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The Scott family relaxes together at home. Pictured from left: Steve, Jarod, Kathryn and Tyler.

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Farwell High coach was gravely injured during the Gulf War

Steve Scott: 'God gave me a very good angel to take care of me'

by Teresa Mesman

One of the nice things about my job with the newspaper is that I get to interview all kinds of interesting people that have experiences ranging from the ordinary to the extraordinary. I have learned so much from each and every interview and I have begun to see that the journeys through life that each and every person must take are so altogether different, yet amazingly similar.

The first gift that God gave us as his children was the amazing gift of "choice." The ultimate choice is to choose Christ and to make Him the center of our lives. The other choices that we make, both good and bad, are what determine the paths that our individual journeys take through our lifetime here on Earth.

Steve Scott knows firsthand how quickly choice can change your life forever.

He is more commonly known as "Coach Scott" these days, as he is the head coach of the Farwell Girls Basketball program and the Lady Blue Cross Country team. When he moved to Farwell with his young family, he was no stranger to the community either. He is also the son of the former Farwell coach and school principal Vernon Scott.

At the age of 19, Scott became a police officer in Amarillo. He and his wife Kathryn were also going to college to get their teaching degrees and they also became the proud parents of two boys, Tyler and Jarod. Life was hectic and sometimes a struggle for the young family, with the everyday stresses of making ends meet and trying to achieve their goals.

After a particular shooting incident that occurred while Scott was on patrol in the seedy part of town, he chose to quit the police force. Life then led him to join the Army in 1987.

"Kathryn and I both were 12 hours away from our degrees and the boys were very little, but I thought the Army was the best choice for the time," said Scott. "We wanted the chance to see some more of the world and we got that chance immediately upon enlisting."

Scott was stationed in Ansbach, Germany and as a Sergeant, was put into an artillery battalion that operated the Howitzer Cannons. He wound up being selected for Operations and Training for the combat battalion.



The four member crew of the operations vehicle take a moment for a picture in the desert. Pictured in back are Sgt. Steve Scott, left, and Capt. Duffy. In front are Sgt. Pedro, left, and Pvt. Wentz.

Life was good in Ansbach for the Scott family. They lived in a beautiful village on the property of a wonderful family by the name of Steingrubber. Mr. Steingrubber was a World War II survivor and an ex-Nazi, but he loved Americans and did all that he could to help the young family that lived above his barn and next to the Gasthouse that he and his wife operated.

Scott's combat battalion trained over and over again on war maneuvers and his unit even won some citations for the War Games that they would participate in. The 600-man Howitzer Unit was a rock solid combat battalion.

"I was glad to be part of this unit because all the men were pretty good Christians and everyone got along really well. The chaplain was a very dynamic man that got us all involved in chapel," Scott said. "Of course, you didn't really want to mess with the chaplain...he was 6'7" and a former basketball standout at Xavier!"

On Thanksgiving Day, 1990, Scott and his family were in Garvish, Austria, on holiday with his parents, who had come overseas to visit the family. At about this same time, things were beginning to heat up over in Iraq and Kuwait with Saddam Hussein. Tensions were mounting and all the military had been notified that troops were probably going to be sent over to Saudi Arabia sometime in the near future. Scott got a message while he was on holiday to call the base headquarters in Ansbach. His unit was being deployed.

This message was the beginning of the sidetrip in Steve Scott's lifelong journey that would take him to hell and back through the Arabian Desert and Kuwait.

On Dec. 15, the Howitzer Combat Unit arrived in Saudi Arabia. Scott was made the assistant operations sergeant and was responsible for planning the unit's deployment of troops, gear, weapons, vehicles and artillery. There had been a total of 6,000 Army soldiers in Ansbach, Germany; 5,500 of them were now in Saudi Arabia.

Kathryn, Tyler and Jarod could have gone back to the United States after Steve's deployment, but she chose to

stay in Germany and help out with what she could on the base and with the other wives and families left behind. Many young wives were pregnant and others just needed help coping with the stresses of war. Germany was also the receiving point for the American soldiers injured in the war, and Kathryn wanted to be close by, just in case. Because of her actions and deeds, Kathryn was awarded the "Molly Pitcher Award," which is the highest honor that a civilian can be awarded by the Army.

The deployment had landed Steve Scott and his unit in a place that wouldn't have won any awards. The unit spent 10 days in Dhrain, Saudi Arabia, in an overcrowded post. The disorganization of the war was apparent due to the length of time it took to get their supplies. The latrines were despicable, the food was horrid and it was hot. Everyone had to carry guns, but no one was allowed to have any bullets.

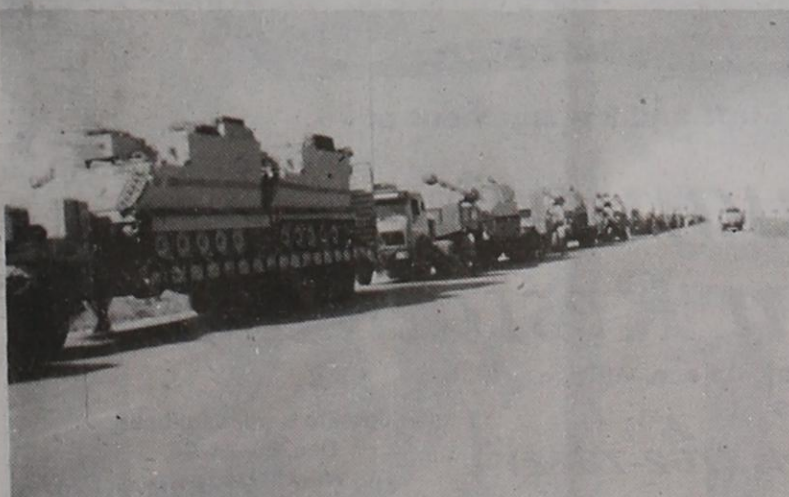
"It was like living in a long episode of M*A*S*H," said Scott.

Toward the end of December 1990, the unit began moving to its various tactical assembly units in the desert. They were slowly moving north and west, getting ever closer to the border of Iraq, putting themselves in position for the invasion. The whole time they're moving, they're shooting the Howitzer cannons off to test them in the desert. This is an incredible coordination of effort and skill, when the tanks that carry the cannons are moving at speeds up to 100 miles per hour.

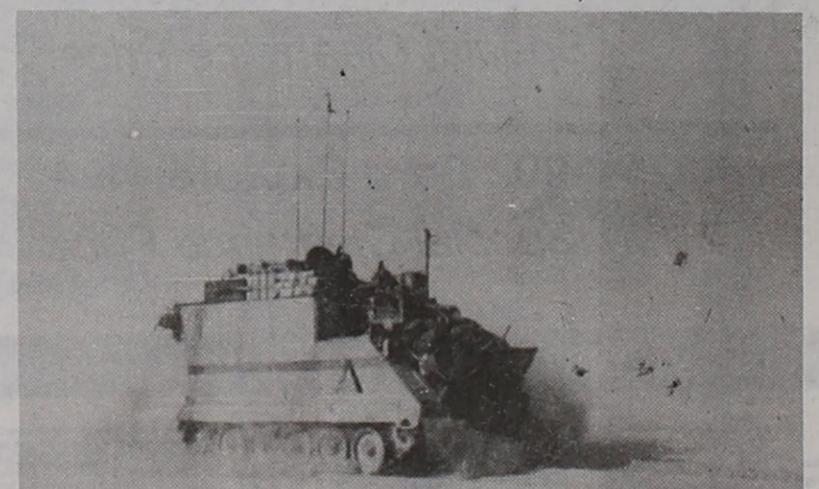
The air war that was much publicized here in the United States had not yet begun when the units had maneuvered into position not far from the border of Iraq. Days before the air war started, Scott's unit snuck into Iraq, with orders to blast everything that they came in contact with. The town that lay in their path didn't stand a chance; it was completely blown away and there were 2,000 casualties.

"When you're in a war or combat situation, you really don't think about the human side of the situation," said Scott. "You operate in a trained mode, performing your duty as you are were trained. I didn't see too terribly

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The howitzer battalion unit that Steve Scott was part of readies itself for entry into the desert.



The operations vehicle is built just like a tank, but is loaded with communications equipment and supplies. However, it could still reach speeds up to 100 mph when needed to speed across the desert.



Texico 8th Boys

Texico's 8th grade boys team consists of, back row from left, coach Barry Partain, Zane Drager, Dustin Ward, Trevor Kittrell, Chris Hall, coach Richard Luscombe; middle row, Mikie Cardenas, Spencer Kube, Nago Estrada, Marcos Loera, Cedric Boutte, Tyrell Garrett; front row, Matt Soliz, Shane Mayfield, Jason Zaikowski, Josh Johnson, Micah Soboleski, Anthony Askew and Joey Bush.



Texico 8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls team consists of, back row from left, coach Roy King, Norma Rodriguez, Cresta Corn, Kara Jenkins, Sheryl Scales, Seka Marriott; middle row, Johnae Jobe, Tanya Stone, Jennifer Roberts, Kelsi Cain, Shelly Parks, Ambree Taylor; front row, Tara Lockmiller, Janelle Adrian, Jenni Williams, Ashley Howard, Elizabeth Richards, Lydia Tarrango and coach Glynnia Martin.

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Texico JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls team consists of, back row from left, coach Buddy Little, LaMicah Drager, Julia Adrian, coach Roy King; middle row, Bobbi Williams, Jandi Castleberry, Eleisa Loera, Callie Rucker, Krysta Morris, Stephni Chancey; front row, Nicki Reyes, Shayna Lewis, Brittany Bradley, Holly Hohstadt and Shiloh Thornton.

Water planning area coordination unit appointed

Eleven persons have been nominated to serve on the initial coordinating body for water planning for Region "O" as directed by Senate Bill 1 in Texas.

The bill divided the state into at least 16 separate water planning regions with each to have a coordinating body. Parmer and Bailey counties are in "O".

Serving on the "O" body are Loyd Urban, Dallas Brewer, Ches Chartel, Steve

Perry, John Abernathy, Jim Steiert, Don McElroy, Bill Harbin, Kent Satterwhie, Wayne Wyatt and Bruce Blalack.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

Joaquin Lopez and Maria Campos; and John Crozier Jr. and Patricia Lindauer.

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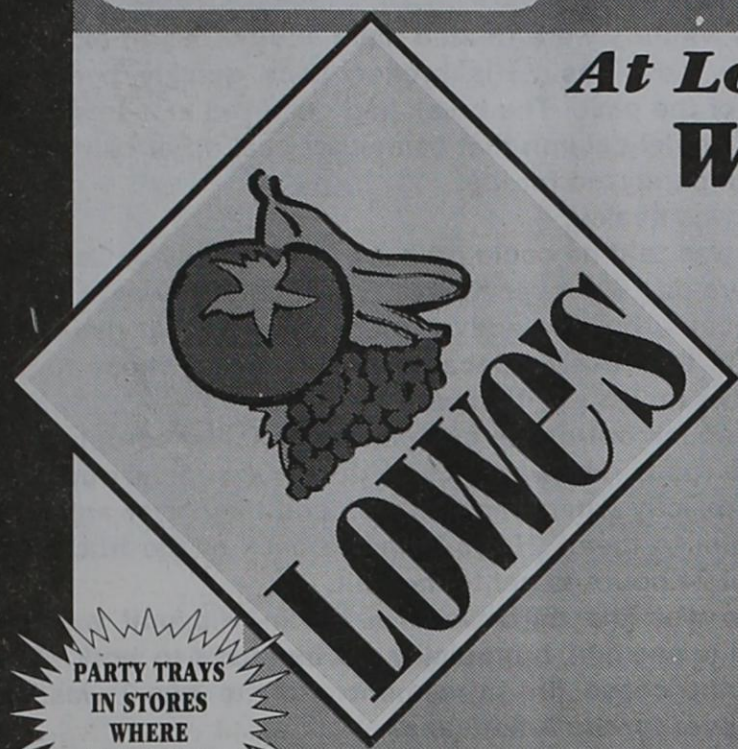
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Steve Scott

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much of the actual war outside as it was going on because I was inside the operations vehicle mapping out plans, getting instructions, radioing positions, etc. You also have to understand that this was a very fast-moving, quick war. We were tired and operating on only 6 hours of sleep in 4 1/2 days"

"I did see the death aspect of war in a place we called 'The Graveyard' that was located outside of Kuwait City," he recalled. "Dead bodies were everywhere, just piled up on each other like a mass storage place."

On the 28th of February, the communications group, that included the operations vehicle that Scott was a crew member of, got separated from the battalion as they moved further into Kuwait. One of the dangers that the American tanks had to watch out for were the land mines that had been buried in deep tank ditches.

The MS 77 operations vehicle turned into one of those dreaded ditches and blew up. The four man crew of Scott, Sgt. Pedro, Capt. Duffy and Pvt. Wentz became statistics of war. And by the grace of God and some quick thinking by Scott, none of them were killed in the accident.

Scott managed to think clearly enough before the tank vehicle rolled to pull Sgt. Pedro from his position at the top of the tank. He was the man who ran the machine gun at the top of the tank opening and he could have been literally cut in half as the tank rolled.

"The sand bags that lined the inside of the tank were flying everywhere and hitting us from every direction," Scott recalled. "The clipboards, pens, radio equipment and all the stuff inside were also hitting us, sometimes even piercing our skin. All I can remember is how much it hurt when I pulled Sgt. Pedro down out of the hole as he fell onto me."

The vehicle had been blown apart by the land mine so

metal shrapnel from the inside and the outside of the tank imbedded itself in the crew members bodies. The driver of the tank, Pvt. Wentz, was badly burned by the explosion. Capt. Duffy broke a foot and had shrapnel injuries. Sgt. Pedro received minor burns, shrapnel injuries and some pretty bad cuts. Then there was Sgt. Scott.

Scott remembers the tank coming to a stop. He had several deep shrapnel wounds on his back, lower torso and around his neck and ears. He tried to move out of the debris, but as the searing pain hit, he realized he couldn't move. His back was broken and he was paralyzed.

The rest of the communications unit stopped to help the crew out. A man by the name of Capt. Brost carried Sgt. Scott out like a baby. The pain was so intense, yet he couldn't move to show anyone where it was hurting. The unit medic was a Physician's Assistant named Dr. Whitehead who gave Scott a shot of morphine as the soldiers laid him out on the ground next to a tank. There were no backboards, no gurneys to wheel him around. The solid, sandy ground would have to suffice until a helicopter could get to him.

"I remember cussing the Colonel out and screaming that none of this should have happened. I was also beginning to get really fuzzy on what was happening around me. I began to feel like I wasn't going to be here much longer," Scott recounted.

Because of the conditions in the desert, the helicopter that was dispatched to find the unit couldn't even see where they were stopped. After a long time, a Huey helicopter landed and Scott was loaded onto it for medical evacuation. Scott did more than just evacuate the scene in the desert.

He died on the helicopter.

"I don't remember anything past the feeling when I was lying on the sand. I had no vital signs, my heart had quit beating and I was unresponsive," said Scott. "But then suddenly, I remember landing and being loaded inside a big, fast Blackhawk helicopter.

Several days passed and then Steve Scott awoke to the face of a blonde haired lady looking down at him. He immediately thought she was an angel and that he had made it to heaven. The angel turned out to be a very caring nurse from the 148th Medical Detachment of the National Guard Unit from Little Rock, Ark., that had been deployed to the battle.

He had been put into traction in a makeshift hospital far away from his unit. He couldn't believe the things that were happening to him.

"I strongly believe in Guardian Angels. God gave me a very good angel to care for me because I was taken to the right place with all the right people and things," Scott stated.

The things that he was referring to were the access to television and the great, southern-style food that the medical unit served.

"There's nothing quite like 'Bonanza' re-runs in Arabic, and fried chicken made by a cook from Arkansas, especially when you've been eating military rations that have sand in them," he said.

His wounds were treated daily and he began extensive therapy sessions. His broken back quickly became a thing of the past. The break had occurred in a small bone in the spinal column that can either heal up or can leave a person paralyzed for life.

He was healed.

He was told he could go back to his family in Germany. The five-day war over Kuwait was technically over for the Americans, but the active troops were still in their positions in the desert. Because of this, Scott chose to stay and take up his position with his unit.

He snuck out of the hospital and hitchhiked out on the desert road. He was picked up by a supply truck that knew exactly where his unit was and the driver agreed to take him to them. He rode in the back of the truck for a painful 24 hours to get to the unit.

This was the third week in April. His unit was surprised to see him, but quickly put him back to work. Then came the cease fire agreement and the "war" was officially over for the Americans.

Then came the hardest part of the battle for the American soldiers. Scott's unit was in position about 5 miles from the Euphrates River. He and his fellow soldiers had to sit by and watch innocent refugees being shot as they moved out of the area. They could do nothing because of the cease fire agreement. The order then came that the troops had 72 hours to get out of Kuwait. One hundred thousand soldiers, tanks and desert vehicles had to be moved back into Saudi Arabia.

"It was like the cattle drives described in the Lonesome Dove series of books," recalled Scott. "The caravan of troops and trucks went on for miles all at a very slow pace."

The pace of Operation Desert Storm as a whole was incredibly fast. The actual war lasted only five days, but the positioning and standoffs lasted for about five months. The situation that the soldiers were involved in forever changed many of their lives because of the confrontation.

Scott's life and his family's life were forever changed as a result of his injury and what it made him see for his life. They left Germany and made it back into school at just the right time so that they could quickly complete their degrees. Their journey would bring them back home to Farwell and Sgt. Scott traded in his stripes for the title of "Coach Scott."

The sidetrip through the military and the desert made him understand that teamwork means everything and that it is the choices that you make that guide you through life.

"...and if you choose the Lord and will remember Him in each of your choices, your life will be guided with grace and many blessings."



Farwell 8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade girls team consists of, back row from left: coach Bryan Goldsmith, Lacey Meeks, Jessica Chandler, McKinzi Gabriel; middle row, D'Anna DeLeon, Brandi Bailey, Cassie Street, Leesa Patterson; front row, Chrystal Wolven, Anna Quezada, Tara Cargile and Angela Billingsley.

Area cotton crop comes on strong

The regional cotton crop yields that were looking to be lower than last year have been boosted past last year's totals and have area farmers grinning all the way to the gin.

A late season due to inclement weather early on had delayed some ginning.

The Farwell Gin had baled 14,283 bales as of Dec. 22 and was still ginning. They currently have about 210 more modules left to gin before the end of their season. All the cotton was off the stalk from the farmers that this gin services. The grades and color of the Farwell area cotton has been very good and some of the farmers have experienced yields that have been better than expected.

The North Lazbuddie Co-op Gin had baled 13,350 bales as of Dec. 22. They currently have about 150 acres left to pull. They've been ginning about 20 to 25 modules a day.

The Muleshoe Co-op Gin has currently baled 29,600 bales. They've baled 10,000 bales since the first of the month, and they're still ginning. They're looking at one of the best yield totals in many years. In 1996, they baled 27,000 bales.

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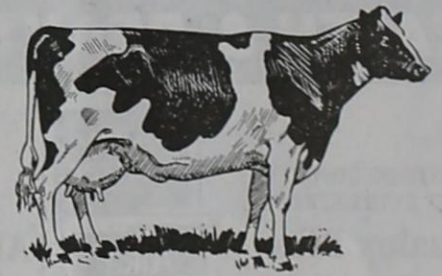
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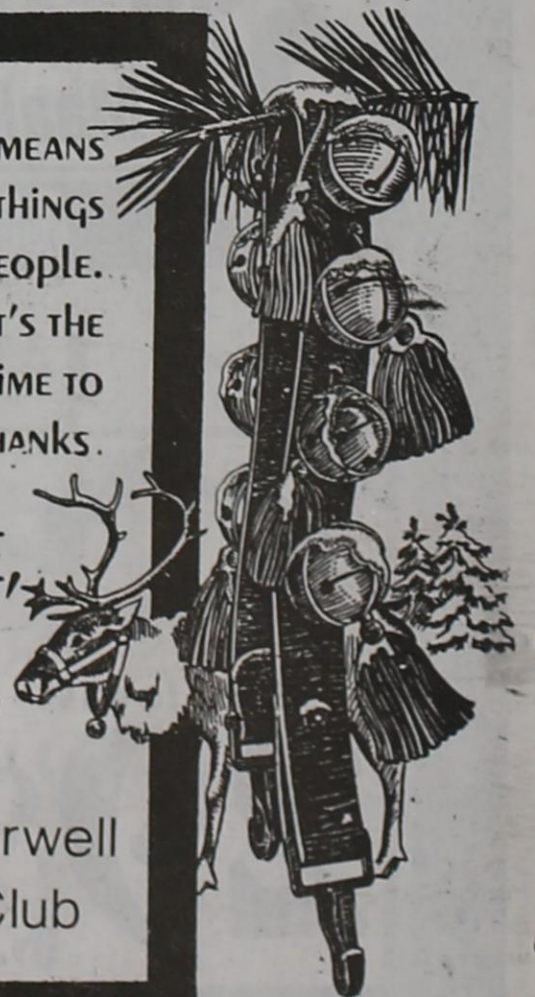
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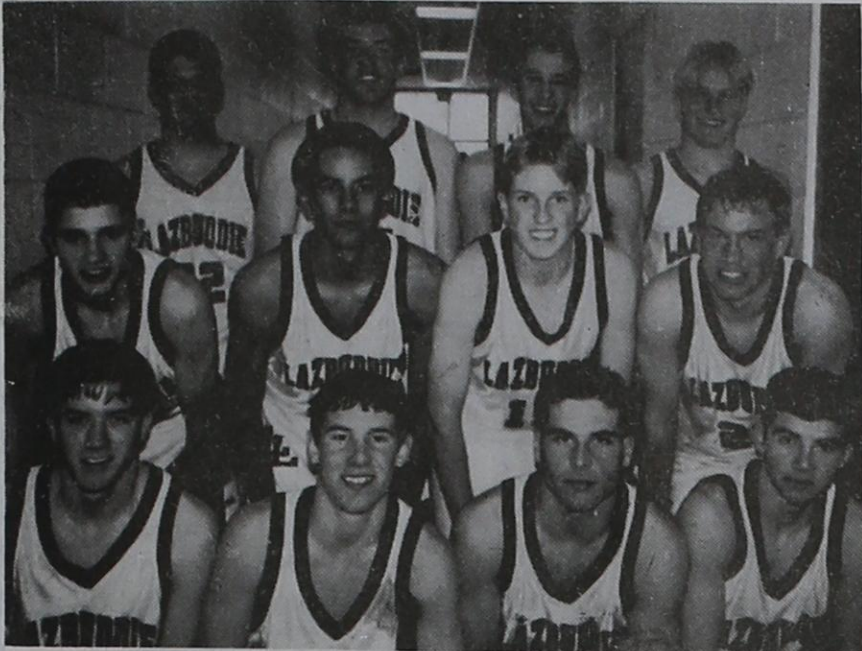


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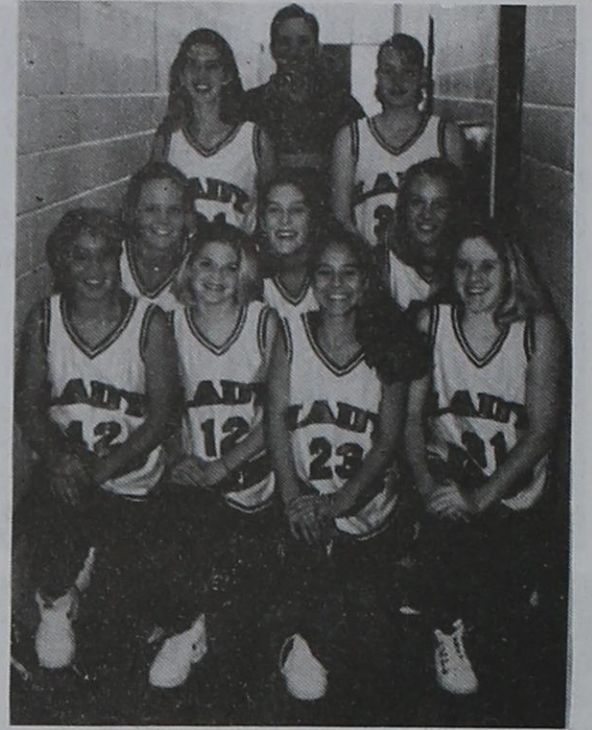
Texico-Farwell Rotary Club





Lazbuddie varsity boys

The 1997 Lazbuddie Longhorns varsity basketball team consists of, back row from left, Chris Smith, Jason Thomas, Adam St. Clair; middle row, Josh Morris, Robert Nail, Don Burch, Seth Black; front row, Dustin Weir, Brandon Foster, Brice Foster, and Deon Gallman. The team is coached by Phil Warren.



Lazbuddie varsity girls

The 1997 Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns varsity basketball team consists of, back row from left, Scottie Brown, Laura Via, coach Carey Sudduth; middle row, Holly Engelking, Roxann Warren, Kia Morris; front row, Maria DeLeon, Staci Foster, Rachel Rodriguez and Leah Turner.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams:

On Dec. 19, Terry Wilcox, 38, Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of misapplication of fiduciary property. This deals with tax payments involving vehicle buyers at Friona Motors. The case is pending before the grand jury. District Attorney Johnny Actkinson said more charges may be filed in this case.

On Dec. 19, Antonio Zapata Jr., 36, Carlsbad, N.M., was arrested by the Texas Highway Department on a charge of possession of marijuana. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 18, Ramiro Chavez, 49, Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of criminal mischief. The case is pending in county court.

In 287th District Court on Dec. 18, with Judge Jack Young presiding;

-- Kelly Bonds, 26, of Abilene, Texas, charged with theft, was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$166.50 court costs; \$500 fine; \$350 attorney fee; \$2,750 restitution, and 80 hours of community service.

-- Efen Estrada, 27, of Clovis, charged with theft (reduced from a charge of theft of livestock), was sentenced to 1 year in the Parmer County Jail, probated for 1 year; \$166.50 court costs; \$500 fine, and 80 hours of community service.

Lazbuddie announces Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been named at Lazbuddie junior high and high schools.

Named at the high school were Jill Hodges and Seth Black. Jill, 17, is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Hoges. She enjoys reading and her favorite book is "Jane Eyre", playing golf, the yearbook, her mom's tacos and drinking Dr Pepper while watching "Days Of Our Lives" on TV, the musical group Sister Hazel and "All For You" and the colors purple and maroon.

Seth, 16, is the son of Ricky and Sarah Black. He likes Mountain Dew and Mexican food and Sour Punch Straws, roping, snowskiing, waterskiing, all school sports, industrial arts, the color blue, the musical group Coal Chamber, "Song No. 2" by Blur, the TV show ER, the book "Breakfast of Champions" and the movie "The Ghost and the Darkness."

Kayla, 14, is the daughter of Kyle and Kim Kimbrough. She likes the color blue, school athletics, cheerleading, the movie "Phenomenon", the TV show ER, being with friends, the band "Bush", the song "Tubthumping.", Chinese food and Dr Pepper, and the book "Remember Me."

Tobin, 12, is the son of Bobby and Debra Redwine. He likes Dr Pepper and marshmallows, the book "The Hobbit", the Lazbuddie Junior High Band, Bon Jovie, the song "Bad Medicine", the movie Braveheart, the TV show Brothery Love, the color green, computer classes, video games.

Bennett to perform in Hawaii

Ramsey Bennett, a Farwell High senior, has been picked as one of 600 performers to entertain during the halftime show of the Jeep Aloha Bowl at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 25 in Hawaii.

The NSG Performance Team consists of junior high and high school All-American cheerleaders, dancers and auxiliary members from throughout the U.S.

Texico-inservice workshops held

Texico teachers had an in-service workday last Friday. Jeff Queener and Dr. R.L. Richards spoke on bus driver training.

Jack Bruce spoke on pre-paid legal services. And Penny Soboleski discussed "The Classroom of the Heart."



Tobin Redwine, Kayla Kimbrough, Seth Black and Jill Hodges.

'I want a hamburger and a baby'

Dear Santa, I was a good girl. I would like a baby doll that wets and the movie "George of the Jungle."

Stormy

Dear Santa Claus, I want a hamburger and a sit-n-stroll baby.

Adreanna Blakes

Dear Santa, Please bring me a choo-choo train and a green Power Ranger, a reindeer toy and a dinosaur.

What is happening at the North Pole? How is the weather?

I am putting up a Christmas Tree and I am doing my best at school.

Raul Pereda

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Rudolph? We have been good girls this year. Would you please bring my sister Shelby a Rugrats playset, Talking Tammy doll and an Elmo chair. My sister Krysta wants some hair bands - the colors of these are green, purple, black and orange. I want a tie dye doodle bear, a fingernail fun salon and beanie babies with accessories.

Krysta, Skyla and Shelby (P.S. we will leave you milk and cookies!)

Dear Santa, I want a teddy bear and a baby that crawls. I wish that my family will have a good Christmas.

Cassie

Dear Santa, May I have a horse set, a trampoline, a carry-on luggage and a water bed.

Shannen

Dear Santa, Please bring me two Gigapets and the Barbie with the dog. I wish for my mom to get better.

Leticia Mendoza

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control car and a Batman movie. I wish for Angel to move back here.

Richie

Dear Santa, I love you. Would you please bring me a basketball hoop set? I will have your cookies waiting for you and I won't eat them up. Thank you, Santa.

Kamren Millsap



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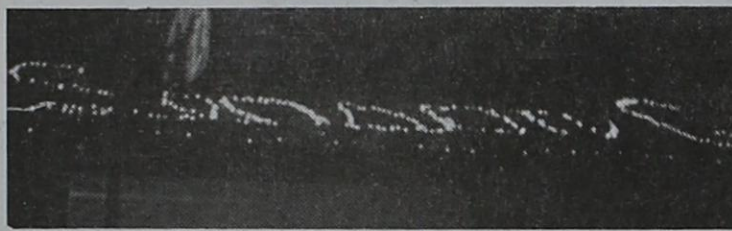
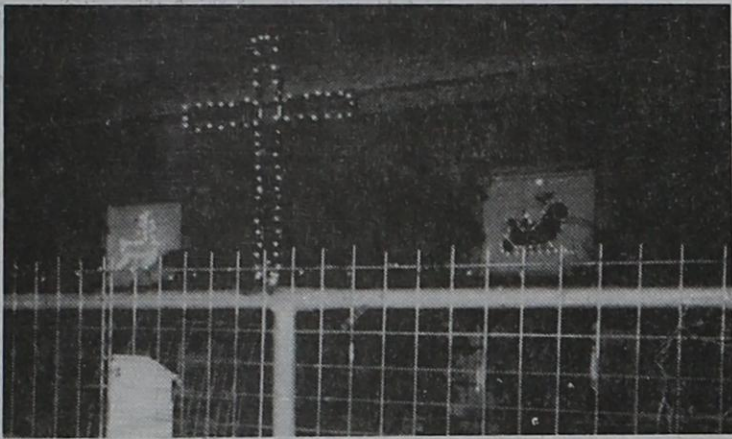
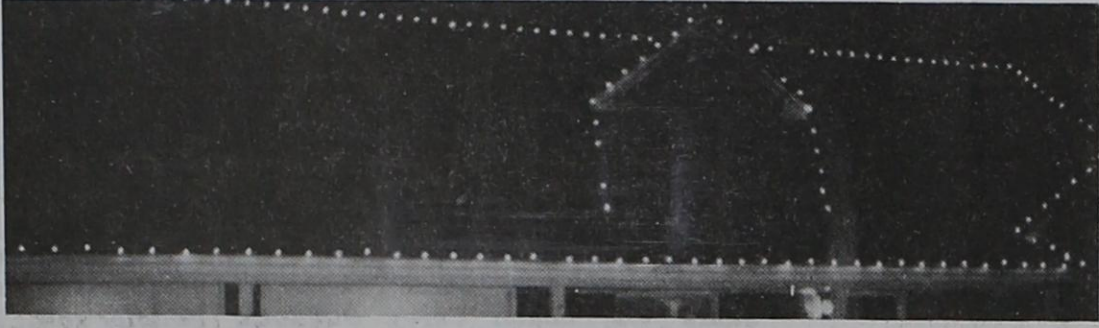
Joy to The World



Holiday lights

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Fire dept. budgets approved

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday reviewed the 1997 volunteer fire department reports.

The four departments (Rhea Fire Department gets a flat fee each year) receive county funds based on the number of fire calls allowed by the commissioners for budgeting payments.

The calls calculated were: Farwell, 10; Bovina, 9; Friona, 37, and Lazbuddie, 26. In other business, the commissioners re-hired Kirkland, Kirkland & Co. CPA, of Farwell, to handle the 1997 audit.

BFI Waste Management informed the commissioners of a rate increase, effective Jan. 1.

This concerns the two county pickup points. The one near Friona will go up \$10 per haul, and the one in the Lazbuddie area will go up \$13 a haul.

The commissioners also considered the status of the Parmer County Veteran Serv-

ice officer.

The commissioners had deleted funds in the budget for Kenneth Neill in this post.

But the commissioners have reinstated the \$1,800 annual fee for the post.

The Latest

*** The Tribune received a letter from a couple of Roswell, N.M., folks that noted:

"The youth director at our church, Daniel Hutchins, is from Farwell. He is a very enthusiastic and talented young man and seems to be doing an excellent job with the young people."

*** Parmer County Republican Chairman Teena Hughs reports no filings within the past seven days.

*** Farwell's garbage collection day is moving from Monday to Thursday.

But because the next two Thursdays are holidays, pickups will be made Friday.

Lazbuddie's Steve Foster reported that he and his wife, Paulette, had a super time using the Dallas Cowboys ticket package that he won in the Tribune's annual football contest.

He won the tickets to last Sunday's game at Texas Stadium against the New York Giants.

He said they took a plane from Lubbock, and it rained a lot, but all went well -- except for the Cowboys losing!

*** Rumor of the Week: Was that Santa Claus flying into town last week with presents for the kids?

We're sure the jolly man in the red suit was really Santa, but he did appear to look a bit like Jerry Monk.

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Farwell Varsity Boys

The 1997 Farwell Steers varsity basketball team consists of, back row from left, coach Gary Cates, Ryan Roberts, Mark Lunsford, Clint Corn; middle row, Kelsey Monk, Matt Taylor, Brett Curtis; front row, Ronnie Garcia, Spencer Ketcherside, Tyler Chadwick and Demesio Mendoza.

Lady Blue knock out Elida

Varsity Girls
The Farwell Lady Blue punched out Elida, 57-31, Friday.
Farwell is now 12-2 going into the holiday break.
Scoring were Britney Hunt and Valerie Mace, 2 each; Ashley Crawford, 14; Megan Miller, 7; Chelsi Woods and Chelsi Kaltwasser, 6 each; Shiloh Roberts, 12, and Veronica Mace, 8.

Varsity Boys
The Farwell Steers lost to Elida, 65-60, Friday. Farwell is now 7-7 on the year.
Scoring were Matt Taylor,

5; Spencer Ketcherside, Tyler Chadwick and Ronnie Garcia, 2 each; Mark Lunsford, 7; Ryan Roberts, 14; Jason Miller, 4; and Clint Corn and Brett Curtis, 12 each.

JV Girls
Farwell's JV Girls beat Elida, 47-26, last Friday.

Scoring were Kacey Gast and Cristie Tabb, 4 each; Nicole Stout, 9; Marni Lunsford, 14; Kinzi Woods, 5; Jessica Lusk, 3; Pam Schjang, 2, and Lisa Herington, 6.

JV Boys
Farwell's JV Boys kayoed Elida Friday, 77-39.



The heavy sleet and snow that fell last weekend caused a lot of droopy trees in the area. More than one Texico-Farwell resident reported broken branches.

Brice Redwine named an All-Star selection

The All-Regional Football Team for Region 1, including Lazbuddie, has been announced. Longhorns earning honors were:

- 1st team offense -- Chris Smith, offensive end; Jason Thomas, center; Josh Morris, quarterback.
- 1st team defense -- Blaz Martinez, lineman.
- 2nd team defense -- Brice Redwine, lineman.

Longhorns listed on the District 2-A Six-Man All-District team were:

- All-Star selection-- Brice Redwine, running back.
- 1st team offense -- Josh Morris, quarterback; Adam St. Clair, running back; Jason Thomas, center; Chris Smith, wide receiver; Jason Thomas, kicker.
- 2nd team offense -- Deon Gallman, wide receiver.
- 1st team defense -- Brice Redwine and Blaz Martinez, linemen; Dustin Weir, cornerback.
- Honorable mention -- Cameron Turner, safety.

Kimbrough takes 5th place in FFA creed speaking

Farwell FFA youths participated in a leadership contest in Lubbock on Nov. 23. Kolby Kimbrough took 5th in creed speaking.

Brant Hager placed 4th in the quiz contest. The contest was for the Littlefield District, and involved Muleshoe, Friona, Lazbuddie and Littlefield among others.

'I'm dreaming of a white...'

The Twin Cities met up with Ol' Man Winter over the weekend.

Fred Chandler, the manager of the Sherley-Anderson-Pitman grain elevator in Farwell, reported that 2/10th of an inch of rain fell, followed by six inches of snow Friday night.

This equates with about one-half inch of moisture.

Steve Foster, of Foster Fertilizer in Lazbuddie, said about 3 inches of snow fell there, preceded by about three quarters of an inch of rain.

A warm-up on Sunday afternoon caused much of the snow to melt.



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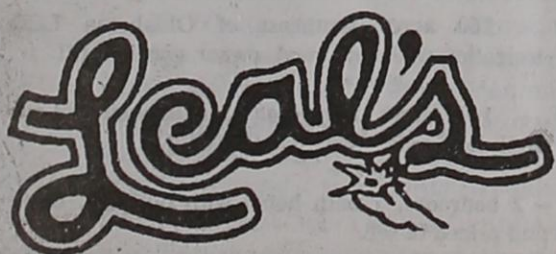
2nd Prize

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3rd Prize

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Wolverines crush Santa Rosa

Varsity Boys
Texico's game against Grady Saturday night was cancelled due to the ice and snow. Coaches will try to reschedule it.

The Wolverines crushed Santa Rosa, 77-41.

Scoring were Mel Askew, 5; Tobie Askew, 15; Brandon Autrey, 9; Pecos Chumley, 3; Ronnie Clark and Jake Boazman, 6 each; Matt Holguin, 10; Seth Ketterling, Dominic Gutierrez and Phil Peabody, 4 each; Adam Soboleski, 9, and Eric Stanley, 2.

Mel Askew led with 4 steals. Boazman had 6 rebounds.

Varsity Girls
Texico's game against Grady was cancelled Saturday

night due to the weather. Coaches will try to reschedule it.

The Lady Wolverines beat Santa Rosa, 61-45, Dec. 18.

Scoring were Stacy Stewart, 14; Marcia Brigham, 8; Callie Rucker, 3; Kristen Roberts, 16; Shayna Lewis and Stephni Chancy, 2 each; and Marcia Marlow, 16.

Stewart had 4 assists. Roberts had 3 steals. Marlow and Roberts dominated the boards, as Roberts got 16 rebounds and Marlow 17.

The Lady Wolverines lost to Tatum, 49-43, on Dec. 16.

Scoring were Stewart, 9; Roberts and Krysta Morris, 6 each; Lewis, 9, and Marlow, 8.

Marlow had 10 rebounds. Lewis had 2 steals.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were recorded in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

Jose Acosta - Robert Tapia, lot 1, Eastview Add., Bovina.

Sylvia Roth - Phillip White, west 60 feet of lot 6, Blk. 19, Friona.

Paula Wilson -- John Wilson, W. 55 ft. of lot 18, and E 25 ft. of lot 19, Blk. 6, Staley No. 3, Friona.

Tommy DeLeon - John Agee, E 1/2 of Sec. 103 and 50.91 acres of Sec. 104, Blk. H, Kelly Sub.

Al Jennings - Virginia Jennings, 20 acres of NE 1.4, Sec. 36, Doud and Keefer.

Longhorns beat Hart

Varsity Girls
The Lady Longhorns lost to Hart last Friday, 69-58, in an away game.

Lazbuddie fell behind by 16 points at the half, before staging a comeback in the final quarter that fell short.

Top scorers were Roxann Warren, 20; Holly Engelking, 10, and Rachel Rodriguez, 11. Lazbuddie is now 11-3.

Varsity Boys
The Longhorns defeated Hart last Friday, 64-54.

Leading scorers were Chris Smith, 18; Jason Thomas, 16, and Josh Morris, 11.

Lazbuddie is now 5-1 on the year.

Texico filing date nears

The filing day for candidates for Texico city offices will be Jan. 6.

Persons wishing to file for the mayoral post and three city council positions must do so on that day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Texico City Hall.

Nathan Tharp has announced he isn't seeking reelection as mayor.

Also on the ballot are the city council posts currently held by Oran Jay Autrey, Dean Henninger and Eddie Dunsworth.

Rucker had 6 assists. Reyes had 10 steals and Rucker had 7. Drager led with 7 rebounds.

JV Boys
Texico's JV Boys knocked off Santa Rosa, 72-34.

Scoring were Shay Norvell, Ross Burford, Eric Smith and Josh Boazman, 6 each; Phil Peabody, 4; Kyle Cain, 10; Michael Marlow, 7; Brad Graham, Tim Peabody, Jerred Cogdill, and Adam Soboleski, 2 each; and Jake Boazman, 19.

Early deadline

Since New Year's Day falls on a Thursday, the Tribune needs to have an early deadline in order to deliver our newspapers on time.

The deadline for next week's issue will be at noon Tuesday.

Upcoming Sports

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Farwell JV and varsity boys play at Friona.
Lazbuddie JV and Varsity boys and girls host Silverton at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 1
Farwell Varsity girls begin play in the Clarendon Varsity Tournament. Tournament goes through Jan. 3

Farwell Varsity boys begin play in the Grady Varsity Tournament. Tournament goes through Jan. 3.

Friday, Jan. 2
Lazbuddie Varsity boys and girls begin play in the Sundown Tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 3
Texico JV and Varsity boys and girls play at Floyd at 4 p.m. mst.

Monday, Jan. 5
Farwell Jr. High 7th & 8th grade boys and girls play at Vega at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
Farwell JV and Varsity boys and girls play at Kress at 4 p.m.

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We hope the recipients enjoy the newspaper and that they have a very Merry Christmas!

We would also like to thank the fine folks that gave these subscriptions. We appreciate their business and for their thinking of the newspaper as a gift idea!

- Jerry Bradley -- from Mary Bradley
- Rob Bradley -- from Mary Bradley
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- Ernestene Feagan -- from Barbara Trimble
- Sharon Armendariz -- from Jack Williams
- J.M. White -- from Doyle Johnson
- Betty Johnson -- from Betty Embry
- Jane Morris -- from Teresa Mesman
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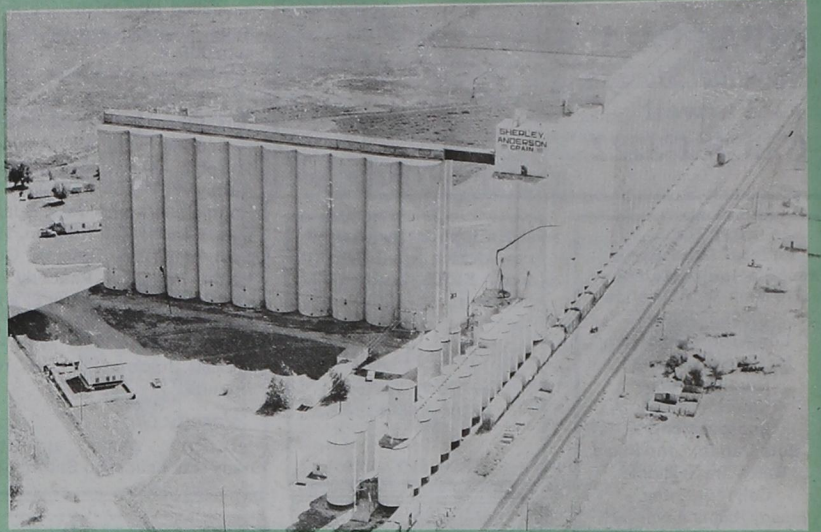
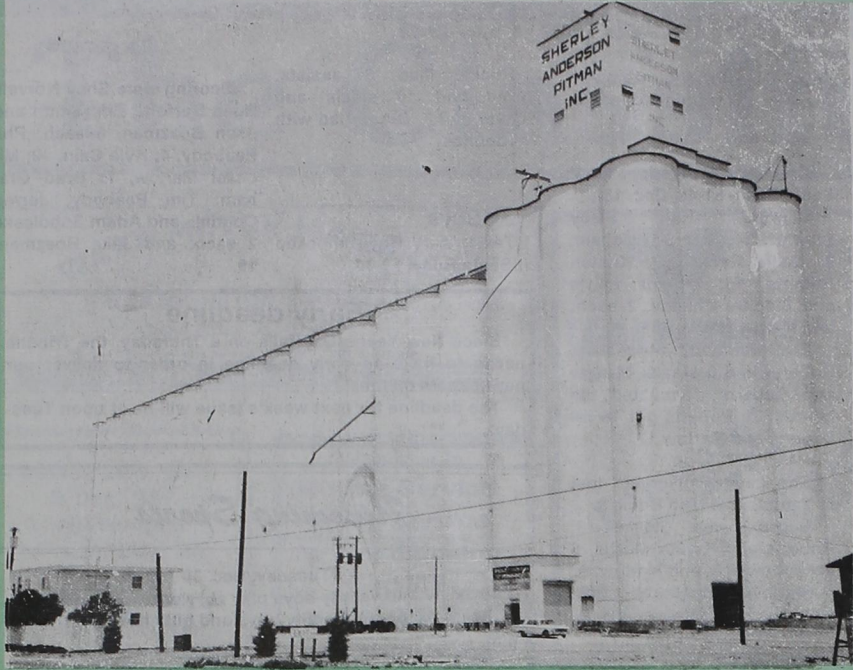
It's a great time of the year! Parties, family get-togethers, shopping... Just be sure that your holidays stay joyous. Remember to appoint a non-drinking designated driver if you plan to indulge in the egg nog or mulled wine. Keep your family safe...and be sure Christmas is always a happy memory.

Happy Holidays from the Staff of

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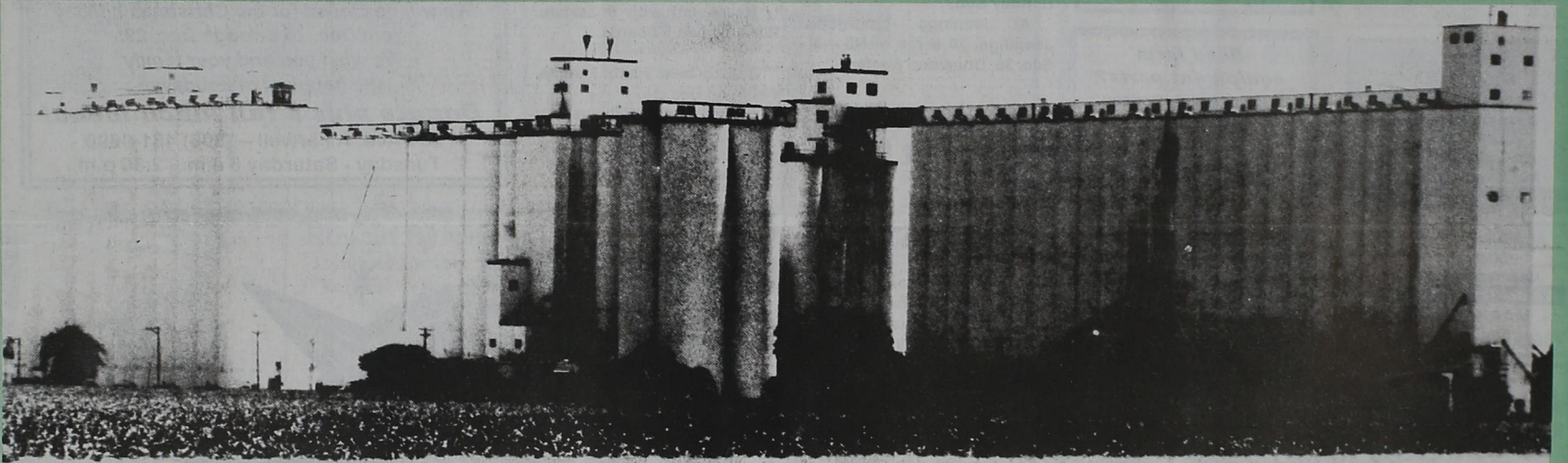
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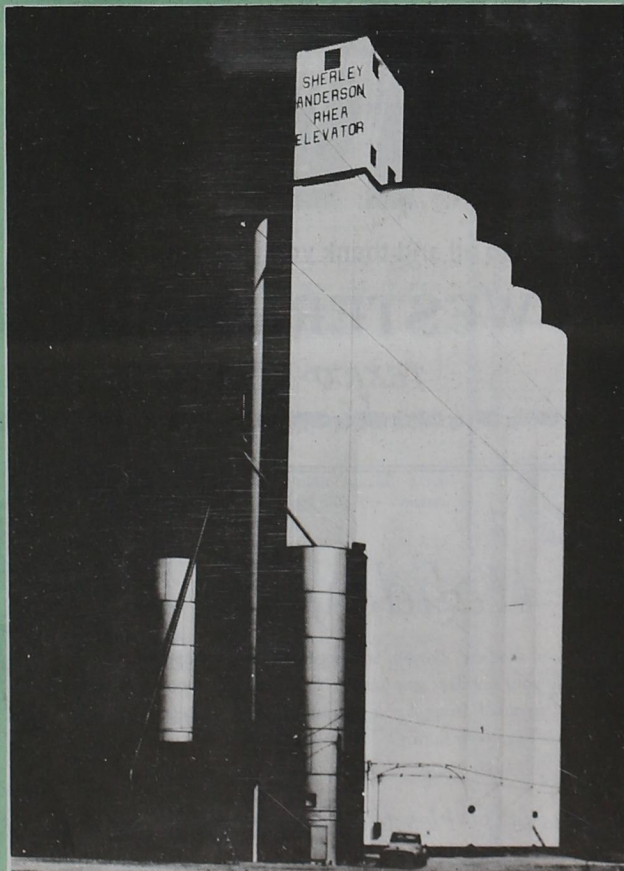
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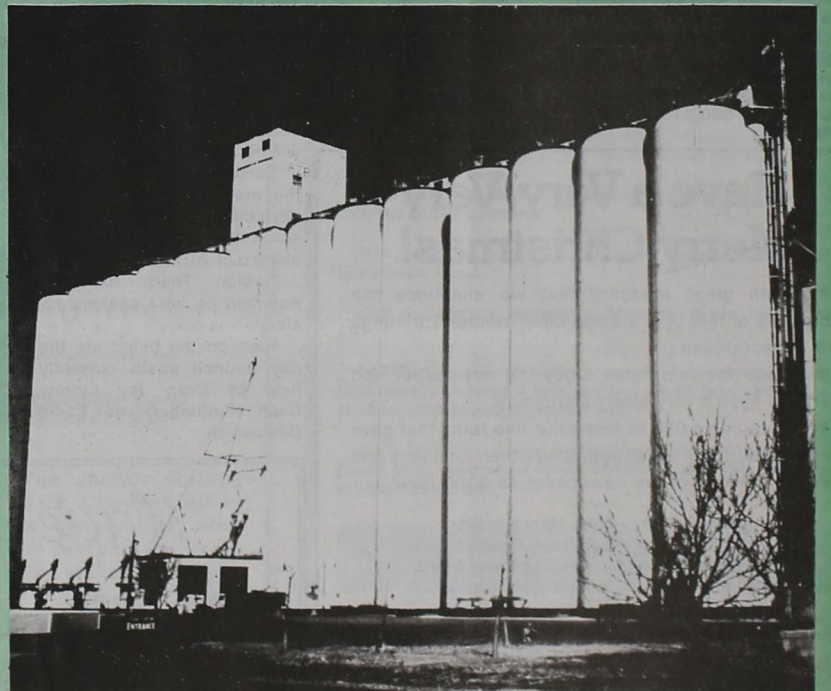
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The facts of life in another part of the world

(Editor's note: U.S. Navy Commander Will Anderson, a Farwell High graduate, is the son of Bob and Carrie Anderson. Periodically, over the years, he has sent articles about his postings as features for the Tribune. Currently, he is stationed in Guam.)

By Will Anderson

Approximately 1,000 miles southeast of Guam, in the far eastern end of the Caroline Islands, is the island group of Pohnpei.

This is the capital of the Federated States of Micronesia (FMS), which is a combination of the island groups of Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk, and Palau. It is also the location of the headquarters of a German organization called Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA), to which I traveled the first week of July as a volunteer laborer in the construction of a new classroom in the PMA youth center there.

The schoolroom was completed in several days of hammering, sawing, sweating, and shouting back and fourth in five or six different languages from the South Pacific and around the world. (I can only speak for the English I heard, but the expressions of pain and rage when hammer hits thumb or saw tears flesh seems to be much more subdued when you're working with missionaries). But that was not the main story of my visit there.

Pohnpei is home to a large number of missionary organizations, and they all confront the same challenges that PMA faces every day of the year. Part of these problems stem from the demanding environment, part of it from the native culture, and a large part of it from rank corruption and indifference.

The Caroline Islands cover a huge area of the South Pacific, and the islands vary in size and population. Some are huge volcanic formations easily the size of Parmer County or greater, thrust up out of the sea and covered with lush vegetation and springs of fresh water. Others are low-lying atolls covered with palm trees, with a maximum elevation above the ocean's waves of 10 to 12 feet.

Storms that hit these islands can carry every inhabitant off their precarious strip of sand, leaving an island devoid of human life in one night, unknown to anyone else in the world until whatever time thereafter that a boat might pass by. When there are seasons in which food supplies are disrupted or fresh water springs stop flowing or disease comes to a village, it could be days and days of sailing and paddling to the nearest island for assistance.

The Japanese learned in World War II how deadly these beautiful little isolated islands could be when the American advance across the Pacific skipped over almost all of them. U.S. Navy ships landed Marines and soldiers across reefs and beaches and into massive enemy fire only when that particular island had a harbor or an airfield that was essential to seize.

The islands which Admiral Nimitz's forces "leaf-frogged" were left completely out of the rest of the war, leaving thousands of Japanese soldiers isolated with no supplies coming by plane or ship ever again. Pohnpei was blasted by warplanes and by naval gunfire, but no invasion force ever landed here. The Japanese who survived the bombardment returned to Japan, but they were fortunate to be on an island like Pohnpei. After Japan's surrender, some islands were found, such as Woleai, with no one left but thousands of Japanese corpses, the victims of starvation or disease or by the cannibalism which these conditions forced upon the garrison.

Today, the larger islands receive supply ships a few times a year and have electrical generators and landing strips, but the smaller islands live almost precisely as their ancestors lived hundreds of years ago, depending on subsistence fishing, hunting of wild pig or birds, gathering of fruit in the jungle, and trade or warfare with neighboring islands.

There has always been cross-ocean links between the islands as these people sought trade or made war on other islands to seize food and women and children. Despite these centuries of contact (or perhaps because of them) there is not one language common to all of these islands, there can be differences so great as to preclude communication between islands that are only a few days' voyage apart.

The ancient ways of life, based upon the rule of the dominant family on each island and the violence and incest which this type of dominance produces, has always made life these lovely islands precarious. This coupled with the lack of affection between the island groups, would make the FSM a very difficult state to govern even if it had honesty and dedication to the good of the people at its heart. The government of FSM does not have either one.

The government of the FSM receives millions of dollars every year from the USA as "development aid" which is intended to construct roads, schools, clinics, and any other facility which will improve the quality of life for these islanders. However, that does not happen. The ruling families divide up this bounty between themselves, while the roads, schools, clinics, and other facilities are never built and the common islanders are left with nothing except their old ways, and whatever aid can be provided to them by PMA and the other missionary organizations.

While I was on Pohnpei, one of the island's sailors was swept over the side of the vessel on which he works by high seas at night, and the call went out for assistance to comb the stormy waters to save his life.

The FSM does not finance an effective coast guard or system of at-sea rescue of its own, which would seem to be the primary mission of the government of these far-flung islands in the South Pacific. Instead, the government called up the missionary organizations which have their own vessels to conduct the search, but the vessels could not the harbor because it was low tide and the FSM does not dredge the channel into its own capital, Kolonia. The search was forced to delay until the next day, and the young sailor was never seen again.

All of the missionaries that I met place the blame squarely on the shoulders of the small Embassy of the United States located in the center of Kolonia. The millions of dollars which come to the FSM from the pockets of American taxpayers are being used wrongfully and shamelessly to fill the pockets of the ruling families, but no report is filed back to Washington D.C. and no action is taken to correct this.

Many of the volunteers who come to these islands through the Peace Corps program which the U.S. Embassy sponsors seem to do little more than to enjoy the superior scuba diving in these islands. That is an improvement over some of the Peace Corps volunteers I knew in Pakistan who seemingly came there only to

get access to cheap drugs, and in fact, the drug problems which is so severe among the young islanders today did not exist at all until it was introduced here by Peace Corps volunteers.

Nature has given these islanders a home of dazzling beauty, shackled in a strange way with the sudden death that always finds the careless. The society which arose here over the centuries gave them a rigid system of caste and warfare.

The Spanish and the German and the Japanese administration of these islands brought the building of churches and gun emplacements, and brought the importation of alcohol which has wreaked such havoc on a people unaccustomed to its effects. And now the chief influence of the USA seems to be the importation of drugs and the enrichment of the dominant families in whose interest it is to keep the current situation unchanged in any way.

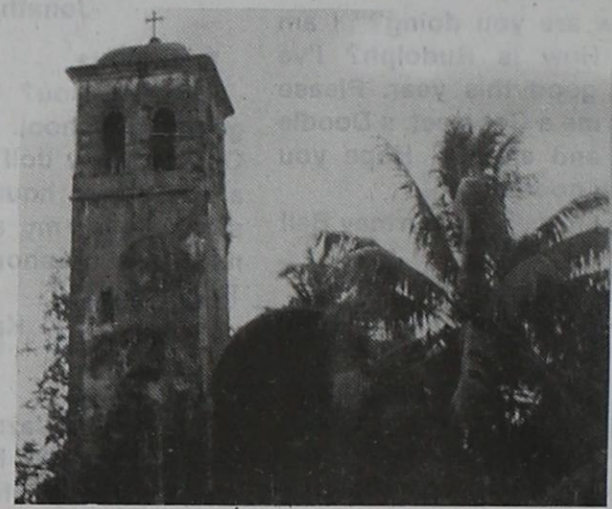
The agreement under which millions of U.S. taxpayers dollars for "development aid" are provided will expire in five years, and the FSM government will of course request that it be renewed and extended for another period of payments. And whether or not that happens, there will remain people from all over the world who refuse to become cynical or to surrender. The missionary groups in these islands, like PMA, will continue their daily struggle against all odds to bring medicine and education, a better way of life, and the promise of a life eternal to these isolated people.



The Japanese brought slave labor from the island of Yap to construct the intricate and solid stonework of their fortifications and magazines here.



A view from the Japanese positions looking out over the harbor and the airfield.



The bell tower of the church built by the Germans when they colonized these islands after the departure of the Spanish.



The Pacific Missionary Aviation post where the enlarged classroom was built.



One of the Polynesian villages built up on Pohnpei after their home island was so severely ravaged by a tropical storm that it will be years before these people can return to live there again.



The church built by the Japanese for the people of Pohnpei.



"It is good that it rained so hard today, no one could see the Marines crying in the ranks."
CWO2 M.H. LeTourneau, USMC Adjutant
Site of the original Marine Barracks, Sumay Guam
10 July 1997

After 99 years, Marines leave Guam

The last remaining unit of the United States Marine Corps departed the island of Guam in a ceremony on July 10. Company C, Marine Support Battalion, retired its colors on the site of the original Marine Barracks, and at that moment, the 99 years of close association between the Corps and the island of Guam ended completely and forever.

This association had its birth half a world away from this tropical island on Feb. 15 1898 when the American warship, USS MAINE, had her back broken by a mysterious explosion and she rapidly sank at her anchorage in Havana, Cuba. This was the start of the Spanish-American War, and on June 20, 1898, four U.S. Navy warships steamed over the horizon with clear orders to execute -- the capture of the South Pacific island named Guam which had remained a Spanish possession and colony since Spain first landed priests and settlers in 1568.

The main force of United States Marines and their equipment were carried by the transports CITY OF PEKING, CITY OF SYDNEY, and AUSTRALIA, and the cruiser CHARLESTON steamed defiantly into Apra Harbor and opened fire at the ancient Spanish fortress which overlooked that anchorage. It was later dis-

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1944 ceremony



1997 ceremony

'Santa, please bring me a swimming pool'

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I want a baby doll to play with. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a guitar and roller blades for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing?
Markita Askew

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Please bring me a remote control car to play with. I will leave you cookies and milk. I work hard at school. Please bring my brothers some toys. I love you dear Santa.
Mario Posada

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are your reindeer? Santa will you bring me a bike and skates? Please bring my sister a Barbie. Bring my brother an ABC Computer.
Cassandra Delgado

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? Mom is making kookes for you. Santa please bring me crayons and three Barbie dolls. My little brother wants a truck. I love you Santa.
Diana Chavira

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?" I am fine. How is Rudolph? I've been good this year. Please bring me a Gega pet, a Doodle Bear and clothes. Hope you have a good day!
Courtney Bell

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. How is Rudolph? I've been good this year. Please bring me a computer, a Gega pet, a Doodle Bear and clothes. Hope you have a good day.
Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a good Christmas at my Nanu's house. I hope your reindeer are happy. Please bring me a TV for Christmas and a computer and some clothes. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Have a good Christmas.
Caiden Thomas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I want a Doodle Bear and I want a doll that skates and a Gega pet and I want one more thing, please bring me a swimming pool. I will leave some milk and some cookies for you. My brother would like some tools. Have a Merry Christmas.
Delilah Robbs

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I want a baby doll and a stroller for Christmas. My mom is making cookies for you! Please be careful on the sleigh. Niki has been good too. Please bring Niki a baby doll too.

Tabitha Wallin

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a bike. I like you Santa. How is your reindeer? I want roller skates. Thank you for all the Christmas presents. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Kevin Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy but my brother hasn't. Please bring me a new knife and a skateboard with a skelton head on the bottom with the swords across his head to be an X. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I love you Santa.
Chance Bussey

Dear Santa,
I want a wagon for Christmas. How are you doing Santa? Please bring me a new bike. I have been a very good boy. How have the reindeer been doing? Have a safe trip.
Luis Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control 4 wheeler. Please bring my brother two boxes of cars. How is Rudolph? How are you and Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas.
Jonathon Montano

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing good in school. I want an Oppsie Daisy doll a Giga pet, and a Barbie house. I want a stocking for my mom and a new pair of shoes for dad. Thank you.
Kambrie Reid

Dear Santa,
My name is Jazmine. I have been a good girl. Please bring me some clips for my hair, some earrings and a new shirt. I want a ring for my mom, earrings for my sister and a stocking for my dad. Merry Christmas Santa!
Jazmine Ortiz

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I need a new bike, a gold necklace, and a bracelet. I also want a Rock & Roll Santa for mom and dad. For my



sisters a new hair clip and for my brother, Levis, I want him to have new pants. Merry Christmas.
Victoria Richards

Dear Santa,
I would like a Doodle bear, a Barney puzzle, a Rock & Roll Santa, a Dalmation and some new shoes. New pants and a bracelet for my mom. For my dad a watch and a wallet. My brother a new pencil.
Monique Pena

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody. I have a hard time getting my work done because I like to play. I promise to do better. Please bring me a remote control truck, a remote control car and some presents for dad and mom. Please bring all this stuff by Christmas.
Cody Cash

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new Giga pet, a my size car and a Rockin Roll Santa like the one Mrs. Borden has. My mom needs new shoes and a dress. My brother wants a new motorcycle because the one he got for Christmas last year is broke. I love you.
Jessica Price

Dear Santa,
I want soccer poppers, cars, a puppy and a car monster truck. My mom wants a dress and my dad wants more shoes. He also needs some cards. Merry Christmas.
Zayne Meeks

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I want a back breaking car like the one on TV, the walking puppy and a shot gun. (a real shot gun). Bring my dad a

rockin roll Santa toy, and my mom wants five new dresses. I also want a set of cars that glow in the dark and a gun like my brothers.
Rhett Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Erin and I am 5 years old. I just got a new baby brother, and I am very happy. Please bring me the Bubble Barbie, and the doll that does flips. Take care, I love you.
Erin Hagler

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua Bruton and I am 6 years old. Please bring me a helicopter, a motorcycle, and an airplane. Bring my mom some flowers and my dad a book to read. Be careful.
Joshua Bruton

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett and I am 6 years old. I go to Texico School. I have been doing good when my mom goes shopping. I am also doing very good in school. Please bring me a ping ball shooter, a computer, a Nintendo 64. Are your elves making anything? My dad told me that two of your elves had quit and one day I saw some people taking toys out of the malls toy store and I knew they were bringing them to you for all the good boys and girls. Have a good Christmas, and have fun delivering all the toys.
Garrett Garrison

Dear Santa,
My mommy is writing this for me, because I can't read or write or even talk yet. I just turned 5 months old and I've been very good for as long as I can remember. Santa, I'm cutting my first tooth so I want one of those squeshy teething rings and some new

dresses. I don't want any hats or shoes, because I won't wear them. My mommy and daddy have been reading stories about you and your reindeer. I hope I can meet them. I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the coffee table. Sorry we don't have a mantle to put them on because we don't have a fireplace.
P.S. my daddy wants a new bowling ball.
Taylor Romans

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I'm good most of the time. Please give me a Tyco Rebound, a real tool set and a cool bike. Surprise me with some extra toys if you think I've been nice this year.
Jackson Bickel

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I've been a very good girl. Please bring me a Baby Go Bye-Bye Doll, a Barbie Dream House, a tea set and a Precious Metals Jewelry Maker Kit. I would also like some dress-up clothes and surprise me with some other

gifts. I'll leave some milk and cookies out for you.
Morgan Bickel

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Campos. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Barbie, a small bear, and a puppy. Bring a toy for my sister. Bring some perfume for mom and dad.
Jennifer Campos

Dear Santa,
I am doing a little good in school. I need to work on my writing and finishing my work on time. Please bring me Moving Grovin' Barbie, a soccer popper and some skates. I am doing good when my mom goes shopping.
Alysia Urioste

Dear Santa,
I go to Texico School and I am doing fine. I love you Santa! Please bring me a puppy, a cheerleader suit (pink and red), and a lamb. I also want some angel earrings. Please bring Grandma a puppy. Take care.
Summer Price

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Farwell Post Office

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| <i>Lynne Mahaney</i> | <i>Cathy Shields</i> |
| <i>Weldon Embry</i> | <i>Irene Lopez</i> |
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have to. There will be injuries

and illnesses..... and babies

will be born. And at this hospital,

over the 24 hours of Christmas Day,

some people will be doing just what we

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

celebrate Christmas with our own families early,

some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of

you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know

we're here. And

that makes

us very

proud.

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Muleshoe, Texas

'Santa, I wish my dad had a new tractor'

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll named Samantha from the American Girls collection. Please visit PawPaw at the nursing home in Muleshoe. I have been good. How have the reindeer been? I hope they are fine. Tell Mrs Claus Merry Christmas.

Rochelle Smith

Dear Santa,
I want clothes. I want a horse and Indian. I want boots. I want a T-rex with motorcycles. I want a basketball, truck, horse-trailer, cows, bike, 4-wheeler, gun. I also want a truck with a trailer and a boat. And please some walkie talkies.

Ervey Marques

Dear Santa,
I like the presents you give me. I want you to come to my room at Christmas. I hope you like my name. Bring my brother and sister a toy box. I like to set my Christmas tree up. I wish my new toy would be a Barbie.

Miranda Keelin

Dear Santa,
I want a battery operated car that I can drive.

Callie Sterling

Dear Santa,
I want a new toy backhoe and ice cream. Bring my sister some dolls and get my brothers some toy pickups and trucks.

Darin Ivy

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a training wheel bicycle. I love Dr. Pepper and I like the way his beard is. I like your hat and boots. See you at the mall.

Logan Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep for Barbie and a stroller. I want a boy Barbie and a baby. I want a clock. I wish I could be at the North Pole with you and the elves to see how you make the toys.

Shelby Martin

Dear Santa,

I want a real motorcycle that has two wheels. I want a little trailer to go with it. I want the motorcycle to have a hook to pull the trailer. My sister wants a bean bag and a baby doll. I want a choo-choo train.

Kyler Steinbock

Dear Santa,
I want a remote-control Batman car and a remote control truck. What time will you come? Three o'clock?

Logan Daniels

Dear Santa,
I want to know what time you are coming so I will know when I can open presents. I want a guitar that has a radio and a microphone and headphones. Why do you come so late?

Riley Smith

Dear Santa,
I like you to bring me a toy that has a big pickup, a big boat, and a trailer to put the boat on. I think your beard is soft because I know it is because I saw you at Wal-Mart.

Wyatt Little

Dear Santa,
I want a big teddy bear. Please bring me a beanie baby. I will lay milk and cookies out for you.

Beth Hudson

Dear Santa,
I want a Crash-back and I want a Gameboy. When you come at Christmas, tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.

Kaylee Jesko

Dear Santa,
I want some red boots and a belt. I want a bean bag and that's all I want. I like Rudolph because I like his red nose.

Jackie Bryant

Dear Santa,
I want a 3-wheeler for Christmas. I want a remote control 4-wheeler. I want a remote control motorcycle. My sister is nice. My brother is nice.

Dylan Haney

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. I hope he will be little. Bring my brothers, Joaquin and David, a hat. Please bring a doll for me.

Lydia Campos

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a Barbie and a bicycle. Please bring me a teddy bear. Bring Jose a bicycle. My brother wants a motor comeback.

Mayra Cervantes

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a metal molder. For my mom and dad I need a dishwasher.

Ezra Fiddler Hendricks

Dear Santa,
I want a Cassie Cartwheel. I want a Barbie Rapunzel. My sister wants an Easy Bake with M&M shape and icing. Santa, do you have an elf that I could have? I love my mommy and daddy and brother and sister.

Kinzi Schacher

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a Hot Wheel Town and three Hot Wheel cars. I wish my sister can get better. I hope you have a good time.

Jose Cervanto

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Batman remote control car and the Lost World Jurassic Park T-Rex. I hope everyone would have a home. I would like to give you a big hug if you were

here.

Filberto Derma

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a monster with a long neck with horns and walks on four legs and has a tail. I also want a BB gun. Please bring Alicia, my cousin, a Barbie. I hope the elves help you a lot.

Ryan Mason

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a go-cart. I wish Samantha would find a new house.

Bart Guillen

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy and a new Nintendo game. I wish Brittney can feel better and breathe. I had a movie about Prancer and he had a hurt leg. I hope he gets better.

Jacob

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gigapet and a Cassie Cartwheel. I wish Richard would get well and get a car. I hope your reindeer are well.

Stefanie Welker

Dear Santa,
I would like a Real Talking Bubba and a Little Lover doll. I wish Marli would get well.

Morgan Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Rollerblades and a real BB gun. Please help Big Granny walk. Can I see your reindeer?

Brock Steinbock

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Lost World Radio Controlled car with a Spitter Dinosaur. I also want a Moon Launch with a rocket. I wish my sister was nice to me.

Trevor Coker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a puppy and a baby doll.

Alejandra Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want to have a little Water Baby and I really want a trampoline. I wish for my grandparents to be happy.

Samantha

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cat that's black and a baby doll. I wish Daddy had a new tractor.

Rajon Thom



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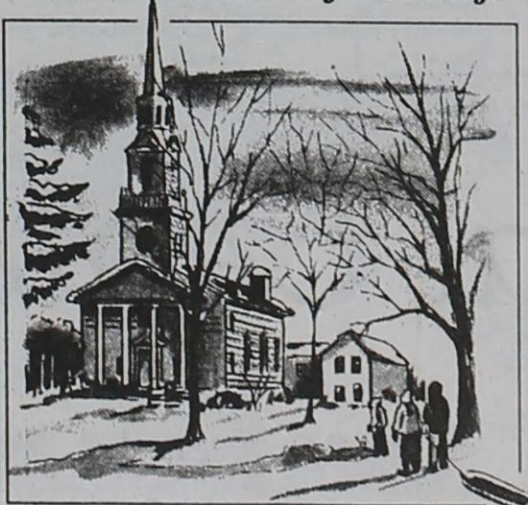
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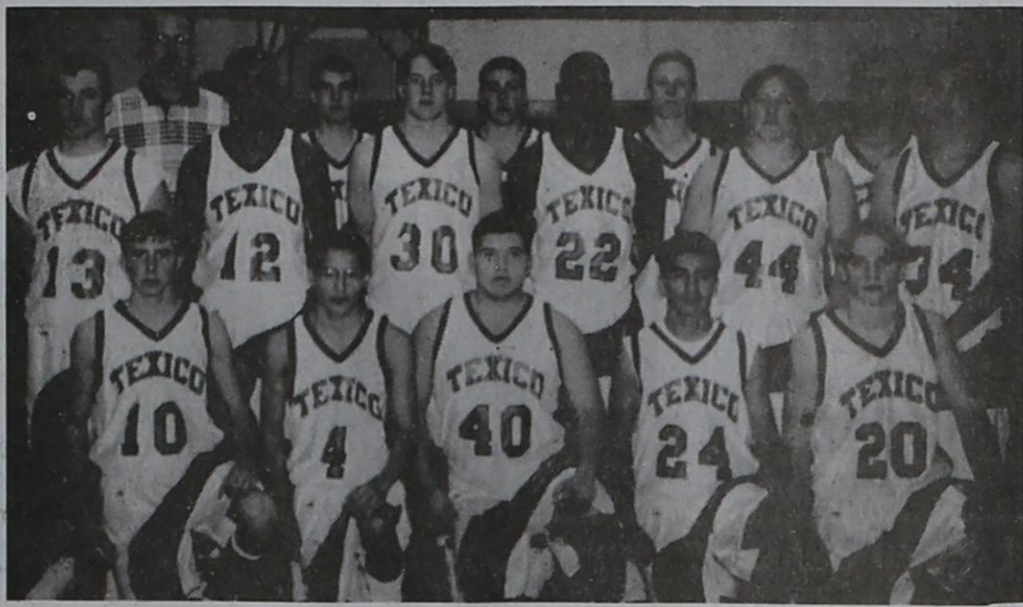
"He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small." Samuel Taylor Coleridge

We thank you for the many "great and small" kindnesses you've shown us. We join our prayers with yours for peace and joy throughout the world.



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Texico Varsity Boys

Texico's varsity Wolverines team consists of, back row from left, coach Richard Luscombe, Ronnie Clark, Seth Ketterling, Kyle Cain, Joe Garcia; middle row, Pecos Chumley, Mel Askew, Phil Peabody, Tobie Askew, Adam Soboleski, Jake Boazman; front row, Brandon Autrey, Johnny Miranda, Dominic Gutierrez, Matt Holguin and Eric Stanley.



Texico Varsity Girls

Texico's Lady Wolverines team consists of, back row from left, coach Buddy Little, Kristen Roberts, LaMicah Drager, Julia Adrian, coach Roy King; middle row, Marcia Marlow, Nicki Reyes, Brittany Bradley, Marcia Brigham, Bobbi Williams; front row, Stacy Stewart, Shayna Lewis, Callie Rucker, Krysta Morris and Stephni Chancey.



The Wolves

The Wolves, coached by Buddy Vaughan and Charlie Vannatta, tied for 5th place in the CGAA boys' basketball league in Clovis. Members were Robbie Tabb, Johnny Ortiz, Trent Crow, Joel Maldonado, Braden Vaughan, Bryan Vannatta, Tyler Marks and Garrett Mayfield. The team's record was 7-8.

'I want a dog'

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a Gigapet and Cher jeep. I hope that other kids have a great Christmas. I hope they have food and blankets and I hope Jesus has a good birthday.

Kadi

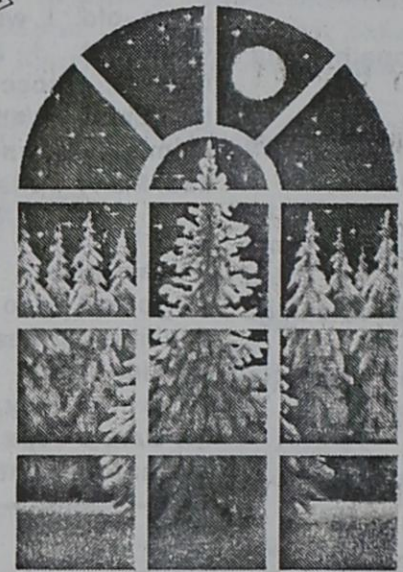
Dear Santa,
I want the collection of the Lost World Jurassic Park. My wish for this Christmas is that all the people that are poor will get enough food and a warm place to stay with help from people like you and me. That God may bless America.

Rowdy

Dear Santa,
May I have and Easy-Bake with an M&M shaped cookie cutter and icing? Please give a little to the people that have no homes, no food, and almost no clothes.

Brittney Schacher

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'Santa, I want a CD called "Don't Be Stupid"'

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Talking Bubba and a bike. Please give the people that don't have a house and that don't have clothes, give the kids some toys and the parents a house.

Samantha Hudson

Dear Santa,
I want some shoes and a shirt of the Miami Dolphins.

Uriel

Dear Santa,
I want a art set and stamp markers. I would also like a computer. I would like you to bring all the poor children and sick children a toy also and let the little children get a home.

Shayla Scisson

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a bike and a baby and a Barbie.

Mary Martha

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I would like a stereo with a CD player. I would also like a Baby Born with a carrier. Also Velt the Beanie Baby. Tell Mrs. Claus hi.

Brianna Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I have been a good girl I want a baby doll called Baby Born, the collection of the Rugrats,

and a CD called "Don't Be Stupid." Please help the orphans get parent. please bring Todd and Shawndee something.

Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Give food to the poor and if there's a house and my friends been good. I want a Nintendo and two T-Rex of the Lost World.

Robert

Meet Farwell's Class of 2010



Kyle Jennings is a Farwell Elementary School kindergarten pupil. His birthday is September 24.

He is the son of Gary and Sheila Jennings and the grandson of Eddie B. and Jean Smith and Jack R. and Helen Jennings. Also in the family are Kory and Keila.

He likes riding horses, playing, and helping Papa.

His favorite foods are pizza, hamburgers, and chili cheese dogs. His favorite color is blue.

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Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

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'Santa, I have been getting stars on my papers'

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I am doing fine. I like going to school at Texico. I want soccer boppers, a charge up beach and a little TV.
Shelby Cockerham

Dear Santa,
I likw you a lot. Please bring me a lot of presents, and toys. I have been working hard. Bring my mom a T-shirt and my dad a jacket.
Raul Olivas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I am doing a little big good in school. I had to go to Mrs. Cooper's office for not doing my work. I'll promise to do better. Please bring me a shopping Barbie, a doll that cries for reals, a cradle and a nuk pacifier.
Carlie Tharp

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't get lost. I want a gun for Christmas. My mom wants a ring and my dad wants a gun, a real one. I also want a cat cause my cat died. I love Santa, I will leave some cookies for you.
Jonathan Hill

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie with black hair, a cat, and a book with Barbies in it. Thank you Santa for all the presents you have brought me. Also will you give Francisco a Sega game.
Sandra Estrada

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a four wheeler, guitar, and a motorcycle for Christmas. How is Dasher doing? I hope he is doing well. By the way how are you doing?
Clinton Cross

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph doing? Is Rudolph's nose red? What can you give me and my sister and brother for Christmas? Please bring me and my brother and sister B-B guns. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Dustin Cash

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Please bring me a guitar and a Sega Gensis. I will leave you cookies and milk. I also want a new wallet. I love you Santa.

Zachary Balli

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves doing? Is it cold at the North Pole? I want a Nintendo 64 and a bike. I will leave you some cookies. Please give me a train track. I am glad to see you Santa, please bring me some Nike shoes.
Osvaldo Munoz

Dear Santa,
I like you a lot. You can bring any toy you want. I have been really good and I have been getting stars on all my papers. My teacher is very proud of me. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.
Andrew Olivarez

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I go to Texico School. Please bring me some Christmas boots, toys, and a little Christmas tree. I want a little Santa for my mom, and a candy cane for dad.
Dionna McWhorter

Dear Santa,
My name is Jose, and I am 5 years old. I want a bat for Christmas. I also want a football, a soccer ball, and a toy Santa Claus. Bring my mom a baby, and a bat for my dad. Merry Christmas!
Jose Posada

Dear Santa,
I go to Texico School, and I think it is the best. I have been working very hard. Please bring me a kitty, a doll and all the Barbie dolls especially the Selena doll that they have at



Walgreens. Also a puppy. Take care and have a Merry Christmas.
Cassi Curry

Dear Santa,
My name is Marques and I go to Texico School. I want a toy dragon and a Mega sword. I have been good and I am doing fine in school.
Marques Peña

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car, a water baby and a CD player. My mom wants a motorcycle. I am doing good in school. Take care and say hello to Mrs. Santa.
Brittnee Roybal

Dear Santa,
My name is Edgardo and I am 6 years old. I have been good and I help my dad all the time in the ranch feeding the animals. (I don't get paid) Please bring me a remote control car, a sword like Marques and a toy dragon. For my mom I want a shirt and new boots for dad and a bed for my baby sister. I love you Santa.
Edgardo Meza

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A Giga pet, and a doll house. I have been good and kind of bad because I have not been cleaning my room. Please bring my dad a doll eagle.
Devanee Cherry

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney and I am 6 years old. I have been a very nice girl. Please bring me a Tickle me Elmo, a Barbie (black please), a Teddy Bear and some Nike shoes. For my mom I want a ring, for my brother a water gun, and my dad a big knife to cut stuff. I also want roller skates. Thank you and I love you.
Courtney Payton

Dear Santa,
My name is Kegan Hollis and I go to Texico School. Please bring me a remote control car, a little toy santa, and a little stuffed Dalmation. My dad needs a new car and my mom wants a new toy robot that cleans house. I also want a new garden cause the tomatoes are not coming up.
Kegan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie car, a Barbie doll and a toy Santa Claus. My brother wants a remote control car. My mom wants a Santa for our Christmas tree. My dad wants a coffee cup. I love you, and

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have a safe trip and drive carefully.
Christy Herrington

I want Superman and Batman's car. I wish for our family to have a nice Christmas.
Frankie

Dear Santa,



New minister in Texico

Rodger Black is the new minister at the Texico United Pentecostal Church. He and his wife Lisa (not in picture) have two children -- Trevor, 5, left, and Tori, 7.

JOY TO ALL

In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

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Renovations at the First Baptist Church in Texico offer additional seating space and comfort.

Texico Baptist Church has renovation

The First Baptist Church in Texico recently completed renovations in the auditorium area of their building.

They increased seating area by knocking out a wall in the back of the auditorium that separated it from a prayer room and two classrooms and placing several rows of seats in the new space. Room for an additional 60 people was created.

Behind the seats is a room

separated by a glass window where mothers can take babies but still hear the service through the speaker system.

The new renovations have already come in handy during a Bible conference hosted by the church last week, provid-

ing ample room for the guests as it will for the church's steady growth of regular members.

'Santa, please give food to the poor people'

Dear Santa,
I want a collectible doll. Please bring me a Bible and a Bible cover. I also want a doll playpen with a carrying case. I can't wait till you come.

Crescent

Dear Santa,
I want a few things. They are a baby and a baby bag, a baby bed, baby blanket, baby toys, bean bag, mini wizard, Barbie skates, Dallas Cowboys bear, and please give food to the poor people.

Megan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine.

Can you bring me for Christmas a big Barbie and don't forget the kids that don't have toys. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and ya'll have a very nice Christmas.

Regina Mata

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a bike and a Sega Genesis game. I hope you visit all the children of the world.

Jason Davis

Dear Santa,
I wish for a go-cart and a computer and a combine. I would like some clothes.

Esteban

Dear Santa,
I want a bull T-Rex, a bat hammer and the Batman and Robin movie. Please help the homeless. Would you please bring my sister Brooke a Angel Barbie, my brother, Bradley a big Batman, and my baby brother, Dustin, a Tickle-Me Cookie Monster. We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Johnathon Lennon

Dear Santa,
I want to get a Pound Puppy and a little doll to paint faces for Halloween. How is Mrs. Claus?

Monica Vera



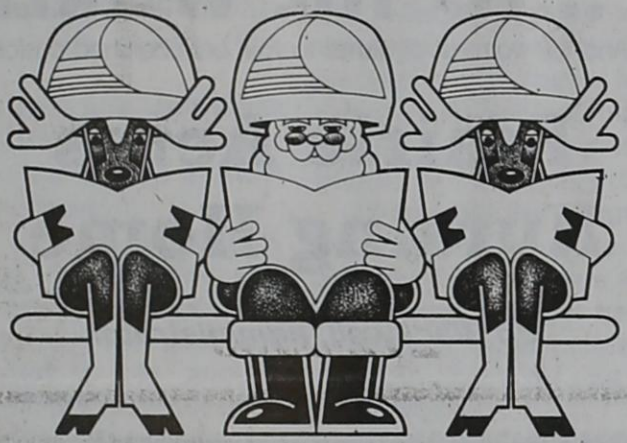
Champion Sharks

The Sharks, coached by Buddy Vaughan and Ronnie Clark, were the champions of the CGAA boys' basketball league in Clovis. Team members are Marcus LaFrenz, Curtis Williams, Dustin McDaniel, Jeremy Riley, Ethan McDaniel, Ricky Burns, Chance Bradley and Aaron Vaughan. Their record was 17-1.

Merry Christmas!

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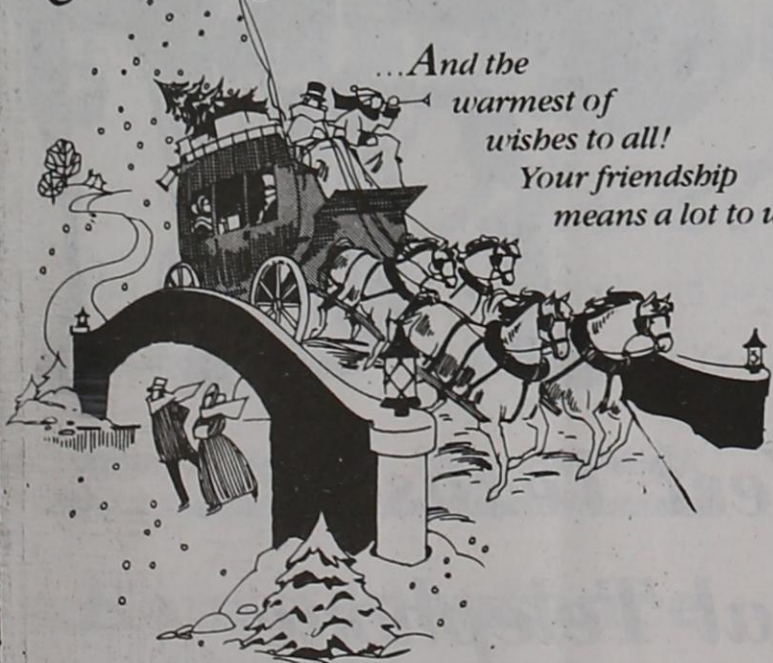
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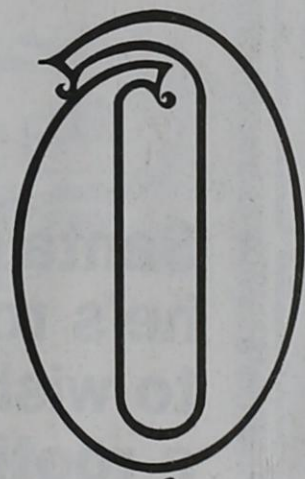
As you and your family celebrate during the Holiday Season, we encourage the following wise-energy-use practices:

- ☆ Make sure your tree is placed away from fireplaces, candles, space heaters, electrical appliances and other heat sources that might dry it out, or ignite it.
- ☆ Turn off tree lights overnight or when you're away from home.
- ☆ Keep paper decorations and tinsel away from hot light.

Above all, enjoy this festive time. And, greet the New Year with energy, health and happiness!



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Holy Night

On a starry night almost two thousand years ago, the first Christmas started with a child. Since that time, Christmas has had a special meaning for young and old alike, all over the world. For Christmas is a time of great love, great happiness and great hope.

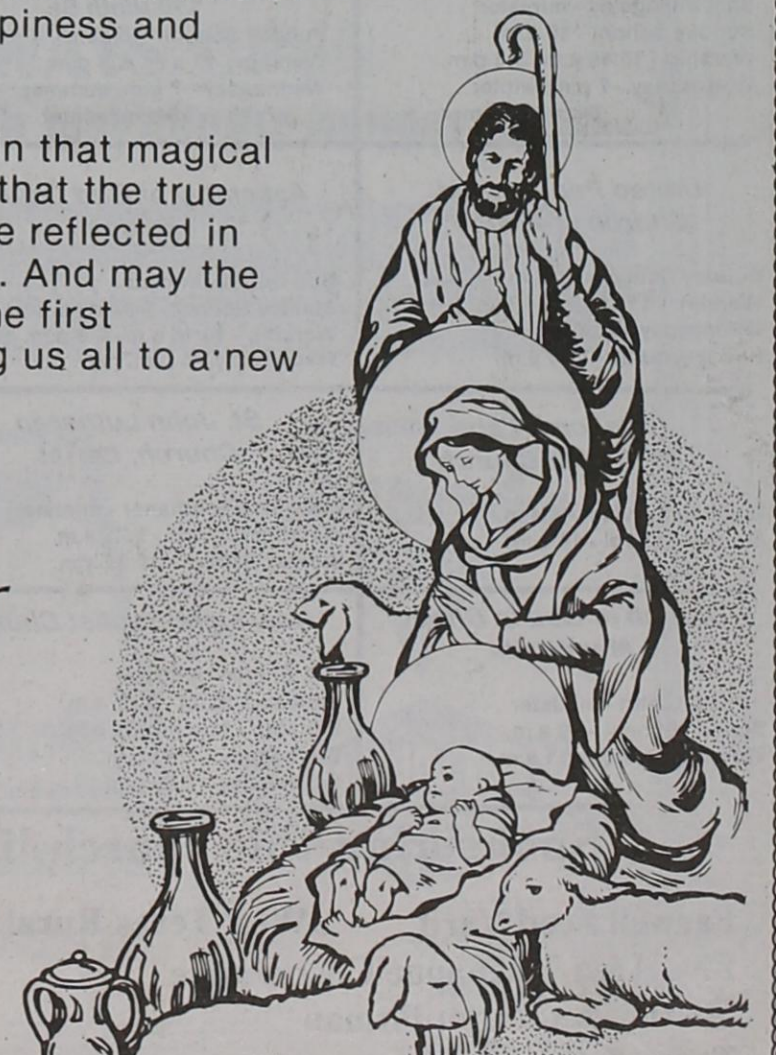
As we celebrate again that magical moment, let us pray that the true spirit of Christmas be reflected in the hearts of all men. And may the special promise of the first Christmas child bring us all to a new and glorious morn.



Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year

From All The
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'Santa, I hope you can take me for a ride'

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. Can you please get me the Toy Story movie, a Giga pet, and Tickle me Elmo.
Savanqah Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want Sabrina that stands. I want Barbie and Ginger. I like Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I want to see him.
Tiffany H.

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
How are you doing and the reindeers? I am going to give you a list of things I want for Christmas. I want a new ten speed bike, a stuffed teddy bear and a real puppy that is a Rotweiler and I want Sweetie to have babies. I want a bunk bed that has a club at the bottom. I'm very good.
Amber Billingsley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your elves? I wish I could be your helper. How are your 8 reindeer and Rudolph, hos is Dasher? I would like a new pair of shoes and a train set, a new watch and clothes and a puppy and a new game and a new TV, please. I am so happy because I know you are going to bring it.
Kenneth

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus and reindeer? I want a bike and a fake reindeer. My mom wants a stereo and a ring for charms. And my dad wants a truck and a car. My brother wants a Jet Helment. I have been good.
Meghan Arnold

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I wish I had a Licky doll, what are you going to put in my stocking and under the Christmas tree? What is my sister Lisa getting? She wants a new notebook and a doll too.
Sarah

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a coat, a Sega, a bike, a basketball, and a TV. You are the best Santa there is. Merry Christmas.
Antwan

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
How are the reindeer and the elves? I want a set of hockey stuff, a watch, a

remote control pickup truck, a soccer ball, a football, a jacket, four pairs of pants, a basketball, and a set of baseball stuff. Merry Christmas.
Billy Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Santa Claus doing? Are your reindeer fine? And are you fine too? I would like a doll and skates and bike. My mom wants a new house and a new car. My dad wants a new bed. I have been very good.
Laura Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas time. How are your reindeer? Are they pretty? I want a doll. I want a bike. My mom wants a stereo. Merry Christmas.
Claudia Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a doll and a puppy. I want to see you. How is Mrs. Santa? My mom wants a stove and a car. I want a present and some skates. Merry Christmas Santa.
Linda Mezza

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other reindeers? Hos is Mrs. Claus/ How are the elves? I would like a whistle, my mom would like a new house, I don't know what my dad wants. My sister wants 100 chicks to hold. There is one more thing, a remote car and pickup. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Ryan

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa and how is Mrs. Santa? How is Rudolph? Is his nose still bright? I am doing good at school. I want a bouncy baby me doll and I want a computer



and skates and a new bed. My mom wants a stereo.
Marisela Retana

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. How is Rudolph? I've been good this year. Please bring me the Jurassic Park movie and Men in Black movie. Hope you have a good day.
Raymond Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are your deers doing and how are you doing? Will you bring me a Gega pet for Christmas and candy and a football and a basketball and a spoon basketball game. I would like overalls and a computer and a Nano Gega pet and an Eore sweat shirt and lots and lots of Gega pets and a Winnie the Pooh Bear shirt. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Braeden Hadley

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I will leave a glass of milk and cookies. I hope you have good presents for me. I have been waiting for you for a long time but I hope you can take me for a ride. I hope your reindeer are doing good. Can I have a dog? I like your reindeer.
Levi Richards

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you some cookies and milk for Christmas. I want two pair of Nike shoes, one pair for work and one pair for school. I would also like a shirt and some sweats, maybe some

pants too. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas.
Tanner Allen

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? I hope you are having a good day. I hope your reindeer are doing fine. Will you bring me a Magna Doodle for Christmas? Can you bring me a Doodle Bear? I will leave you a glass of milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.
Jaryse Harris

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas and I have been thinking of what kind of cookies you want. How are your reindeer doing? I hope they have a good Christmas too. I want a Gega pet and one more thing, I would like some clothes. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Shelby Queener

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. May I have a Gega pet and a computer and some jeans and a swimming pool. I hope you have a good Christmas and I love your reindeer. One more thing I want a shirt. My brother wants a car wash. Merry Christmas.
Stevie Jo Williams

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Will you please bring me a skate board and a Gega pet and knee pads and football stuff. How are your reindeer? I bet you and your elves are getting ready for Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Amanda Bass

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. How is Rudolph? I've been good this year. Please bring me a Super Mario and Man in Black movie, and clothes. Hope you have a good day.

Mark Rivera leave you some milk and cookies. I love you Santa.
Kerwin Lazoya

Dear Santa,
I hope that your elves are doing good. I want a new pair of clothes. I want a new pair of socks. I hope your reindeer are doing good. I would like a Power Wheel and a Santa Suit and a big kiss. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Jordan Jones

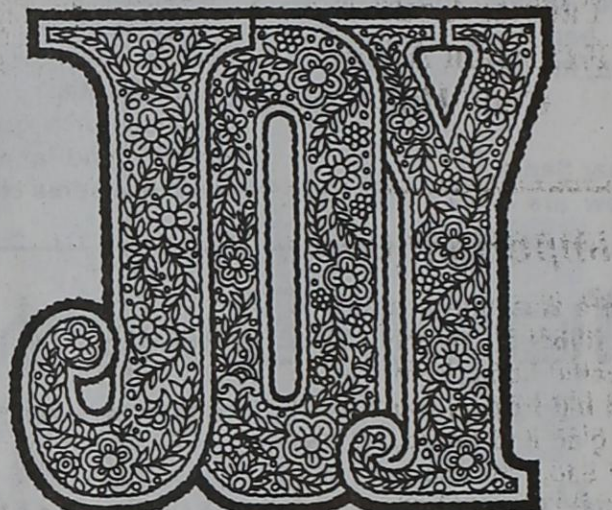
Dear Santa,
How are you? I like Christmas. I love you, Santa Claus. For Christmas I would like a CD player and some CD's, and a TV and some clothes. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.
Jordan Shivers

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Can you bring a Nintendo 64 for me and my brother? Please don't fall off the sleigh. I will

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I want a Nintendo 64 and a car to play with. Thank you for the toys you brought last Christmas. I love you Santa.
Adrian Cabral

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I like you Santa. How are you Santa? Would you bring me a TV. Kambrie would like to have Oopsie Daisy. Would you bring me a doll and a Barbie?
Jerrica Reid

Dear Santa,
I'm thankful for a very good audit for the schools.
Richard Boothby



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Meet Texico's Class of 2010



Jonathan James Hill is a kindergarten student at Texico Elementary. His birthday is September 2.

He is the son of James Duwain and Rhonda Hill and the grandson of Nathan and Fern Sharp and George and Mary Hill. He has a brother, Jarron.

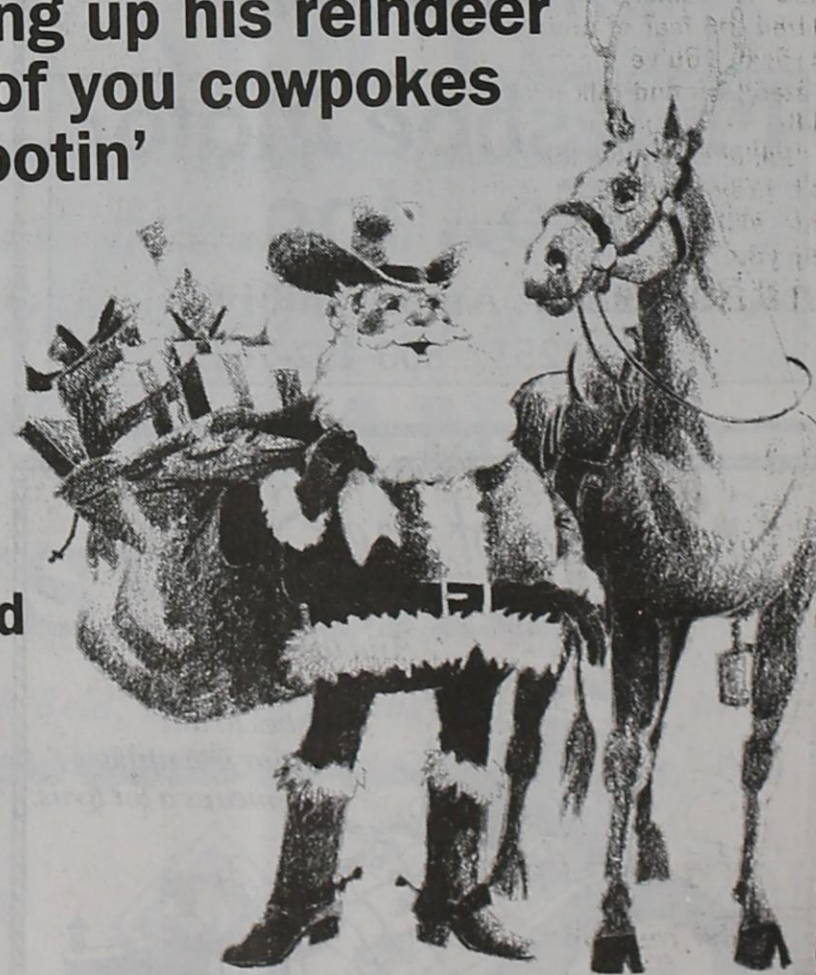
Hobbies include T-Ball, soccer, basketball and football. His favorite foods are corn and green beans and favorite colors are blue and green.

He likes playing in the sandbox and heavy equipment. He dislikes writing numbers and letters.

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Will Anderson

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covered that this fortress had not been manned for 40 years and that the Spanish authorities on Guam were unaware that there was a state of war between the two nations. The island was surrendered without a fight and the Marine Corps first raised the flag of their nation and the flag of their fighting service on Guam on July 21, 1898.

Marines came and went on this island throughout the coming decades, bringing their families, the children of Marines and the children of the Chamorros exploring the cliffs and jungles and reefs of this tiny island together. The decades brought the building of roads and schools for the island, and they forged a lasting affection between the Chamorro people and the Leather-necks who manned the Barracks constructed in the village of Sumay.

This idyllic existence ended violently with the invasion of the Japanese on this island in December 1941, immediately after the attack on the American forces stationed in Hawaii, 4,000 miles northeast. In the 32 months that followed that, over 700 Chamorros on this small island were beheaded, shot, or tortured to death by the Japanese occupying forces, but the Chamorro never relinquished the hope that their Marines would return to free them again someday.

That day came on July 21, 1944, when the 3rd Marine Division and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade fought their way back onto the island over the bloody beaches at Agat and Asan. In the month that followed, over 18,000 Japanese were killed or captured and 1,520 Marines gave their lives to liberate this island. The Marines never rebuilt the old barracks in Sumay, which had been demolished in the invasions, and the village of Sumay where it stood was also completely leveled in the combat and never rebuilt. Simple stone markers and a small cemetery are all that mark their locations today.

Shortly after the wrecked village was recaptured, the Marines discovered the brass plaque from their old barracks lying in the rubble, and that plaque has marked the Marines quarters on this island ever since. As the Japanese forces were pushed further north and back on to their home island, the U.S. Navy's Seabees (Construction Battalion) built a major paved road from north to south the entire 30 mile length of this island. This is the main road on Guam to this day, and is called Marine Drive. This island is also home to the only memorial in the world to the Marine Corps' wardogs, of which 25 were killed in freeing this island.

The blood-brotherhood between the Corps and Guam continued in the years after the war, as Marines came to Guam to recover from war wounds or to die in the naval hospital here. And to this day, July 21st is still the primary day of celebration on Guam, the day the first Marines landed in 1898, and the day the Marines returned to free the island in 1944.

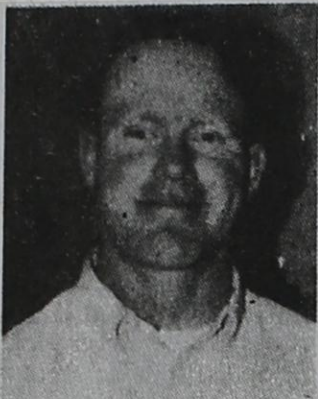
But those days are over now, the downsizing of American armed forces worldwide is seen nowhere more clearly than on this small island. And one of the most painful days in that long process was when the last Marine unit retired its colors and marched away here on July 10th. The rain came down in torrents throughout the brief ceremony, on the small hillside above Apra Harbor, but the young Marines never flinched in their tight formation.



The last Marine commanding officer, Capt. Bo Higgins, spoke hoarsely of the ghosts that must have joined us that dark and rain-drenched day, if only we could have seen them around us, the ghosts of the village of Sumay, the ghosts of Marine families who had once lived around that small plaza, the ghosts of Marines who had died here fighting the Japanese, the ghosts of Marines who had come to Guam to die of wounds received in undeclared war in Asia in the years since. The wail of ships whistles rose from Apra Harbor as the Marines fired their 21-gun salute to these long-dead, the Navy bugler played Taps, the Marine colors were slowly rolled around the guidon and sheathed in a canvas bag, and then the sergeants marched the Marines away in the rain, never to return.

Ag Overview

Parmer County Extension Agent Cody Hill



The important things are not just ribbons

There was one a boy who won ribbons, mostly blue, who came home from the fair with a big trophy, too. With a voice glad and proud, he said to his dad, "'tis the very best year that I've ever had."

Said his wise dad, "Son I'd like to hear why you think that this was such a very fine year."

"Why, dad, you well know all the prizes I've won; how I've come out on top in most things I've done."

"Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall and think of the money I've made since last fall. From premium checks and a big auction price, you can't help but think cash and ribbons are nice."

But the man said:

"My son, you're not thinking right. Blue ribbons, 'tis true, are better than white; but ribbons will fade and trophies grow old, money's soon spent and fame soon grows cold."

"The important thing, son, are not ribbons or pins, and sometimes it's really the loser who wins; now here are the things most important, it's true your 4-H experience has accomplished for you."

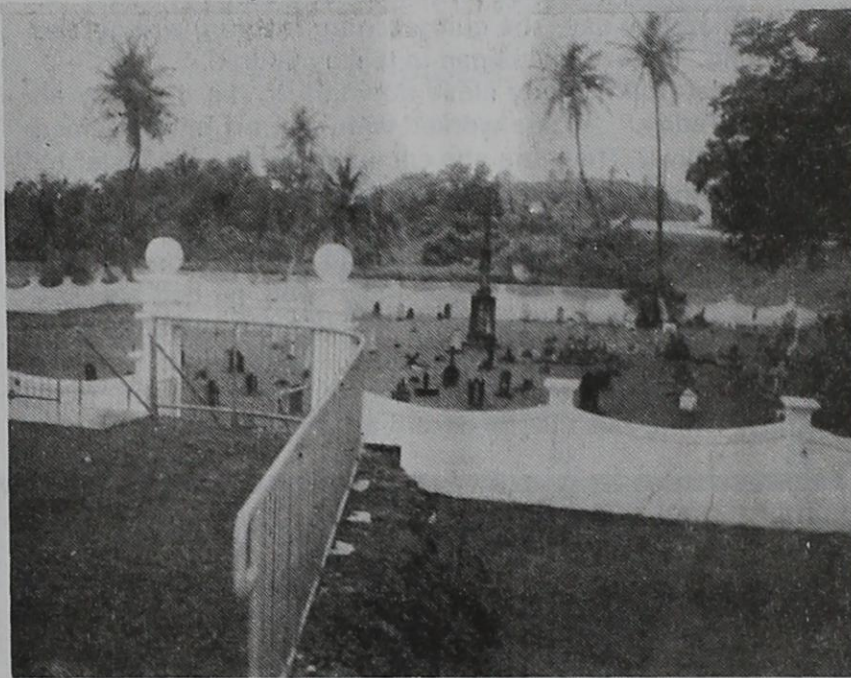
"You've seen how a business meeting is run. This knowledge will help you in years to come. You've conquered the fear of addressing a crowd, you've learned how to stand up and talk nice and loud."

"Patience you've learned in your projects, too, as well as your skills that will always help you."

"You've learned the fine feeling it gives you to lend a glad helping hand to a stranger or friend. You've learned to cooperate with majority rule, to give in with grace and not be a fool."

"You've learned how to lose without making a beef. You know the judge judges to his best belief. You've learned how to win without boasting too loud, a kid can lose friends if he's overly proud."

"These are the things most important to you. You'll remember and use them all your life through. They'll help you become a mighty fine man, they'll do more for you than a prize ever can."



The Marine Corps came to Guam in 1898 and built its barracks in the small town of Sumay, on the Orote Peninsula, surrounded by palms and cliffs down to the sea. All that remains of Sumay today in this graveyard.

Christmas Memories

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



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The true meaning of Christmas

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

by Teresa Mesman

A few weeks ago, I was thinking about the attitude that people were beginning to get about the Christmas season. It was appearing to me that we're just all too busy to really enjoy the glory that was brought to us by the birth of Christ. Instead we seem to be caught up in the trappings of the gift giving season and the details of hosting the perfect holiday party.

I realize that the little things tend to be overlooked and it is usually those little things that bring the true meaning to this wonderful season.

At about this same time, Joyce Smith, from Bovina Feeders, called me at the newspaper to tell me about a wonderful story that she had in her possession. She felt that it would be a very meaningful story to include in our Christmas issue. I asked if I could call her back because I was very busy at the time.

I almost forgot to call her back, but I did... later the next day. I felt very bad for my blunder and apologized for not getting back to her promptly. It was a good thing that I talked with her, because the story that she wanted to give to me was wonderful. The author of the short story is unknown and it was given to Joyce by her friend Kay Hodges, of Bovina.

I hope that you are as touched by the Christmas tale as I have been.

It seems that there was a lady named Jean Thompson and when she stood in front of her fifth grade class on the first day of school in the Fall, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her pupils and said that she loved them all the same and that she would treat them all alike.

But that was impossible, because there in the front of her, slumped in his seat on the third row, was a boy named Teddy Stoddard.

Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he didn't play well with the other children, that his clothes were unkempt and that he constantly needed a bath; add to it the fact that Teddy was unpleasant. In the first few months of having Teddy in her class, Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad, red pen, making bold "X's" and then marking "F" at the top of the paper biggest of all.

Because Teddy was a sullen little boy, nobody else seemed to enjoy him either.

Now, at the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's records. Because of "things" she had put Teddy's off until the last. But when she opened his file, she was in for quite a surprise.

His first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright, inquisi-

tive child, with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners... he is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student and is well-liked by his classmates - but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

His third grade teacher wrote, "Teddy continues to work hard but his mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken."

Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and sometimes sleeps in class. He is tardy and could become a problem."

By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem, but Christmas was coming fast. It was all she could do, with the school play and all, until the last day before the holidays began. She was suddenly forced to focus on Teddy Stoddard on that last day of school before the vacation would begin.

Her children brought her presents, all in gay ribbon and bright paper, except for Teddy's which was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper of a scissored grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the presents and some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet, with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one-quarter full of cologne. She stifled the laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on and dabbing some of the perfume behind the other wrist.

At the end of the day, as the other children joyfully raced from the room, Teddy Stoddard stayed behind just long enough to say "Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my mom used to." As soon as Teddy left, Mrs. Thompson knelt at her desk and there, after the last day of school before Christmas, she cried for at least an hour.

On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and speaking. Instead she began to teach children.

She paid particularly close attention to the one they all called "Teddy." As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded and, on the days that there would be an important test, Mrs. Thompson would remember that cologne. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest students in the class and ... well, he had also become the "pet" of the teacher who had once vowed to love all of her students exactly the same.

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that of all the teachers he'd had in ele-

mentary school, she was his favorite. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and that she was still his favorite teacher of all time.

Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that, while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it and would graduate from college with the highest of honors. He assured Mrs. Thompson she was still his favorite teacher.


Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still his favorite teacher and that now his name was little longer. The letter was signed, "Theodore F. Stoddard, MD"

The story doesn't end there.

You see, there was yet another letter that Spring. Teddy said that ... well, that he'd met this girl and was to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering ... well, if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit in the pew usually reserved for the mother of the groom.

You'll have to decide for yourself whether or not she wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. But, I bet on that special day, Jean Thompson smelled just like ... well, just like she smelled many years before on the last day of school before the Christmas Holidays began.

This story truly touched me and I hope that it causes us all to remember to keep love in our hearts and to reach out to one another, not in the big, noticeable ways, but in the little things that we do. Little things mean a lot and can make the difference in our lives! May you all have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!



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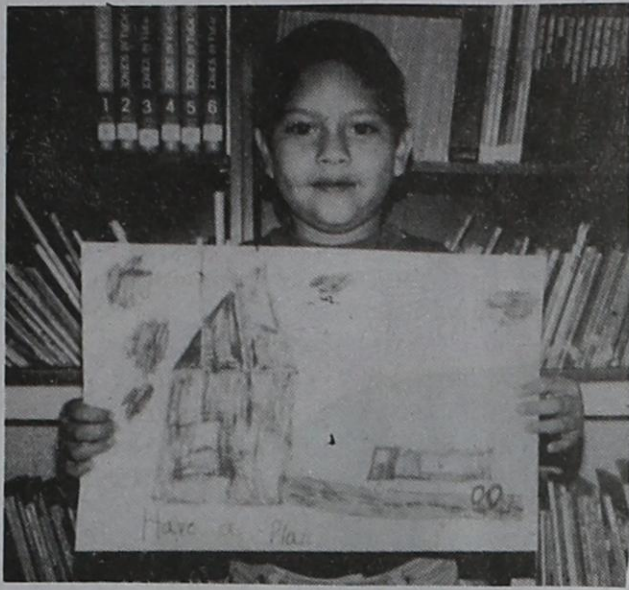
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State Line Tribune



Osvaldo Munoz, 2nd place

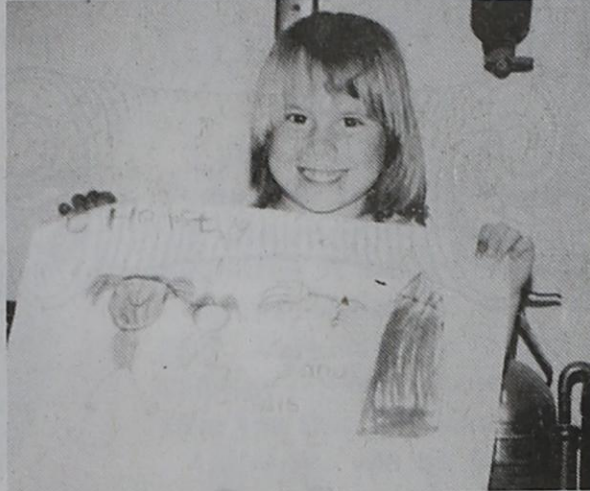


Levi Richards, 1st place

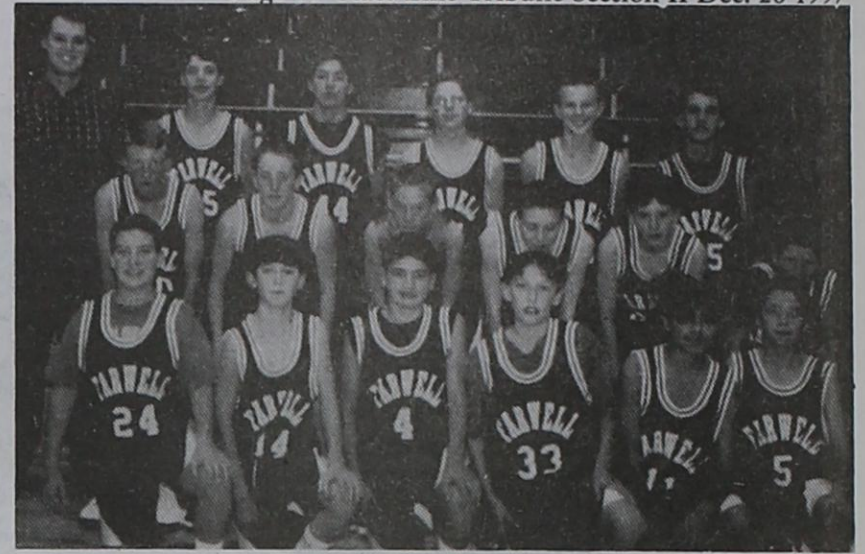
Texico Elementary conducts fire prevention poster contest

Each year, the Texico Volunteer Fire Department holds a fire prevention poster contest in the Texico Elementary School. Cash prizes are given to the classes from where the poster winners are members of. First place won \$25; second place, \$15, and third place, \$10.

Winners were 1st, Levi Richards (Rucker's class); 2nd, Osvaldo Munoz (Dunsworth's class); and 3rd, Christy Herrington (Olivas' class).



Christy Herrington, 3rd place



Farwell 8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys team consists of, back row from left: coach Jacob Thompson, Casey Meeks, Thomas Ortiz, Ben Oppliger, Tucker Crawford, Gage Gregory; middle row, Gaylen Sudderth, Brice Hunt, Braden Lewis, Steven Vargas, Waylon Bowery, Taylor Nichols; front row, Tyler Scott, Brandon Sanchez, Fidel Ruiz, Jeff Delgado, Fernando Mendez and Wesley Vidaurri.

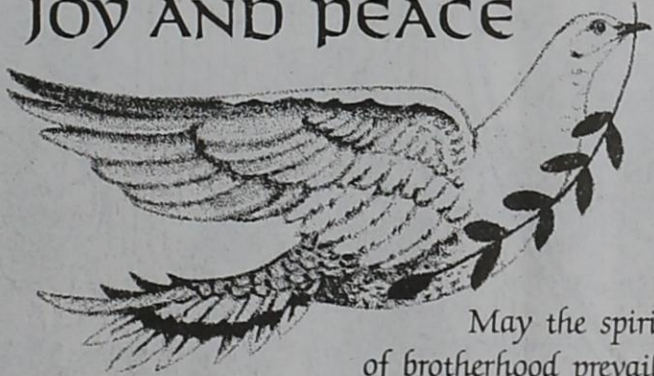


Texico's JV Boys

Texico has a large JV boys team this year. Pictured above are, back row from left, Mattison Cross, Shay Norvell, Garrett Crow, coach Randy Ragland; middle row, Tim Peabody, Jamey Watson, Bradley Graham, Michael Rivera; front row, Trace Lockmiller, Jerod Cogdill, Jaime Maldonado and Eric Smith. Pictured below, back row from left, are Josh Boazman, Jacob AlderseBaes, coach Ragland; middle row, Jake Williams, Ross Burford, Johnny Sena, Tanner White; front row, Michael Marlow, Ryan Autrey, Chad Helmer and Cody White.



JOY AND PEACE



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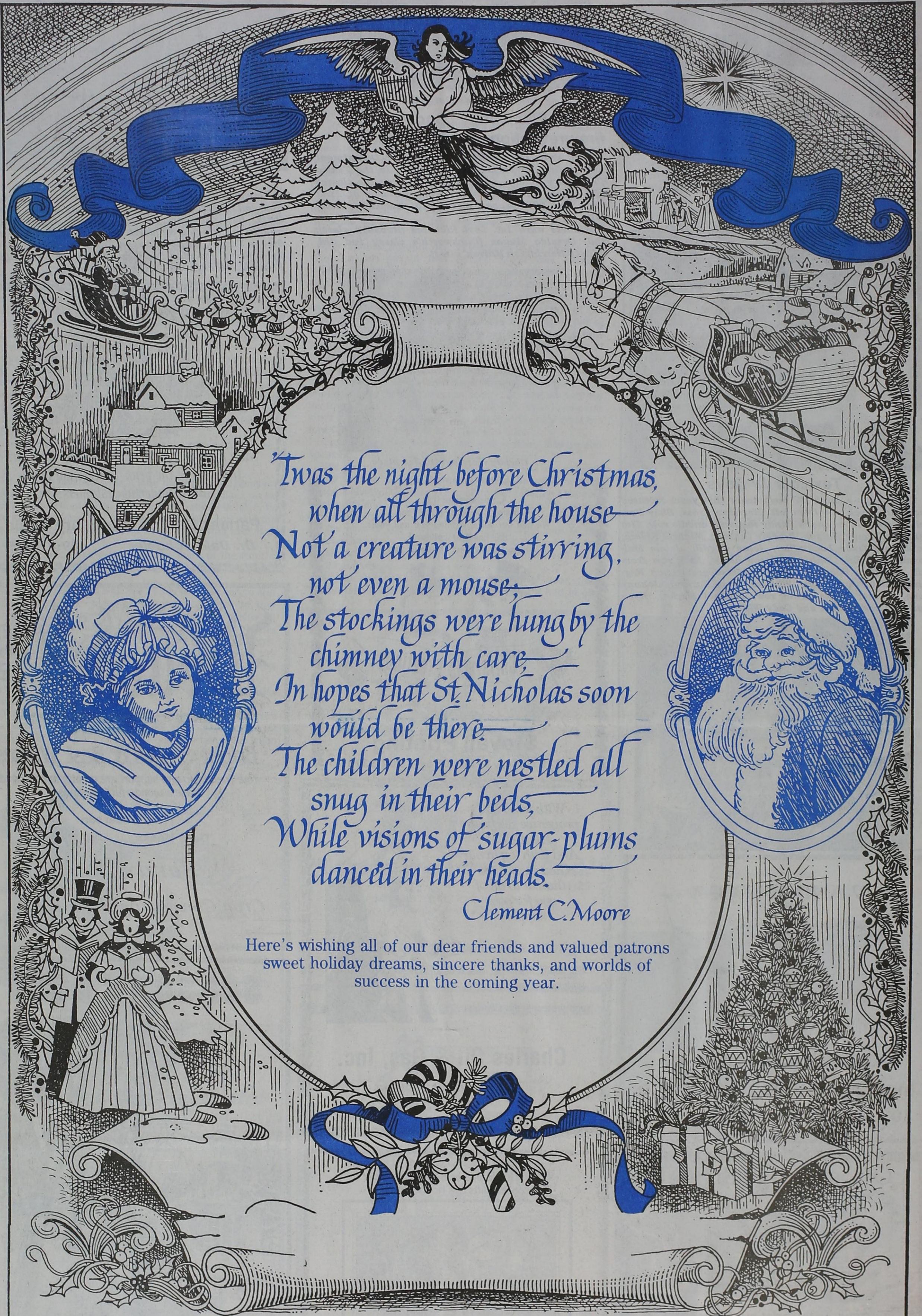
season's best



We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments... lasting memories to treasure always.

Farwell

Chamber of Commerce



*'Twas the night before Christmas,
 when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring,
 not even a mouse,
 The stockings were hung by the
 chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon
 would be there.
 The children were nestled all
 snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums
 danced in their heads.*

Clement C. Moore

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 sweet holiday dreams, sincere thanks, and worlds of
 success in the coming year.

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Coloring Contest

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CONTEST RULES • READ CAREFULLY

FIRST PRIZE
\$15 IN EACH AGE GROUP

SECOND PRIZE
\$10 IN EACH AGE GROUP

1. The contest is divided into three age divisions: 4 to 6 years of age, 7 to 9 years of age, and 10 to 12 years of age. First and second prizes will be awarded.
2. The pictures shown below on this page are to be colored. The pictures must be submitted at the same time with the completed entry blank just below this.
3. Entries must be received at the State Line Tribune by 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1997. They must be mailed or brought to the State Line Tribune. Address entries to: Coloring Contest, State Line Tribune, Box 255, Farwell, Texas 79325. Entries received after the Dec. 29 deadline will be disqualified.
4. Entries will be judged by the newspaper staff on the basis of originality and neatness. The contest is open to all area children within the specified age limits.
6. Winners will be announced in the State Line Tribune in January.

THREE AGE GROUPS:

- 4 to 6 years old
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- 10 to 12 years old

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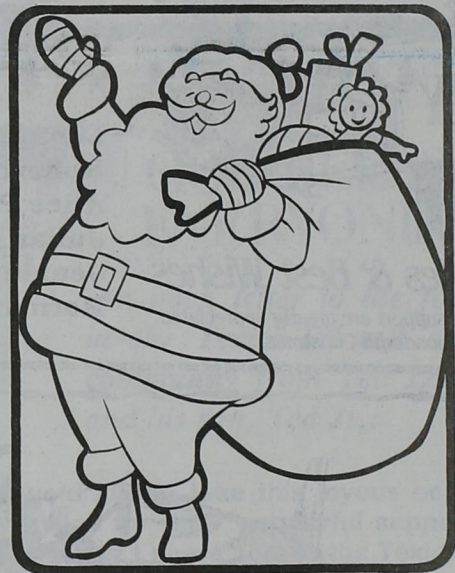
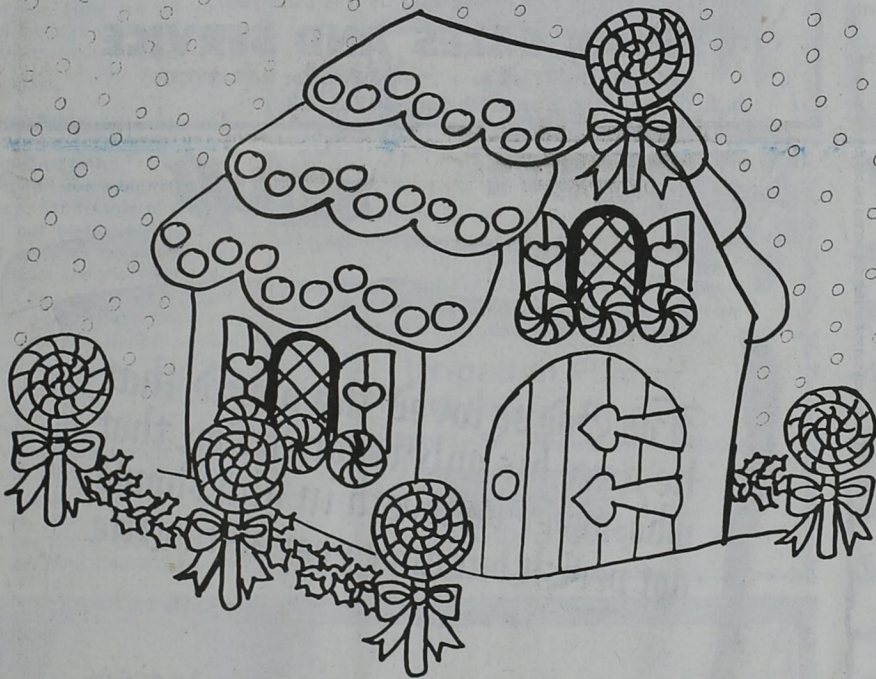
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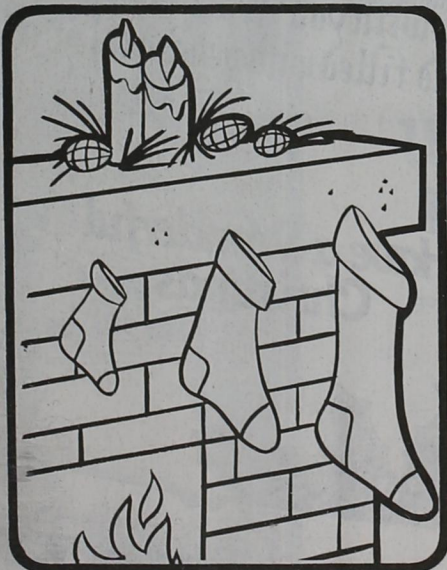
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Contestants must color all pictures.



Santa, please give my dad a cactus

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad a 22 gun, my mom some silverware, my brothers a jeep and remote control car, my sisters a doll and I would like a BB gun.

Isaak Unger

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a new pair of earrings, my dad a tool set, my brother a CD players, my little brother a fake bow and arrow and I would like a Nintendo 64 and play station.

Brian Meeks

Please give my mom a new house that has stairs, my dad a trampoline, my sister a Barbie school and two children, my brother a computer and I would like a Barbie

school with two older children.

Bianca Gomez

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a dress and ring, my dad a glow in the dark watch, my sister a Barbie, my brother a BB gun and I would like a 64 Nintendo.

Jorge Merino

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a pair of earrings, dad a cactus, Corby

a Darth Vader, and I would like a BuzzLight Year.

Aaron Walterscheid

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ceramic angel, my brother a re-

mote control train and I would like a doll.

Krystal Sepeda

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a house that has stairs, my dad a new truck, my brothers a new football game, my sister a new CD and I would like a dinosaur.

Jaime DeLaCruz

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a cellular phone, my brother a red toy jeep, my dad a train set and I would like a Nintendo 64.

Bryce Howard

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a necklace, my dad a wrist watch, my brother a toy car, my sisters a teddy bear and I would like a ring.

Kaylyn Meyer

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a pan, my dad a tool, my brother a stereo, for my sisters a TV and I would like some cars.

Ramon Quezada

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a necklace, my dad a tool set, my brother a truck and I would like a Nintendo 64.

Ramsie Lopez



In back row from left, are Matt Gammon, Kayla Whitesides, David Campos; in front, Dylan Haney, Cassie Steinbock, Mary Hendrickson.

Lazbuddie pupils recognized

Students of the Month have been named for December at Lazbuddie Elementary School:

Pre-k -- Manual Bermea, son of Debbie Rodriguez.

Kindergarten - Dylan Haney, son of Gregg and Netta Haney.

1st grade - Cassie Steinbock, daughter of Terry and Judy Steinbock.

2nd grade - Mary Hendrickson, daughter of Michael and Annie Hendrickson.

3rd grade - Kalya Whitesides, daughter of Tracy Whitesides.

4th grade - David Campos, son of Sylvia and Johnny Campos.

5th grade - Matt Gammon, son of Mark and Tammy Gammon.

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Herman Geris

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Have a wonderful Christmas.



Season's Greetings

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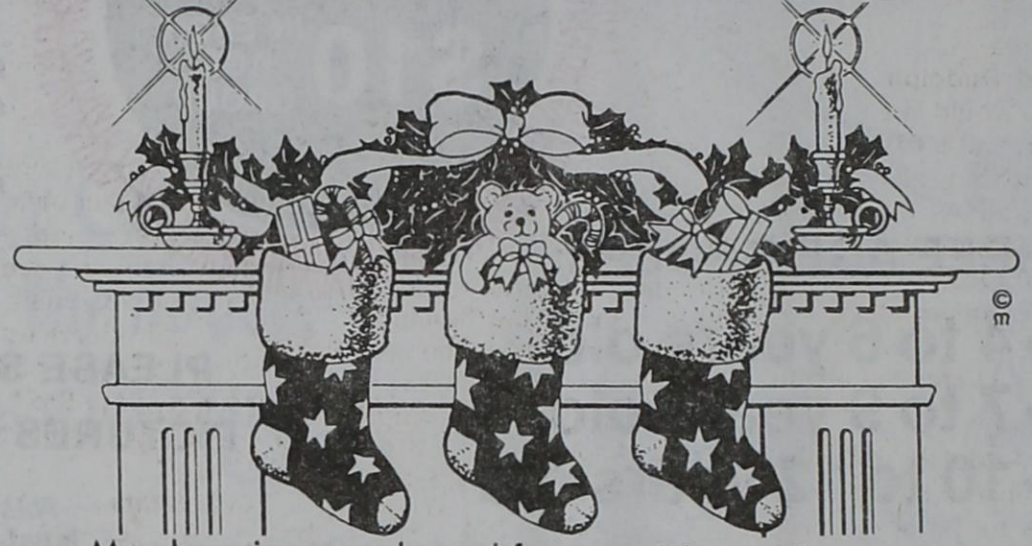
Thanks and happy holiday.



Farwell Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue varsity basketball team consists of, back row from left, Chelsi Kaltwasser, coach Steven Scott and Veronica Mace; middle row, Valerie Mace, Shiloh Roberts, Ashley Crawford, JoAnn Stout, Ramsey Bennett, Britney Hunt; front row, Chelsi Woods and Megan Miller.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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John 3:16

Our thanks for the many kindnesses you've shown us through the year! We join with you in praying for a world filled with peace and joy.

Have a Wonderful Christmas



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Santa, how did Rudolph get into the North Pole?

Dear Santa,
I want a Hot Wheels and they go around and they have some yellow stuff and they go fast. I want a Criss-Cross-Crash. I like your reindeer. I like his elves when they help him. I like Santa's sleigh.
Heber Cordoza



Dear Santa,
I want a kite and a new pencil and I want a real guitar and a new job for my daddy. We have one ferret and one of my ferrets died. I like your reindeer and your sleigh.
Patrick Landers

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty for Christmas. I want two dresses. I want a bunny. I want shoes. I want to see Rudolph.
Tawney Coates

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and I want a gold control with it. I want a Bolcano Blow Out. I want a real puppy. I want some gold. How did Rudolph get into the North Pole?
Matthew Billingsley

Dear Santa,
How did Rudolph get his red nose? I would like a green sweat shirt, and a CD player. I was a good boy all year. I'll leave you some Coca Cola and store bought cookies. I wanted you to know that I run the module builder all by myself.
Laramie Fulcher

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I want a grain truck, a pickup and a trailer for horses, a play airplane that is a piggy bank, ABC cards, and a new "Highlights" program for the computer. How are all your elves feeling? I will put out a cookie and milk for you.
Jake Ware

Dear Santa,
I want a dump truck and a trampoline. And I want a game and some big cars and a Jeep. I know lots of my letters, but please bring some ABC cards for me to play with my sister and my teachers. I would like a kite to play on windy days. Please help everyone have a Happy Christmas.
Pablo Arce

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house by the dairy. I would like a truck and trailer to carry horses, and a dump truck. And we want new crayons and coloring books, and we

good.
Amberlee Payne

Dear Santa,
I have been helping my mom and dad washing dishes, and washing the bathroom. At school I am playing nice and doing my letters work. For Christmas I want a little hammer, a ball, a little star, and a teddy bear. My brother and I can share some trucks. Thank you.
Lupe Merino

Dear Santa,
I will give you some milk and cookies. I will see you next year. How are your reindeers doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you have a good day. For Christmas I want a Barbie with blonde hair and a toy computer. And I want new brown shoes. Thank you, and have a good trip.
Danae Morrow

Dear Santa,
Please bring a dump truck and a front loader. I want a whistle and some ABC cards to play. I will give you a present in our kitchen.
Colton Radford

Dear Santa,
I want an iron, and a computer. My neighbor has a baby, please bring a toy for her. My mom and daddy work -- please bring them a present. Are all the reindeer with you? Feed them some good hay before your trip.
Laura Martinez

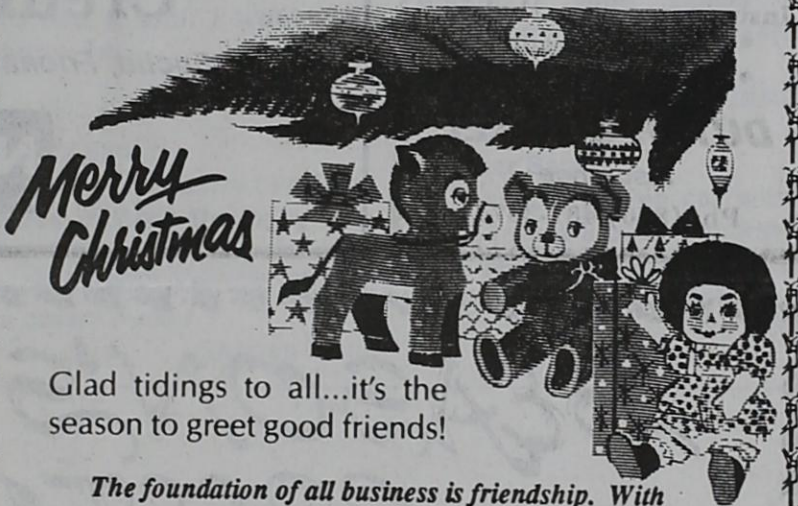
Dear Santa,

would like a trampoline. Bring your reindeer for good hay and they can share with the cows. Stay warm.
Pueblito Andrade

Dear Santa,
I would like a real pink watch with Minnie Mouse, and I want sweaters and blanket for my dolls. And I would like a bike for Barbie. How are the reindeer?
Tabitha Attaway

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with some special dresses. Please bring a dress for my mom and a jacket for dad. My brother likes all kinds of toys, my brother Alan wants some new pants. Thank you.
Erica Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are all the reindeer and the elves? My family is happy with our new baby. Please bring a horse on springs for me and Wyatt to bounce on in the house. We would like a dog and a cat and a calf for outside. I would like a baby doll with clothes, bottle, diapers, and a blanket in a bed. Feed the reindeer



Glad tidings to all...it's the season to greet good friends!

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And this shall be sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
— Luke 2:12

WARM WISHES

Peace, happiness, joy, good fortune and success!

Farwell Country Club



Please bring a toy car for me. I like blue and red and black. And I would like new crayons to draw at home. Thank you for helping put the big tree in my house while I was a kindergarten. I would like some magnet numbers to play on the refrigerator door.
Eric Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like a Raggedy Ann doll and a telescope. I hope that you have a safe trip. How are your reindeer? I love you.
Keegan Langford

Dear Santa,
At kindergarten we like going outside on sunny days. When it is too cold we stay inside and make things. What are all the reindeer doing? Please bring some chaps to my house for me and my brother, and boots too. I would also like a tank truck, a

pickup with horse trailer, a grain truck and some play sheep. Thank you and stay safe.
Kyle Jennings

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline for all our family. Under the tree I will put some milk and chocolate cookies for you. I am glad you like to bring toys. Maybe I will see you someday.
Miguel Vega

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a gold necklace, my dad a new TV, Marisela a gold ring, Miguel a stereo on the bike, and I would like Talking Tops.
Stepanie Vega

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a necklace, my brother a BB gun, my dad a tool set, and

my brother a rifle. I would like a pocket knife.
Trevor Owen

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a horse, and a new saddle. Give my mom a new bridle and reins and bit. I would like a horse and a saddle also.
Jessica Copeland

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom two dozen roses, my dad a power tool, my brother Trevor, a Lego set, my brother Jacob, a Super Sega, and I would like a My Size Repunzel Barbie.
Cydney Thurman

Dear Santa,
Please give my Grandma a ring, Sarah a rocking chair, Julie a dollhouse, Melinda a Cowgirl hat and I would like my size Barbie.
Chanel Castillo




GLAD TIDINGS

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Some things never change at Christmastime. Children still yearn for that special toy, and hope for snow in the forecast. We'd hope you get everything you wish for, this holiday season!

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

Folks, we'd like to take this joyous occasion to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our business on our 21 years here in the Texico-Farwell area.

We started in 1977 in Farwell, then moved to our current location in Texico the following year. And we have Frank Moncayo and Marcia Leavell working with us.

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 21 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 21 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 21st birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

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Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a present because you didn't bring me anything last year and Santa I want a remote control airplane. I will try to be good.
Emilio Loera

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control airplane and a Nintendo 64. Also, some other fun toys.
Marion Lane

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard, Nintendo 64 camera and TV. Thank you.
Cameron Kirkland

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I would like a remote control monster truck, motor airplane, Nintendo games and a remote race track.
Drew Johnson

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Santa are doing well, and are ready for Christmas. I would like a Sega Activator. Thank you.
Harrison Fillpot

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ice maker, play train, kz cartwheel, monopoly, story of Tom and Jerry. I've been nice.
Amber Adams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Play station, a game, remote control car, some walkie talkies and a football helmet. Thanks!
Nathan Cuevas

Dear Santa,
I want a main Barbie and I want a TV and I want my own Barbie house and a cowgirl close and a cowgirl hat.
Melinda Castillo

Dear Santa,
I am good. I want a gigapet and a Barbie with a dog named Ginger. Say hello to Mrs. Santa.
Mikaela Cenicerros

Dear Santa,
I want dishes, a big doll, a dress and sticker, earrings. I love you.
Susie Unger

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a doll. I want a baby brother with a blanket. I hope you have a good day.
Annette Torres

Dear Santa,
I would like a football suit and a football helmet for Christmas.
Brexton Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I want a skating Barbie and a my size Barbie. I've been very good. Take care.
Sarah Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I would like a computer, hockey sticks and camping cookware. Thank you!
Bo Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I would like a Lost World truck and an aircraft carrier. Please bring Tanner an exersaucer and a tickle me Elmo. I love you, Santa!
Taylor Mesman

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a bike and candy.
Brody

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Christmas always brings joy to my heart. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Car. I will be leaving you a snack so that you can take a little break. Love you lots.
Nina Star Galvan

Dear Santa,
I want a main Barbie and I want a TV and I want my own Barbie house and a cowgirl close and a cowgirl hat. I want my own tree house without bugs and spiders and I want a Barbie car and a Barbie mermaid that swims and a computer with Barbie Cds that make stuff and a printer and swimming pool and my own go kart and a swimming Barbie and a Swing Baby.
Sarah Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. I love Santa. I want something.
Martha Rosas



Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring my a tyco rebound and a Nintendo 64.
Jackson Pickel

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a happy and healthy Christmas for all the family, and maybe a pretty doll. Thanks.
Jessica Arce

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with lots of games on it. I think computers are cool.
Ben Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and a bike. Thanks.
Adriana Chacon

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I've been good this year. Tea for you and water for the reindeer we left it for you.
Kade Foster

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll for Christmas like the one you gave me last year. This time with a red dress and with a hat.
Maria Granado

Dear Santa,
I would like a my size Rapunzel Barbie. If you can't bring me one of the big ones, a small Barbie would be fine. Don't forget to come and have cookies and milk, too.
Alicia Brand Porten

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I like

playing outside riding my bike and jumping on the trampoline. What I want for Christmas is a baby doll who eats like a real baby. My brother wants a stock trailer toy with horses, and my baby sister some toys, too. Well, thank you for the toys and stuff we get. And a holy and peace holiday.
Lupita Andrade

Dear Santa,
I want a big red monster truck that has big tires and also has a big engine.
Johnathan Edwards

Dear Santa,
I will leave a snack for you by the Christmas tree. Can I please have a koala bear with a tie stuck on it. I love you, Santa Claus.
Amberli Martin

I want a skating Barbie doll. I would also like a daddy horse, mom horse and a baby horse, and hay and apples and carrots.
Danielle

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64, a bike, an army set, some clothes and my two front teeth. Thank you!!
Mark Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want a paint set, gun, water boots, set of matchbox cars, and a big tractor and plow. I will leave you a peppermint candy by the tree.
Landon White

Dear Santa,
My name is Kayla. I love you Santa. I know you're busy. But please bring me a Casey Cartwheel. And please bring my parents a beautiful year.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control dump truck. I also want

some more magna crew sets.
Joshua Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a Jurassic Park Set, the jungle. I want a spider in a cage, a real one. I am going to leave you a Christmas present for your reindeer. It is a sweatshirt.
Tyler Cullison

Dear Santa,
I want trucks. I want Turbos. I like when you give me toys.
Nathaniel Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
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Nicole Fuentes

Dear Santa,
Please give my sister a doll, my mom a new van, my dad tolls, and my cousin a new cottage. I would like a Nintendo 64.
Max Bermea

Dear Santa,
Please give Amanda a CD, Norm a TV, mom a ring and dad a disc. I would like a Nintendo 64.
Brandon Kyle

Dear Santa,
Please give me a dog, my sister a puppy, my mom a boyfriend and I want to see my other brother. I would like all Selena clothes.
Alyssa Ortega

Dear Santa,
Please give Tasha a stuffed gorilla, Jessica a stuffed bear, Kasey a stuffed lion and my a stuffed god. I also would like a watch.
Amber Adams

Dear Santa, Please give Jeff a go cart, mom clothes, dad a truck and money, and Eric a car. I would like Barbies.
Megan Delgado

Dear Santa,
Please give my mother a diamond ring, my father a radio and my brother a power wheel monster truck. I would like uno cards.
Roper

Dear Santa,
Please give Ricky a bike, Candace a bike, dad a watch and mom a ring. I would like boots.
Ryan

Dear Santa,
Please give Lisa a berette,
Shanea Davis

Mark a shotgun, Tanner a gun scope, and fire belly a raft. I would like boots.
Justin

Dear Santa, Please give Willy and Cricket a big bone, Luke some roller blades, my mom baby bottles and my dad a box of pens. I would like NFL football on Nintendo 64.
Logan

Dear Santa,
Please give Dusty a Nintendo 64, David some doughnuts, my sister a ring and mom a ring. I would like a monitor.
Daniel Morrow

Dear Santa,
Please give Jackson a radio, my mom a diamond ring, my dad a suit and Zach a waterbed. I would like a giant doodle bear.
Morgan

Dear Santa,
Please give my brother a toy pickup, my dad a car, my mom a TV. I would like a doll.
Sarai Graxiola

Dear Santa,
Please give Janae a doll, Ryan a tape, my mom a ring and dad a tool. I would like stanfox 64.
Ross McClaran

Dear Santa,
Please give Garre two Sega games, Kristen the baby triplets, Kristy a new car and Dennis a toll. I would like an ice cream maker.
Shanea Davis

Dear Santa,
Please give my brother a CD, my sister a doll, my dad a truck and my mom a necklace. I would like a Super Sega.
Daniel Cantu

Dear Santa,
Please give my sister dolls, my dad a truck, my mom a car and my sister a Nintendo. I would like a remote control car.
Francisco Perez

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad a pickup, my mom a TV, my brother a play station game and my sister a new bed. I would like a Mustang convertible.
Trace Stevenson

Dear Santa,
I want another Buzz Light-year because my other one won't talk any more. I would also like another choo choo. My sister would like a Barbie car. We are going to leave you cookies and milk. I have been a good boy.
Jayson Dixon

Dear Santa,
I want a Crash Back and I want a whole lot of Army Micro-Machines. I want a lot of Army men. I want a sleigh that I can ride in. I want a real Bull Snake. I want a real deer and it is real and alive. Happy Christmas!
Mason Howard

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a Barbie car and a play telephone. I want skates for Christmas, Barbie Skates. How are your deer?
Gabrielle Vidauri

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car with a jeep. I want a bean bag kitty. I will lay cookies out on the table for you. I love Santa!
Tiffani

Dear Santa,
I love you. Will you bring me a baby dalmation and a baby kitten? Bring me a real live horse. I'll name him Tuffy. Please bring me a ferret, some new pencils, and get some more erasers. I would like some nice birds. Santa I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some milk. I've been a good girl all of the time.
Taylor Fillpot

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty and a motorcycle. How do the elves make the toys? I want to see your deer.
Andrew Orozco

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car, I also want to get tall. I want a computer that opens and shuts. I would like a trampoline mat. Santa how does your reindeer get to the North Pole? I'm
Cindy Bermea

being nice Santa. I wonder how your elves are working? Santa I love you. I will leave your chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk.
Natasha Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a play race, car, a remote control one. I want a bike that you go fast on. I want train tracks. How are you doing Santa? I want to know how your reindeer are doing and how your elves are doing?
Aaron Warren

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep and a play shopping cart. I want a Barbie. Santa, how do you make these toys? I love Santa.
Cindy Bermea

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen table and some cups to go with that and
Brene' Laverty

some plates and some silverware and some play knives and I want play flowers for decoration. I am being good and I love you.
Cambry Devault

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I want a motorcycle, please. Santa how do the elves make toys? I also want a four wheeler, please. My little brother wants a bat mobile. Santa I'm going to leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Colton Christian

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car, and a Ken Barbie doll. Santa how is Rudolph? How are your elves doing? I'll leave you some oatmeal cookies and grape juice. I have been a good, good, good, girl.
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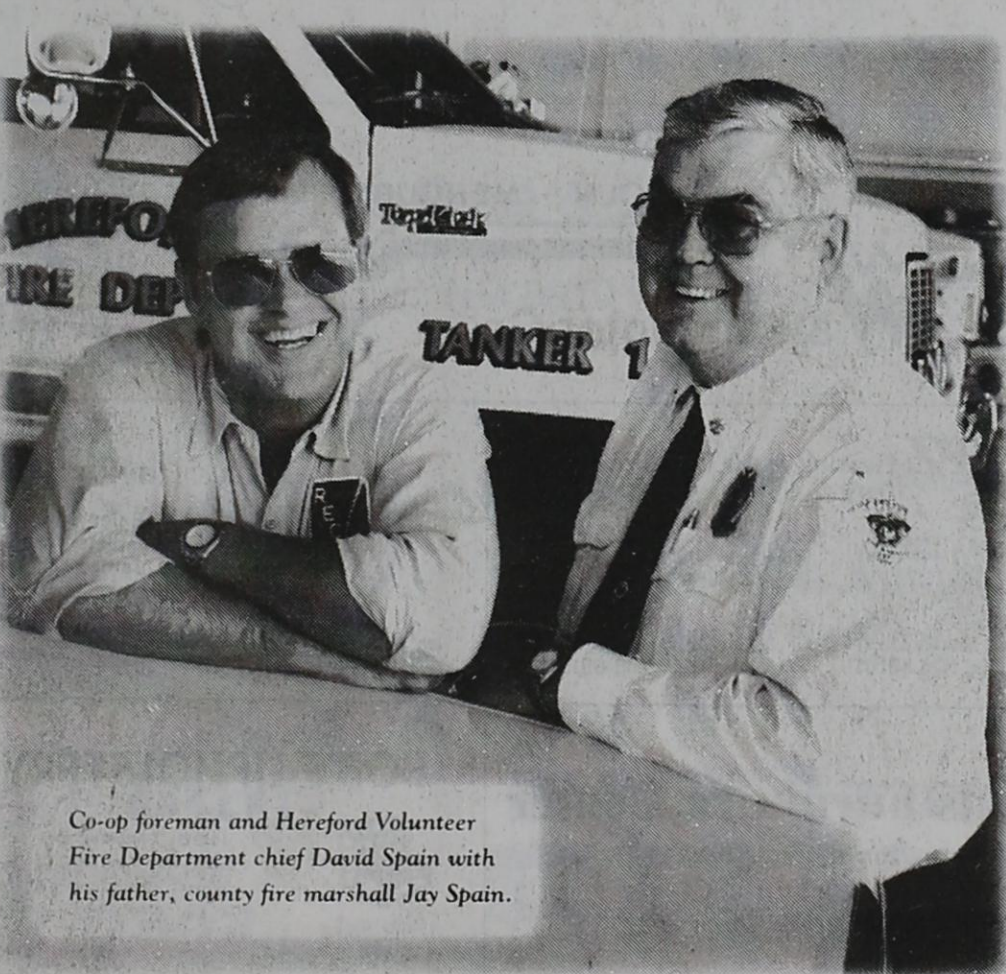
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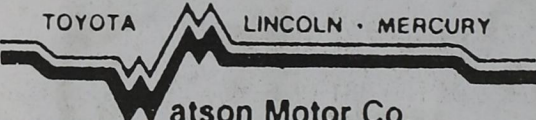
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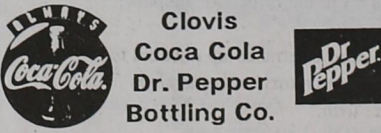
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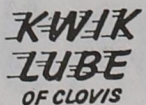
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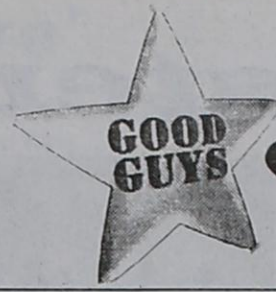
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Farwell JV Girls

Farwell's JV girls team consists of, back row from left, Brandi Taylor, Lisa Herington, Marni Lunsford, coach Doug Boyd; middle row, Mindy Mauldin, Tiffany Edwards, Megan Johnson, Pamela Schjang, Kristin Ford; front row, Nicole Stout, Cristie Tabb, Jessica Lusk, Kacey Gast and McKinzi Woods.



Texico 7th Girls

Texico's 7th grade girls team consists of, back row from left, coach Roy King, Carrie Rucker, Ashley Gonzales, Christina Clark, Barbara Queener, coach Glynnna Martin; middle row, Tori Bradley, Samantha Franse, Britny Powell, Charity Helker, Brittany Autrey; front row, Santana Sena, Katie Peterson, Nicole Richards, Dru Mayfield, Cherry Mayfield, Brenda Grado.



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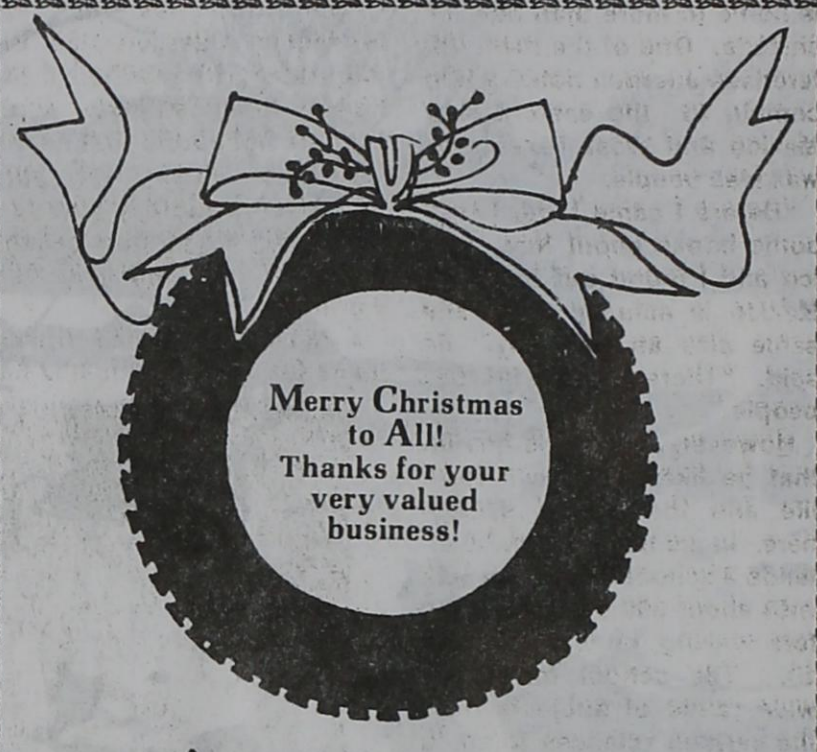


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We extend our heartfelt best wishes to you and your family as you ring out the old year and welcome the new.

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Sehm: 'Teens are the same everywhere'

by Rachel Embry

It may seem a world away at times but Juergen Sehm is finding that America really isn't all that different from his far-away Germany.

Juergen, a foreign exchange student at Texico High School, has slipped easily into the American way of life as if he were born here rather than halfway around the globe.

"I always heard stories about how America was and how people were here," he said. "But after the first day, I think that teenagers are the same everywhere."

Juergen comes from a suburb of Dresden called Radebeul with a population of about 35,000. Dresden itself is home to more than 500,000 citizens. One of the main differences Juergen noted about coming to the eastern New Mexico and West Texas area was less people.

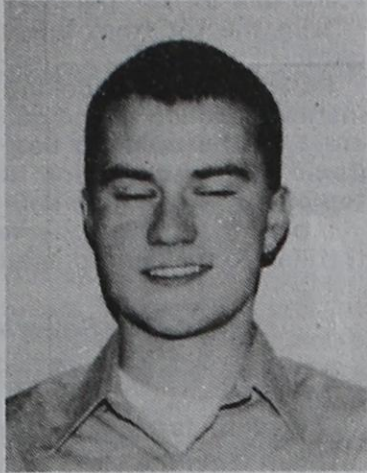
"Before I came here, I read some books about New Mexico and I found out that New Mexico is actually about the same size as Germany," he said. "There's just a lot less people."

However, Juergen is finding that he likes the small town life and the school system here. In his home town, he attends a school for grades 6-12 with about 600 students. Before leaving, he was in grade 10. The school teaches a wide range of subjects from the various sciences to art to music and several languages.

In fact, Juergen has studied French in addition to English and of course German. Now at Texico, he is studying his fourth language, Spanish. He studied English for 4 years before coming to America and one of the main reasons for deciding to become a foreign exchange student was he wanted the opportunity to learn the language better.

Juergen has found the schoolwork in America easier than that he was accustomed to in Germany. He studies many of the same subjects but the teacher's approach is different. There is no multiple choice or matching or opportunities for guesswork. The student must know the material thoroughly.

Since Juergen hasn't had much difficulty with his



Juergen Sehm

schoolwork, he's had time to participate in activities at Texico schools. This year he was varsity mascot as Wally the Wolverine, an activity he will continue through basketball season.

With Christmas fast approaching, Juergen has the opportunity to experience the holiday American style. However, he has found that so far, Christmas does not vary much from culture to culture.

"It's still wanting to get the presents," Juergen said with a grin.

A typical Christmas in Germany for Juergen's family be-

gan early in the holiday season. Every Sunday four weeks before Christmas, they light a candle in special holder. When all four candles are burning, it indicates that Christmas will soon be there and the German equivalent of Santa Claus is coming.

On Christmas Eve, he and his family attend church services in the afternoon then return to their home where they have a cup of coffee, then exchange gifts. Christmas Day is spent with family, eating a big meal and visiting.

Germany shares many of the same traditions as America such as Christmas trees and decorations, although most families do not go to the extremes decorating the exteriors of their homes with lights and such as they do here. Even the story of Santa Claus delights German children as they search the skies for the man in the red suit and his reindeer.

Even though Juergen will be in Texico this holiday season, he will still feel at home. One of the things he has liked best about his stay in America

is the way the community has accepted him.

"I like that everyone is so friendly and that they just accepted me and made me feel at home," Juergen said. "I might miss my family more if I weren't enjoying it here, but everyone has been so helpful to me."

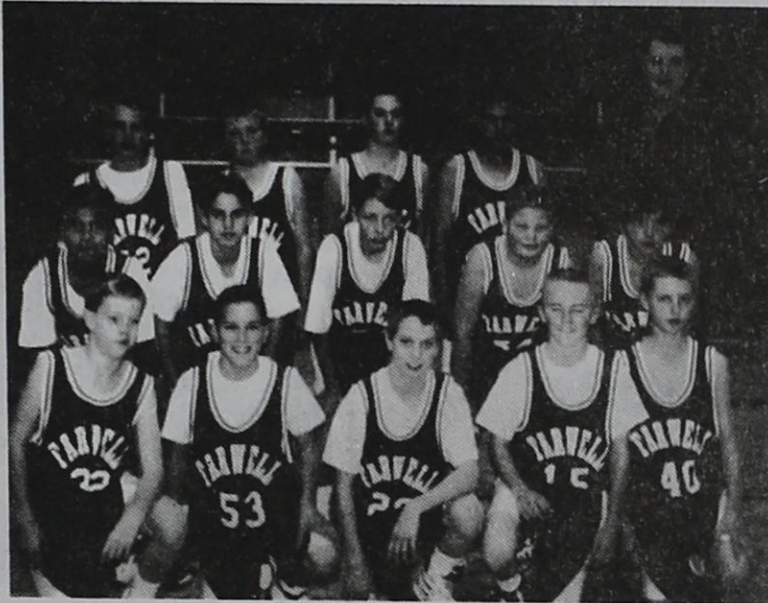
Juergen took a big step in leaving his home and way of life to come to a country so far away from everything he knew, but he has adjusted easily and embraced the American way of life with little difficulty, just as citizens of Texico have helped him become a real part of the community.

The experiences he is having here will inevitably stay with him the rest of his life and whether he be in Germany or Texico, he will always be "home."



Farwell JV Boys

Farwell's JV boys team consists of, back row from left, Paul Franse, Cody Schilling, Derek Goettsch, coach Brent Terry; middle row, Matt Zachary, Shane Roberts, Jason Crawford, Deon Billingsley, Brian Hager; front row, Kris Norton, Kolby Kimbrough, Jourdan Nichols, Lane McFarland and Cade Christian.



Farwell 7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys team consists of, back row, from left: Zac Schilling, Jeff Davis, Curt Christian, Van Sanchez, coach Jacob Thompson; middle row, Carlos Garcia, Jered Coleman, Mark White, Devin Goettsch, Jeremy Hernandez; front row, Trey Laverty, Randy Armstrong, Brody Norton, Lonnie McFarland and Josh Curtis.



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The Trustees and Employees of Farmers' Electric Cooperative extend their heartfelt best wishes to you and your family as you ring out the old year and welcome the new.

As you and your family celebrate during the holiday season, we encourage the following wise energy-use practices:

- ✓ Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause a fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- ✓ Always turn off the lights before leaving home or going to bed. It's safer and you will save money!
- ✓ Make sure your tree is placed away from fireplaces, space heaters, and other sources that might dry it out or ignite it.



Enjoy the holidays and greet the New Year with energy, health, and happiness.

The offices of Farmers' Electric will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday, and Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. If you experience problems with your electric service, we are just a phone call away.

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From pizza to roast to shortcakes

Fresh Basil and Tomato Pizza

- 1 16-oz. Loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz.)
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
- 5 red and/or yellow plum tomatoes or 3 medium tomatoes, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Small fresh basil leaves (optional)

On a lightly floured surface, roll bread dough into a 12-inch circle. Place in a 12-inch pizza pan, pressing dough to build up an edge. Using kitchen scissor, snip edge of crust every 1 1/2 inches, angling cuts alternately left and right. Prick crust with the tines of a fork.

Convention bake in a preheated 375 degrees oven for 14 to 16 minutes or until golden brown. Or, standard bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 14 to 16 minutes.

Sprinkle crust with mozzarella cheese. Top with sliced basil, then tomato slices. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and pepper.

Convention bake about 8 minutes more or until mozzarella cheese is melted and parmesan cheese is lightly browned. Or, standard bake about 8 minutes more.

If desired, arrange basil leaves on pizza. Cut pizza into wedges. Makes 12 appetizer servings.

Roasted Vegetables

(Serves 4)

- 1 medium yellow squash
- 1 medium zucchini
- 1 large red pepper
- 1 large yellow pepper
- 1 medium red onion
- 1 medium eggplant
- 2 fresh garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil ("pure" or extra virgin)
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut vegetables into small pieces and arrange in large roasting pan with thinly sliced garlic. Drizzle with olive oil and vinegar; sprinkle with pepper and salt. Toss to coat.

Roast vegetables, turning often, until edges are browned and vegetables are tender, approximately 30 minutes.

Rich Biscuit Shortcakes

- 2 cups sifted self-rising flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1 egg
- About 1/2 cup milk.

Pre-heat oven to 450F. Combine flour and sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Beat egg in measuring cup, add enough milk to make 2/3 cup. Add to flour mixture and stir with fork. Turn out onto a lightly floured board or pastry cloth; knead just until smooth. Roll dough out about 1/2

inch-thick and cut with floured cutter or with a knife in desired shapes. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 9 to 12 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 shortcakes.

TIP: Sprinkle shortcakes with 2 tablespoons sliced almonds before baking, if desired.

Bran Muffin Breakfast Trifle

- 3 cups coarsely crumbled low-fat bran muffins (about 3 medium muffins)
- 4 cups assorted fresh fruit chunks
- 2 cups nonfat or low-fat vanilla or fruit-flavored yogurt

Place half the muffin crumbs in a 2½-quart glass bowl or airtight container. Arrange 3/4 cups of fruit on top. Cover with remaining muffin crumbs. Spoon yogurt evenly over the top. Top with remaining fruit, cover and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight.

Serves 6; 1 cup per serving. Preparation time: 10 minutes. Chilling time: 6 hours or overnight.

Hearty Harvest Pumpkin Pie

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| Crust | Filling |
| 1 cup Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix | 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin |
| 1 cup old-fashioned oats | 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk (2/3 cup) |
| 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted | 2/3 cup granulated sugar |
| 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar | 2 large eggs, beaten |
| | 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice |
| | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| | 1/4 cup chopped pecans |

Stir together crust ingredients; reserve 1/4 cup crumbs. Press remaining crumbs in bottom and up side of an 11-inch tart pan; set aside. Combine filling ingredients except pecans; pour into crust. Stir together reserved crumbs and pecans. Sprinkle over filling. Bake at 350° for 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Serve with dollops of sour cream or whipped cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Tex-Mex Roast

During the holidays there is so much to do that it is difficult to plan well balanced, healthful meals. Here is a recipe for a roast that can be started early in the day, so it will be ready for the family when they return from shopping or when they work.

- 4 lb. beef rump roast
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1 - 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1/2 c. water
- 1 tsp. instant beef bouillon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 carrots
- 1 medium onion
- 3 stalks celery
- 1 small can green chili peppers

Preheat oven to 325 degrees or set oven timer to begin about 2 1/4 hours before the time you wish to serve the

roast. Shake flour in large size (14" x 20") oven cooking bag. Place in a 9x 13" pan. Trim the fat from the roast. Dust with salt, pepper, and garlic.

Roll down top of cooking bag and add tomato sauce, water, instant bouillon. Blend gently with flour. Add vegetables and meat to the cooking bag. Turn gently to coat ingredients. Close bag with a nylon tie. Make several small slits in the top of the bag. Bake about 2 hours until tender.

If pressed for time, serve with instant potatoes or rice and tortillas to make a complete meal.

Apple Salsa With Cinnamon Chips

Submitted by Jade Mahaney

- SALSA:**
- 2 medium tart apples, chopped
 - 1 cup chopped strawberries
 - 2 medium kiwifruit, peeled and chopped
 - 1 small orange
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons apple jelly, melted
- CHIPS:**
- 8 flour tortillas (7 or 8 inches)
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

In a bowl, combine apples, kiwi and strawberries. Grate orange peel to measure 1 1/2 teaspoons; squeeze juice from orange. Add peel and juice to apple mixture. Stir in brown sugar and jelly. For chips, brush tortillas lightly with water. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over tortillas. Cut each tortilla into 8 wedges. Place in a single layer on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 6-8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Serve with salsa. Yield: 4 cups salsa. Serves: 8

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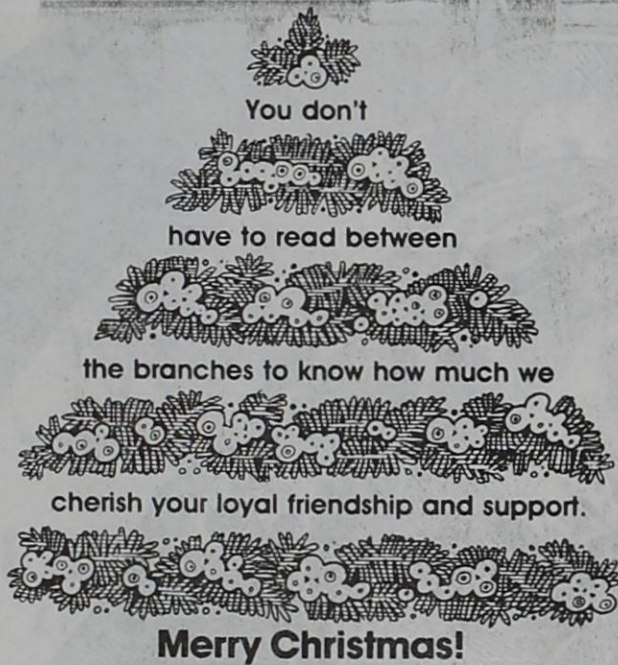
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Last Christmas was special for the Kirkland family

By Rachel Embry

For many people, Christmas is more than a time of anticipation of good things to come but a time to reminisce fondly over past holidays.

More than any other time of year, Christmas brings to mind old memories and often childhood days and good times. Some area people took the time to share some of their favorite or at least most memorable Yuletide seasons.

The impact that being with friends and family during Christmas is an overwhelmingly popular theme when it comes to "favorite" Christmases.

"Christmases in my mind just stand out as being times to get together with my whole family," Richard Luscombe of Texico said. "We'd just make a big deal out of it, getting together for the dinner and all. That was always special."

Doyle Johnson of Farwell, shared similar feelings, remembering a Christmas spent with family and looking out the window and seeing it snow as one of his favorites.

Sometimes Christmas brings home more people than just family. Wade Cargile's family had some interesting guests when he was a little boy. Two of his uncles had been serving in the Vietnam War, but received a furlough to come home for a couple of weeks for the holidays.

When they arrived, they each had brought a Vietnamese native and a Hawaiian friend to experience an American Christmas. Wade remembers how friendly the visitors were, playing games and wrestling with the children before dinner.

One cooked a pheasant Vietnamese style for dinner to balance the culture-sharing. They left a few days later to tour the country but their holiday visit remains a pleasant memory to Wade.

Not all families are always fortunate to spend Christmas all together. Glen Neie noted that his grandmother lived too far away for Christmas reunions, but some of his favorite Christmas memories include the anticipation of waiting for the package she sent every year.

The gifts might not always have been big and glamorous by today's standards but they were always thoroughly enjoyed by Glen's family.

Sometimes a particular event coinciding with the holiday can bring to mind just how important family really is year-round, not just in the Christmas season.

Such was the case with the Kirkland family just last year. Jack Kirkland Sr. had been seriously ill in the hospital for over two months and came several times perilously close to losing his life.

However, he recovered enough to be able to come home from the hospital just a few days before Christmas. The whole family was there to welcome him and together they decorated the Christmas tree and the Methodist youth group came caroling.

"It was just really special because we realized how lucky we were to have him there" his daughter, Leigh Ann Woods remembers.

Inevitably the thing that comes to mind when Christmas is mentioned is the generous exchange of gifts or in Michele Kirkland's case, the

non-exchange!

Michele and her sister were still very young one Christmas when Santa didn't come. Before Christmas, it was a tradition that if the girls behaved badly, they would only receive a sack of coal or a block of wood.

On Christmas morning, the eager and expectant girls found only a little square present awaiting them. They were horribly disappointed to unwrap a block of wood!

However, it was only a trick by "cruel" parents as the Christmas bounty was hidden in another room. The holiday turned out fine, but Michele hasn't forgotten the trauma of that experience.

One of Tori Meeks' most memorable Christmases was when she and her brothers

had to "work" for their presents! Rather than placing the gifts traditionally under the tree, their mom set up a scavenger hunt. After searching from clue to clue throughout the house, they finally found their new bikes in the basement.

Sometimes Christmas fun is stopped short. Wade Cargile had wanted a toy rifle for years and finally one Christmas received this long-coveted prize. When dinner was called, he laid the gun in a chair where it was partially covered by coats and scarves. Before he could resume play with it, a relative sat on it and broke it!

Likewise, Leigh Ann Woods remembers a time when her Christmas toy was retired prematurely as the wheels to

her brand new baby buggy popped off when she pushed the button. And Richard Luscombe received a toy train that his brothers monopolized and refused to let him play with.

Krista Bray noted a time when instead of satisfying certain desires, Christmas can only serve to enhance them. She had been driving an older Camaro but it broke down permanently so she was without a vehicle.

For Christmas, she received a CD player with a car adaptor, but could hardly enjoy it while the irony of having no car plagued her!

Christmas gifts are sometimes more than things or stuff. One year Audrey Kittrell and her husband took their children to Disneyland for

Christmas. There wasn't much more than a bicycle seat and a Bible under the Christmas tree, she said, but they made some memories to last a lifetime.

But Mrs. Kittrell's favorite memories involve her childhood in Merna, Neb., when every year on Christmas Eve, her family would go to the church programs. The music, decorations, and goodies still sparkle in her mind as what Christmas is all about.

Part of the charisma of the holiday season is the warm feelings it brings back of the past. Christmases of long ago will always somehow be unrepeatable, just as the memories we are making this yuletide season will someday glow in our minds as the "good ole days".

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Election Resolution
City of Texico, New Mexico
Resolution No. 1997-8

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Texico that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 3, 1998. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1. One Mayor for four year term.
2. One Councilman for a four year term.
3. One Councilman for a two year term.
4. One Councilman for a two year term.

C. The following location is designated as the polling place for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters in Precinct 33 shall vote at Texico Community Center -- 215 Griffin.

D. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the City Clerk.

E. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Curry County not later than Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

F. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 6, 1998, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

G. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines.

Adopted and approved this 25th day of November, 1997.

Nathan L. Tharp
Mayor

Attest:
Rebecca C. Gear
Municipal Clerk

Election Resolution
City of Texico, New Mexico
Resolucion Num. 1997-8

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la de Texico que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 1998. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

1. Una Alcaldia por un termino de cuatro anos.
2. Un Regidor por un termino de cuatro anos.
3. Un Regidor por un termino de dos anos.
4. Un Regidor por un termino de dos anos.

C. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

1. Los votantes en el Precinto 33 votaran en Texico Community Center -- 215 Griffin.

D. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado del Curry condado a mas tardar el martes, 3 de Febrero de 1998 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro.

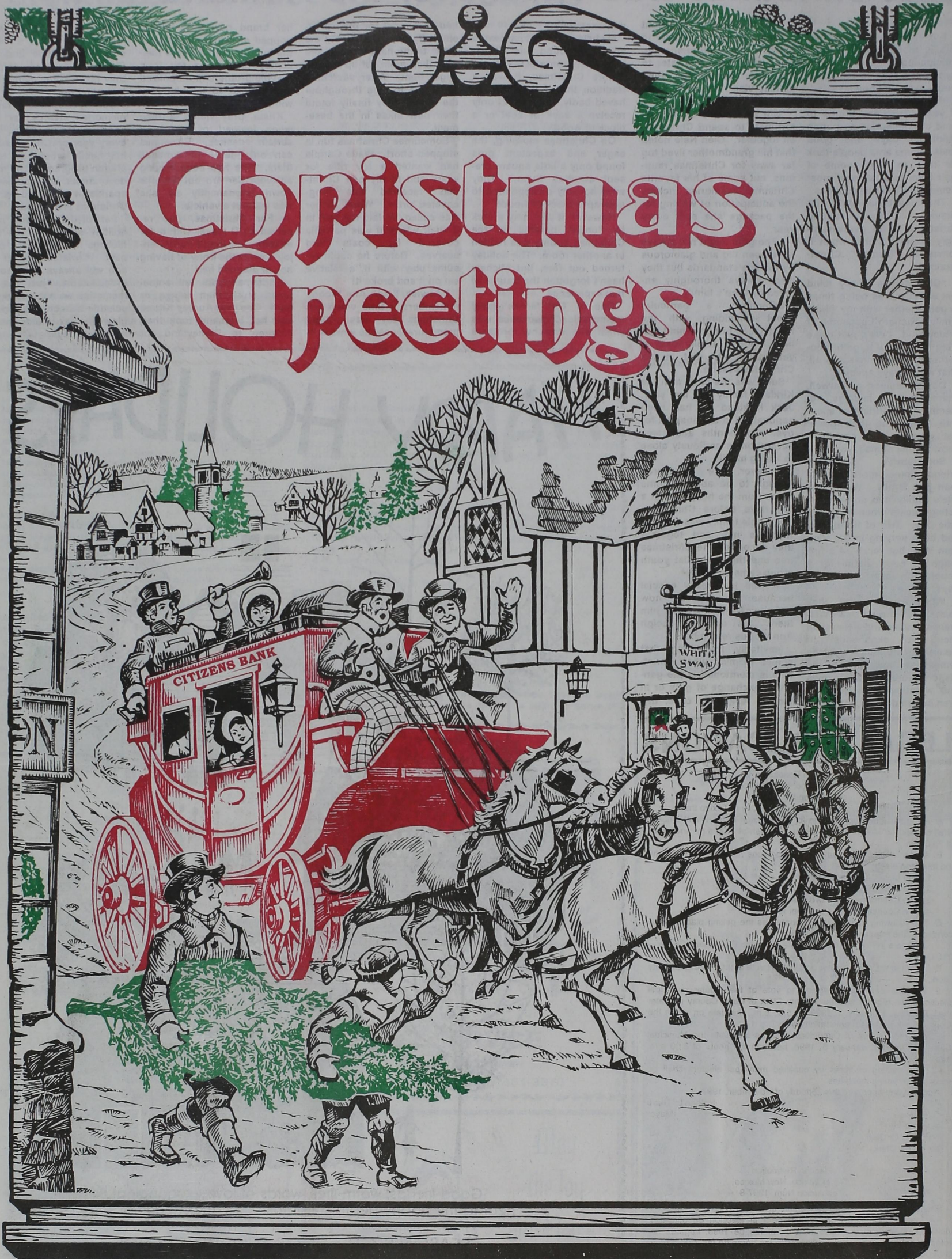
E. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 6 de enero de 1998 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

F. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 25 de November de 1997.

Nathan L. Tharp
Alcalde

Da fe:
Rebecca C. Gear
Escribana Municipal



A dash through the snow... a hall decked with holly wreaths and mistletoe. It's truly a festive time of year... as Christmas draws near. May it warm you with happiness and loving moments as you celebrate this joyous holiday season. We especially wish to thank you, our dear friends and patrons, for your very special kindnesses throughout the year.

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