as strong as many would like to see. Fears of Canadian cattle crossing still have the March, April and May contract under pressure. As long as fed cattle continue higher, they should help to support a higher feeder market. Look for seasonal highs to take place in January with an outside shot at February?

Corn: This market will probably continue trading inside a tight range with major resistance around the \$2.20 level basis the March contract. The seasonal tendency has little impact during this time of the year. Exports are not helping with competition coming out of China. Normally, lows are made within the first two weeks of January. Look for a repeat this year.

Soybeans: Prices have also held an inside trading range, but this market seems to be showing much more strength than the rest of the grain complex? Rumors that rust problems may create a switch from beans to corn and cotton have created some commercial support around the \$5.10-5.20 level basis the January contract. Still needs to get through South American harvest pressure?

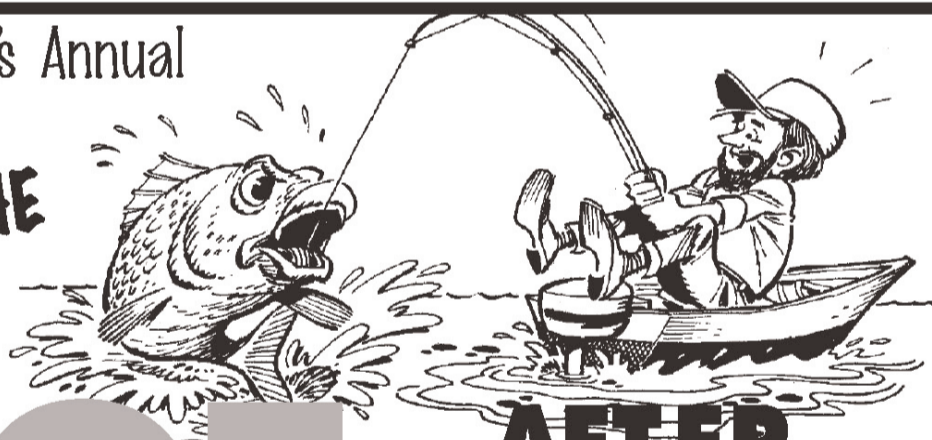
Wheat: Short term trends were able to turn higher on Friday. There are strong seasonal tendencies which turn higher on Monday and last until January 17th. If the market is going to get back on track, this may be the move that does it? Prices usually bottom during harvest and move up toward January. This year, prices have done basically the opposite. Prices were high at harvest.

Cotton: With little news, good or bad, prices continue to trade sideways. There was a little bump up on Friday coming from rumors that demand from China is holding cash prices firm? Although there is lots of cotton around the world, the trade already knows this? The market may hang on these levels with the except of making another low in early January before moving higher?

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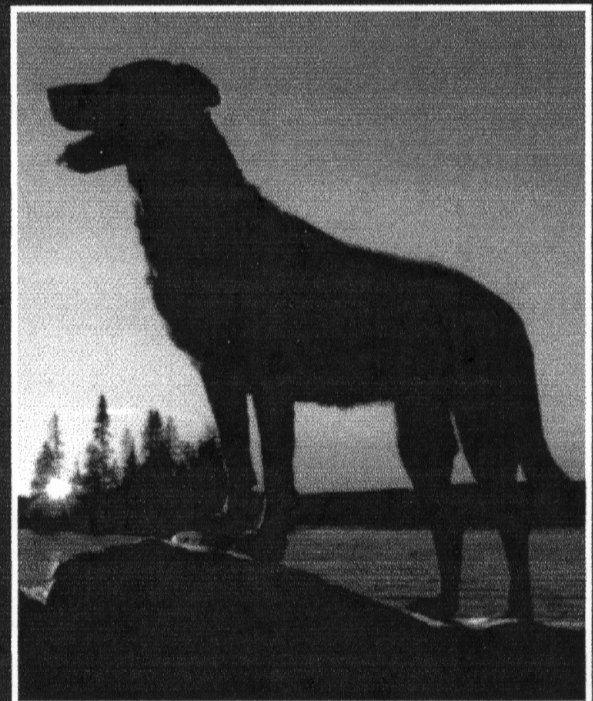


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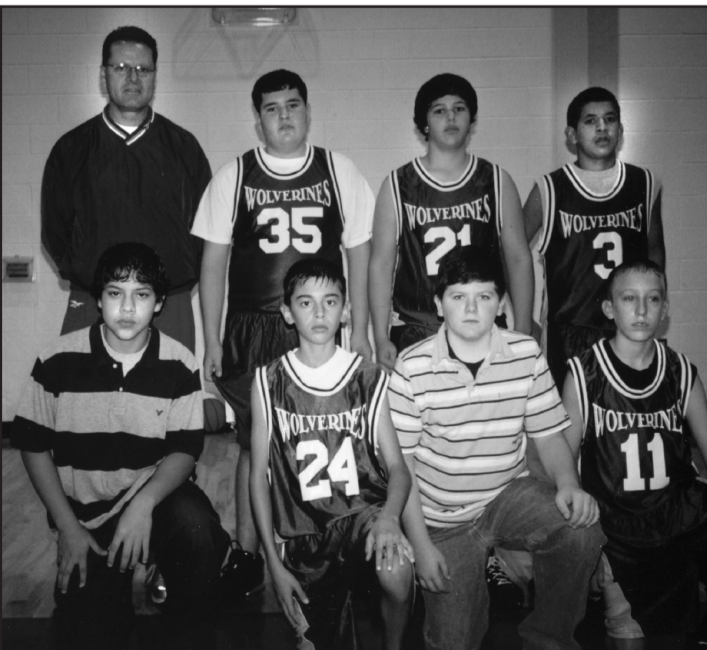
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Katy Mahaney

Santa,
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Parker Mahaney

Santa,
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Matthew Klingensmith

Santa,
This year, I would like a cowboy hat, Indian shirts, boots and Wranglers.
Nathan Morales

Santa,
Please bring me a Dora fairy tale for Christmas. I have been good.
Hannah Crandall

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Marley Wootton

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Skey Wootton

Santa,
I would like to have my Papa Harvey home for Christmas. We miss him. But if Papa can't be here, you could bring me play horses and a tractor. My brother, Jonathan, likes anything with dinosaurs. My sisters, Madison and Abigail, want Bratz and Barbie dolls. We will leave you some treats. Okay, Santa?
Kaleb Jesko

Santa,
I am a cowgirl. Remember last year when I sat on your lap and asked for a real horse that looked

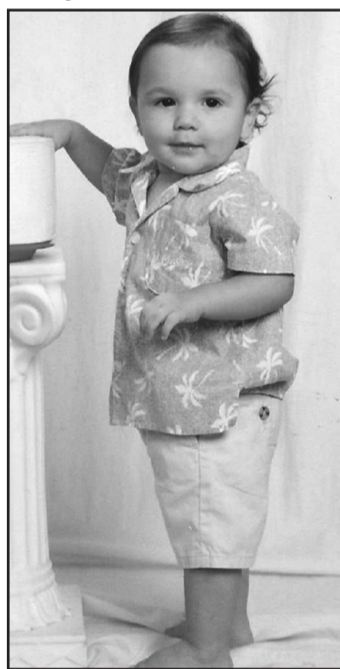
just like Black Beauty? And you didn't bring me one? Well, this year my Grampy Mac found Black Beauty (the real thing, not a stick horse) and I even get to pick her up a week before Christmas. So Santa, I could really use a saddle, blanket, reins, brush, oats and hay, etc. This little filly would enjoy just about anything you want to bring us. Merry Christmas, and I won't forget to leave you some yummy snacks.
Sailor Jackson

Santa,
Ho ho ho. I love you so. What I want for Christmas is 2 rc car, Barbie's sewing machine, CD player, game cube, and please Santa, if you can make it, bring my mommy a three diamond ring, And my daddy a new watch.

P.S. I've been better this year like I promised at the mall. Where was your sleigh and deer?
McKenna Ford

Santa,
How are you doing? Here's a list of things that I would like: a Play Station, a lever action BB gun, pocket knife, overalls, camo hat, blow dart gun, football, computer game. Well, I better go. Thank you.
Garrett Presnell

Santa,
I would like play reindeer, racing strips, some pajamas, a sweat suite that is blue and white, a horse pillow, a glow in the dark little football, a clip-on lamp, a miniature Christmas tree, a computer gun, a TV, a real cell phone, and a .22 gun.
Taylor Presnell



Lucas Botello

1st birthday

Lucas Botello, son of Rick and Ginny Botello, of Weston, Fla., celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 23.

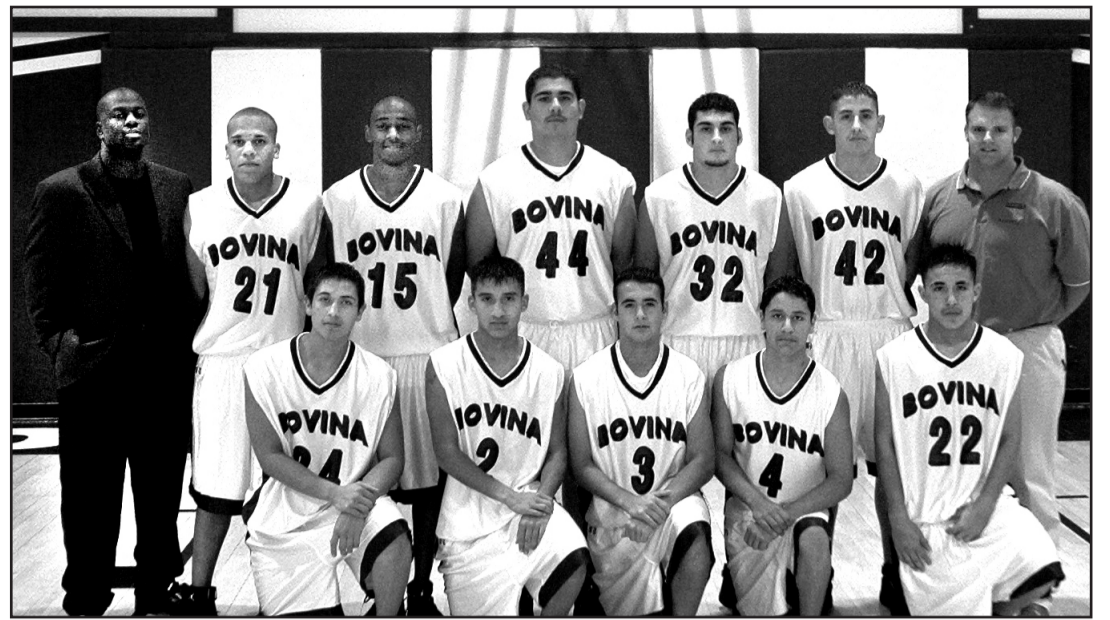
Family and friends enjoyed the Oktoberfest party. Among those attending were his grandparents, Robert and Mary Lee Mitzelfelt, of Farwell.





Bovina varsity girls

Isabel Guevara, Jennifer Reyna, Liz Alonzo, Giselle Alvarado, Irma Rocha, Hilda Quintero, Dorothy Martinez, Jessica Bachicha, Lucero Saucedo, Hortencia Lara, Ana Rodriguez, Ruby Vela, Haylee Hughes, Crystal Amparan and managers Laura Rocha and Elizabeth Ortiz.



Bovina varsity boys

The Bovina Mustangs include Michael Ortiz, Jeff Casas, Cornelio Ortiz, Kole McNary, Josh Shelby, Eddy Segovia, Noe Lara, Hugo Martinez and Trent Quintana.

Varela sparks Bovina 'B' girls win over Farwell

Varsity Boys

The Mustangs opened action in the Meadow Tourney with a 57-38 loss to Meadow.

Scoring were Jeff Casas, 17; Michael Ortiz and Hugo Martinez, 2 each; Trent Quintana, 1; Kole McNary, 13; and Jessie Reyna, 3.

*** There were no other reports other than Bovina, also lost to Plains, but beat the Olton JV.

Varsity Girls

In the Meadow tourney, the Fillies won 1 and lost 2.

Bovina lost to Plains, 52-32. Scoring were Jennifer Reyna, 4; Isabel Guevara, 2; Ruby Vela, 4; Irma Rocha, 4; Dorothy Martinez, 2; Jessica Bachicha, 10; and Hilda Quintero, 4.

*** Bovina beat Lubbock Warriors, 70-28. Scoring were Liz Alonzo, 2; Vela, 10; Rocha, 26; Lucy Saucedo, 17; Anna Rodriguez, 4; Giselle

Alvarado, 5; Maura Rocha, 2.

And Bovina fell to Meadow, 53-49. Scoring were Reyna, 2; Guevara, 11; Vela, 7; Rocha, 2; Bachicha, 20; Rodriguez, 2; Saucedo, 4; and Quintero, 5.

*** On Dec. 14, Bovina tripped up Adrian, 61-51.

Scoring were Rocha, 24; Reyna, 22; Bachicha, 7; Vela, 4; and Quintero and Martinez, 2 each.

JH Boys

There were no reports.

JH Girls

The Bovina "B" girls topped Farwell, 22-16.

Scoring were Jeanette Varela, 11; Daniela Flores, 5; Alicia Lopez, 4; and Cynthia Munoz, 2.

*** The Bovina "A" girls beat Farwell, 33-22.

Scoring were Yadira Vela, 4; Esmeralda Saucedo, 1; Audrie

Terrones, Yoshi Rueda and Yaniree Martinez, 12; and Kim Casas, 2 each; Yesenia Guevara, 8.

Becky's Bovina Banter

Becky London - 251-1164

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser were announced last week. They are:

\$300 Wal-Mart gift card, Bernardo Cervantes; \$200 Wal-Mart gift card, Bill Gist; and \$100 Wal-Mart gift card, Antonio Corral.

*** The varsity teams will play in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament Dec. 29-31.

*** City Hall will be closed Dec. 23, 24, 27 and 31 for the holidays.

School reopens on Jan. 3 after the Christmas break.

Nichols has big game against Cotton Center

Varsity Girls

The Lady Longhorns knocked off Cotton Center, 61-40, on Dec. 14.

Chelsee Nichols led the way with a huge 30 points, including a trio of 3-pointers.

Kayla Parham scored big, too, with 22 points.

Melanie Winders added 9 points, followed by Brittney Schacher, 3; Rochelle Smith, 2; and Mica Brandvik, 1.

*** The Lady 'Horns lost to Happy, 35-21, on Dec. 17 there.

Top scorers were Parham, 13; and Winders, 4.

Lazbuddie is now 6-9 on the year and 1-1 in district.

Varsity Boys

The Longhorns lost to Happy, 59-40, on Dec. 17 there.

Top scorers were Jesse Gomez, 13; and Jason Davis, 11. Lazbuddie is 0-1 in district.



Grady coach

1993 Farwell High graduate Alicia (Smith) Rush is the Grady High School varsity girls basketball coach. She is pictured during the Farwell Tournament.

Effective January 1, 2005, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will increase as a result of an increase in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) universal service fund contribution factor from 8.9% to 10.7%. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor against your interstate access service charges. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.



Posey graduates

On Dec. 10, Lisa Posey, of Canyon, daughter of Rodney and Priscilla Herington, of Farwell, graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in general studies.

She had a perfect 4.0 grade point average her final semester.

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From page 11

"Thank you for your letter regarding AGP Grain Marketing, LLC/Air Quality Permit #73430, 73427 and 73460. A copy of your comments will be forwarded by the Chief Clerk to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the permit application. The comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list and receive a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments. In addition, if a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a notice in the mail."

Notice

The Farwell Independent School District Board of Trustees will conduct a public meeting on January 13, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. at the Farwell ISD administration building to hear comments on the scheduled start of school for August 16, 2005.

According to state law, a waiver must be approved if a school district wants to start classes before the week of August 21, 2005.

All are encouraged to attend.

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Gil

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a football, a jack in the box, and a pinball game. I help my mom.
Roberto

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I help my mom wash dishes. I love Christmas. I want a baby doll.
Melissa

Dear Santa,
I have been nice and good. I want new shoes and new clothes. I help my mom to do the dishes.
Ari

Dear Santa,
I was good with my brothers. I want a computer and Spider-Man and Play Station.
Pedro

Dear Santa,
I have been good and nice. I would like a train with a track. I help my dad fix his car.
Marial

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a cat and I want a guinea pig.
Aileen

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I have been nice. I want a Play Station, a pin ball and a Jack in the box.
Carmilo

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I have been nice. I love you. I want a Play Station 2 pin ball. I love Christmas Day.
Jose Ivan

Dear Santa,
I have been good and nice and I help my mom take out the trash. I want a transformer.
Daniel

Dear Santa,
I have been good so I would like new pans for Christmas. I would like money.
Sidney

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want a care bear and a horse. Thank you, Santa.
April

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I like Christmas. I want pigs and horses. I have been nice. I love you.
Brianna

Dear Santa,
I want books. I help my mom feed chickens.
Austin

Santa,
I want a Jeff Gordon No. 42 race car, a slime car, dinosaurs, monster trucks, a hat with horns, bib block truck, motorcycle bike, box full of cars, race car track and peddle bike.
Marian Ecklund

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am so happy. Santa, I helped my

mom and dad. Can your reindeer fly? I like your reindeer and I like your elves. Do your elves make toys? Santa rides with a sleigh with reindeer. Can you bring some toys for me? I want a bratz.
Liliana

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom clean our house. For Christmas, I want a new little kitchen that I can play with. Merry Christmas.
Laura

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I like your red hat. It is cool. Your red coat is, too. For Christmas I would like to have yu-gi-oh cards.
Kevin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I work hard at school. Santa, you are very nice. I like your reindeer because they can fly. I like your elves. I like your red hat. For Christmas, I would like a Hulk toy.
Jesus D.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I work hard at school. Santa, your reindeers are cool. For Christmas, I would like a computer. Santa, have a good Christmas.
Adrian

Santa,
I have been good. I work hard at school. I help people because they drop their stuff. Santa you are the best because the elves make toys. Santa you are the best for Christmas. I like a Spiderman web blaster. Merry Christmas.
Charlie C.

Santa,
I have been good with my dad and my mom. I would like to have something pretty, like a dress. I like your reindeer because they can fly. I like your elves, too. For Christmas, I would like a bike. Merry Christmas.
Brianna

Santa,
I have been good. I help my mom and dad. Santa, you are very nice. I like your reindeer because they can fly. I like your elves, too. For Christmas, I would like the Spiderman Stunt System. Have a good Christmas, Santa. And I want the Spiderman game and Play Station 2.
Sean

Santa,
I have been good. I help my dad and my mom. Santa, you are nice. I like your fuzzy nose. I like you. For Christmas, I want yu-gi-oh cards.
Carlos

Santa,
I have been very, very good. I help my dad. I like your reindeer. I like your presents. For Christmas, could you bring me a dress and a radio with a CD. I hope you have a nice day. Merry Christmas. Love always.
Jolyssa

Santa,
I have been good. I work hard to be a good kid. I like your reindeer because they

can fly. I like your elves, too. For Christmas, I would like yu-gi-oh cards. Happy, merry Christmas.
Jesus G.

Santa,
I think you are the best Santa ever. I really want to see you, the real Santa. I love Christmas because you are on Christmas. And when I see you Santa, you laugh so funny and cute.
Arlene Ortiz

Santa,
I want you to bring a game for my x-box and a Ninja and a Yocone and a Hondu and Eclipse toy.
Leonel

Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a computer and a Barbie car and a diary, too.
Jaqueline Garcia

Santa,
I want some fat pharms and pants. I've been good this year. I want an escalator and a black Ninja and a motorcycle. I want a game for my Underground 2. I would like a bike so I can ride it all over the world. I don't want my mom to know that I went to ride my bike with my cousin. I want Leonel to ride his bike with me to the end.
Joel

Santa,
I wish I had my dog, Sholo, and God and Jesus with me. I love my family. Santa, I wish you were real and I want the poor children to have toys and food and water. Bring toys to my brother and my dog Sholo to play with them.
Israel Ramirez

Santa,
I want a pretty thing, a diary, a baby puppy, different Barbies, a toy Santa, a Mrs. Claus toy and a friend.
Eva

Santa,
I have been good and I hope you sent me some presents. I want a jeep where my brother can push me. I want a diary with a pen, a TV for me, a Play Station and an x-boc. My sister wants a doll with a stroller. My mom wants her leg to be well, and my sister wants a jacket with her name on it, and a jacket that says "Cowboys."
Audelia Lara

Santa,
Will you please bring me a firebird and eclipse.
Alex Ramos

Santa,
I am going to be good all the days for you can give me presents. I really want an x-box. If I'm not good, don't bring my anything. I like Christmas -- it's cool. You can bring my family some presents, I want a bike.
Efrain

Santa,
I would like a new bike, some calp sticks, a video now disc, a rocket pocket, some cars for my brother, a motor scooter, a game boy Advance, an x-box for my dad, a riding lawn mower for my dad, a diamond ring for my mom, some picture frames for my mom, a photo album, some shelves, a

new game for my dad, two bikes for my sisters, a new bike for my brother, a bike for my other sister, and an angel.
Ashley

Santa,
I want to get a car that has spinners and a Mustang car and a diary and a doll.
Alyssa

Santa,
I wish I could have a monster truck, a small truck with a tereo, a hummer and a new real house.
Jacob Hiebert

Santa,
I want a gameboy, a Mario game, a game cube, an x-box with a game, and a Play Station with a game.
Andy Flores

Santa,
I want a bell from Rudolph, your reindeer. I would love for you to bring me some books because I like to read. Also, a parrot, dog, fish and horse. I want my family to have a merry Christmas.
Jessi Ramon

Santa,
I want a monkey kong toy, an Incredible, an elf mask, a set of elf ears, an elf hat, a new bicycle, a new Nintendo game cube, a game boy Advance, an Indian scout, an Indian pony scout and hat, a shark tale game set of toys and the movie of Santa Claus, a movie of Elves' toys, a Rudolph toy and a Santa Claus toy.
Antonio Sotello

Santa,
Could you bring me an x-box?
Vincenzo Mesza

Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a nutcracker, a bike, the Santa Fe train and a baseball bat with a ball. Can you sign your name on the bat and can you tell Rudolph I said "hi"?
Federico Solis

Santa,
You are the best guy ever. Every day I dream about you. My funniest dream was when you grew a big beard. I want a lot of stuff. I don't know if your elves can fix all this. I like to go "ho, ho, ho." It's fun to do. Help my family get the stuff. I wish I was an elf so I can see you all the time. Can I ride on Rudolph? He is my favorite reindeer ever. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Joseph Brito

Santa,
Can you give me a puppy? I want my dad to give me a bike for Christmas. I wish I have a mom dog and 3 puppies and a daddy dog. I want a scooter, too.
Jackie Guevara

Santa,
I just want two things for Christmas: to see you some day, and Lord of the Rings, part 3. I love you. Please don't forget to go by my house.
Justus Brozek

Santa,
I want new games for my Nintendo and a magic stick.
Andrea Villarreal



Garza honored

The new road to the water well just constructed on the east side of town has been named Garza Road, in honor of longtime city employee Andy Garza. The announcement will be made official at the next city council meeting. City Manager Ernest Terry said Garza has worked for the city "since Moses was a road guard at the Red Sea."

See other Santa letters, plus basketball team photos, elsewhere in today's Tribune.



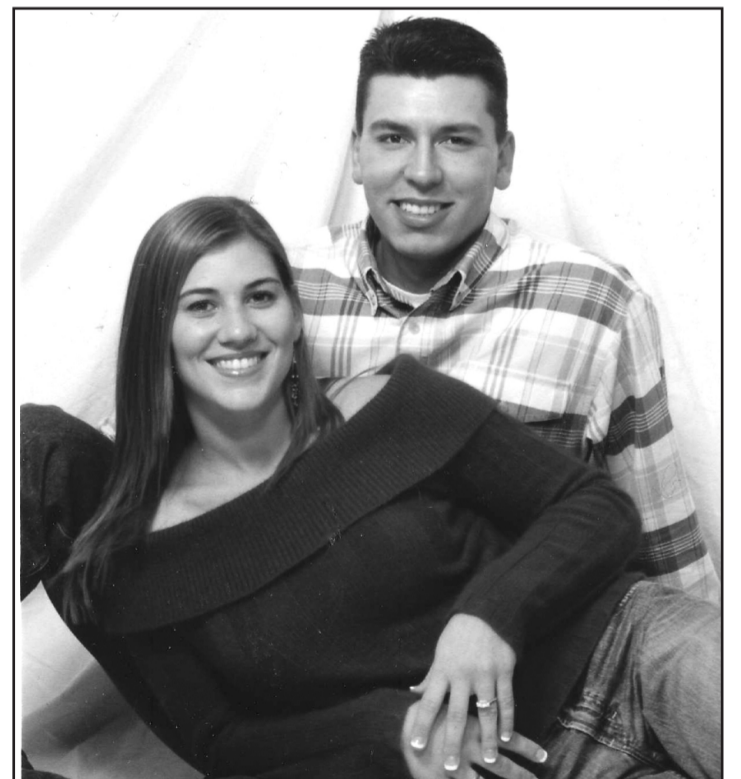
Bovina 8th grade girls

Yaniree Martinez, Cinthia Munoz, Audrie Terrones, Yadira Vela, Janette Caldera, Daisy Carrasco, Esmeralda Saucedo, Yesenia Guevara and manager Kimberly Tamez.

TCEQ response received


City Manager Ernest Terry said a letter has been received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in response to the letter he sent them concerning complaints voiced at last month's council meeting about emissions at the AGP grain elevator in town.

The letter, referring to the air quality permit, said:



Rundell to wed Steelman

Molly Rundell and Luke Steelman will marry at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the First Baptist Church of Bovina. A reception will follow at the church. All are invited. Molly is the daughter of Glen and Debbie Muennink, of Hondo, Texas. Luke is the son of Joe and Esther Steelman, of Bovina

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Pictured are Jeff Steelman, Celia Perez, Polly Mills, Shelby Rhodes, Sandra Dominguez and (not shown) Nancy Cecenas.

The following folks have joined together to wish their Bovina friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas. Proceeds from the Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service, will benefit the Bovina Ambulance Service and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Donations were received from:

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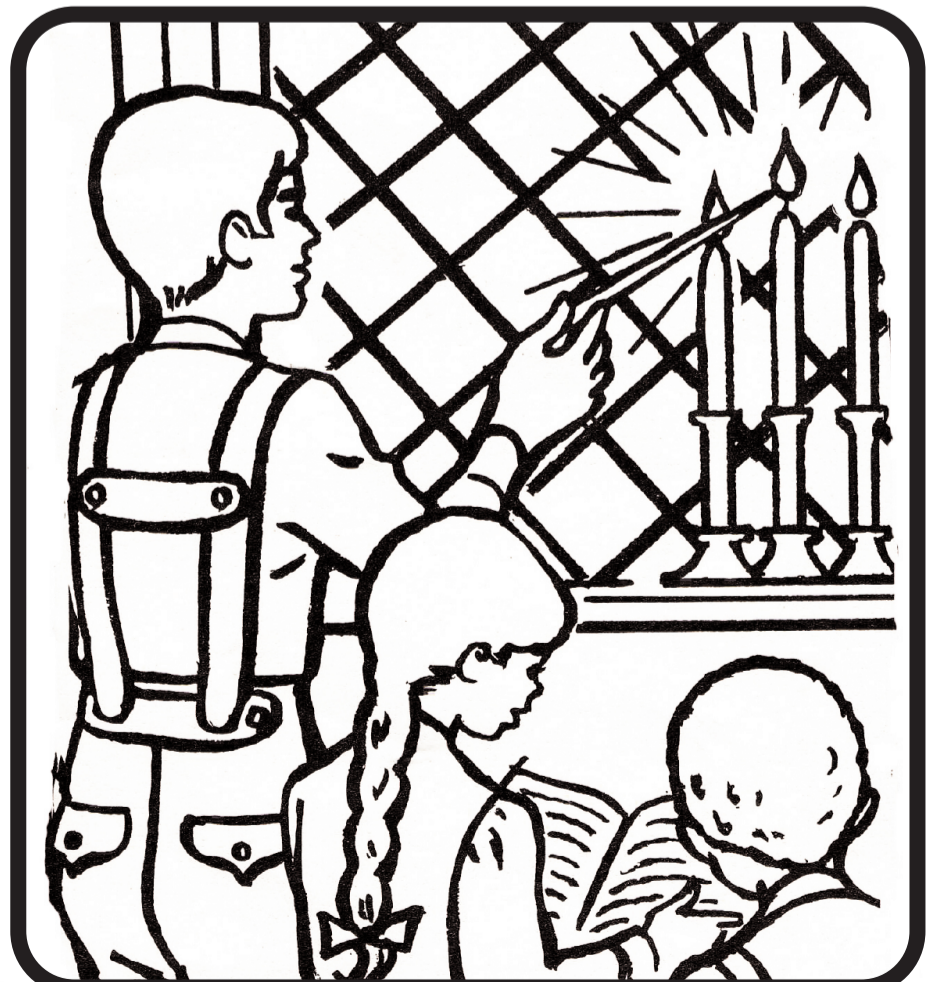
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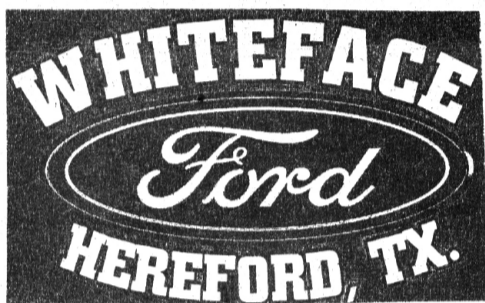
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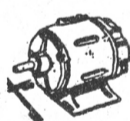
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Farwell 8th grade boys

Danny Hernandez, Blake O'Hare, Landon White, Bo Mitchell, Emileo Loera, Nathan Cuevas, Kade Foster, Jackson Bickel, Drew Johnson, Cameron Kirkland and Johnathan Edwards.

**Farwell
'Santa, I hope
you come to
the right house'**

Santa,
I hope you come to the right house. Take care of all the reindeer. I want a Hummer remote control car. Have a Merry Christmas.
Heath Hadley

Santa,
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Pedro Garcia

Santa,
What is your favorite cereal? Mine is Cocoa Puffs. I am glad I got to go to Branson during Christmas, with all my cousins. I really am wishing for a phone in my room and a cell phone, too, and

a fake driver's license. And I want 2 pairs of jeans. I am glad my aunt Jody is having another baby. Then I'll have 3 baby cousins. How are Mrs. Claus and all the reindeer? How many reindeer are there?
Treylin Griswold

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Santa,

I want you have a good Christmas. I want a DVD of Spiderman 2, and a Spiderman costume. I wish God to have a good,

merry Christmas, and everyone else, too.
Bonefacio Germain

Santa,

I want a new toy. Does Rudolph's nose still glow? How cold it is at the North Pole?

Alejandro Bermea

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'Santa, it has rained in Bovina for 15 days'

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Vanessa Vidana

Santa,
Are you happy about Christmas? I am very happy. I would like a spiderman glove that makes webs. I love you.
Xavier Vargas

Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a Barbie camera to go with my other Barbie things. I love you.
Denise Mejia

Santa,
How are your reindeer? Will they be ready to fly on Christmas Eve? I would like you to bring my twin

brother and I some Hulk gloves. I love you.
Marcos DeLeon

Santa,
How are you at the North Pole? I have a little sister 9 months old so I am writing to you for her. She needs a crib so she can sleep on it.
Ricardo Cruz

Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are okay. I would like a monster truck.
Joey

Santa,
I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas. I hope you give us lots of presents and never get sick.
Jesus Sanchez

Santa,
I would like an x-box, an

airhogs sky patrol with helicopter and a tarantula with a lot of batteries.
Uriel Salas

Santa,
I wish for a car and a puppy.
Brett Riley

Santa,
I would like a red CD player and an x-box. I like clothes. You are a nice guy.
Alex Garcia

Santa,
I want a red CD player and a picture of you but not colored and a picture of God and Jesus but not colored. You are a nice guy.
Henry Alvarez

Santa,
Have a wonderful day. Can you bring me a foot-

ball. Don't forget to feed your reindeer. My sister wants a doll. And be careful with your reindeer. They might kick you.
David Lara

Santa,
Can you bring me presents? You're a really good man. You bring lots of toys. Thank you for all the toys.
Daniel Lara

Santa,
Is your red suit and black boots ready for Christmas? I would like a toy police car. I love you.
Ivan Ramos

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a warranty deed last week to Hermina Pena - Francisco Sanchez, L1-2 B34 Friona.

School calendar okayed

The Farwell School Board voted Dec. 16 to start school next summer on Aug. 16.

Due to a new state law, if school starts before the week of Aug. 21, then the school district must seek a state waiver.

So a public meeting is planned for Jan. 13 at 6:45 p.m. at the school administration building on this, as part of the waiver process.

In other business, the board:
-- Accepted the resignation of librarian Susan Johnson, and hired Nedra Isabell, the retired head librarian at Clovis Schools, to replace her.

-- Will discuss the AEIS report at the next meeting, on Jan. 13.

-- Approved the contract for appraisal assessment collection service with the Parmer County Appraisal District.

-- Approved selling about 20 feet of land behind the old theater building to Jay Bowers Construction. The property has been on the tax roll for \$700.

The Farwell city council already has okayed this, too.
-- Heard a request from Mark Baca, who runs the American Karate Studios in Clovis, to use school facilities for classes.

After a background check is made, Baca would be allowed to use the elementary school gym for after-school classes if all goes okay.

-- Approved the 2005-2006 school calendar.



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Merry Christmas

It's Christmas, folks. Not just a holiday, but a time to celebrate the greatest event in recorded human history -- the birth of Jesus.

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I just know that I'm a darned fortunate man to acknowledge it.

This is a good time for reflection. Use the days off from work to talk to your family about the holiday's special meaning.

I've been blessed by the Lord in my life, far more than I have deserved. I bet I'm not the only person who feels that way.

I could write a book on my feelings in this area, but this isn't the right time for it, maybe later. Wife DeeDee, and others who have known me well, want me to write that book but I don't plan to. Nobody would believe me.

All I can say is this: God's love is all-encompassing. Relish it. Appreciate it. Enjoy it. And be the type of person He expects us to be.

Today's issue is our annual special Christmas greeting cards issue.

Please take some time and read the messages in the various Christmas ads scattered throughout today's Tribune.

There's a wealth of wisdom in those messages.

Each year at this time, I become Swami Mike and look into my crystal ball.

As I've pointed out, I'm been "too right" the past few years, in predicting the terrorism against the U.S. and its aftermath. I wish I had been wrong.

Anyway, I looked back at

the Christmas issue from last year and here's what my predictions were:

1. President Bush would be re-elected and he would keep a GOP majority in Congress. I got those two right.

2. Hillary Clinton wouldn't run for president in 2004 but would in 2008. So far, right on that one, too.

3. The LA Lakers would win the NBA title. Wrong there. I didn't foresee Kobe Bryant's legal mess.

4. Terrorism would continue to be the major story of the year. That was a no-brainer.

5. The continued momentum of China to be the next No. 1 super power as the war on terrorism would drain Uncle Sam's pocket book. That is definitely happening.

You have read all the reports on the massive budget deficits and what that means to our children's future. Aint good.

And just last month, China set up an economic pact with several Southeast Asian nations and the headlines all pointed out how this was helping China position itself to be the top dog in the area.

6. Politicians would begin to talk about the health insurance crisis. Right there, too. It was a major focus in the presidential campaign. But so far, just talk. Politicians are darned good at that.

Of course now that the campaign is over, you won't hear anything more until the problem becomes so serious that politicians will be forced to address it. In other words, bad has got to get to worse. Only then will our "leaders" act. Makes me sick.

7. The world's AIDS crisis would be a major topic at the United Nations. That's been true.

8. The New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs would face off in the

'Santa, what is your favorite food?'

Santa,
Do you like milk and cookies? Me and mom will leave some for you, and a candy bar, too. Please bring me some cop stuff for me to practice being a cop, and a play cookout grill. And I want a cop car with lights that glow and some sunglasses. My mom and dad and Robert and Jessica need clothes and shoes.

Michael Lira

Santa,
Why do your reindeer fly? When will you be here? It's snowy here now. Please bring me an x-box game of Star Wars 2. And I want a remote control tractor. My sister likes Barbies; she usually screams for them. My mom and dad want tools and a make-over.

Kaleb Baker

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do every day, in case you need us. Some will

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World Series. Oh, well ... there's always next year.

Anytime I write the names of several kids, it always seems that I inadvertently leave someone off.

Such (once again) was the case in last week's Tribune when I noted the Texico Lady Wolverine girls leading the way.

I goofed and left off Bryn Mayfield.

My apologies to this

Santa,
What is your favorite food? I like macaroni. I am being nice to everybody at home and at school. Please bring me a Bratz doll and a Barbie puzzle.

Sarah Gomez

very nifty young lady who has made the varsity team already, and is contributing lots of points. Watch for her to be a leader on the team in the coming years, and a top-notch player, too.

Timms replaces Foster on Lazbuddie board

The Lazbuddie School Board on Dec. 16 accepted the resignation of board member Paulette Foster, due to personal reasons.

Mrs. Foster had served on the board for three years. She would have been up for re-election next May.

The board then appointed Chris Timms to fill out her term.

In other business, the board:
-- Hired custodian Trent Tanaro and added his wife, Marlena, to the substitute teacher list.

-- Approved a new transfer policy that includes standardized provisions for revoking student transfers if necessary.

-- Heard a presentation from high school principal Howard Tooley on the district UIL results. The elementary school took 1st place and the junior high took 4th place.

-- Set the annual superintendent's evaluation for January.

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Texico: 'Santa, I've been practicing with all my letters'

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Kaleigh Autrey

Santa,
I would like a new bike. I would like to ride my new bike at my house. My sister has a bike, too. We both will ride bikes together at my ma-maw's house. I have been a good girl this year. I will leave some

cookies and milk for you.
Taylor Stephens

Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Can I have a beautiful dress? I will leave cookies and milk on the table. I want a Brat doll, also. Can I have a real baby puppy and a toy Rudolph? I want to thank you for everything. Can I have a bell like in Polar Express?
Christina Green

Santa,
Can I have lip gloss and paints? My sister wants a hat. My mom wants a

backpack. My brother would like a toy Santa. I want a baby puppy, too. I've been a good girl this year. I hope you like my cookies and milk when it's Christmas. I will leave a treat for Rudolph.
Pamela Gaffney

Santa,
I would like a lime green 4-wheeler for my family. I will have some homemade cookies and some milk for you. Is it cold up there at the North Pole? I will have some carrots for your reindeer. I have been a good boy.
Dalton Wren

Santa,
I want the action figure Hulk, a football and a basketball.
Javier Garcia

Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a puppy, toys and some books. Bring mom a bracelet and

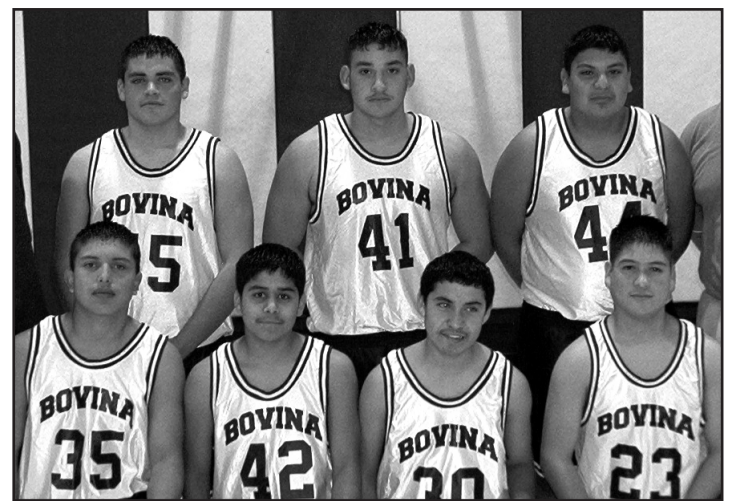
my dad a watch.
Yahaira Rutiaiga

Santa,
I want a bike, a new Tom & Jerry movie and a lamp for my room so I can read at night. I think my mom wants a new baby doll.
Kaylie Morgan

Santa,
Please bring me a gum machine, new shoes and some books to read. And a ring for my mom. Be careful on your way to all the houses.
Emily Autry

Santa,
I have been good in school. I have been practicing with all my letters. I have also been learning a lot. Please bring me about 10 presents at my grandma's house in Texico.
Devana Delgado

Santa,
I have been very good. I want a bicycle, a TV and a



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Isela Bravo

Santa,
I have been a good boy and am doing good at school. I want a motorcycle, a go cart and a Play Station 2. I want a heart necklace for my mom. For my brother, I want a game cube.
Matthew Askew

Santa,

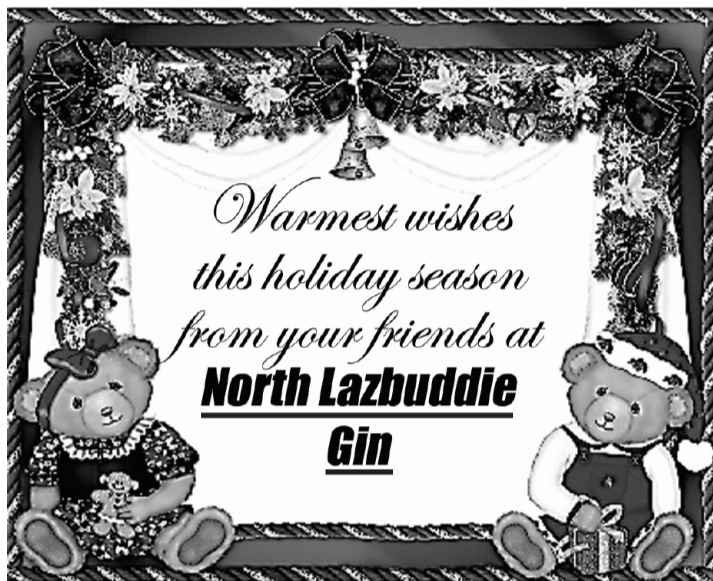
Please bring me a motorcycle, a Play Station and a bike. Bring my mom a heart necklace.
Saul Bejarano

Santa,
I have been good and am also doing very good at school. I want the toy Rudolph, a dog that walks and talks, a trampoline and a pool, and a helmet and a fishing pole of Scooby Do.
Kyleigh Bridges



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Texico: 'Santa, I want a real horse'

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am going to leave you milk. May I please have a skateboard and an electric boat and an electric plane.

Jake Barnett

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves good? I want a spongebob electric blanket. Have a good Christmas, Mister Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Ravin Askew

Santa,
How is Cupid and Mrs. Claus? May I please have an electric blanket. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dillon Mote

Santa,
Are the elves doing good? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Please give me a Darth Vader suit and an x-box game and a light saber. Have a good Christmas!

Zachary Harrison

Santa,
May I please have a red pickup truck. I will you cookies and milk. I love you, Santa.

Andrew Meeks

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I'm going to leave milk and cookies. Please bring my two transformers and a toy dirt bike.

Brooke Hagler

Santa,

I want a toy truck and a bunk bed. I want a pickup and a school house and a noisy dog. Also, a toy ambulance truck and a fire truck. I will leave you milk and cookies. I have been good this year.

Justin Jenkins

Santa,
Thank you for everything you got me and put in my stocking. I want soccer bobbars and a ring for it. Can you please get them for me? I've been good this year.

Marquis Askew

Santa,
I am a good boy. I am not going to be at home. I will be at Grandburg, Texas. I'll have cookies on the table for you. I want a dirt bike. My brother wants a cell phone. My sister wants a four wheeler. How are your elves doing? How are the reindeer doing, and how are you?

Sam Conlee

Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a real horse and a new puppy. I also want some new clothes for my American doll. My sister wants a new puppy and a new cell phone. My brother wants a new football and all kinds of games for his x-box.

Carlee Luscombe

Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. My family has been good, too. My brother wants fox racing stickers

and fox clothes. My sister wants CDs. I want clothes, toys and books. I will leave carrots for your reindeer. and for you, Santa, you get nice cookies. We will make them just like you like them.

Adan Serna

Gilbert receives scholarship

Texico's Lindsay Gilbert is the first recipient of a newly-endowed scholarship from Emily and Louis Snow at New Mexico State University.

She is the daughter of Randall and Judy Gilbert.

The scholarship's preferred designation for an outstanding female student is a first for mechanical engineering. Lindsay met the criteria, as well as junior status and a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Lindsay has been heavily involved in college



Lindsay is shown in the IA-700 wind tunnel test space shuttle 3% model

activities, as an engineering society member, student ambassador, and being inducted into Pi Tau Sigma mechanical engineering honor society. She was honored as Top Pledge.

Wanting to work at Boeing since high school days, Lindsay relished the opportunity for a co-op job with Boeing in California earlier this year. She was part of an aerodynamics team performing verifica-

tion tests for the shuttle program.

Lindsay was chosen to assist at the IA-700 wind tunnel test for the space shuttle near San Francisco. She assisted the chief test engineer with model changes and performed an on-site analysis for NASA.

During that time, she created several presentations, one of which she presented herself.

She will work for Boeing again this summer, hopefully at the Seal Beach, Calif., facility.

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Parents are Chris and Lorri Williams. He has a brother, Seth Chilton. Grandparents are Doug and Debbie Dillon, and Dave and Sandy Williams.

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Farwell: 'Santa, you always give too many toys'

Santa,
Please bring me a Dora puzzle. Thank you.
Lizet Meraz

Santa,
Are your elves okay? Are you feeling okay? Are the reindeer all okay? Please, I want a real horse and all the stuff that a horse needs. We will need hay and water for him, for sure. And I would like a game that has little bouncy balls to try to make points when it bounces on a little trampoline.
Cameron Bass

Santa,
Make sure you go to all the houses. Would you please get me a Spiderman toy. And we want a dog, too. I am being a good boy at home and at school. You always give too many toys. Thank you!
Jesus Garcia

Santa,
I want Rudolph to be my friend. I hope everyone gets a new present. Please give me a ballerina shirt and an x-boy with some games, and a Jesus doll with clothes. My brother, Brody, wants a teddy bear, and my sister, Katey, wants a soccer ball. I thank you for lots of stuff.
Bye, Santa Claus.
Edie

Santa,
You go to everybody's house -- do you have enough room for all the toys? Please bring me a robot with play guns. My brother would like a book about Spiderman.
Izaiah Benoit

Santa,
I love you. Please go to everybody's house. I want a motorcycle to ride, and a soccer ball. Our family plays outside riding bikes.
Marcus Vargas

Santa,
I like Christmas songs, like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." I would like Rudolph for a friend. Please bring me a polly

pocket and a Barbie. I hope everyone gets a Christmas present.
Jennica Ortega

Santa,
Do you like to go to McDonald's? Please bring me 3 toys: cars, robot and some other toy, like a train.
Luis Vega

Santa,
Are your reindeer tired? Well, what I want for Christmas is a dollhouse and a video now, and a real puppy (a blue heeler). Please bring something nice for my brother and my sisters, too. I will leve a glass of milk, in case you are thirsty.
Carli Alvarado

Santa,
I would like a toy puppy, video now, strawberry shortcake house, a camera, a jump rope, a Barbie Walkman, a cheerleading outfit, and a skirt. I'll be in Branson for Christmas. If you can please bring my toys to Branson, it will make me very happy.
Madison Griswold

Santa,
I want a My Scene doll and a pink skirt and a video now and a baby puppy and a pink shirt. I've

been good all the time and I am 6 years old. And bring my sister a puppy, too.
Lorena Reyes

Santa,
I am 6 years old. How is Rudolph? I will leave some milk and cookies. I want a pack of yu-gi-oh cards and a pack of Kaibi cards. My sister wants a video now and a Barbie house.
Keith Kalbas

Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a cheerleading outfit like Morgan's, and a camera and a video now. I also would like a strawberry shortcake house, a walkman and a teddy bear. My big sister wants a stereo and my little sister wants a baby doll. I've been trying to be good the whole year.
Diana Delgado

Santa,
Please bring me a blue cheerleading outfit and a video now. Me and my brother want a trampoline. I am 7 years old and I've been good. I love you.
Myra Servin

Santa,
Please bring my a pack of yu-gi-o dueling cards and kaibi dueling cards. I am 7 years old and have



Heartsaver CPR course

Karen Schilling's "Life Skills: class at Farwell School recently completed a "Heartsaver CPR" course. Each student learned to identify cardiac and respiratory arrest in adult, child and infant victims, and can now perform CPR in an emergency situation. Those issued a CPR card, were from left, Kary Mathys, Leslie Pierce, Blanca Meza, Kristie Fuller, China Lane and Ashley Dixon.

tried really hard to be good. Please bring my mom a bracelet and my dad a baseball glove and my baby sister a monkey pillow and some lip balm for my big sister.
Jett Cates

Santa,
I want a big missile

launcher gun with a bazooka. Also, a deck of yu-gi-oh cards and a kaibi deck of cards. I want a Play Station 1 with the Bandaki game and a metal noise gun. How is Rudolph? I will leave cookies for you.
Ricardo Parra

Santa,
Please bring me a real puppy and a pink care bear teddy bear. I would like a camera, too. I'll save some cookies for Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus hello. Please bring something special for my family, too.
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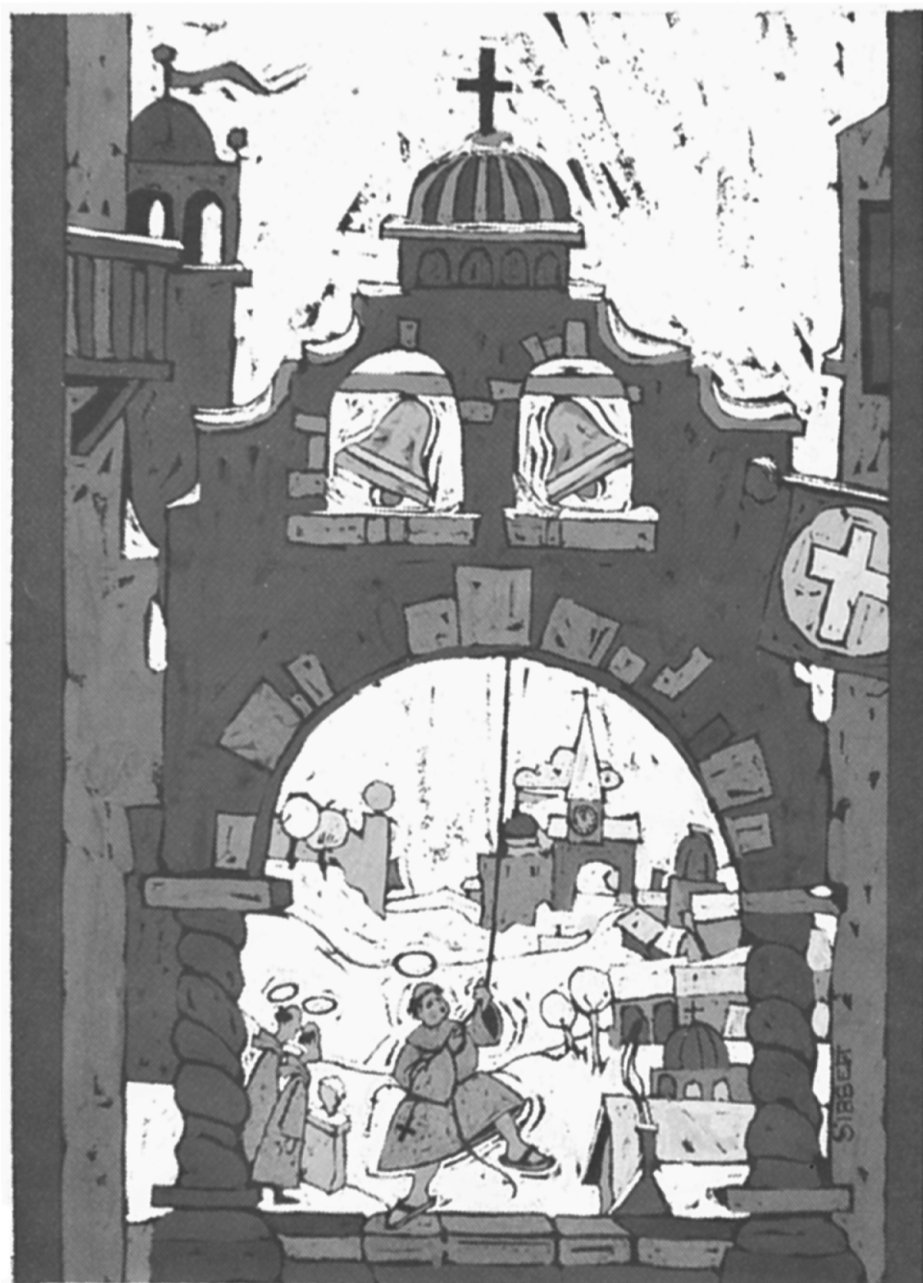
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Farwell: 'Santa, I want a lizard and a little lizard'

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How is Rudolph? I am 7 years old. I will leave you some cookies. I tried to be real good all year. I love you. I want a video now. Please bring me a camera, a blue cheerleading outfit and a trampoline. Please bring my sisters something nice, too.
Ami Favila

are Comet and Rudolph?
Dylan Steelman

Santa,
I have been very good. How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold at the North Pole? How is Comet? He is my favorite reindeer. I would like a pogo stick and a pet snail.
Carissa Johnson

Santa,
I've been good. I want an x-box and a rabbit. How are the reindeers? Tell Mrs. Claus hello. I want a lizard and a little lizard. How is the weather? How

Santa,
I would like to give you a big hug. And I want 10 games for Christmas. And can you take me with you in your sleigh? Have a very good Christmas and I

want a puppy and a game boy.
Oscar Muniz

Santa,
I want a TV game and a real police car. I want a puppy. I've been good. I want to sit in your lap.
Cameron Scoggin

Santa,
I want a lizard and a dog for Christmas. How are the reindeer? Santa, I will be good. How is Mrs. Claus? Have a happy Christmas.
Alfredo Cano

Santa,
I want a puppy, a ball, a Star Wars toy, and Play Station. I want to know if you are fine.
Daniel Lucero

Santa,
I want a bunny and a butterfly. I want a new bike and a new water slide. Is it cold at the North Pole? How is Rudolph? Can you come see me at my house? I have cookies for you. I have been a really good girl.
Ana Estrada

Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I want a bike and a strawberry shortcake doll and a sack of money. How has Comet

been? Santa, how is the North Pole?
Cheyenne Hill

Santa,
I want a bike, a bear, a camera, a yo-yo, and mittens. I am a really good girl, Santa.
Jazmin Reyes

Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a puppy and a pogo stick. How are Comet and Rudolph?
Brandon

Santa,
Can you bring a cat? I like my cat. Santa, bring me a motorcycle. Can you come to my house? I like the reindeer to come and eat grass.
Angel Graxiola

Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a huggable bear with a bottle and jewelry. How is the North Pole? Thank you for bringing presents for me last year. My family is doing okay. I got a sore throat. My cats and dogs are okay, too. I would like to see a reindeer fly. How were the cookies last Christmas? I loved the present you got me.
Katy

Santa,
How are your reindeer? Thank you for the presents. Can you bring me a bike, and a book, and a remote truck? Can you bring me a toy? How do you fly? I like you, Santa.
Armando

Santa,
How is the North Pole? I love all your reindeer. Please bring me a remote control car. Please bring me a suit like your suit. Please bring my mom a new necklace. Please bring me a puppy.
Gerardo

Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I like you. I like Christmas. Can you get me a car, Power Rangers, a toy Spiderman and a toy video game? Can you play? I'll see you and the reindeer.
Otho

Santa,
I want a motorcycle for Christmas. How is it at the North Pole? How were the cookies last year? How do you fly? How are your reindeer? How are you?
Brinton



'HO, HO, HO!'

You're never too old to believe in Santa Claus. Santa (Wayne Gruben) stopped by the Farwell cafeteria last week to find out what the lunchroom ladies wanted for Christmas. Pictured with Santa is Stella Garcia.

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'He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small." *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

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Happy Holidays

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'Santa, could I please have a unicorn'

Santa,
Could I have a sponge bob game. My mom wants a bike and so does dad.
Angel

Santa,
Could I please have a Dora doll, a baby with a crib.
Lexy

Santa,
Could I have please have a Dora doll, a dog, and eraser pencil.
Alicia

Santa,
Could I please have a book, Dora, dog, and bike.
Yasmine

Santa,
Could I please have a motorcycle, remote control hummer, sponge bob game and bike.
Fernando

Santa,
Could I please have a pony, horses, puppy dog and a unicorn.
Marilena

Santa,
Could I please have a black truck, a blue car, a Barbie for my sister, and a dog for my sister.
Bryan

Santa,
Could I please have a sponge bob game, spigro and Pokemon.
Enrique

Santa,
Could I please have a dog,
Bryan

cat, and clothes for mom and dad.
Evie

Santa,
Could I have a black truck, a tie for my dad, a too fast and furious car, a dress for Faith, my baby sister.
Gabriel

Santa,
Could I please have a Dora the Explorer and a bear for my sister.
Abigail

Santa,
Could you please bring me a sponge bob.
Chris

Santa,
Could I please have a book, and my sister wants a plant.
Emily

Santa,
Could I please have a motorcycle, a ring, a semi-truck, shoes and clothes.
Steven

Santa,
Could I please have a dog.
Deanne

Santa,
Could I please have a pony.
Rachel

Santa,
Could I please have a Dora the explorer.
Abigany Garcia

Santa,
I want an x-box, a robot and a scooter.
Isaac

Santa,
I would like a new skateboard, an x-box and a new bike.
Omar Sanchez

Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Barbie house.
Bianca Robles

Santa,
I would like a real kitten, a CD player and something to keep bad dreams away.
Codi West

Santa,
I would like a miami hat, a 4-wheeler and reindeer with a red nose.
J.C. Marrufo



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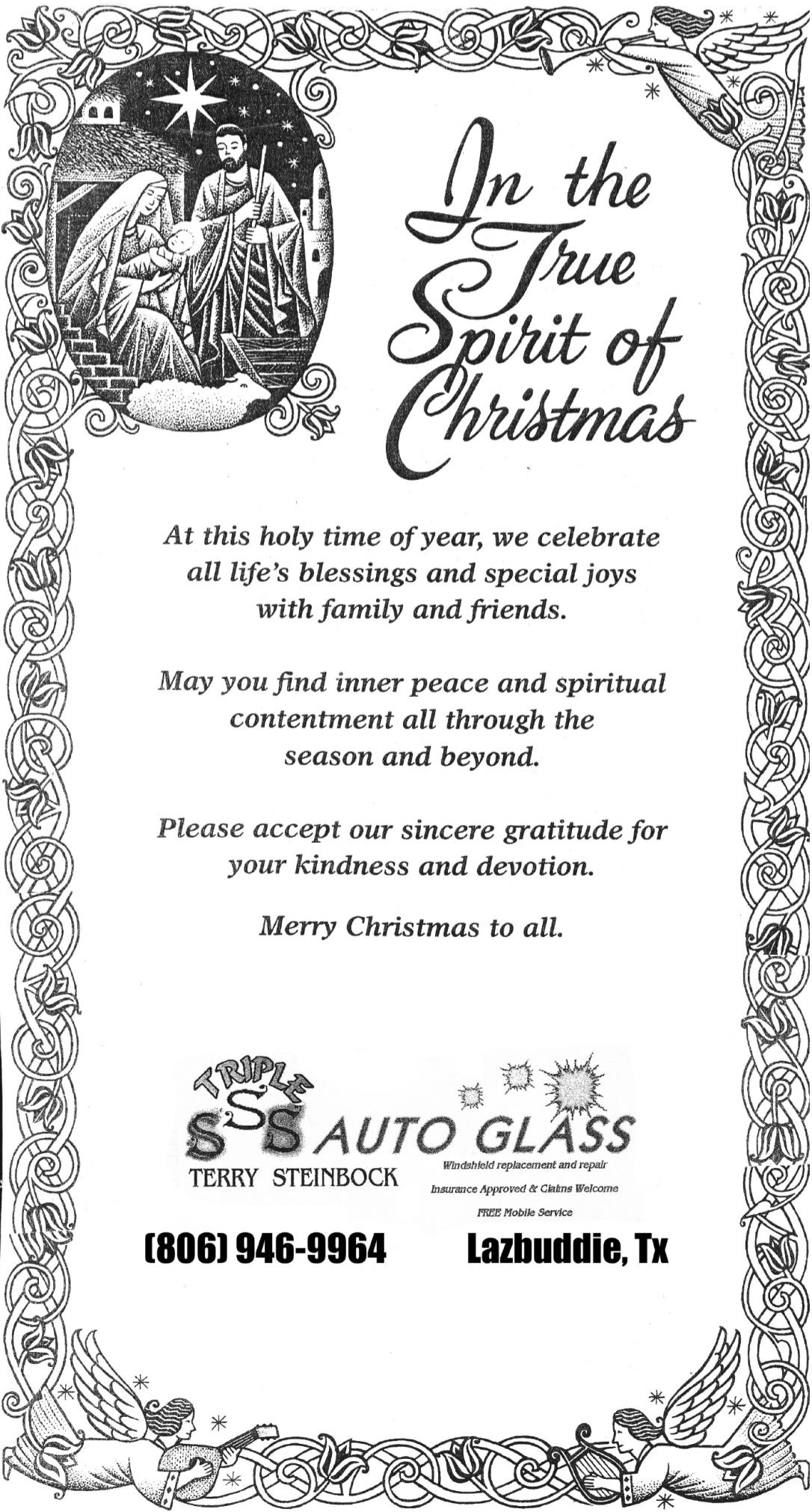
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An open letter to the folks in the Texico-Farwell area community from Ted Lopez and his son, Teddy:

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We started in 1977 in farwell, then moved to our current location in Texico the following year. And we have Marcia Leavell, Stormy Lenon, and Montana Jones working with us at our business.

The Texico-Farwell community has been just super toward us. From the first, we were treated as good members of the community, as neighbors. And we sincerely appreciate that welcome of 28 years ago. It meant a lot and we've tried to be good neighbors.

It seems when you are in a big city, you are on your own. But here, in a small community, folks support each other. That's the better way.

Well, it's been 28 years now, a special time for us since we opened our shop. And it's fun to have a lot of folks, many retired who just stop by to chat. You are always welcome, friends. We appreciate that neighborliness very much,

Thanks for letting us have this opportunity, our 28th birthday, to just say, "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Farwell: 'Santa, I want my great-grandma to be safe with God'

Santa,
I love you. I love everybody. I will give you cookies with milk. I will give you everything you want. Please bring me a spiderman watch.
Christian Vidaurri

Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a hunting game please, and a remote control hummer. I can't wait to see you.
Peyton Ledbetter

Santa,
I would like a baby doll. How is Rudolph? How are you doing? I love you.
Lindsy Coburn

Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Could you please bring me a tractor and a Rudolph book? I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Brayden Herrington

Santa,
I want a Barbie, please, and another one for my sister. I would like a necklace for my mom. How are you doing? See you soon.
Marisol Reyes

Santa,
Please bring me a sling shot, and a shotgun for my brother. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Garrett Schilling

Santa,
I want a pink Barbie Karaoke boom box and a doll, please. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is Rudolph? Hope to see you soon. I love you.
Nikki Stover

Santa,
How far do your reindeer fly? When is Christmas? My family is having well days. Please bring me a Spiderman shooter with missiles and water and spider webs. Dylan wants a Hot Wheels set and a chocolate bunny. Luke was a Game Boy. Cassie would like a doll. Mom would like a candleholder. Dad needs a key-chain.
Ethan Lenon

Santa,
What do the elves sing when they have song time? Do some people see you in the sky on Christmas Day? I

want a big play house that I can fit into the yard and as big as may family house. And I want a my-size Rapunzel and a Bake-Make.
Mallory Schilling

Santa,
Please make sure to give everyone a present. Please give my friend, Gerardo, a remote control robot. I want a remote control rocket and a book about robots.
Justin Peraz

Santa,
I am glad to get to stay at grandma's. Could I please see your deer? I wish I had some Hot Wheels cars and everyone to be safe. I want my great-grandma to be safe with God.

Adriana Bermea

Santa,
Where do you live? What is your favorite book? My favorite book is about Christmas. My favorite color is pink; what is yours? I want a brown-hair Bratz doll and some friends for her. My mom would like an angel toy and candy for dad.
Jacqueline Vega

Santa,
We will leave you some gingerbread man cookies. I will leave a gift for you. I want a water baby doll and a blanket and a crib. And I like kitty books and coloring books. I love you!
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"Westward Hoo-Hah"

The setting and time—Wyoming territory in 1868. The main character in this story, Grad, has one of the most important jobs in all of western history—hole reparer in saloons and hotels after the cowboys finish shooting holes in the ceiling on Saturday nights.

Sheriff Cactus: "Well Grad, how's business?"

Grad: "Just fine, sheriff. Last Saturday was a real bang-up, what with the Salt-Grief gang in town. I repaired 215 holes. Sure was a good night for business."

Sheriff Cactus: "Glad to hear it, Grad. By the way, you've been here for what, three years now? How did you come by the name Grad?"

Grad: "Well sheriff, it's nothing really. I was given the name back when I was in the Texas territory. People would give me a job and it would gradually get done, even if it took a year or more. I guess that's when folks started calling for Grad."

Sheriff Cactus: "Well, I see. Well, guess I'd better get going. See ya around."

Grad: "See ya later, sheriff."

Grad then began walking down the street towards the saloon to get paid for the repairs. As he entered, the bar-keep, Whiskey Clean, greeted him. "How's things goin', Grad?"

Grad: "Just fine. I thought I'd drop by and get paid for the work I did on your ceiling. Then I thought I'd drop by the hardware store and pay them what I owe them."

Bar-Keep: "Sounds good. By the way, while you're here, would you be willing to fix the hole in the window?"

Grad: "Sorry, I don't do windows."

Bar-Keep: "Just thought I'd mention it anyways."

Grad collected his money and left. As he was crossing the street, he heard a commotion coming from the bank. As he looked down the street he saw some bank robbers running out of the bank, guns drawn and firing.

He thought to himself "I wonder if they shot any holes in the ceiling?"

About that time, the sheriff came running down the street, yelling "Stop! Thief! In the name of the law, stop and give up."

Grad thought to himself again: "I wonder if any robbers or thieves have ever stopped and gave up when someone yells for them to?"

Grad waited until the commotion was over before he went over to the bank to inspect the damage. As he walked into the bank, the banker, Mr. Miser, greeted him.

"Why hello, Grad. Haven't seen you for a while, at least not since the last attempt at a bank robbery four months ago. It looks like you have a little job to do for us. Not too many holes, though. Maybe seven or eight. Well, you can get right on it as soon as you want. Just come by my desk when you're finished and I'll pay you."

"Fine, sure thing Mr. Miser."

Grad walked on over to the hardware store to get some more supplies and to pay them. As he walked in, the store owner, Mr. Sawbucks, greeted him.

"How's business Grad?"

"Is that the only question that anyone can ask me?" Grad complained. "I'm getting sick and tired of having to answer such stupid questions all the time. I've a good mind to go get some dynamite and blow your ceilings all the way off!"

Mr. Sawbucks answered "Shucks, Grad, you wouldn't have a good mind if you did that."

With that, Grad laid the payment money on the counter and stomped out of the store.

Grad needed a vacation badly. He decided to take a trip over to the Farwell River and do some fishing. Early the next morning he packed up his gear and left for his fishing tip. Meanwhile that day, the Sheriff Cactus and Mr. Sawbucks were talking.

Sheriff: "I haven't seen Grad around town this morning. I wonder if he's alright?"

Mr. Sawbucks: "I'm sure he's just doing some catching up on repairs at his place. We'll probably see him later today."

As the day wore on, the town folks started worrying about where Grad could be, especially his girlfriend, Miss Ponytail. As she cried, her father, Mr. Shingles, tried to console her. "There now, don't worry. Probably nothing too bad happened to the low-down, dirty rotten..."

"Father! Don't say things like that about my maybe future husband."

"Sorry honey. But I can't help it. No man is good enough for my little girl."

About that time Sheriff Cactus spoke up. "Well, I guess we'd better get a posse together and go look for Grad."

The next morning, the posse left town on its mission. While they were gone, an outlaw, Big Bad Clarence, snuck into town, taking advantage of the men-folk being gone.

"Heh-Heh. I'll rob the bank, shoot holes in the ceiling of the bank, saloon, and general store, and frame Grad for it. That way the sheriff will think Grad thought up a plan to make money by fixing holes, not to mention robbing the bank."

With that, Big Bad Clarence casually strolled into the bank and stole all the money. He was, of course, wearing a disguise, which consisted of clothes resembling Grad's clothes.

He then quickly shot up the ceilings in the saloon and general store. Since only women folk were left in the town, he enjoyed terrorizing them. He got carried away, however, and began to drink while he was shooting up the town. He soon became too drunk to know what he was really doing and passed out in the alley in back of the general store.

The next morning when Big Bad Clarence woke up, he



Artwork by Kary Mathys

Tale of the Old West

was lying in a bed in the saloon's upstairs, with one of the saloon girls, Miss Fancy, wiping his forehead with a damp cloth.

"Where am I?" he asked, as he began to sit up.

"Now just relax darlin', there's no need to get up just yet. Why, it's still early yet! After all, it's only 10:30 in the morning. Let's just do what the Preacher told us and enjoy our honeymoon."

"Honeymoon!" shouted B.B. Clarence, "You mean, we're marri...uh we're marri..."

"That's right honey, we're married."

With that, Big Bad Clarence jumped out the window (even though he was on the second floor) and ran down the street screaming and crying and headed to the sheriff's office.

As he ran through the door in the sheriff's office, he shouted "Please, sheriff! I'll do anything, just let me out of the matrimonial bondage I got my stupid drunken self into last night."

"Well, you can help us figure out who robbed the bank and then I'll see what I can do about your predicament," replied the sheriff.

It didn't take Big Bad Clarence long to confess the whole robbery story and how he set up Grad. The sheriff locked him up, but he continued to accuse BBC of kidnapping Grad.

"I demand to know you've done with Grad," shouted the sheriff. "I know you've hidden him somewhere. Now, tell us what you've done with him and we won't go too hard on you."

"I'm telling you the truth, sheriff, I really don't know where this Grad fellow you keep talking about is!"

"Is that so, then why do you have his watch in your pocket?"

"Because he lost it in a poker game to me!"

"I thought you said you've never seen this Grad fellow before?"

"I thought I said that too!"

With that the sheriff locked him up to await trial by his peers.

Meanwhile, Grad was lying on a riverbank, with a string tied to his big toe and the other end in the water, with a bob floating in the water.

"Boy, this is the life. I could just sit here and enjoy this life for weeks."

"Oh, Grad. I'm so happy I found you. You must hurry back to town with me and help my husband out of the ham he's gotten himself into."

"Wha...what are you doing here, Missy Fancy? How did you find me? What do you mean about you're being married?"

"There's no time for silly questions. Now let's hurry and get back to town."

"Not so fast, you man-stealer you!"

"Wha... what are you doing here Miss Ponytail?"

"Don't give me that, you two-timing hussy!"

The two girls began to circle each other, snarling and giving each other the evil eye. They then jumped at each other, like a couple of wrestlers, and began to brawl. As they rolled on the ground, pulling each other's hair, Grad tried to pull them apart. Each time he got between them, one of them butted him in the mid-section, bowling him over. He grabbed his stomach and groaned in pain.

When the girls were finally too tired to fight anymore, they discovered Grad was more seriously injured than the two of them put together. They helped him on his horse and the three rode back to town.

When they arrived back in town, the trial for Big Bad Clarence was proceeding. They quietly walked into the courtroom and listened to the witnesses answer questions from the prosecutor and then the defense.

The General store owner, Grubs Keeny, was being questioned by the prosecutor.

"Now tell us in your own words, Grubs, what you witnessed on the evening of the day the bank was robbed when the men-folk were out of town looking for Grad."

"Well, I..."

"Thank you Grubs. Now for my star, er, uh, next witness, I call to the stand ... Grad."

The room began to murmur, as well as did the people, and the judge rapped his gavel several times. "Order, order in the court. If there's one more outburst like this, I'll fine the whole bunch of you \$3 each."

The room instantly fell quiet. "That's better. You may proceed Mr. Prosecutor."

"Thank you, your honor. Now tell the court, Grad, where you were on the night of the robbery?"

"But I haven't been sworn in yet!"

"I object your honor. Please instruct the witness to answer the question."

"I will just as soon as he is sworn in. Do you swear?"

"I swear."

"Okay Mr. Prosecutor, you may now proceed."

"Thank you your honor. Now please tell us where you have been the last two weeks."

"I've been fishin..."

"Objection your honor."

"On what grounds, Mr. defense attorney?"

"On the grounds that the witness has no bearing on this case whatsoever." The prosecutor then said, "Your honor, I will tie in this witness's testimony to prove his guilt for the whole matter."

The whole room began to loudly murmur again, and the judge had to quiet the room again by banging his gavel on the desk. "Why are you trying to prove the innocence of the defender, who you should be prosecuting for this crime?"

"Your honor, I have changed my mind about the guilty part to milk more out of this trial."

"Oh, by all means then, proceed."

"Thank you your honor. Now tell us where you were on the day the bank was robbed, Grad."

"I was down the street, watching the whole thing."

"Objection, your honor. We have already established the fact that the witness was out of town when the robbery occurred. I wish to cite this witness for contempt."

"Now just slow down Jeb, I'm the judge here. Your turn will come in the near future to act as judge in a trial."

"I'm sorry your honor. But I must have the witness's answer to this important question so I can prove motive for the defendant's behavior. If Grad hadn't left town so suddenly, and if the men-folk hadn't one off looking for him, leaving the town unprotected, then the defendant wouldn't



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have had opportunity to rob the bank. Therefore, I wish to drop the charges on the defendant and hang the guilty verdict on Grad."

"Any objections from the defense?"

"None your honor."

"Well then, case dismissed. You're free to go Clarence."

Missy Fancy then ran and jumped in Clarence's arms and he carried her out of the courtroom. The local reporter asked Clarence, "What are your plans? I thought you gave yourself up to avoid being married to Miss Fancy. What gives?"

"Well, this sure beats jail-time."

As everyone was leaving the courtroom and the sheriff was escorting Grad out, Grad shouted "Give me liberty, or give me time to think of some other saying. I want justice. This is unfair. I want my mommy!"

As Grad sat in jail trying to figure what was happening, he heard someone whispering "Hey Grad, over here." He looked out the barred outside window and saw Miss Fancy tying a rope around the bars. He also saw Miss Ponytail on her horse, on which the rope around the bars was tied.

"What are you two doing?"

About that time, Miss Ponytail spurred her horse and it took off with a great lunge, pulling the whole wall of the jail down. Without hesitation, Grad ran and jumped on his horse, which Missy Fancy was holding for him.

When the wall fell, the deputy, who was asleep, jumped up and shouted "Huh? Wha...! Good grief!" He then ran out the door and began shouting "Help! Somebody, please help me!"

The sheriff, who was at the saloon, talking to Whiskey Clean, listened to the deputy and then began to sip his sarsaparilla. Whiskey Clean then said, "Aren't you going to go see what Deputy Flute's yelling about?"

"Naw, he's just probably having one of them weird dreams again."

About that time, deputy Flute ran into the saloon, too excited to be able to tell the sheriff what had happened. "Sheriff! Jail, down, wall, rope, Grad, Fancy, Tail, Pony..."

"What in tarnation's got you so excited, Flute? I haven't seen you this excited since you finally shot a can in shooting practice; after only 97 shots. Now calm down and tell me what you're talking about."

After several more attempts, Deputy Flute finally got the sheriff to understand that Grad had escaped from jail.

Meanwhile, Grad, Clarence, Missy Fancy, and Miss Ponytail were a good ways out of town. When they felt they were safe for a while, but they stopped to rest their horses. "Thanks for bustin' me outta jail. But why did you do it, Missy Fancy and Clarence?"

"If it weren't for you going off on that trip, Clarence wouldn't be here, and I wouldn't have my husband."

"Thanks all the same. I'm glad to see you too, Miss Ponytail."

"Oh Grad, I love you so much. I just couldn't stand to see you rot away in that jail."

"I was only there six hours!"

"But it seemed like days. Now we have to decide where to go from here. Anybody got any suggestions?"

"Wait! I've got an idea!"

"What is it, Clarence?"

"An idea? It's something your mind develops when you need a solution for a certain situation, but that's not important. I say we sneak back into town, hole up in the livery stable, and keep an eye on Mr. Prosecutor."

"Why did you capitalize his name when the judge didn't?"

Everybody rolled their eyes at Miss Ponytail for that comment. Then Grad spoke up "That's an excellent idea, Clarence. No one will ever expect us to back to the crime scene and watch them without exposing ourselves." So, the four of them headed back to town.

The next day, the sheriff gathered a search party to go look for Grad, not knowing he had accomplices. When the search party left town, Mr. prosecutor chuckled to himself "Heh heh. Now nothing will stop me from taking the rest of the money from the bank and framing Grad for it."

With that, he headed down the street to the bank. Grad and his gang had overheard Mr. Prosecutor's remarks and began to follow him. They waited for him to enter the bank before they made their move. Grad and Clarence ran into the bank, guns drawn and shouted "Okay prosecutor, put up your hands."

That's when they realized they were facing 20 guns. Mr. Prosecutor then laughed and said, "You boys didn't think I was dumb enough to fall for the old 'come back to town bit,' did you? Me and the boys here will be more than glad to turn you back in to the sheriff, just as soon as we finish taking the money. Boys, keep an eye on Grad here and Clarence, or should I say Big Bad Clarence."

With that, he began laughing while he watched his gang clean all the money out of the vault. They then led Grad and Clarence outside, put them on their horses with their hands tied behind them, and proceeded to ride out of town.

"What are we gonna do wit' these mans, boss?"

"Now don't you worry about that, Englebert. I have special plans for these two men."

Mr. Prosecutor then laughed an evil laugh and continued to ride to the east. What he didn't know was that Missy Fancy and Miss Ponytail began to follow them. When it became dark, the outlaw gang with Grad and Clarence stopped to make camp for the night.

The first night watchman wasn't very bright, and when he saw Missy Fancy approach him with her dress skirt hiked

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above her knee, he stared that stupid stare men do while Miss Ponytail conked him on the head with a rock, knocking him out cold.

"Good work, Miss Ponytail. Now all we have to do is free our mean and get the heck out of here."

They then proceeded to conk out all the men and free Grad and Clarence. They tied up all the outlaws and returned to town. Grad then led Mr. Prosecutor to the sheriff's office to turn him in. When the sheriff saw Grad, he quickly drew his gun and said "That's close enough Grad. Now just drop your gun and put your hands above your head."

"Now sheriff, I came by to turn in the real thief, and I have witnesses to prove it."

"You ain't got nuthin' Grad. Now drop your gun like I said and get in the jail cell."

Grad reluctantly did as the sheriff said and followed him into the jail. Then Mr. prosecutor reminded the sheriff that Grad had accomplices, but they had already disappeared. "That's okay, I'll put out the word that they're under arrest for aiding and abetting a known felon."

They both laughed at that and went down the street into the saloon, forgetting that the back wall of the jail was still down. Grad just casually walked out of the jail cell into the alley, found his horse, mounted him and rode to find the U.S. Marshal.

While he was gone, Clarence and Missy Fancy, along with Miss Ponytail snuck into the houses and stores of the town people that they knew would support them. As Miss Ponytail talked with her dad, pleading for him to help her, he rejected her.

"But father, why won't you help us defeat the sheriff and Mr. Prosecutor?"

"Now honey, we all would like to help you but we have lived a peaceful life her so long, I wouldn't want to mess up our little arrangement with the local law enforcement agency."

"Not you too father!"

"I'm afraid so sweetheart. Now you be a good girl and go with me to the sheriff's office so we can clear this little misunderstanding and clear your name."

Crying, Miss Ponytail ran out of the house and into the woods just outside of town, where Missy Fancy and Clarence were waiting.

"Well, will your father help us?"

"No, he's just as crooked as the rest of them. Nobody will help us. I wish I knew where Grad was."

As he rode along the path toward Dodgeball City, Grad hoped the U.S. Marshal was there. When he arrived in town, the Marshal wasn't there but his deputy, Fescue, was.

"Howdy Grad. Now you just watch your hands and step down off your horse, you're under arrest."

"What am I under arrest for, deputy?"

"Just you never mind about that. We'll clear all this up just as soon as Marshal Drilling gets back from circuit court."

"When will that be?"

"Oh, probably two weeks. He's gone to capture some bad guys and haul them before Judge 'No-Mercy' Meantide."

Deputy Fescue led Grad into the jail and locked him in

the back cell.

"Why in thunder did you decide to rob the bank for, anyway Grad?"

"Look deputy, I didn't rob any bank. I was framed. I have some witnesses to prove my innocence. How did you know about that anyway?"

"Oh, it's just that Judge Barkster wired us and said that you might be headed this way."

"If I was guilty, why would I ride into Dodgeball City, the toughest law town this side of the Mississippi, face the toughest lawman, and want his help?"

"Well, never you mind about that. We'll ask Bartholomew that question when he gets here. Now you just relax and don't get any funny ideers and about escapin' while you're here."

With that, Deputy Fescue left the office and went on his rounds about town. Grad knew he was in a real jam, and that time was running short. He needed to get word to the circuit court and let him know how crooked the law enforcement back in Grubersville was.

He tested the iron bars in the window and they wouldn't budge. Desperate, he called for the deputy. Getting no answer, he decided to take a nap, hoping that would help him think better after a while.

Meanwhile back in the Wyoming territory, Clarence, Missy Fancy, and Miss Ponytail were riding across the country, looking to find a U.S. Marshal or a circuit court judge.

As they rode along, Missy Fancy could see the worried look on Miss Ponytail's face and attempted to console her with light conversation.

"When do you think Grad will propose to you?"

"I don't think he will ever propose to me. After all, I'm 19 and we've been courting for three years now. Sometimes I want to just forget him and marry the first fella that comes along."

"You really love him, don't you?"

"Yes I do." She then began to cry, leaning on Missy Fancy's shoulder.

Meanwhile, back in Grubersville, Mr. Prosecutor and the judge were counting the money from the bank.

"How much did you pay your gang members, prosecutor?"

"Oh, about \$200. I personally handpicked them on account of their stupidity. They don't know the difference between 200 and 2,000 dollars."

Both men laughed at that and continued counting their money.

Meanwhile, deputy Fescue had snuck out of town, and was on his way to find Marshal Drilling to persuade him to come back to Dodgeball City. He planned to tell Bartholomew about Grad, and how he thought he was innocent.

He didn't know Grad personally, but he had heard of him and what fine work he performed after Saturday night. He just couldn't believe that someone like Grad would rob a bank. Anyone who would go to the trouble of doing a job like Grad's couldn't be smart enough to pull off a bank robbery. After half a day's ride, he finally found Marshal Drilling at a water hole.

"Howdy there Bartholomew."

"Howdy Fescue. What in tarnation are you doing way out here?"

"I just came to find you to tell you about this here fellar

we have locked up in our jail cell. I got this here telegram from Grubersville and they said this Grad fellar was guilty of robbing a bank and I thought I oughta tell ya that I just feel this fellar Grad is innocent. It just don't seem right to hold a fellar who I think ain't guilty of no more than maybe spittin' in the street! I mean, Bartholomew..."

"Okay, Fescue, I get the picture. It just so happens that I was on my way to Grubersville to look into this matter."

"But how did you find out about this already, Bartholomew?"

"I got a wire from Judge Meantide stating that Judge Barkster might be dealing underhanded to the folks there, but I could sure use the company, and also the help when we get there."

"Sure thing Bartholomew. I'd be downright happy to foller you into Grubersville. I brung along some vittles just in case it turned out to be a long trip."

"I hope you brought along some coffee too Fescue."

"Now Bartholomew, you oughta know that I can't go anywhere without my coffee."

The two of them hit the trail, so to speak, and headed to Grubersville.

Meanwhile back in the Wyoming territory, Clarence and Missy Fancy were conversing while Miss Ponytail was taking a nap. Missy Fancy asked, "Just why are you so willing to help Grad for, anyway?"

"That's a good question Missy Fancy. I'll be honest with you. I'm really an undercover agent with Wells Fargo. They sent me out here to investigate why the bank in Grubersville is being robbed once or twice a year. I had to rob the bank to test the security of it. I realized that there

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Kendal Stancell



Chischin some toys, Gamall a new car, and Mrane a home. I would like a horse.
Sergio Cano

Santa,
Please give my sister a bike, my brother a bunch of bottles, my mom a pretty necklace and my dad dollar bills. I would like a motorcycle.
Anthony Anzaldua

Santa,
Please give Angel a cat, Jr. a monster truck, mom some earrings, dad a movie, and a train twister for me.
Xavier Germain

Santa,
Please give my little brothers bikes, my sister new shoes, my mom rings, my dad a Mexican flag, and a motor scooter for me.
Ariana Hernandez

Santa,
Please give my brother Trevor a Play Station, my brother Sam a play train, my mom a pretty ring, my dad a 20 dollar bill, and some I Spy kits for me.
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Santa,
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Santa,
Please give Robert a sponge bob toy, my sister a ring, my mom a necklace, my dad a semi, and a toy semi for me.
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Santa,
Please give Caitlyn a bike, Ethan a play horse, my mom shoes, my dad boots, and I would like clothes for my baby.
Emily Stancell

Santa,
Please give my sister a horse, my mom a happy time, my dad a good time, and I would like a monster truck game.
Jonathan Vega

Ryan Smith
Santa,
Please give my sister remote control, mom a cook machine, dad a good car and I would like boderki 3.
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Santa,
Please give my sister a bike, my mom a watch, my grandma a necklace and I would like a bike.
Gabrielle Armstrong

Santa,
Please give my brother yugie the movie, my stepdad a new tool set, my mom a new cookbook and a boodkei 3 for me.
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Santa,
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Santa,
Please give Seth a snake, mom a jewelry box, dad a golf course, my dogs rope and bone, and I would like a baby bunny.
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Santa,
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Santa,
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Santa,

Please give Cambry a baby doll, Lincoln new hunting equipment, my mom a necklace, my dad a grill, and I would like an inflatable igloo.
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Santa,
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Santa,
Please give Hope a motorcycle with training wheels, my mom a ring, my dad a sports magazine, Seth a Star Wars game, and I would like a go cart suit and helmet.
Jasen Herrera

Santa,
Please give dad a motorcycle, mom a purse, my brother a car, my sister a doll, and I would like a yugiho duel disc.
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Santa,
Please give dad a tool box, mom a purse, my brother a roping horse, Shaw a football, and I would like a rope.
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Santa,
Please give mom a pretty necklace, dad a new watch, my little sister a puppy, my dog a new toy, and I would like a guitar.
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Santa,
Please give my dad a shirt, my mom a dress, my grandma Ligin a bird house, my grandpa Ligin a pair of gloves, and I would like a play horse.
Emily Logan

Santa,
Please give Franz a play station, Henry a game boy, my mom a purse, my dad a cowboy hat and I would like a remote control dirt bike.
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Santa,
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Santa,
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Santa,
Please give dad shoes, mom a notebook and pencil, my 2 sisters Bratz, my cousin a game, and I would like Nintendo 64.
Damian Lozano

Santa,
Please give dad a football, mom a purse, my sister a toy and I would like a yugiho duel disc.
Jon Nicolas

Santa,
Please give my dad a computer, my mom a purse, my brother a car, my sister a dog, and I would like a little dog.
Marisa Lopez

Santa,
Please give dad a vacation, mom a new purse, Jose a toy hummer, Adilene a Bratz car, and I would like a Barbie.
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Santa,
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Santa,
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Carina

Santa,
I want a playhouse with a chimney. What is it like at the North Pole? How does the sled fly? What time do you fly? My family's names are Lorre, my mom; Darren, my dad; Kylie, my sister; and Garrison, my brother.
Cambree

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Jenna

Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I like you Santa. I like

Christmas. You can get me a car, Power Rangers, a toy Spiderman, and a toy video game. Can you play, Santa? I see you, Santa. I see the reindeer.
Otho

Santa,
How are your reindeer? Thank you for the presents. Can you bring a bike, a book and a remote truck. Can you bring me a toy? How do you fly, Santa?
Armando

Santa,
I want a motorcycle. How is it at the North Pole? How were the cookies last year? How do you fly? How are your reindeer? How are you? What is it like at the North Pole?
Brinton

Santa,
How is the North Pole? I love all your reindeer. Please bring me a remote control car and a suit like your suit. Please bring my mom a new necklace and a puppy.
Gerardo

Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Merry Christmas, Santa, and Happy New Year. I like you, Santa. How do you fly? I want my dad to have new pants. I want mom to have a new necklace. I want to have a new bracelet.
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Santa,
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Santa,
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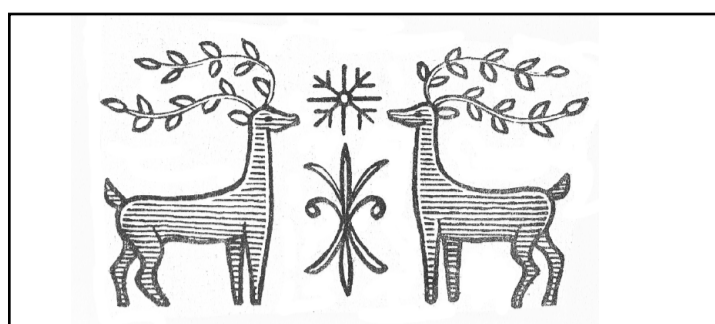
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I would like a green John Deere tractor with a sprayer, a piano and a toy gun. Ho ho ho!
Caxton Harpold

Santa,
I would like a new saddle and chaps, and a new pair of pants. What is Mrs. Claus up to? What are your reindeer like?
Nathan Morales

Santa,
I miss you. I want a toy gun and a toy bear. I wish I could make cupcakes for you. I like you Santa. I believe in you.
Tyler Hickman

Santa,
I would like a green Barbie car and a toy key for it, and a blue hula hoop.
Cassie Cotton

Santa,
I want a play pink car and play money with a register. A



play Santa and a play house.
Tristyn McDaniel

Santa,
I want a pink bike and a Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star book.
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Santa,
How are Rudolph, Prancer and Dancer, the elves and Mrs. Claus? Is it cold at the North Pole? I really, really love Christmas. I want a game boy SP, a motorcycle and yu-gi-oh cards.
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Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas. This year I want a computer and a puppy. I like you very much, Santa. Thank you!
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Santa,
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Santa,
How are you doing? How's Mrs. Claus? I love Christmas. I want a phone, puppy and a computer. I will give you your favorite cookies.
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Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I can't wait until Christmas. I would like a real puppy.
Lacey Mains

Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I like Christmas. I want a pair of roller skates and a recorder puppy. I won't forget the cookies and milk.
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Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I love the holidays. I want an x-box and yu-gi-oh cards. I will leave you milk and cookies.
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Santa,
I love you Santa. How are you doing? How are your elves. I love you, Mrs. Claus. I can't wait until Christmas. I want a computer doll.
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Santa,
How are you and your family doing? Are your elves busy? I want house shoes, jewelry and a record puppy. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk.
Audrey Wren

Santa,
How are you and your fam-

ily doing? I can't wait til Christmas. I want new yu-gi-oh cards and thumb wrestle game. I will leave your favorite cookies.
Marquel Nance

Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Are your elves working? How's your family? I want a bike that looks like a motorcycle. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.
Tyler Cutbirth

Santa,
How are your reindeer? Is the North Pole cold? I love Christmas. I want a bike, jewelry and a puppy.
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Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? How's your family. I want a motorcycle. I won't forget to leave you milk and cookies.
Luis Quiroz

Santa,
How's Mrs. Claus and you doing? How are the reindeer? I want clothes and jewelry for

Christmas. I won't forget to leave you milk and cookies.
Brianna Reyna

Santa,
How is Rudolph doing and how are the elves? I love Christmas. I want a Play Station and a new kitten. I will leave milk and cookies.
Kayse Long

Santa,
How are you doing? Is it cold at the North Pole? I want a game cube, motorcycle and yu-gi-oh cards.
Adrian Ornelias

Santa,
How are the reinder and Mrs. Claus? I love the holidays. I want a record puppy and a skateboard. I will leave you chocolate milk.
Hailee Kelley

Santa,
How is your family? I like Christmas. I want a bike and record puppy.
Peyton Goar

Santa,

How is your family and your reindeer? I want doc martins shoes and a yu-gi-oh box. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Chance Miller

Santa,
How is Comet and Cupid? Can I please have an x-box, Play Station 2 and 5 games for the x-box and for the Play Station?
Joseph Sena

Santa,
How is Prancer? I'm going to give you milk and cookies. Can I have a snowboard and a bay colored stuffed horse?
Jessie Hardisty

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph's nose? Please bring me a Play Station 2 and a snowboard and a gameboy.
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Santa,
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was no security the time I robbed it."

"But why did you hang around and get drunk and marry me?"

"I was waiting for the sheriff to return to Grubersville, not knowing he was in with the crooked Judge Barkster and the low-life Mr. Prosecutor. I got carried away that night with my drinking and passed out. You know the rest of the story."

"Do you regret marrying me?" she asked.

"Heck no. You're the best thing that's ever happened to me. I'm just sorry you had to get mixed up in this mess."

"Well, what are partners for?" she smiled.

He smiled back at her and kissed her. About that time, Miss Ponytail spoke up "Don't you two think we better hit the trail?"

They then both turned red with embarrassment at being caught and meekly smiled at Miss Ponytail. "You're right. Let's get going" answered Clarence.

They rode towards Dodgeball City when they came upon Marshall Drilling and Deputy Fescue. Afraid they might be arrested, Clarence sent the women to hide in the trees while he handled the matter with the Marshal.

"Howdy Marshal, Deputy. What brings you two to this neck of the woods?"

Marshal Drilling could see that Clarence was nervous and his hand was inching closer to his gun. He then spoke to Clarence "Now just hold on there Clarence. There's no need to be nervous. I know you were framed with robbing the bank, and for the murder of three Federal agents."

"Federal agents?" answered Clarence.

"What's this about Federal agents. I've never even met any Federal agents."

"You don't have to live to me Clarence, I know all about your undercover assignment. I want you to ride with me into Grubersville to round up all the men involved in Judge Barkster's scheme. By the way, where are the two women who were riding with you?"

The girls then came out of the trees and mounted their horses. Missy Fancy then spoke to the Marshal "Howdy Marshal. My name is Missy Fancy, and this here's Miss Ponytail."

Marshal Drilling nodded to the women, then looked directly at Miss Ponytail and said, "I need to tell you something I don't really think you know about. Your father is also working undercover with us to gather evidence against Judge Barkster."

The look on Miss Ponytail's face was one of bewilderment. "I don't understand. My father wouldn't help when

we were back in town. If he really is an undercover agent also, why didn't he help us then?"

"He couldn't risk blowing his cover. He doesn't know about Clarence being a federal agent. He was probably afraid if he helped you, Clarence would turn him over to the sheriff. I'll tell you the rest of it when we clear up this whole matter." Then the five of them rode towards Grubersville.

Meanwhile back in Grubersville, Sheriff Cactus and Judge Barkster were plotting their last heist before leaving the territory.

Mr. Prosecutor overheard them and complained "So, you two were just going to just rob the bank one more time and leave me holding the bag."

He attempted to draw his gun at that moment when a shot rang out. Sheriff Cactus slowly slumped to the ground, his arm bleeding from Judge Barkster's shot.

"Well, that's one less person to split the money with," said Barkster, and both men began to laugh.

Grad began to plot about how he was going to escape the jail. He shouted to Deputy Fluke, "Hey deputy! How about some water, I'm dying of thirst."

Deputy Fluke shouted back "I'll be there in a minute."

Grad then prepared himself for the deputy's visit to the cell. When Deputy Fluke brought the water in, Grad threw it in his face, grabbed his arm and pulled him close to the bars, taking his gun.

Pointing the gun in Deputy Fluke's side, Grad said "Okay now, deputy, nice and slow, raise your hands while I get the keys to the cell. Now don't make any sudden moves, I don't want to hurt anyone."

Grad unlocked the cell door, motioning Deputy Fluke into the cell, where Grad tied him up and gagged him. "Sorry deputy, but I've got no choice. I've got to find the Marshal and let him know what's happening in Grubersville."

The deputy began to squirm and try to talk through his gag, but Grad ignored him as he made his way out the back door, remembering to grab his gun and some ammo. He then found his horse, mounted him and rode off in the direction of Grubersville.

The next morning, the Marshal's girlfriend, Miss Tiger, entered the Marshal's office to see if there had been any word on the whereabouts of Marshal Drilling, and his progress of catching the robbers. As she entered, she immediately knew something wasn't right. The coffee pot was full of cold coffee, and Deputy Fluke was nowhere in sight. She snooped around and discovered Deputy Fluke tied up in the back cell.

"Where are the keys to this cell so I can open it and untie you?"

The deputy just murmured through the gag. "I said, where's the keys to this cell?"

Looking at the deputy with a disgusted look, it then dawned on her that the deputy was bound and gagged. She began to frantically search for the keys and finally found them, in the door lock all the time. Embarrassed, she began to scold the deputy as she untied him.

"Why in thunder didn't you just tell me where the keys were? Instead of making me look all over this filthy place for them. I'm going to tell Bartholomew when he gets back to clean up this nasty place. Good heavens, not even a rat would live in a pigsty like this!"

The deputy just rolled his eyes at her and said "Miss Tiger, why don't you just shut yer yap and help me figure where the prisoner went."

She looked at him in disbelief, huffed at him and stomped out of the office.

Grad was trying to think of a plan as he rode along when he heard some horses approaching. He quickly pulled his horse off the trail, dismounted and hid in the trees. He watched silently as an Army scout detail rode by. He couldn't make out anything they were saying, but he didn't want to take any chances. After they rode by, Grad remounted and rode at a fast gallop towards Grubersville. What Grad didn't know is that the Army detail was sent to get Grad and place him in protective custody until the Marshal and Govt. agents could gather enough evidence against the crooked judge and prosecutor in Grubersville, and use Grad as a material witness against them.

Meanwhile, back in Dodgeball City, Deputy Fluke wanted to go after Grad, but he couldn't leave the town defense-

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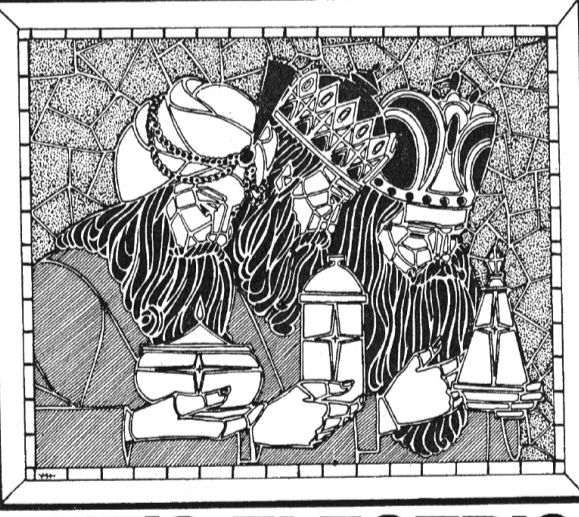
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less. He was trying to think of a solution to this problem when the Calvary unit arrived. The sergeant, Sgt. Knewly, dismounted in front of the Marshal's office and went inside. Deputy Fluke was sitting behind the desk when the sergeant walked in.

Sgt. Knewly said: "We're here to pick up a prisoner, goes by the name of Grad."

"I don't know how to tell you this sergeant, but he escaped just about an hour ago. I'm surprised you didn't run into him on your way into Dodgeball City. There's no telling where he is now."

The sergeant just looked at Deputy Fluke with a look of disgust before speaking. "Okay then deputy, we're much obliged for your cooperation."

The sergeant then went back outside and commanded his troops. "Okay men, mount up. We're going to have to track down this Grad feller." The Army detail mounted up and rode out of town at a fast pace.

Meanwhile, Miss Ponytail, Missy Fancy, and Clarence were headed into Dodgeball City to look for Grad there. When they arrived, they were so thirsty, they decided to go into the 'Short Lamb' saloon and have a drink before continuing their investigation. As they sat at a table, the saloon's owner, Miss Tiger, came over to chat with them.

"I don't believe I've seen y'all in here before."

"We're new here in town, but just passing through," answered Clarence. Then Miss Ponytail spoke up "I don't reckon you've seen my future husband here in Dodgeball City recently? We're going to be married..."

Miss Tiger cut her off and said, "Well don't tell me you're another one of those unlucky girls whose husband has run off right after the ceremony and has taken refuge here in Dodgeball City!"

"No that's not it at all. We just got separated the other day and can't seem to pick up his trail."

"What's his name?"

"I don't really know his real name, but folks call him Grad."

Miss Tiger's eyebrows raised and she kind of grinned. "Just why do you want to find him? Are you after the reward money on him? Well, if you are then you can just forget about it. I want to claim that reward money for myself so's I can finally use it to bribe my man into retiring and marrying me!"

"Who's your man?"

"None other than the U.S. Marshal in this territory, Marshal Drilling. So you just forget better forget about finding this Grad fellow and leave that to me, or I'll..."

"You'll what?" Miss Ponytail responded.

"I'll tell the Marshal you interfered with a federal investigation and he'll arrest you."

"Is that so? Well let me tell you something miss nosy. You better hope nuthin happens to my man, or I'll..."

"You'll what, you little sissy?"

Miss Ponytail then jumped across the table onto Miss Tiger and the two women began to brawl on the floor. Clarence and Missy Fancy tried to break up the fight, but couldn't. So they just stood by and watched until the two women became too tired to fight anymore.

Miss Ponytail said to Miss Tiger "You had enough?"

Miss Tiger responded "Only if you've learned your lesson."

The two women then began to laugh and help each other off the floor.

Miss Tiger then said, "I guess I'd protect my man too, if everybody was looking to hurt him. I'll help you all I can, but I've not seen him since he broke out of the jail two days ago."

Miss Ponytail spoke up "Broke out of jail! Who was the hussy who helped him do that?"

Miss Tiger said, "No one helped him. He outsmarted Deputy Fluke, and escaped on horseback. He rode east, I think."

Clarence then spoke up "Well, we better be on our way. Thanks for the info Miss Tiger. What do we owe for the drinks and info?"

"Don't worry about the drinks, I'll put it on the Marshal's tab, on account that it was federal business. Good luck to y'all. Next time you're in Dodgeball City, stop in and have a drink with me."

As they rode off, Miss Tiger chuckled to herself "Boy, what a bunch of dopes. They fell for the ol' help 'em out trick. I'm still going to have the reward money all for myself, no matter what they think." She then mounted her horse and rode west out of town.

What she didn't know was that Clarence didn't believe her story, and the trio circled back around town, and followed Miss Tiger at a safe distance.

Grad began to hum his favorite songs as he rode along, it seemed to help pass the time. He guessed he was probably still about two days ride from Grubersville, barring any more interruptions. He still couldn't figure out why an Army detail was riding towards Dodgeball City from Fort Been-A-Drill, which must be at least three days ride out of the way.

Oh well, its just as well that he doesn't know, it would probably mean something else for him to worry about.

In the mean time, Miss Ponytail, Missy Fancy, and Clarence were getting closer to Grubersville following Miss Tiger. When they were about 400 yards from town, they saw a man on a horse approaching Miss Tiger. They quickly hid behind some nearby brush, and strained their ears to try to listen to what the man and Miss Tiger were saying. That's when they recognized the man as none other than Sheriff Cactus.

Sheriff Cactus then spoke to Miss Tiger "Howdy there, Miss Tiger. What news do you have from the Marshal's office for me?"

"I don't really have any good news for you, just that Grad escaped from the jail in Dodgeball City and that Deputy Fescue left town four days ago to find Bartholomew, I mean Marshal Drilling. I also learned that Grad's friends, Miss Ponytail, Missy Fancy, and Clarence came to Dodgeball City looking for Grad; but don't worry about them, I sent them off on the wrong trail. By the time they find out that they have been sent on a wild goose chase, this should be all over, and we should be halfway to Paris."

They both laughed as they rode into Grubersville. As the trio of Miss Ponytail, Missy Fancy, and Clarence watched them ride into town, they were unaware of the Marshal and Deputy Fescue sneaking up on them.

"Okay, don't nobody move. Put up your hands," instructed the Marshal.

The three just lay on the ground, still and not daring to move a muscle.

"I said put your hands up!" demanded Marshal Drilling again.

Miss Ponytail then said, "But you told us not to move." "I didn't mean that literally. Now just what are you three doing spying on Sheriff Cactus and Miss Tiger?"

"To tell you the truth Marshal, we have been trying to find you. We need your help to clear a friend's name."

"I know all about Grad. I'd be much obliged for your help in capturing the Sheriff, Mr. Prosecutor, and Judge Barkster, and see that they get their due of justice."

The three looked at each other and simultaneously responded "We be more than happy to help."

"Just one more thing," said the Marshal, "What about Grad? Do any of you happen to know where he might be?" "We don't have a clue, Marshal. We were hoping you could tell us where he might be, or if anything has happened to him."

"I wish I knew," replied the Marshal.

The trio mounted their horses and quietly slipped into Grubersville without anybody seeing them. After they hid their horses, they sneaked into the saloon and gazed the room, looking for the sheriff and his lady companion.

When Marshal Drilling saw Miss Tiger with the sheriff, his arm in a sling, laughing at his corny jokes, the Marshal lost his composure and approached the two.

"Just what are you doing with this outlaw, Miss Tiger?" Miss Tiger's look was priceless. "Why Bart, I'm just having a friendly little drink with the sheriff. By the way, what do you mean about the sheriff being an outlaw?"

"Just what I said. Okay, Sheriff Cactus, you're under arrest."

"What am I under arrest for?"

"For robbing the bank here."

The sheriff just laughed and said, "And just, may I ask, evidence do you have against me?"

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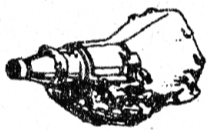
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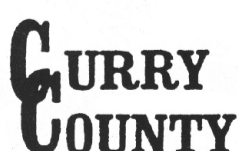
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Sittin' in the Corner From page 7

behind you, and let's go to the jail."

As the sheriff slowly rose, he feigned falling and grabbed for his gun. The Marshal, quick as a flash, outdrew the sheriff and shot his gun hand.

"Ow, what did you shoot me in the hand for, why not just shoot me in the heart?"

"Because I need you alive to draw out the judge and Mr. Prosecutor. Okay, Fescue, take the sheriff over to the jail and lock him up."

"Heh, heh you can't lock me up in the jail, there's no back wall."

The sheriff laughed until he saw that the back wall was rebuilt. He felt like crying. Solemn, he spoke not another word as Fescue locked him in the back cell.

Meanwhile, Grad was nearing Grubersville and witnessed the Marshal and Deputy Fescue talking with his trio of friends. He hid and watched him for a while, then he slipped up the back stairs to the saloon and was upstairs watching the Marshal arresting the sheriff.

As the deputy led the sheriff out of the saloon, Grad saw Mr. Prosecutor watching from a hidden spot in the back of the saloon. When the sheriff was outside, Mr. Prosecutor snuck back out of the saloon and made his way to the sheriff's office, waiting to rescue the sheriff from Deputy Fescue.

Just as the deputy and sheriff went inside, Mr. Prosecutor drew his gun and attempted to storm the office, but Grad intercepted him.

"That's far enough Mr. Prosecutor. Drop your gun and put your hands up."

Mr. Prosecutor spun around and began firing in Grad's direction. Grad dove behind a water trough and began firing back. With nowhere to hide, Mr. Prosecutor ran into the sheriff's office, right into the waiting gun barrel of Deputy Fescue.

"Just don't get too excited and drop your gun," said the deputy calmly.

Mr. Prosecutor just stood there, speechless as he dropped his gun on the floor, following it with his fainting.

Deputy Fescue drug Mr. Prosecutor into the cell next to the sheriff and told the sheriff "Keep an eye on him for me, will ya?"

Deputy Fescue laughed as he locked the door leading to the jail cells. He then looked at Grad and said, "Much obliged for helping me in apprehending Mr. Prosecutor."

Grad responded "Shucks, twarn't nuthin'."

They then walked back to the saloon to join Marshal Drilling to find out what his next move was going to be. As they entered, they saw the Marshal questioning Englebert, Mr. Prosecutor's leading outlaw man.

"Now tell me again, Englebert, where is the judge?"

"All I know is that he was supposed to meet Mr. Prosecutor and Mr. Sheriff Cactus at Dry Goon at noon tomorrow. I didn't know what their plans were gonna be. I was just paid to rob the bank, they did the rest of whatever they did."

"I'm going to have to arrest you and your gang for that, but I'll make sure the circuit judge knows that you cooperated with the law, I'm sure that will lead to a lighter sentence."

"Thanky much, Marshal."

"Okay, Fescue and Grad, take this gang and lock them up."

Grad and Fescue did as the Marshal said and locked the gang up in the jail cells. When they returned, they witnessed the Marshal drilling Miss Tiger about why she was here in Grubersville.

She then confessed in getting closer to the sheriff so she could learn his plans, carry them out herself, and take Grad in and collect all the reward money for herself.

The Marshal told her "Well, I guess you haven't broken any laws, but this sure turns me off from seeing you anymore. I'll give you a week to get back to Dodgeball City, pack up all your belongings, sell the saloon, and get out of town."

She ran out of the saloon, sobbing as she mounted her horse, looked at Marshal Drilling and said, "You haven't seen the last of me Bartholomew." Then she spurred her

horse and galloped off into the sunset.

As he watched her ride off, Marshal Drilling had a painful look on his face, as well as a tear in his eye.

Then he looked at Fescue, Grad and the trio and said, "Okay men, and women, we'd best get our plan together before noon tomorrow. We might only get one chance at this, so I don't want to blow it and lose any chance of apprehending Judge Barkster."

They plotted the best way to get Judge Barkster. Since he was so sharp, they knew there was no room for errors.

The next morning, Judge Barkster arrived at Dry Goon hours ahead of time to scope the place. He then settled in the shade between two rocks above the meeting place and patiently waited to see just who would show up.

As Marshal Drilling approached Dry Goon, he motioned for Fescue to go the right, and Grad and Clarence to go to the left. He knew he needed to take the middle, to avoid any of the others getting shot. He cautiously approached the entrance to Dry Goon when a shot ricocheted off a nearby boulder.

He dove for cover behind the huge rock when Judge Barkster shouted, "Well if it isn't Marshal Drilling. I was wondering just how much you knew about my little scheme and business."

The Marshal shouted back "Better give yourself up judge, there's no sense in anybody else getting hurt. Just throw our your weapon and come out slowly with your hands up."

Judge Barkster replied, "You're the only one who can prevent anyone else from getting hurt. Why don't your throw down your gun and come out with your hands up?"

"You know I can't do that, besides, you haven't got anything to gain by resisting arrest."

"Is that so. I'll come out if you promise not to shoot."

"Okay judge, I promise not to shoot if you promise not to shoot."

"Deal."

Then Judge Barkster came out with a surprise that the Marshal wasn't counting on happening. The judge had a hostage, Miss Tiger. The Marshal said, "Don't you dare harm her in any way, or I'll tear you apart with my bare hands."

"Now-now Marshal, let's be civil about this. It's simple, you get on your horse, and anyone who might be with you." He shouted the last part of that phrase so that everybody could hear.

"Everybody else come on out and show yourselves, or I'll shoot the girl." Everyone else but Miss Ponytail came out, weaponless and hands up. "That's better. Now, everybody get over there in front of that rock and turn around."

The Marshal and everyone did as the judge ordered and stood motionless, wondering what the judge's next move would be.

About that time, Miss Ponytail jumped on the judge from a big rock he was standing in front of. They both went down to the ground hard, also knocking Miss Tiger off her feet.

Before he could get a clue of what was going on, Miss Ponytail jumped to her feet and swiftly kicked the judge in the stomach. He then grabbed her ankle and threw her off her feet.

He grabbed a rock to strike her with when a shot rang out in the air. He stopped, slowly turned his head to his right hand, and discovered he had been shot in his hand. He looked behind him and saw the Marshal standing there with

a smoking gun pointed in his direction. The Marshal said, "I'll tell you one more time judge, put your hands up, you're under arrest."

As Fescue handcuffed the judge and put him on his horse, Miss Tiger ran over to the Marshal, hugging and saying "Oh Bartholomew, I'm so glad you came back and rescued me."

The Marshal looked at her, brushing her hair off his face, and said, "Shucks Miss Tiger, I couldn't live without you and your saloon. They hugged again and he actually did it -- he kissed Miss Tiger in front of everybody, who was whooping and cheering.

The next day, the circuit judge, Judge 'No-Mercy Meantide', arrived and began the trial of Judge Barkster, Sheriff Cactus, and Mr. Prosecutor.

After only three days of testimony, the jury found all three guilty of grand theft and sentenced them to 20 years of hard labor at Rocks Galore prison.

The town celebrated. Marshal Drilling offered Grad a job. "I could sure use a man like you over in Dodgeball City."

"No thanks, Marshal, although I'm much obliged at the offer, as well as your help in clearing my name. I think that Miss Ponytail and me will be plenty happy living here together as husband and wife."

Miss Ponytail, shocked at what Grad said, exclaimed "Oh, Grad, does that mean that you're proposing to me?"

"Well, yeah I guess so."

Miss Ponytail then fainted.

"I guess I'll get my reply when she wakes up."

The Marshal and party laughed at that, mounted their horses and waved bye to everybody as they left.

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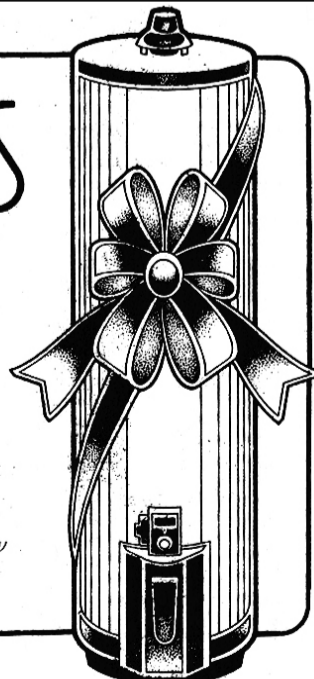
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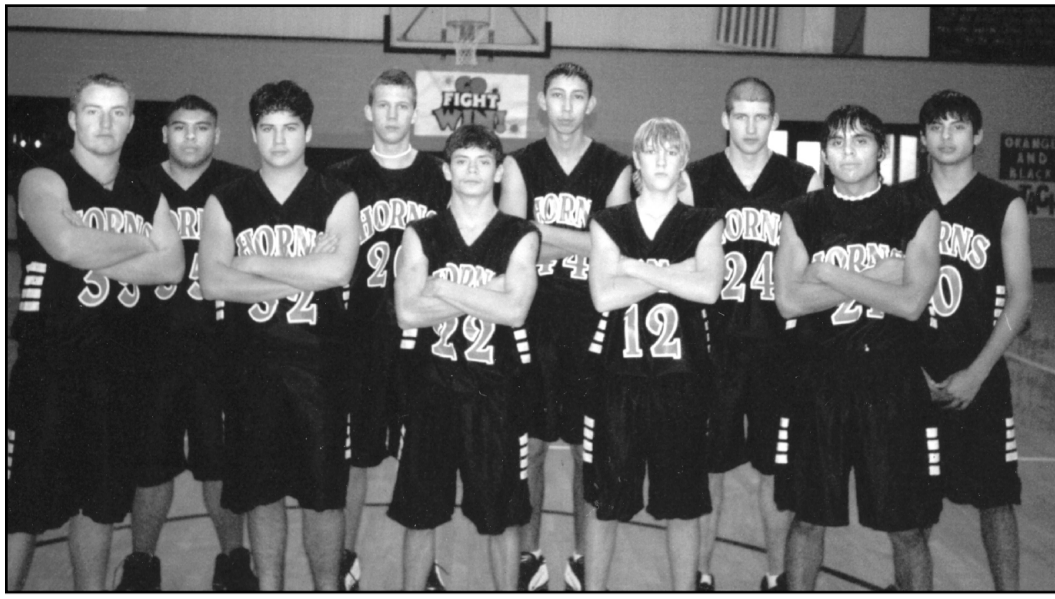
Santa,
I want a Barbie doll with a car and a pink and purple Barbie house. I want a pink, purple and white phone. I have been good. I will draw you a picture of my mom and dad and the twins.
Tatum Hood

Santa,
My mommy and my papi say I have been a good girl. I want a new backpack, new shoes, new clothes and a Princess Barbie with a pony and kitty.
Priscilla Salazar

Santa,
I want my own TV and my own jewelry, a necklace, a ring and some earrings. I want my own Barbies, my own pictures, my own bathtub in my bathroom, my own shoes, my own toaster and my own lunch box. That's all.
Lauren Isaacson

Santa,
I want Thomas the Train, tractors, and a wagon.
Gage Brockman

Santa,
I want a candy holder, new



Lazbuddie varsity boys

In back are Jose Beliz, Cory Puckett, Eric Estrada, Cory Chancey, Aaron Chavez; in front, Adam Pierce, Jason Davis, Jesse Gomez, Bryce Haney, Cory Contreras.

Brats, new coloring books, a Coke lamp, a fan, a stereo, a scooter, a frog like Fanny Frog, and new DVDs, some CDs of mine, a Care Bear, the rainbow bear, a Brat car, some new toys, a kitchen, some new stuffed animals and some lick a stick noodles, some Kleenex for my room, a bike, an ice cream maker, a cotton candy maker, a milk shake maker, and a bag for Fanny Frog, and a book to write in with Fanny Frog.
Kenlea Barnes

Santa,
I want a scooter, a telephone Barbie, a new comput-

er and a Mickey Mouse.
Julie Chavez

Santa,
I want a game, a video game, a book, a rope, a hat and a star.
Arrick Estrada

Santa,
I want a baker.
Jordan Marquez

Santa,
I want a My Size Barbie and a Care Bear, new earrings, new microphone, a heart locket necklace, a new kite,

some new Brats, some more Polly Pockets, beanie babies, a new Teddy Bear, some rings, a new Halloween costume, some new books, some new flowers, a new stocking, some new hair brands, a new karaoke set, a scarf, some new snow boots. I really need them because we are going skiing and mine don't fit me. Some new bracelets, some new necklaces, some new body wash, a new Brat car and a new candy holder.
Cambree Glover



Lazbuddie varsity girls

In back are Kayla Parham, Micah Brandvik, Chelsee Nichols; in front, Brianna Sanchez, Ana Hernandez, Not pictures are Melanie Winders and Brittney Schacher.

Santa,
I want a care bear, the sunny one.
Gentry Hicks

Santa,
I want Spy Kids 3, and cool stuff and make-up. And I want the Princess Story, Schrek 2, the Harry Potter movie and I

want the Two Brothers. And I want Barney and Elmo.
Ashley Scott

Santa,
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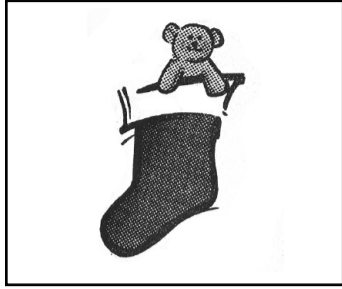
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'Santa, I want our house to be pretty'

Santa,
I want a baby and shoes for him and clothes for the baby, and Easy Bake Oven.
Clarissa Robledo



Justin Ramon

Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a pottery wheel. Please bring me a slugbug CD player and a Chinese map. Thanks for last year's gifts.
Regan Agee

Santa,
I want a Game Boy 2, baby doll, CD case, stuffed snake, CD player and Dear Dragon book. I love you, Santa.
Kassidy Jones

Santa,
May I please have a video now, Polly Pocket, magnet house, fairy topia, Barbies, play wedding dress, clothes and night clothes, pet bunny and good and Brats. I also wish for my family to be well and my great-grandma.
Abbey Jesko

Santa,
I love your gifts that you have me last year. I want a Gameboy Advanced SP and Dana Bratz doll with real eyelashes. I love you and your reindeers.
Micah Vera

Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. You think I would have a Gameboy Advance SP and Nintendo DS? Thank you, Santa.

Isaac Romero
Santa,
I want a remote control truck, some horses, and a toy 4-wheeler.
Alonzo Soto

Santa,
I want a love cub, a Lee Middleton doll, a sports game center, and play dough. My sister needs a baby stroller. I will leave you two cookies and a glass of chocolate milk.
Kennedi Nickels

Santa,
I want a four wheeler, makeup, a new diary, and a TV. You can bring everything you want.
Andrea

Santa,
I want a baby sister, a baby brother, clothes, a cat and a pencil.
Celeste Lucio

Santa,
I want a Game Boy, rock and roll seadees, a car collection, a robot and a computer.
Zach

Santa,
I want an X box, a shotgun, a dirt bike, toys and a tank toy.
Jose

Santa,
I want a four wheeler, a 22-2, some books, an X box. I have been good. My baby brother is good, too.
Albert

Santa,
How are you feeling this year? Is the North Pole cold? Well, I want some shoes, a laptop, a basketball, a shirt, and a skirt.
Lacey

Santa,
I want a Brat with pajamas and a dress. I want our house to be pretty. I want a shirt and a skirt for my Brat.
Anais

Santa,
I want a stroller, a baby doll, a pink car, a Brats doll, a Brats movie, Brats pants, Brats makeup and a heart shirt.
Haicha

Saint Nick,
How are you feeling this year? Well, I want a hippo set and a toy tank and a car set and a ring set and a dinosaur set.
Jonathan

Santa,
I want a bike, new shoes, a car, a compute and Brats toys.
Fabiola

Santa,
I want a bicycle.
Destry Ivy

Santa,
I want a big train.
Wyatt Jones



Lazbuddie JV girls

From left, Regina Mata, Laura Beliz, Savannah Pena, Mari Beliz. Not pictured are Megan McGuire and Rochelle Smith.



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Sittin' in the Corner From page 10

About that time, Mr. Shingles, Miss Ponytail's father, came over to Grad and said, "Grad, the whole town's mighty thankful for what you've done. We talked it over and we want you to be our new sheriff."

Everyone whooped and hollered at this and then became deathly silent, anticipating his answer. He looked the crowd over and said, "Well, why not. We need someone who will take the job seriously."

The crowd whooped and cheered louder, placed Grad on their shoulders, and began parading him down the street.

The following week, Grad was sworn in as sheriff by the mayor of Grubersville, and then he and Miss Ponytail was united in marriage by the new judge, Judge Rory Beanie.

The crowd threw the traditional rice and shouted and shot up the town as the two left for their honeymoon. As they rode out of town in a wagon, Miss Ponytail looked at Grad and said, "Well honey, it looks like you'll have plenty of work to do when we get back." They saw the cowboys shooting holes in the ceilings of several businesses ... and laughed.

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Texico: 'Santa, I would like some real paints'

Santa, How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Please will you bring me the new Darth Vader suit and a new x-box.

Jason Mitchell

Santa, How is Rudolph's nose? I

will leave you milk and cookies. May I have a go kart, a transformer and an x-box? Jesus Maldonado

Santa, How are Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I would like a game box, a game boy and a snow-board. Have a good

Christmas. Rafael Maldonado

Santa, I want a zip zap, a baby, a pit bull puppy, and 99,000 dollars for my mom as she wants a new house. I want a cell phone. Tell the elves I said hi. I am going to give you a present, too. I want a TV, too. Juna Estrada

Santa, I have been a good girl this

year. my birthday is on Dec. 24. For my birthday, I would like a lifesize Barbie house. For Christmas, I would like some real paints and when I get it I will paint a picture of you. So, Santa, please try to do that for me. Jessica Jorde

Santa, How are Comet and

Rudolph? I would like a Darth Vader suit, a red light saber and blade.

Tryster Barry

Santa, Thank you for the presents you gave me last Christmas. I look forward to this Christmas. I want a loader. My brother wants some x box games. Are your reindeer

okay? Is it cold up there? What will you bring me? I want a puppy, also. I have been a good, good boy.

Matt Rodriguez

Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? Please can I have an x-box, and x-box basketball game.

Trent

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Farwell: 'Santa, please send lots of snow'

Santa, Please give my mom a red wig, my dad a cowboy hat, my cousin an eye spy pack, my brother a gameboy game, and I would like a real 4-wheeler.
Chyanne Scarborough

Santa, Please give dad a tool set, mom a purse, Austin a gun, Meredith a doll and I would like a shot gun.
Mitchell Ratke

Santa, Please give dad a motorcycle, mom a purse, my brother a wiggle toy, my uncle a bike and I want a Barbie.
Savannah Galvan

Santa, Please give dad a motorcycle, mom a purse, my sister a doll, Curt a remote control car, and I want a dirt bike.
Seth Allen

Santa, Please give my dad a belt buckle of a horse, my mom a ring and a purse, my 3 sisters a jewelry box full of rings and necklaces, my 2 brothers 2 x-boxes and I want a baby puppy.
Gracie Meza

Santa, Please give my dad a Van

Helsing video game, my mom a purse, my sister a doll, my brothers a dog, my grandpa a house, my granny earrings, Julie a rabbit and I would like a gameboy Advance.
Luke Lenon

Santa, Please give dad an ax, mom a dog, my sister a bracelet, my brother a toy, and I would like a skateboard.
A.J. Bermea Jr.

Santa, Please give me a truck and a toy Santa Claus for my little brother. I like the things that you have brought me before. How is Rudolph?
David Martinez

Santa, I want a guitar, please. How are your reindeer doing? I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Michael Jones

Santa, How is Rudolph and your elves doing? Please bring me a trampoline. I would like some nick-nacks.
Collin Williams

Santa, How are your reindeer? How are you doing? Please bring me a little toy.

Kimberly Anzaldua

Santa, Thank you for all the things you give us. How is Rudolph doing? Please give me a Lord of the Rings toy and a new plug-in paintball game.
Joseph Ortega

Santa, I want a skateboard, and a sled to play with in the snow. How is Rudolph? I will leave you milk and chocolate cookies.
Serena Arce.

Santa, I love you, Santa. I want toys because I like toys. They are my favorite. Please bring me some toys for my brothers Dillon and Gage. Please send lots of snow.
Jacob Steelman

Santa, Please bring me a little car and Barbies. I will leave you cookies. How is Rudolph?
Johanna Vega

Santa, Please bring me clothes and a Barbie shirt. I would like

some toys. How are your reindeer?

Naomi Brigham

Santa, How is Rudolph? Does his nose still glow? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a doll and a play puppy.
Meredith Ratke

Santa, I would like another imagination police station and a new set of dump trucks with remote control trucks. How is Rudolph?

Ty London

Santa, I want a doll, please. Do you have a lot of toys? Do you have a princess doll for me? How old are you, Santa?
Ashleigh Delgado

Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing? Hope you are having a good time giving presents away. Please bring me a motorcycle and a big house with stairs.
Alex Lucero



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(Editor's note: This is part of a continuing series featuring the Texico-Farwell News from 1918-1920).

On Page 1 of the Sept. 6, 1918 issue, it was announced that Texico School had opened on Sept. 2 with an enrollment of 37 in the high school and 114 in the grades.

Since school opened on Labor Day, a celebration was held with Mrs. Overstreet playing "America" and all joined in the singing. Speeches were made by Rev. Thurston and J.F. Nix, C.A. Roberson and others.

Meanwhile, a cold wave hit the Twin Cities. No temperatures were given but "everyone is shivering from the cold." And another "big rain" fell Thursday night.

The News also ran into a publishing problem and had to skip an issue because of the shortage of paper. The News had planned to put out a special issue to make up for it but the government prohibits special issues (during the war).

President Wilson set Sept. 12 as the day for 13 million Americans to register for the draft, men between the ages of 18 and 45 who had not previously registered. There was another story underneath that note from the Parmer County board emphasizing that registration. Board members were T.C. Crawford, Friona; J.P. McDoald, Bovina; Joe Paul, Star Ranch, and M. Dixon, Farwell. There was a list of 20 questions to be answered by registrants and they were posted at the Texico Post Office.

Other stories on Page 1 consisted of war news, although there was a column of local tidbits, such as W.L. Mansfield returning from Denver, although his family will stay there for the winter; Mac Fooks moving from La Vista Grande, in east Farwell, to his lots in the Clark Smith Addition; and Rev. and Mrs. J.F. Nix having a 10-lb. baby boy.

Again, Page 3 was a full page ad for the Cannon Ball Motor Co., owned by the same owners of the News. Since the Tribune has carried this information already, it won't be repeated.

Page 2 had more war news (World War I ended that November). But there were more local tidbits:

From Pleasant Hill: Pleasant Hill School started Monday but no enrollment was listed. The Baptist Church had rented a piano so it can start having more music. J.H. Keys had sold his land and was moving to Texico, where he taught in that school.

From Locust Grove: Walter Alley sold his half section of land to Ira Taylor for \$6,400. Alley was moving to Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Randol visited Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, of Farwell. School started with Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Todd as teachers. Ira Taylor, Bart Osborne, Sam Randol and Perry Owens fixed Mr. Hagler's windmill.

From Frio: School started with Alfred Singleterry as teacher. "The correspondent made a mistake last week. He got it Friona, instead of Frio news. Frio is a community north of Texico-Farwell 18 miles. It is a place where people DO things."

One story noted that T.J. Allen, of Farwell, visited the News office and presented the Intertype operator with a peach he had grown in his yard. "This peach was a beauty! It measured 10 inches in circumference and weighed 12 ounces."

Page 4 had lots of small ads and more tidbits. About 50 or more Illinoisans met at Twin Mills for the

annual picnic. Mrs. Watson, the primary teacher at Texico School, returned from vacation. The Teachers Institute of Parmer County is in session. Only two of the 24 teachers are men - Prof. White of Farwell and Prof. Vernon Parker of Friona. Mrs. Ray James was hostess for the Las Amigas Club meeting. J.P. Aldridge moved his family to Farwell this week. Prof. White and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerles who have a fine farm east of town -- the occasion being in honor of Miss Gurlie Gerles' birthday.


Some of the ads noted that Barry Hardware Co. had queensware and glassware; R.E. Curd's had a large 50x80 tent in good condition for sale; J.H. Nabors "has nothing to give you but will save you money"; A. Fairly, of Portales, had Jersey cows and bulls and some duroc pigs for sale; and W.S. Williams, of Hereford, offered his services as a livestock and general auctioneer.

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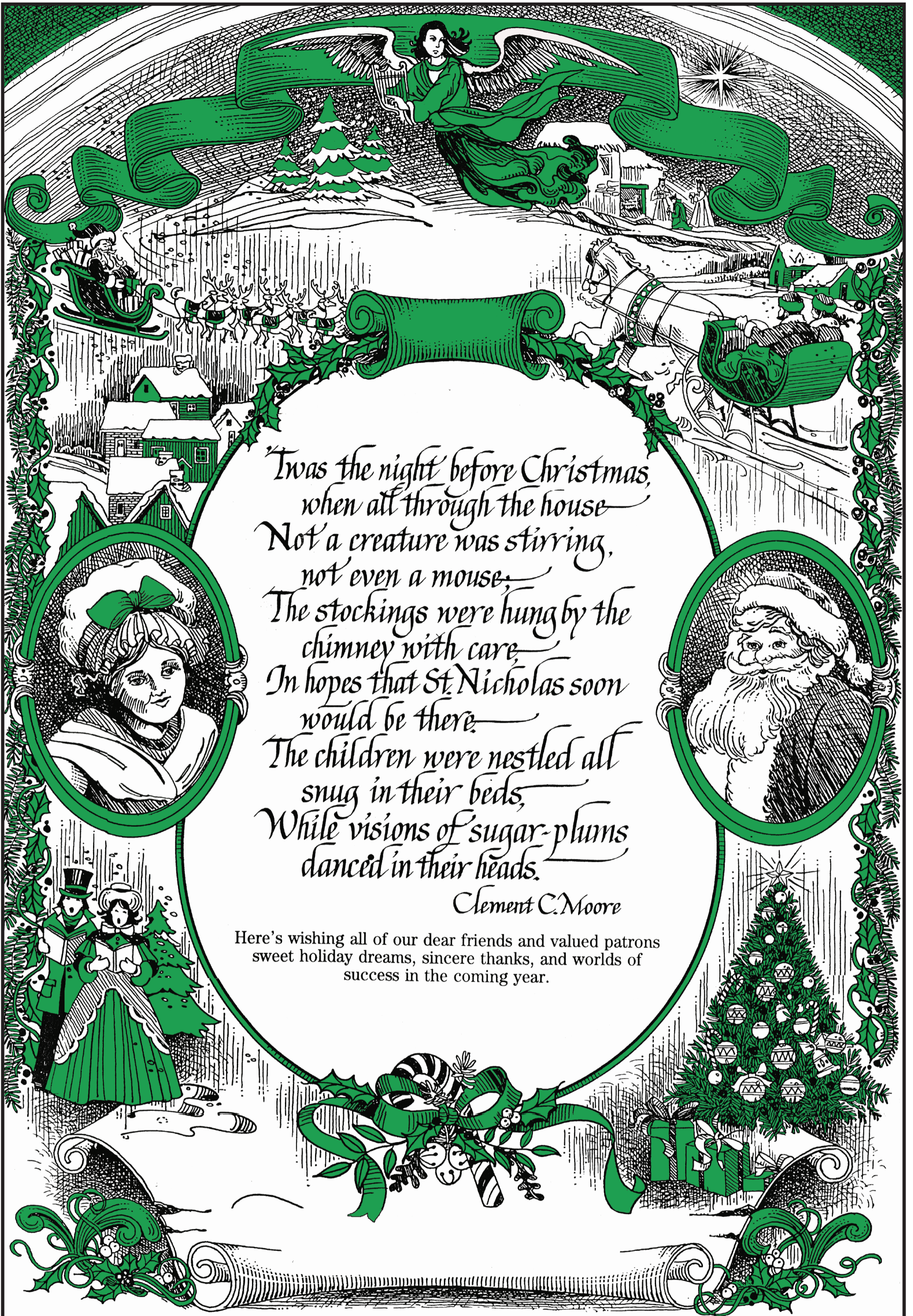
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 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon
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 The children were nestled all
 snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums
 danced in their heads.*

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