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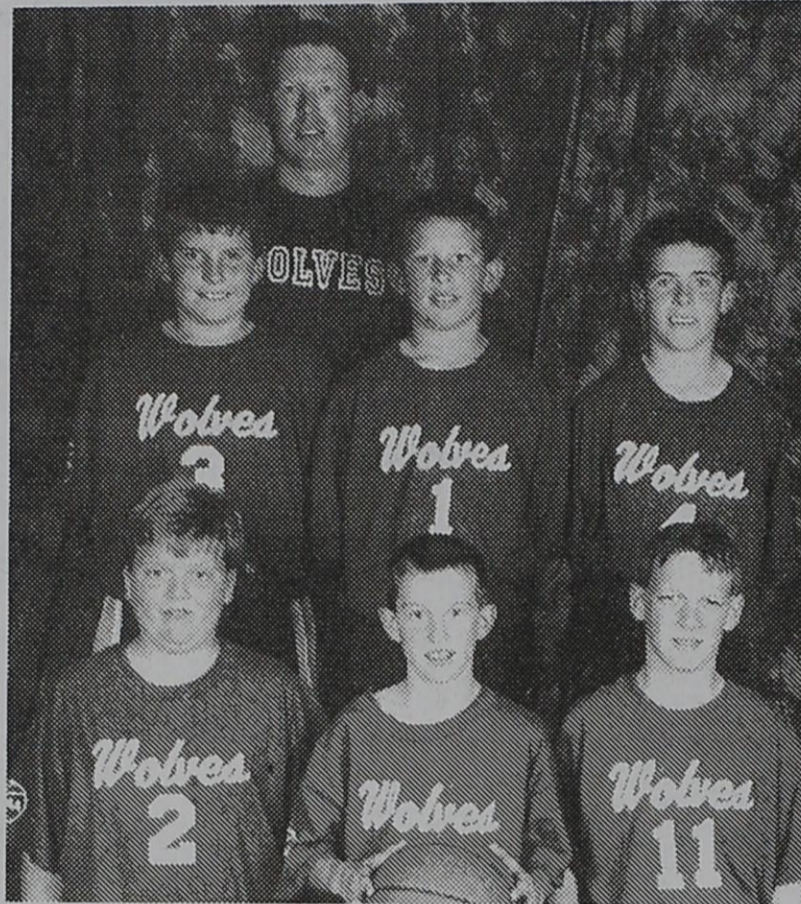
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Here's a look back at 1999, with the numbers corresponding to the photos on Page 1:

1. Kirk Saul became the new varsity boys' basketball coach at Farwell High. He also won the annual Area Merchants Football Contest.
2. Two Parmer County officials retired -- Louise Hancock, Farwell Justice of the Peace, and Bonnie Warren, Parmer County clerk.
3. Seven candidates vied for three Texico School Board positions.
4. Roy McGaa resigned as Farwell's police chief.
5. The Parmer County sheriff's office purchased a drug-detecting dog. Deputy Keith Payne became his handler.
6. Britney Hunt won the Loving Cup -- Farwell High's honor as the top senior.
7. Charlie Phillips continued his tradition of performing at a fund-raiser each July for the Farwell Convalescent Center.
8. Robert Achterberg was hired as Farwell's new police chief.
9. The Farwell Chamber of Commerce honored Ralph Franse for his leadership over the past several years.
10. Pablo Lucio purchased Hughes True Value from Joe and Gwen Hughes.
11. Hal Helton and his mother, Dardanella, were honored by the Texico Chamber of Commerce as part of the 50th anniversary of Helton Oil.
12. Jerry Adams became the Farwell Convalescent Center's new administrator.
13. Farwell Chamber of Commerce top awards went

- to Jerry Monk, Agriculturalist of the Year; Jimmie Mace, Man of the Year; Gloria Hutchins, Woman of the Year, and Mona Merritt, Teacher of the Year.
14. The top Texico Chamber of Commerce award recipients were Juania Hadley, Educator of the Year; Eddie Dunsworth, Man of the Year, and Allie Burris, Woman of the Year.
15. Ground breaking was held for Master Tech, the new vehicle repair firm in Texico.
16. Naval Commander Will Anderson was assigned to Ecuador, from where he sent several fascinating photos and articles to the Tribune for publication.
17. The Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative gin opened just east of Farwell.
18. Junior livestock shows took center stage in January throughout the county. Shown is Cade Morris, with a grand champion lamb.
19. Jerrie Tims was employed at Farwell's new drug store -- Riddle Rx.
20. Dollie Porter retired as cashier at Security State Bank.
21. Jerry Stover opened Farwell Manufacturing & Farm Supply.
22. Kelly Green's new office building was landscaped.
23. Tyler Chadwick had the best year any Farwell High athlete ever had during the 1998-99 season.
24. Farwell's varsity girls basketball team achieved a first -- earning a trip to state.
25. Texico Chamber of Commerce workers won the annual KNEW public TV fund-

- raiser -- and received a tree video of the community.
26. The Texico Lady Wolverines were state runnersup in basketball.
27. It was a year of transition for the Texico and Farwell band programs -- with new band directors coming to both schools.
28. Border Town Days had its usual excellent turnout, with a great parade. Shown is the Pleasant Hill Fire Department fire engine -- "the Wild Thang."
29. Volleyball was part of the annual Texico 4th of July festivities.
30. Lori Haseloff was awarded the Muleshoe School's Secondary Teacher of the Year honor.



Champions

The Texico Wolves (5th and 6th grade boys) won the CGAA Senior Boys championship. Pictured are: back row, Coach Buddy Vaughan; middle row, Ricky Burns, Aaron Vaughan and Chance Bradley; front row, Jeremy Riley, Curtis Williams and Dustin McDaniel. Not pictured is Cutter Roberts.

Wolverines recognized

Texico Wolverine football players named to the Associated Press Class A All-State team were:
 First team -- Jake Williams, offensive lineman.
 Second team -- Josh Boazman, tight end, offense.
 Honorable mention -- Eric Smith, running back, offense; Jake Williams, defensive lineman; and Ryan Autrey, defensive back.

Obituaries

C.W. Bradshaw

Services for C.W. "Neal" Bradshaw were held Dec. 29 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Ministers David Bennett and Harry Riggs officiating.
 Burial will be held in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.
 He died Dec. 25 at White Dove Rehab and Nursing Home in Littlefield.
 He was born Sept. 20, 1917, in Waxahachie, Tex. He married Gladys Smith in Lubbock Oct. 14, 1939. He was a farmer and served in the U.S. army during World War II. During his military tour he served for 18 months in Germany with the 84th Division and had received three battle stars and the combat badge.
 He was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.
 Survivors include wife; a son Lloyd Bradshaw of Lazbuddie; a brother, Ted Melugin of Wilson Tex.; 3 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by a son, Odis, in 1980.

Helen Massongill

Helen Carpenter Massongill, 88, died Dec. 22 at Havasu City, Ariz.
 She was born in Wolf City, Texas, on March 19, 1911 to Wade and Ollie Carpenter. They moved to Floyd County in 1916, then to Oklahoma Lane in 1927.
 She attended Oklahoma Lane Schools and taught

music lessons. She married Tom Massongill in 1930 and a few years later they moved to California, where they lived 60 years. She lived with her daughter at Havasu City the past two years.
 Surviving are a daughter, Virginia, of Havasu City; a brother, Harold Carpenter, of Oklahoma Lane; a sister, Frances Norton, of Farwell; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.
 She was preceded in death by her husband and an infant son.
 A memorial is planned for her at the Baptist church in Havasu City.

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2012



Kory Don Jennings is a kindergartener at Farwell Elementary. His birthday is February 18.
 He is the son of Gary and Sheila Jennings, and the grandson of Eddi and Jean Smith, and Jack and Helen Jennings. He has one brother, Aaron, and a twin sister Keila.
 He likes riding his bike and his horse and roping. His favorite food is cheese sandwiches. He dislikes wearing short sleeve shirts.

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Here come the county stock shows

The 32nd annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8.
 Farwell staffers, 4-H and FFA students and their parents will set up pens and make arrangements for the livestock show on Friday, Jan. 7, starting at 7 p.m., reported ag teacher Jon Cullison.
 Weights on all animals must be turned in to the Parmer County extension service office in the county courthouse in Farwell by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7.
 Cullison said there will be a charge of \$2 per head for shavings.
 Judge for the event will be

Ronnie Miller, a retired ag teacher at Silverton High School.
 Cullison expects a good number of pigs, lambs and steers to be entered this year, about the same as last.
 Also, belt buckles will be given to the champions and showmanship winners.
 Cullison said Robert White will again serve as ring steward, and Fred Chandler will be the emcee.
 The Farwell 4-H Club will preside over the concession stand.
 The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will go back to a Saturday after being held on Wednesdays the past three years.
 The show is set for Saturday, Jan. 15, starting at 1 p.m., at the Friona Community Center.
 The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the Friona Community Center.
 Parmer County Extension Service Agent Cody Hill said

no Bovina Junior Livestock Show will be held this year.
 The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 20-22 at the Friona Community Center.
 Judges will be Kevin Newsum, lambs and goats; and Bryon Reynolds, pigs and steers.
 Hill expects a huge number of goats this year -- about 53. In addition, he forecasts about 70 sheep, 9 steers and 245 hogs.
 The weigh-in for all animals will be on Jan. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. Barrows will be classified as weighed. At 5 p.m., steers will be classified, followed by lambs and goats.
 On Jan. 21, the lamb show starts at 8 a.m., followed by the goat show. The barrow show start at 1 p.m.
 Steers will be judged starting at 8 a.m. on Jan. 22.
 The appreciation dinner will start at 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the Friona Community Center, followed by the annual sale one hour later.
 Hill said the cleanup will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Meet Texico's Class of 2012



Claudia Judith Campos is a Texico Elementary School kindergartener. Her birthday is March 25.
 She is the daughter of Heriberto and Estela Campos and the granddaughter of Heriberto and Carmela Campos and Joel and Tomasa Ojeda. She has one sister, Jennifer.
 She likes to play with dolls and go to the park. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is purple. She likes reading, writing, and coloring, and dislikes not getting to play.
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<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Terry Hightower - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Kevin Phillips Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service - 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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Now, Will has seen it all

(Editor's note: Farwell's very own Naval Commander Will Anderson, son of Bob and Carrie Anderson, is attached to the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador. As has been his custom over the years, he submits articles and photos from his postings around the world.)

by Will Anderson

In my many years overseas, I have seen lots of protests against the USA, lots of places, following lots of different themes. Japanese students are angry about the Pacific War (who can forget when Pearl Harbor launched a surprise attack on those poor torpedo planes?)

Seething mobs in Islamic countries burn the flag of "the Great Satan" (when they're not standing in line to visas to immigrate there.) Crowds wave banners in front of U.S. Embassies in Europe, protest every American overseas military intervention (except for the American overseas military interventions Europe demands every generation in a world war or a Balkan civil war it has started. Those are okay.)

But now, I have found something totally new to me, there is a seething rage amongst the 10 or 12 leftists here in Quito, directed against the residence of probably the most famous clown in America today. (No, no, not the one in Washinton D.C., you know, the one with the golden arches, Ronald McDonald!)

When a McDonalds opened here, the leftists of Quito could not bear this affront, sensing the insidious conspiracy

behind a Big Mac. A campaign was launched across the city to boycott this Mickey-Dee's, even though this franchise had been purchased by Quitenos, employed only Quitenos, and it customers were a mixture of Ecuadorians and the other nationalities in this international city.

The boycott was ignored by about everyone except leftists, so the next step was a bomb. Nobody was hurt and no damage was done. It really wasn't much of a bomb, just an orange juice can of gun powder in a cardboard box that blew up, blowing pamphlets all over the McDonald's parking lot. (It was a lot like Brett Hargrove's chemistry lab explosion at FHS in 1971.)

I, of course, assumed that it was probably just another customer who thought the fries were too greasy or who hated commercials with clowns. However, the pamphlets make it clear that the blast was a bona fide gesture of ethical rage,

Lazbuddie hoopsters vie

The Lazbuddie varsity basketball teams participated in the Silverton Shoot Out early this week.

Results of the first two games were available before the Tribune deadline.

The Lady Longhorns are now 10-5 after splitting their first two games.

In the tourney opener, Lazbuddie fell to Claude, 57-53. Laura Jo Via had 18 to pace Lazbuddie, while Scottie Brown had 11.

In the tourney second game, Lazbuddie beat Bovina, 45-36. Via had 16 and Brown had 14 to lead their squad.

The Longhorns' record fell to 3-11 with a pair of losses in the tourney so far.

In the tourney opener, Lazbuddie lost to Claude, 49-41. Bryce Ronek had 12 and Jeffery Seaton had 11 for the Longhorns.

In the second game, Lazbuddie fell to Bovina, 49-39. Tyler Gartin led his team with 19 points.

On Wednesday, the Longhorns were scheduled to play Kress in the guarantee game, while the Lady Longhorns were to vie with Cotton Center in the consolation final.

and a significant political statement.

The USA and its citizens get blamed for a lot of things in this world that are not its fault, and eventually you get used to it. Here in Quito, we get a batch of students in front of our Embassy on every Thursday that the volcano isn't erupting. They're enraged that foreign investors are reluctant to just write off Ecuador's international debt of about \$13.5 billion.

Now, keep in mind that a very small fraction of the international debt is owed to the USA, which stands sixth or seventh from the top behind the debts owed to Japan, Israel, several European countries, or world financial institutions.

However, the drums and banners show up in front of our Embassy because it seems that a protest in front of a US Embassy is so much more significant than one in front of any place else.

For example, you may remember the author, Salmon Rushdie, who wrote the book called "The Satanic Verses" that upset so much of the Islamic world. He was a Muslim, born in India, a citizen of Great Britain, who published his book with a publishing house in London, and was in hiding in Scotland.

"The Satanic Verses" is a real gem of a goofy and unintelligible book, but it still got reprinted in paperback, and the angry mobs boiled out of the mosques in Islamabad, Pakistan when it did.

Streaming down "Embassy Row" with rocks and torches, the mobs completely ignored the British Embassy and Indian Embassy as they passed in front of them, they were making a beeline to begin their attack on the gates of the U.S. Embassy, where I used to work. Go figure...

In any case, I doubt that Ronald McDonald himself is going to win many popularity contests down here soon, but his Quito fast food place is making big money for him with about everyone these days.

Ominously, even the leftists go there now, after a long hot day of banging drums on the street below my office window, and that's got me worried now. If the leftists frequent McDonald's, maybe there really is some kind of insidious conspiracy behind the Big Mac? What's Ham-Burglar slipping in-between those sesame seed buns? Think about it.

The Latest

Results of the Tribune's annual Christmas coloring contest have been announced.

And, once again, some of the entries were so close that ties were given.

First place winners in each age group receive \$15. Second place prizes of \$10 are given in each age group, too.

Winners were:

4-6 group: 1st, Abby Johnson; 2nd, Caitlyn Stancell.

7-9 group: 1st, Keegan Langford; tie for 2nd, Jessi Conlen and Joshua Olivas.

10-12 group: tie for 1st, Danielle Cargile and Aaron Vaughan.

Farwell's new police chief, Robert Achterberg, is still awaiting Texas certification before he can carry out his new duties.

He took the exam last week and should get the results next week.

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club last week heard a report on the 7-year plan for landscaping at Farwell Schools.

A lot of trees and bushes will be placed throughout the campuses, plus a better sprinkler system will be installed.

Texico's Bruce Deavours will be running for a second term as the Curry County Commissioner, District 2.

John McFarland is home from the hospital and doing better, wife Betty reports.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licence was issued in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

Sergio Arzate and Maria Luisa Montes.

District looms nearer

It's getting toward the end of the high school pre-district basketball season, as the local hoopsters continue to hone their skills on the hard court.

The Farwell JV and varsity teams play at Kress on Jan. 4. Then the JV teams enter the Lazbuddie JV tourney Jan. 6-8. The varsity teams open their district schedule at Olton on Jan. 7.

The Texico varsity and JV

teams enter the EPAC tournament at Melrose on Jan. 5-8. The 7-8 teams vie with Portales on Jan. 6.

The Lazbuddie JV and varsity teams play at Meadow on Dec. 31, then at Whitharral on Jan. 4.

Lazbuddie hosts its annual JV/journey high tourney Jan. 6-8. And the varsity teams open their district run on Jan. 7 by hosting Happy.


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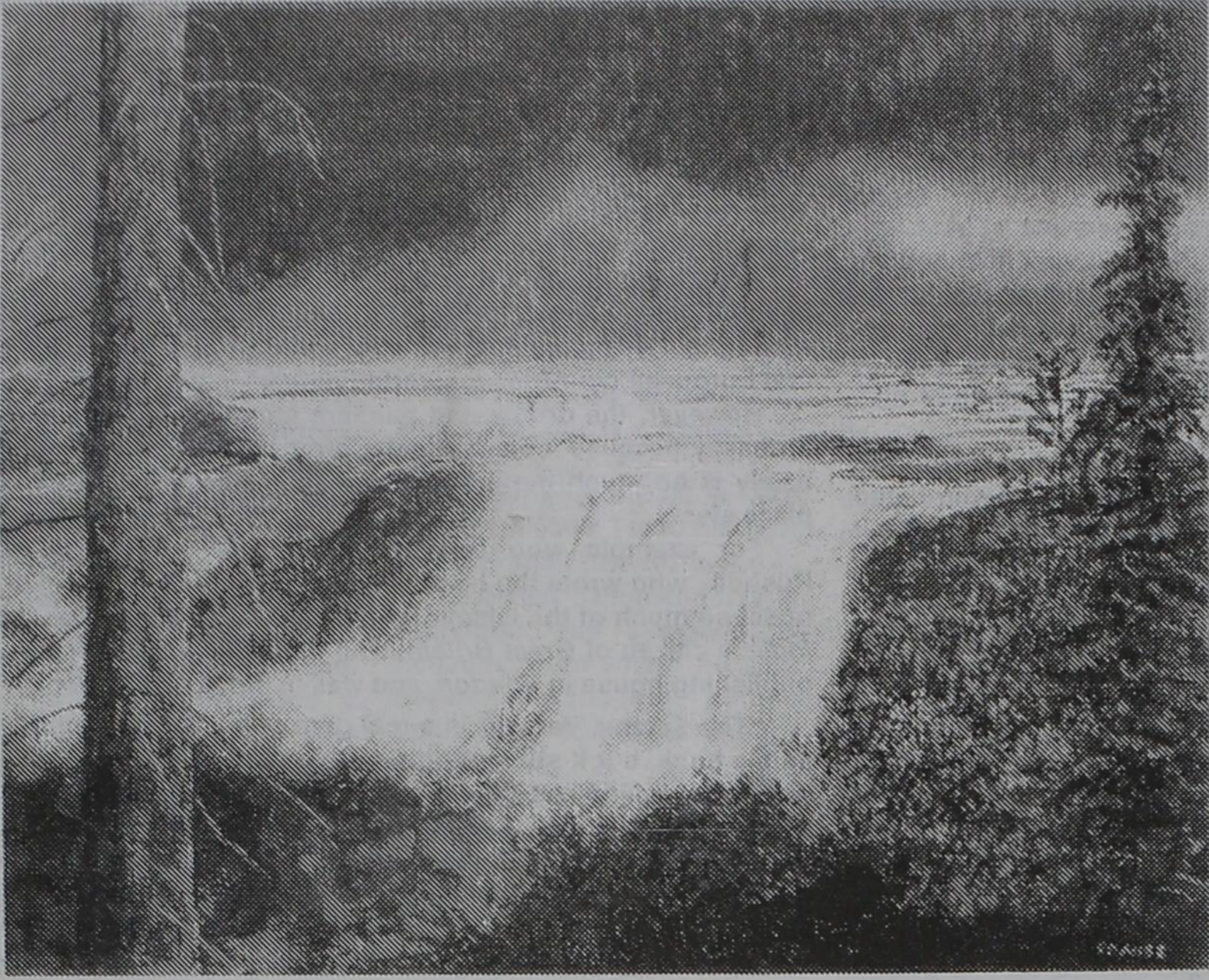
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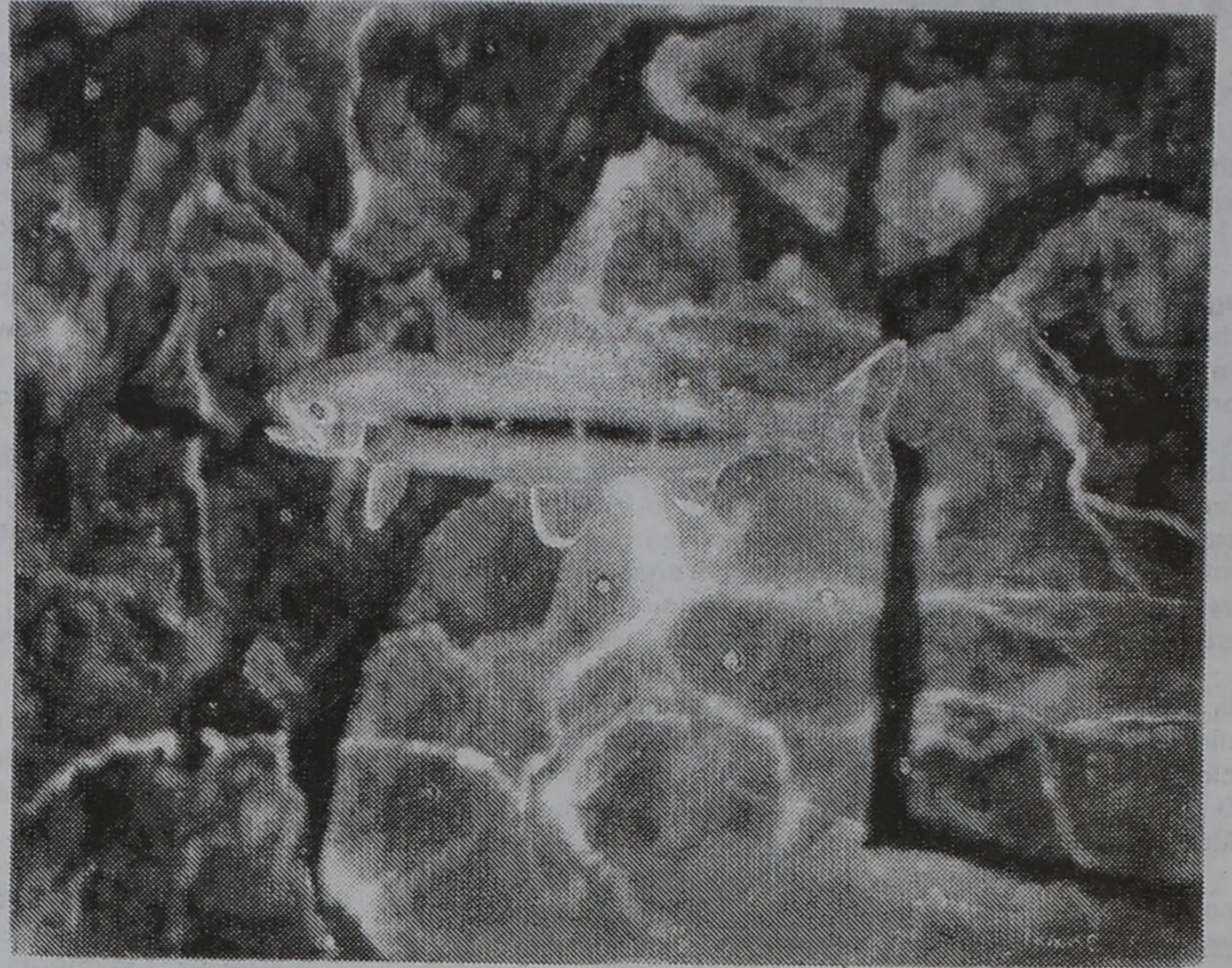
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"Kootenai Falls." These falls, located between Troy and Libby, Mont., were made famous when the movie "The River Wild" was filmed there.



"Kootenai Cross." John landed this trout while fishing the Kootenai River appears to be some kind of hybrid rainbow.



"Troops." John's depiction of migrating caribou on the move near the Arctic Circle. Unlike other deer, both cows and bulls sport antlers. A moving mass of caribou is a sea of antlers.

John Kevin Franse

A self-taught artist

John Kevin Franse is a wildlife and landscape artist from Farwell, who now lives and paints near Troy, Mont.

He is the son of Lucille and Ralph Franse.

His oil paintings depict wildlife in their natural settings in the Northwest. John is a self-taught artist who has been painting for about 15 years. He is an avid fisherman and hiker who spends much of his time outdoors.

Living adjacent to the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness in northwest Montana, John is able to bring the genuine flavor of this country to his work. John's interest in wildlife extends to articles he submits to local newspapers. Here is one of his articles. It is titled *Grizzlies: the Knowing*.

I like grizzly bears. I would like to see one someday, but on my own terms. I think most people feel that way. I like knowing they exist in spite of man's best attempts to do them in. The "knowing" is more important to me. The grizzly is still out there in Montana, plodding along somewhere in black timber, his steamy breath filtering up into lodgepole canopies, nosing the air for the next berry crop or abandoned carcass.

It is in Montana that the final battle between man and the grizzly will be fought. These battles will not be fought with rifle, tooth, or claw. They will be waged with mining permits and impetuous backpackers.

In these times, a wilderness area is defined by its population of wildlife, including grizzlies. In the Cabinet Wilderness in northwest Montana the last time an official grizzly count was done was in the 80's (nineteen black bears were trapped before they finally got a 'griz'). Most locals figure there are less than a dozen left in the Cabinets. I'm not sure the best way to promote their well-being is to slap a radio collar on them. Maybe sometime in the next millennium there will come a day when all remaining grizzlies will be just a 'blip' on someone's tracking monitor. I hope that day never comes.

I don't need a close encounter with a 'griz' to feel right about our culture. I just need to know that they are still in that black timber - lurking, watching, scenting us from hidden canyons and unspoiled vistas.

It's the knowing that's important.

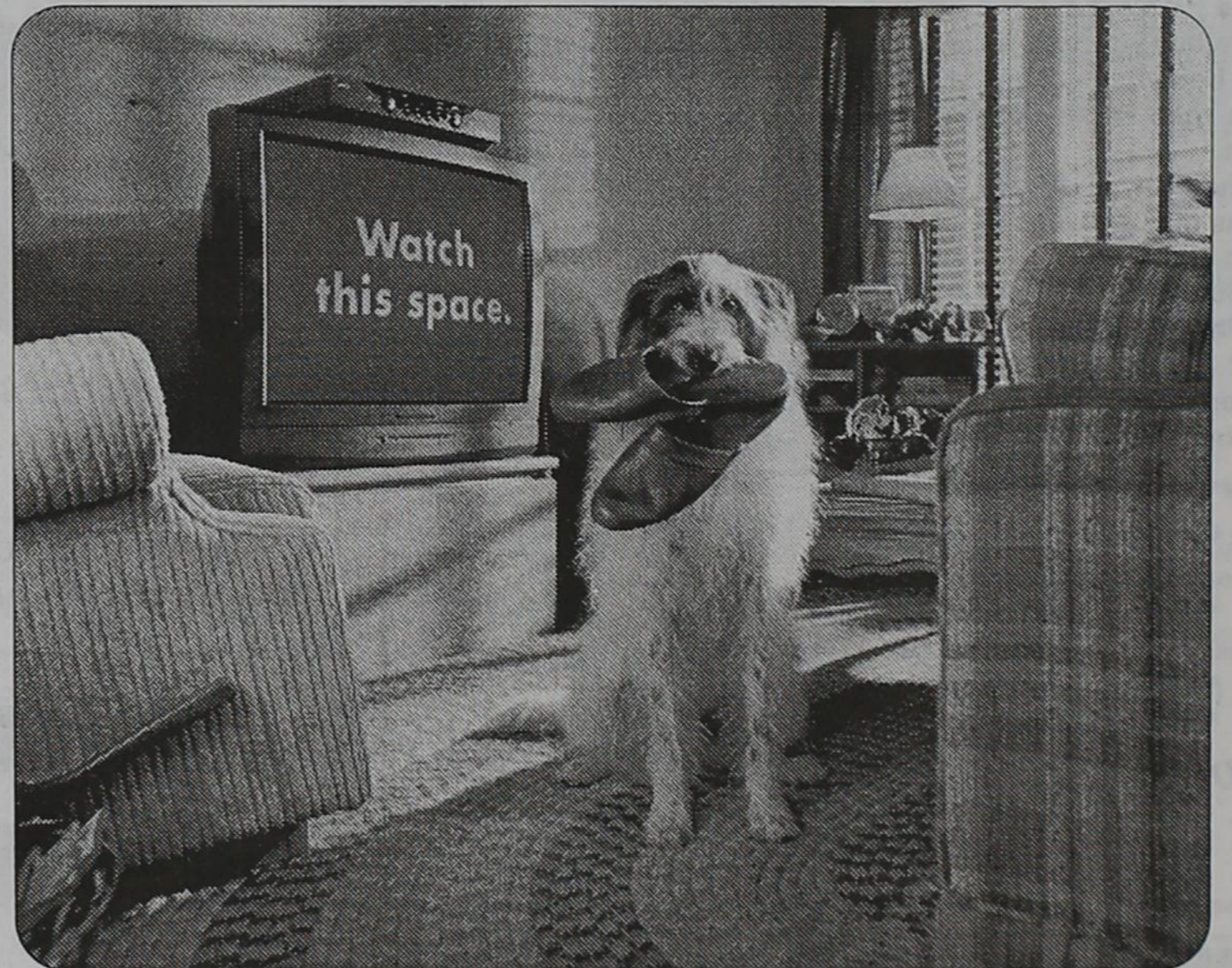
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Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger:

Sheriff's deputies have been given their assignments for New Year's Eve -- the start of the new millennium. They will be checking on railroad crossing arms, local stores, banks, blinking lights at intersections and the dispatcher. Assignments are being made for the Bovina, Friona and Farwell areas, plus "rovers" throughout the county.

Charges are pending against a Friona man (who is being sought) for a misdemeanor case of littering on Dec. 22. He allegedly dumped an old icebox on CR 20 east of Friona. Yerger said dumping has been a countywide problem, costing money for cleanup, plus being health and traffic hazards.

Yerger said if a resident has trash to dispose of they are encouraged to use the county dump south of Friona. It's open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for each pickup load and \$15 for each large truckload -- well below commercial rates.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding, on Dec. 21:

-- Jerry Shamblin, 43, of Coffeyville, Kan., charged with possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, \$267 court cost; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution, and \$350 attorney fees.

-- Randy Ray Osborn, 35, of HCR 1, Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, \$267 court cost; \$1,000 fine, and \$350 attorney fees.

-- Connie Shamblin, 36, of Ruidoso, N.M., charged with possession of controlled substance (marijuana), was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$292 court cost; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution; \$350 attorney fees; 120 hours of community service; loss of driver's license for 180 days, and substance abuse counseling at own expense.

-- Juan Pablo Gomez, 24, of Amarillo, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, deferred for 2 years; \$266 court cost; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution; 160 hours of community service; and obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.

-- Jose Rita Cortes, 20, of Friona, charged with indecency with a child, was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 5 years; \$292 court costs; \$1,000 fine; \$400 attorney fees; 160 hours of community service; obtain sex offender counseling, and register as a sex offender.

Folks not very worried about upcoming millennium

by Monica Cantu

So what's going to happen at the stroke of midnight on Jan. 1? Is the world going to come to an end? Are the computers going to crash and relieve all of us debtors from paying off our credit card bills? (Hope, hope)

Well, whatever is going to happen will happen this weekend regardless of our worries and fears -- or lack, thereof.

Not that I really care one way or the other, but just think, this is the last week of this century, and we'll start a new millennium. So I went out and took a survey of what people thought the stroke of midnight this weekend will bring. More than 50 percent of those I interviewed said that we're just going to slide into the new year like we have all the rest.

Josh Garcia of Texico said that things will just go on. Bonnie Warren of Farwell said that it'll be a new year and a new day.

Doyle Ford of Farwell said "It'll just be another day." And Leticia Torres and Tanya Chadwick of Farwell said that everything will be the same.

Willie Ronquillo of Texico said that he thinks everything will be okay, "but people need to be prepared."

Amelia Torres of Texico said that "nothing will happen, it's just the people that are making a big deal out of it. But if we're right with God then everything will be fine."

Rick and Twila Klingensmith said, "Our power goes out when the wind blows so..."

And Janis Hernandez said that she hopes that the computers will go down so that she won't have to pay her bills. I'm with you, Janis.

No more filings reported

It was a very quiet week for political filings in Parmer County -- there were none, the two county party chairpersons report.

No new Democrats filed, and no new Republicans filed. The filing deadline is Jan. 3.

The only incumbent expected to file, but who hasn't yet, is Parmer County Attorney Charles Aycock.

The longtime Democrat is considering switching to the GOP.

Thus, here's a look at the races so far:

Pct. 3 county commissioner (Farwell area) -- Jerry Davis is seeking re-election on the Republican ticket. Ronald Byrd has filed on the Democrat ticket.

Pct. 1 county commissioner (Friona area) -- Incumbent Republican John Tannahill has filed for re-election. No Democrats have filed.

Parmer County tax assessor-collector. Teresa Ancira has filed as a GOP candidate. Jesse Cantu Jr. and Bobbie Pierson will face off in the Democrat primary.

Parmer County sheriff- Incumbent Walt Yerger, a Republican, has filed for re-election.

287th District Court Attorney -- Johnny Actkinson, a Democrat, has filed for re-election.

Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance transported a person from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Clovis hospital on Dec. 25.

On Dec. 28, they were called to 801 Ave. D where a person was having difficulty breathing.

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Tuesday - burritos, corn, salad, fruit crisp, milk.

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Thursday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - chicken nuggets with white gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Farwell

Monday - no school.

Tuesday - popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

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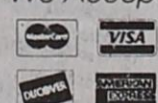
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By Mike Pomper

The end is near! The end is near! The end is near!

Well, folks, I guess this is the last column I will ever write ... since the world will come to an end in a couple of days.

Nice knowing ya.
Now you may laugh, but the truth is that a lot of folks honestly believe that the world will end on Jan. 1.

Remember -- if 8 million Americans buy those super-market tabloids each week that make up their stories -- and the readers believe them -- then I guarantee there are about 8 million Americans out there who really believe the world will end this weekend.

Saturday is the start of the new millennium -- except for the small fact that the new millennium doesn't actually begin until Jan. 1, 2001. But let's not split hairs.

What I find most amusing about the folks who are concerned about "Jan. 1, 2000" is that it's all predicated on our calendar, starting with the birth of Christ.

Well, scholars now believe that Christ was born about 3 B.C. (which I always find a bit funny -- Christ being born Before Christ).

That means that the year 2000 A.D. actually arrived a couple of years ago. And, guess what, the world did not come to an end!

Thought you would like to know that...

And as I pointed out, we are coming up to year 2000 A.D. If memory serves me right, that stands for anno domino -- in the year of our lord (but don't quote me on that; I'm not sure).

In other calendars, we are in other years. In the Jewish calendar, for example, we are in the year 5 thousand and something. No new millennium there.

Regardless, I'm sure some of our readers plan to head to the nearest mountain top this weekend to wait for...

Wait a second. I've been writing about that "nearest mountain top" for several months. Exactly where is it?

Parmerton?
Tucumcari?
Ruidoso?

I guess it's too late to find out now. Just find a hill and pretend it's a mountain.

I find a lot of humor in these predictions of the world coming to an end any day now.

If I remember what the preacher has told me, Christ says that only the Father knows when it will happen.

But I watched this TV show earlier this year when all these folks had revelations about when it would be. Huh..

I believed all of them, of course. The only problem was that each one predicted a different date. Huh...

Then there are those who read the horoscope every day. Sorry, I'm not into that. I know I'm a Gemini, and that's about as far as I've gotten.

And I'm sure that folks who believe in horoscopes also believe the world will end this weekend.

No problem.

As I write this, the Dallas Cowboys still have a chance to make the playoffs. But that is of little consequence because they don't have enough guns to go very far.

I'm a bit disappointed with the coaching of Chan Gailey -- too conservative. But I recognize the massive amount of injuries the team has suffered.

It doesn't matter how good a team you have -- if injuries strike, you get beat.

Add to that the poor field goal kicking of now-departed Richie Cunningham, and you have the formula for this year's so-so record despite a large number of excellent players on the team.

Bring back Barry Switzer? No, I'm not for that. But I sure admired Jimmy Johnson when he would take chances.

I've always felt that fake punts, field goals tries and kicks work most of the time (in short yardage situations) because defenses don't properly prepare for them.

So I was glad to see Gailey try a fake field goal a couple of games back -- and it worked easily. Rah!

Anyway, the knock on the Cowboys is that they have gotten old. I don't buy that. Put out that team in a healthy mode and they could win the Super Bowl still.

But take away Johnson and Irvin for the season, and those who only played part of the season -- Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Kevin Smith, Sanders, McIver, Allen, Lett and so many others ... and you end up with an average team.

The good thing is that young players, especially at wide receiver, had a chance to play, and that bodes well for next year.

Chalk up 1999 as the Year of the Big Hurt for the 'Boys.

You may have noticed that countdown to the century's greatest athlete on ESPN.

Their panel listed Michael Jordan as the top athlete of the century, with Babe Ruth as second.

I beg to differ. I would have listed MJ as No. 2, with the Babe as No. 1.

There is no question that Jordan is the best basketball player of all time, and will never be equalled.

But the Babe was more than the greatest baseball player of more time.

Why do I say the Babe was

the greatest in his field? Because he was a great pitcher, then a great hitter. Nobody else in the sport could approach his combined statistics in both areas of expertise.

But the Babe should really be listed as No. 1 for his other achievements:

-- He was the symbol of America to many other nations.

-- He was responsible for folks believing in baseball again, after the Black Sox scandal of 1919.

-- He changed the face of how his sport was played -- from managers playing for the single run, to having players hammer the ball out of the stadium.

A man like George Herman Ruth will never be equalled, either.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were issued in the Farmer County clerk's office last week:

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Marshal's Report

Texico Marshal Kelley Brophy reports all quiet last week.

Police officer Vidal resigns

The Texico City Council on Tuesday approved police officer Rafael Vidal's letter of resignation.

He submitted his resignation Dec. 15 and it became effective Dec. 17. The letter of resignation stated that due to illness he would no longer be able to work for the city.

Discussion on whether to replace Vidal is still in question. The council has not yet put that on their agenda.

The Texico police will be down to two officers on duty as of Jan. 4. Officer David Kube will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe for 16 weeks.

In other business the council:

- Reviewed and approved the 98-99 year audit.

- Discussed the Ave. F annexation. It involves all of Ave. F from the State Line Road to College Street and the properties that are adjacent to there.

Councilman Rick Queener says they are going to need a survey of all the lands that are adjacent to Ave. F in order to present it to the assessor's office so that they can legally define what is in the city limits.

For this they have discussed enlisting the services of Lydick Engineering in Clovis to conduct the survey. This is because most landowners bought the land and paid for it in cash that a survey wasn't required.

Also, property that is in the county is taxed at a different rate than property in the city.

- Approved to buy 2 new computers and a printer for the clerk.

- Discussed buying software for the use of water billing.

- Debated on changing the personnel policy for head of departments wages. The council will look further into this matter at the next meeting.

- Bought new shirts for the Fire Department.

- Approved replacing heaters in the Fire Department.

- Approved EMT training classes for Kelly Halliday and Michael Shelton.

- Purchased a wire welder and a chop saw for the city shop.

- Approved the replacement of a single wide trailer house with a double wide trailer for Lewis Foster.

Obituaries

Clifford Meeks

Services for Clifford "Pat" Meeks, will be held Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Rev. Richard Lavery officiating.

Burial will be in the Muleshoe Memorial Cemetery.

He died Dec. 28 at Clovis hospital.

He was born Aug. 8, 1919, in Magnum, Okla., and was a resident of Farwell since 1979. He married Mary Beth Martin on Sept. 14, 1947, in Roswell. He was a farmer until he retired in 1979.

Survivors include his wife; 2 daughters, Alene McClelland of Clovis and Wilma Robinson of Muleshoe; 2 sisters, Odie Mae Gregory of Earth and Cleo Joyce White of Show Low, Ariz.; 2 brothers, Marvin of Globe, Ariz. and I.V. of Fallon, Nev.; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

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by Monica Cantu

All my life it's been nothing but, "Kelso's, gaff's, trio's and Pits."

For all those who have no idea what I'm talking about or are wondering where I'm going with this, I have two words for you.

Rooster fighting.

You could say that it's tradition, maybe even heritage, but the fact of the matter is that it's pretty much been around since the beginning of time (or since the rooster was first introduced to the world). Literally.

"For a rooster, the instinct to fight is engrained. You can't train a rooster to fight. You can only train it to fight better," says my grandpa, Ramon Cantu, of Texico.

Now don't quote me on this, but I heard that in Rome, way back when they were having the gladiator fights, it was said that the Romans would fight roosters before entering the arena to fight other gladiators. Thus, by fighting the roosters first, the men would have courage to go in and die in mortal combat. So it was said.



Roosters are caged in pens like this.

Morbid or not, my family has been in this business since the 1800's, perhaps even earlier. My grandfather can show you a pair of old Mexican knives that his great-great-grandfather used to tie Pancho Villa's roosters with.

(Editor's note; For those who don't know, Pancho Villa was a Mexican warlord in the early 1900s, and is acclaimed for having raided Columbus, N.M. -- the first time a foreign army entered the U.S. since the War of 1812.)

Papo Ramon has been "fighting roosters" for 57 years. Yep, that's what you call it -- "fighting roosters." It doesn't mean you actually are fighting the roosters, it just means you are handling them so they can fight other roosters. And since birth, it has been pretty much forced upon me like it or not.

My grandfather got his first trio of chickens, which is two hens and a rooster, when he was only 8, from a man by the name of Morty Alanis. From there, he bred them, and produced more of the same roosters that were given him. They were of the same bloodline. In other words, you can breed your game to have the traits you want. One breed of my grandpa's is the Kelso. He also has McInahan's, Kamikaze's, Hatch's, and a lot of other different breeds of roosters.

He started fighting roosters in 1944, after two years of breeding and conditioning, or training if you will. He won his first derby when he was only 10 years old (yes, they call it a derby much like a go-cart derby or a pie eating derby).

When they first came to live in New Mexico, my grandparents bought 5 acres of land. And for many, many years, the only sight on those 5 acres were barrels. We used the empty barrels for housing our roosters. So you can just imagine how many barrels we had sitting out in our back yard.

I can only thank God that the pits are only open from the latter part of November through July or else we'd have never gotten my grandpa in the house. The reason for this cycle is because in July the rooster starts to shed his feathers for the summer heat and will have his full coat again by November. Papo tells me, "When roosters start shedding their feathers, it's because they get a fever. And by winter they get their new feathers, and they're ready to fight."

Papo trains his roosters to fight better by feeding them right (like corn and milo), giving them clean water, exercising them, rubbing them down like you would an athlete, giving them vitamins and putting them in specially designed pens to make them fly and strengthen their wings to get to the roost.

Now, training them is one thing, but actually watching them fight in a derby is another. It's a whole different experience because in a real cock fight the roosters fight for their lives.

There are different derbies that a rooster fighter can enter.

There are 3-cock derbies, 5-cock derbies and so forth. The way that the club determines the winner is whoever has the most wins. A person can win all of his fights, but if another person happens to do the same, the prize money is split between the winners. Also, a rooster can only fight once in a derby.

Each rooster has a set of gaffs or knives, depending on what kind of derby it is. Gaffs are long needle-looking things that poke the other rooster. I don't like gaffs too much because it prolongs death. There isn't just one big cut, it's a bunch of punctures.

The knives are even worse, and especially more gory. This is because they are exactly what they are, knives which slice into the opponent and cause death more quickly.

In a cock fight, there are two roosters. Each rooster goes into the pit, which is a big cage-like arena, in with his handler, and a referee. The handlers, or rooster fighters, shake hands, then let their roosters peck at each other a couple of times before releasing them. Then the roosters are let go and take it from there. If the fight takes longer than usual, the roosters are taken to a drag pit which is a smaller version of the pit, where the fight ends.

The fight is normally over when the first rooster falls dead. A fight usually takes a couple of seconds depending on the rooster. In a gaff fight there is no time limit to how long a rooster can fight, and in a knife fight the time limit is 15 minutes before the referee calls a draw.

Or a handler can call a forfeit. Some roosters don't like to fight. Other times, a rooster is close to death and the handler wants it to be over rather than keep on to the very end.

My grandpa has fought his roosters all over New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Mexico. "Yes, mija (daughter), I even fought in Phoenix, Ariz., before they outlawed it last year," he told me.

Needless to say, my grandpa is pretty well known throughout these parts. The Legion Club of Jal, N.M., even dedicated a tribute to him last March. Actually, the funniest thing happened, instead of a tribute they gave him a memorial. Imagine that, he is the first man in history that has ever attended his own memorial.

There are many people living in the Texico area that compete in derbies or go to the rooster fights. Papo says that a lot of people have made a living off of fighting roosters. Get this: In 1944, when he first started fighting, the entry fee to fight roosters was \$20. Now, it's more than \$100, depending on the size of the derby and how many people are expected to participate.

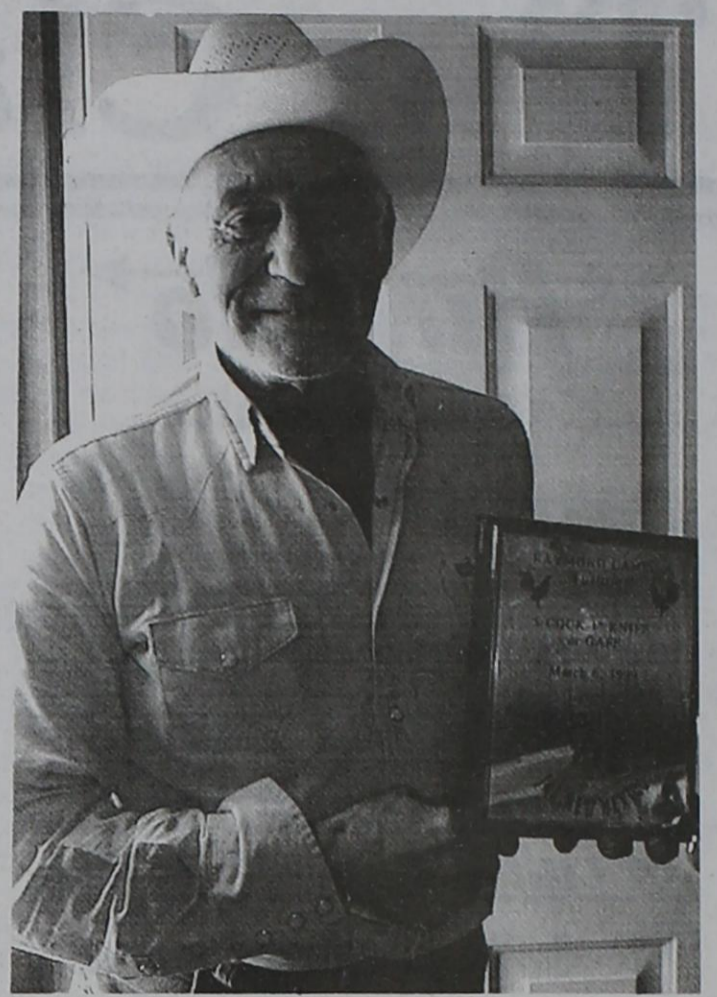
In Oklahoma, the entry fee for the Hawaiian Derby (the biggest there is) for 12 roosters is \$3,000, and if you happen to win the derby the prize money can be as high as \$750,000.

Last Christmas, my uncle John Cantu, of Jal, won \$11,000 in a derby there. Now that in itself is incentive enough for anyone to start a game farm of their own.

The downside? You have to be in the right place to be able to fight roosters. Right now, it's only legal in three states -- New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Also, breeding and fighting roosters takes a lot of patience and experience. There's a lot that goes into making exceptional roosters.... you have to be an exceptional rooster fighter.



Ramon Cantu holds one of his many game roosters.



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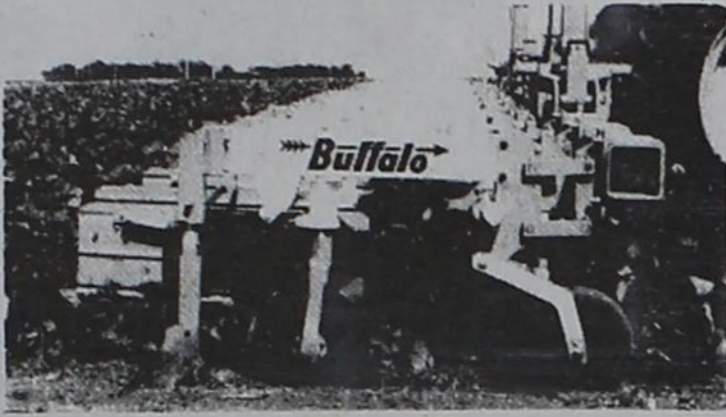
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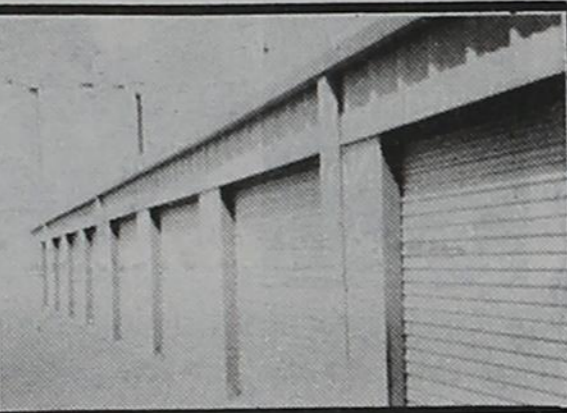
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Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick home, 2 car garage, good neighborhood in Farwell.

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160 acres, irrigated, Oklahoma Lane area, circle sprinkler and 8" irrigation well.

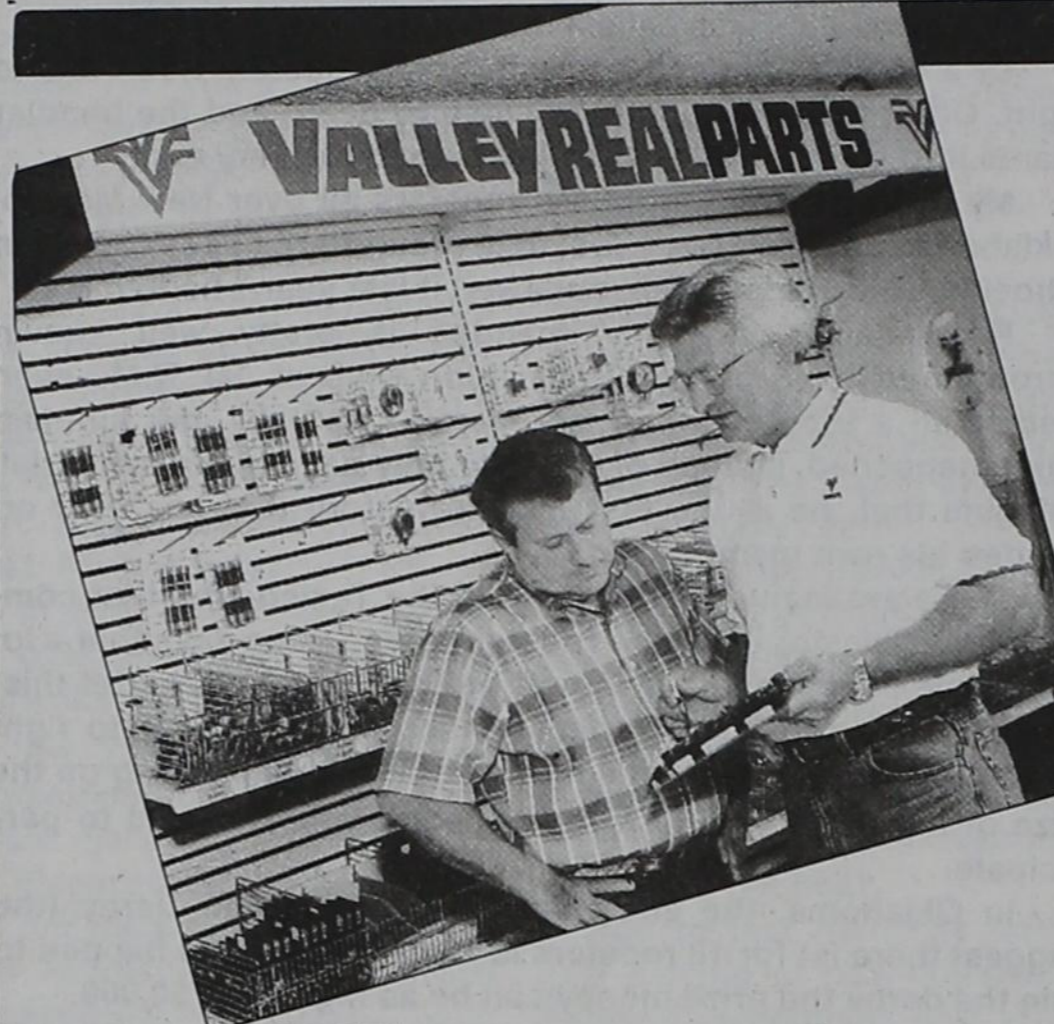
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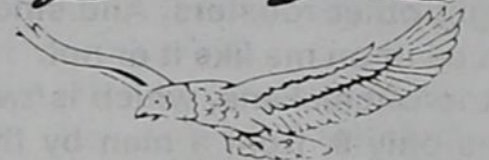
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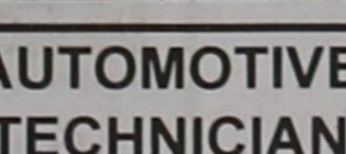
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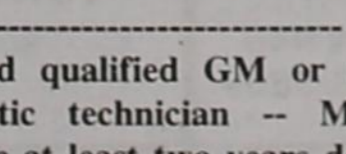
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County jurors to report

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And what strange gift did you get?

by Monica Cantu

Every Christmas we each get that gift that makes you wonder "Can I return this?"

Well, even if that one gift doesn't make you want to run to the nearest store and say "show me the money" it will still make you go "hmmm."

I took a random survey (what I actually did was harrass people while they were shopping at Lowe's Supermarket) of the wierdest gifts that people recieved for Christmas. To be truthful, most weren't anything out of the ordinary.

Janis Hernandez of Farwell said that she got a foot bath for Christmas.

Jovita Sepeda of Texico said she got popcorn. Coretta Boutte of Texico won a trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

Gene Christian said that a sweater was the oddest thing that he recieved for Christmas, and Brandon Harris from Clovis said, "Socks. I got socks."

I asked a lot more people but they all said that they didn't get anything odd for Christmas. Sharla Landry said, "I didn't get anything odd, nothing that I can think of anyway." The same went for Faye Askew of Texico, and Al Anaya and Beverly Obenshain of Farwell.

But the weirdest gift overall was reported by Jennifer Brown of Texico. She received a letter.

What's weird about a letter you ask? Well, it is if it's from another father that you've never met. Ms. Brown said, "That would have to be the weirdest Christmas present of all."

Mayfield to head Texico 4-H's

Dru Mayfield was elected to be president of the Texico 4-H Club at its Dec. 8 meeting.

Also elected were Brette Hadley, vice president; Caitlin Cary, secretary; Garrett Mayfield, treasurer; Braden Vaughan, reporter; Bryan Vannatta, chaplain, and Corey Bell and Aaron Vaughan, council representatives.

The members discussed the outing at Wal Mart for Angel Tree recipients.

Present were Jessica, Brandon and Tyson Bare; Courtney and Corey Bell; Brette and Braeden Hadley; Kayla and Chelsea Hinrichs; Bryn, Garrett and Dru Mayfield; Clayton, Clint and Britni Montague; Victoria, Levi and Elizabeth Richards; Jeremy Riley; Carrie Rucker; Bryan and Leslie Vannatta; and Aaron and Braden Vaughan.

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Technology explodes

by Monica Cantu

We all know that technology has made our lives a lot easier, compared with some of the stuff that our parents and our parents' parents use to go through.

I mean, look at all the stuff that we have today that our grandparents never even dreamed of, like caller ID, or voice-mail. And up until a few years ago, we didn't even know what the internet was.

There are always new technological advances occurring every day, and unless your filthy rich, or extremely smart, there's no way to keep up with all the new products.

Telecommunications is just one area where technological advances occur regularly. ENMR+Plateau Telecommunications has been busy, working on and applying new technologies to telecommunications. Here is a look at some of the im-

provements that ENMR applied in 1999.

Caller ID lets you screen your incoming calls before you answer the phone. It's a little box that displays the name and number of the person trying to reach you.

Call waiting ID is another improvement that ENMR put into effect. Call waiting ID lets you screen your incoming calls while you're speaking with someone on the telephone. You know that little 'beep' when someone on the other line is trying to get hold of you? Well, in the past you didn't know exactly who that person on the other end was. But with call waiting ID you know who that person is before you click over.

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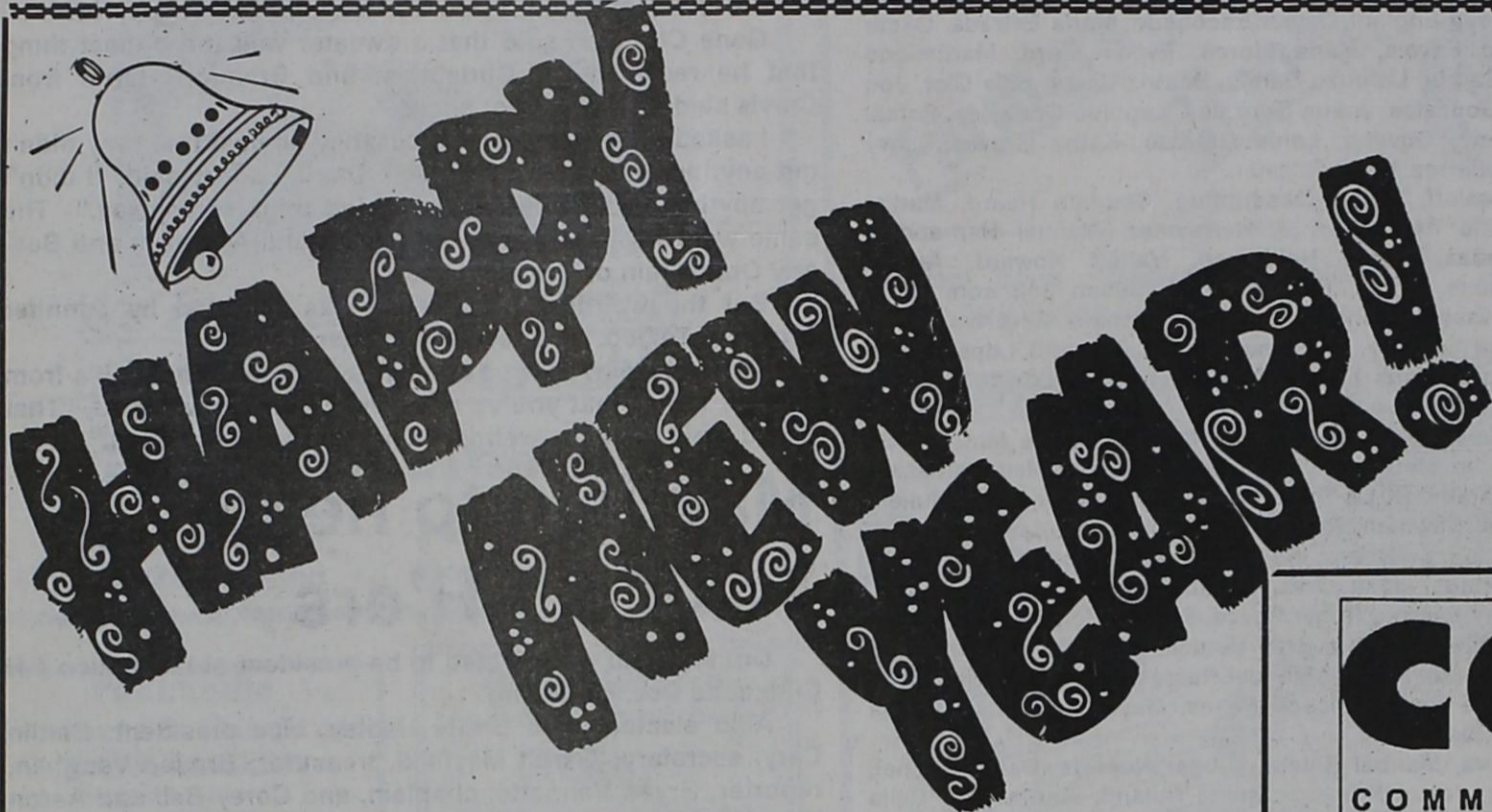
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