

# Wishing You and Yours the Blessings of Christmas

## The Christmas Compass

by Teresa Mesman

The time had come to decorate the Christmas tree. The house was buzzing with excitement as the Sutphen family readied the living room to put the finishing touches to their Christmas decorating.

It had become a tradition with the family to have a tree decorating party, complete with warm punch and special Dutch Christmas cookies.

Decorating the tree gave the Sutphen's a special time to reminisce about Christmas memories and each special ornament as it was placed upon their tree. There were traditional ornaments but there was also a host of homemade, yet deeply cherished ones...the photo of Tommy and his first bicycle glued to an orange juice can lid; the house made of Popsicle sticks that Conner made in Kindergarten. It was covered with globs of silver glitter and dried glue, but it glistened with the tree lights.

It was part of what made Tessa and Bart Sutphen's tree unique. Each and every ornament had a story behind it and its own special reason for being placed upon the tree.

Bart lifted Conner up to the top of the tree to place the angel tree topper as Tessa and Tommy shouted "Hooray, it's Christmas!" The finishing touch was added and the family stood together looking at their masterpiece.

"Wait a minute!" Bart exclaimed as he surveyed the tree. "I almost forgot my special ornament!" He disappeared down the hall for a moment and then reappeared carrying a small wooden box wrapped in a frayed red ribbon. He opened the box slowly. Bart stared into the box for a few moments and then gently lifted a small coppery-brass round shape with a well-worn leather strap attached to the top.

"There you are!" Bart smiled. He gingerly hooked an ornament hanger through the strap of a scratched compass held in a round metal case worn smooth around the edges. "Now our tree is complete," he stated, as he hung it on the tree.



"Daddy, please tell us the story about that compass. You always put it on the tree, but you've never told us why it's so special to you. Please, will you tell it to us now?" Tommy asked.

"I think this is the perfect time to tell you all about that compass," Bart answered. "But that's no ordinary compass...it is The Christmas Compass."

I was nine years old the first time I saw it. It looked much like it does now, with its worn leather tag strap and the case with the dull finish. My grandfather, Bartemus Sutphen, or "Opa," as I always called him, carried it in his pocket at all times. I was named after Opa, but I never wanted to be called "Bartemus," so they shortened my name to "Bart." However, the family always called me "Barty."

Opa had promised me that when I turned nine, he would take me to his fishing spot at the lake down the road from his house. I was so excited that I could hardly wait for the sun to come up that morning. We gathered our fishing tackle and kissed Oma good-bye as she handed us a picnic basket filled to the brim with sandwiches, biscuits and cookies.

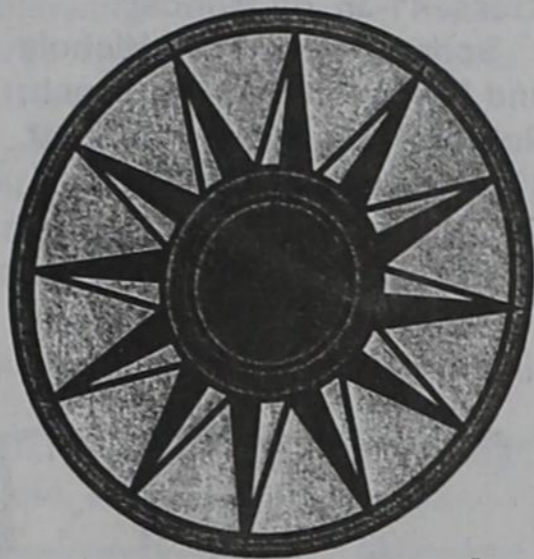
I was just about to step off the porch when Opa held me back by the shoulder, took out his compass and held it out to look at it. I thought this was a strange thing to do. It was almost like he thought the world might have changed directions or something. He knew exactly which direction to walk to get to the lake. I just looked up at him with a confused look on my face.

We made our way towards the lake and found, what Opa considered to be the perfect place to fish. We fished for hours, whiling away the waiting for the fish to strike by talking about what was important to a nine year old boy and his grandfather...dogs, baseball, the ways my father used to act in school and how I seemed to be repeating history. Opa tried to act like he was scolding me, but I could see the grin on his face as he shook his head.

We caught quite a few fish then took a break to share the lunch that Oma had packed for us. I noticed, when we were finished, eating that Opa took out his compass and looked at it with serious concentration. I was beginning to think that he really thought it was a pocket watch, but didn't dare suggest such a thing to him.

I just shrugged my thoughts off and was thankful that Opa was taking time for he and I to be together.

However, when Opa looked at the compass again as we were heading home, my curiosity got the best of me and I blurted out, "why do you keep looking at your compass, Opa? You haven't forgotten the way back home



have you?"

I tried to manage a little laugh that came out more as a gagging cough when I saw how he wheeled around to stare at me in response to my question.

Time stood still as he stared at me. I wriggled in my boots and braced myself for a stream of Dutch words to be rattled off in my direction as reprimand for my being so nosy. Opa didn't like people that minded others' business better than their own and he never hesitated to let you know it.

But after what seemed like an eternity, Opa softened his gaze and patted me on the shoulder.

"Oh, Barty-boy, it is time I told you about my special compass, isn't it?" he heartily asked. "Come, let us walk the clear path home and I'll tell you about this little compass of mine."

I hated to be called "Barty," but I kept my mouth shut.

Opa and his family had moved to America in 1933 from Holland when he was eight years old. They moved to Kentucky, but traveled to West Texas to see a real working ranch one summer and never left. Opa and his brothers got jobs in the oil fields as soon as they were old enough and then, at the age of 18, he was drafted into the United States Army.

"I was trained in just a few short weeks to shoot an Army gun, dig trenches and how to choke down a can of food in nothing flat," Opa said. "Then I was to be shipped overseas to fight the Germans."

"My mother and father knew that the war was a bloody one and that the odds were against us young men ever coming home. They wanted to give me something to keep with me that would remind me of them and home," he softly began.

Opa's family were strong Christians with an almost mystical bond between each of them...the brothers and sisters were best friends and they never picked on each other. The six Sutphen kids were called the "six sweetie-pies" by most everyone in their hometown.

They never fought this label and just took it all in stride. Opa's parents reinforced the strong ties to each other and to their home. Home was a haven for their family, where there was always a song being sung, laughter ringing from the backyard and the smell of fresh baked bread seem to be a permanent fixture.

"My mother and father always told we kids that, no matter how far away we may go, there is always a way back home," Opa stated. "Perhaps this is why they chose to give me a compass as my keepsake from them."

"Is it the same compass, Opa?" I asked.

"It is indeed. But it had a little something special added to it one Christmas," he went on.

Opa stopped for a moment. He fumbled in his pocket and then handed me the compass.

"Oh, wow, this is...nice?" I stammered. It wasn't really anything spectacular. I was less than impressed.

"Open it Barty," Opa urged.

There were words engraved into a sort of poem on the inside lid of the compass. It read:

*Life may take you far and wide,  
But never will you roam.  
For Christ and this compass  
will always lead you home.*

"So, your parents had that engraved inside of it for you before you left for the war?" I asked.

"No." Opa shook his head. "Mother had written these words on a card for me the day they gave it to me. I must have read that card a million times on the way over to Germany. I always kept it in the same pocket as the compass."

Opa went on to say how many times the words comforted him as he lay in the trenches during battles he fought as an infantryman on the front lines. His battalion moved about all over the Black Forest region of Germany. During the times that he was able to rest he would often take out the compass and think of home. He was scared, but he prayed for courage and endurance to see him through.

Then Opa was shot during a late night skirmish. It was Christmas Eve and the temporary cease fire that had been put into effect was violated by an aggressive German battalion. He vaguely remembered being carried off to a vehicle. The next thing he remembered was waking up in an Army hospital, but he didn't know how long he had been there. When the haze lifted from his mind, the first things he thought of were his parents, brothers and sisters and his compass. Where was his compass? And what about the card his mother had written?

The nurses assured him that his family had been told of his injury and

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that he had survived. They couldn't tell him anything about a compass. Several of them thought he was just imagining ever having a non-Army issue compass.

Several weeks later, Opa had recovered enough to be sent home. He earned the Distinguished Service medal and a Purple Heart because of his injury. While he was proud of the medals, he really wanted someone to find his compass.

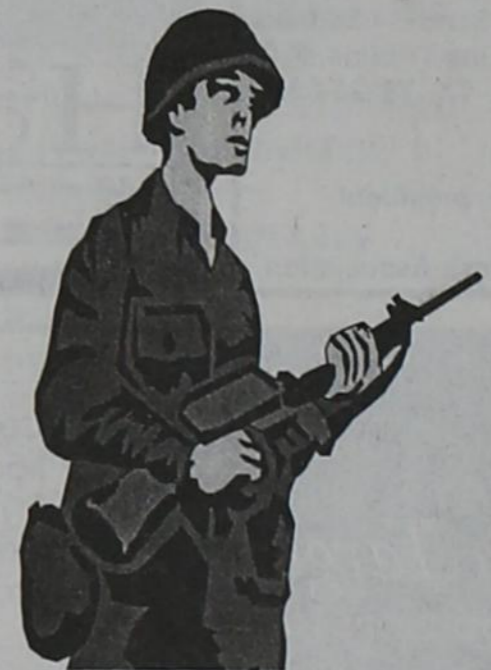
"My prayers were answered when a beautiful brunette walked through the door of the hospital ward calling out the name 'Bartemus Sutphen.'"

She had something to give Opa. In a brown envelope with no writing other than his name, was Opa's compass. It had been cleaned and polished and the leather strap had been oiled. He held it tightly for a few moments as tears welled up in his eyes. But when he opened it, he couldn't believe what he saw.

Inside, the words from the card had been elegantly etched into the metal lid. Opa asked the young woman question after question about how she had the compass and whether or not she had taken it to be engraved.

"I was talking so fast, she couldn't get a word in at all!" Opa mused. "She finally told me to be quiet so she could explain everything."

Her name was Lisette and she lived in the little village nearby the battlesight where Opa was injured. She and her brothers had gone out to look at the area where the skirmish had taken place and she had found the compass on the ground almost hidden beneath a thick blanket of pine



needles. It was badly caked with mud and she had taken it to the watchmaker in the village to have it cleaned. The watchmaker heard from several American nurses that came to his shop, that there was a young soldier in the hospital asking for just such a compass.

"She called the hospital to get my name and brought it over to me," Opa continued. "But what is so amazing about the whole story is that Lisette swore that the words were already engraved in the lid of my compass when she found it. I explained to her about my mother's card and all she could say was 'Got in Himmle!' at the end."

Opa thanked Lisette and wrote her address down to take with him. Two years later and many letters later, Opa sent for Lisette and they were married in a small church wedding with all of his family as witnesses. He never found out how the words got engraved on his compass.

"One day, Barty, this compass will be yours," Opa remarked as we stepped up onto the front porch.

Oma was waiting inside with a big hug for both of us. She was still a beautiful brunette back in 1973.

The years passed and I grew up into a rebellious teenager that knew everything better than my parents or grandparents ever could. I left home the day after my High School graduation and headed for the big city to make my mark on the world.

I hardly ever spoke to my family, but when I did, I scoffed at my father telling me that the door to the house was always open to me, anytime I wanted to come back home. Both of my parents were extremely concerned about my relationship with the Lord. But I didn't think much about the Lord during these days and, quite frankly, I didn't think that the Lord thought much about me either.

I had managed to keep a pretty good relationship with my Opa. I was just trying to scrape enough money together to catch a bus out to visit he and Oma when I got the news: Opa was in the hospital and wasn't doing very well.

My father sent me a plane ticket and I got to the hospital in just enough time for Opa to weakly hold my hand and motion for me to come closer. He was whispering the words "you," "compass," and "small box."

"Don't worry about your compass, Opa. I'm sure it's around here somewhere," I told him.

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# Lady Blue, Steers cruise

## Varsity Boys

Farwell's Steers ran over Grady on Tuesday, 98-59. The

Steers are now 10-4.

Scoring were Jeff Delgado, 12; Fidel Ruiz, 11; Kolby Kim-

## Sundown Tourney next up

Farwell athletic director Larry Gregory wants everyone to know that the Farwell varsity teams will be in the Sundown Tournament Dec. 28-30.

been changed.

The Steers will open Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. against Seagraves.

The Lady Blue will open Dec. 28 at 3:30 p.m. against Whitharral.

brough, 7; Taylor Nichols, 6; Tucker Crawford, 19; Derek Goettsch, 3; Kris Norton, 2; Thomas Ortiz, 5; Gage Gregory, 25; and Manuel Garcia and Cody Schilling, 2 each.

Last Friday, the Steers tipped Happy, 45-43.

Scoring were Tucker Crawford, Derek Goettsch and Thomas Ortiz, 9 each; Taylor Nichols, 3, and Gage Gregory, 15.

## Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue did a number on Grady, 61-45.

Scoring were Kacey Gast, 8; Lacey Atkinson, 1; Brandi Bailey, 10; Cassie Street, 12; Tara Cargile and Kyra Christian, 2 each; Leesa Patterson and Jindi Roberts, 3 each, and Jessica Chandler, 20.

The Farwell Lady Blue last Friday took the smile off Happy's face, 55-39.

Scoring were Kacey Gast, 19; Brandi Bailey, 10; Lacey Atkinson, 5; Jessica Chandler, 13; Minda Roberts and Tara Cargile, 2 each, and Cassie Street, 4.

## JV Girls

The Farwell JV girls last Friday killed Happy, 35-18.

Scoring were Tara Schilling, 1; Hailey Grimes, 8; Jaimie Diaz, 5; Nikki Gober, 2; Kyra Christian, 11; and Khallie

Foster and Chelsea Meyer, 4 each.

## JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys are 10-1 after whipping Grady, 63-26.

Scoring were Juan Sanchez, 2; Jason Johnson, 3; Carlos Garcia, 13; Lonnie McFarland, 7; Zac Schilling, 16; Daniel Kaltwasser, 5; Grant Gregory, 9, and Josh Curtis, 8.

Last Friday, the Farwell JV boys doubled up on Happy, 48-22.

Scoring were Randy Armstrong, 5; Carlos Garcia, 1; Lonnie McFarland, 10; Cale Stevenson and Juan Sanchez, 2 each; Tyler Myers, Grant Gregory, Jose Cabello and Zac Schilling, 4 each; and Josh Curtis, 12.

## 8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys are now 8-0 after pushing by Kress, 41-35, on Monday.

Scoring were Tate Nichols and Michael Johnson, 6 each; Robbie Tabb, 12; Jarod Scott, 13; and Rowdy Mitchell, 4.

## 8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade girls lost to Kress, 31-22, Monday.

Scoring were Danielle Cargile, 10; and Melissa Howard, Shannon Street and Lindsay Vandiver, 4 each.

On Dec. 11, the Farwell girls fell to Sudan, 32-10.

Scoring were Vandiver, 4; and Micah Christian, Cargile and Amanda Barnes, 2 each.

## 9th Boys

Farwell's 9th grade boys are 2-2 after crushing Sudan, 68-17.

Scoring were Jason Suderth, 6; Randy Armstrong and Jeremie Chandler, 8 each; Bobby Garcia, 3; Jose Cabello, 21; Nico Soto, 2; and Tyler Myers, 20.

## 7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys

are 3-0 are cruising by Kress, 34-14, on Monday.

Scoring were Justin Ware, 9; Matthew Edwards and Fabian Reyes, 6 each; Ty Gast, 5; Colby Norton, 4; and Luis Olmos, 2.

The Farwell 7th grade basketball teams caught a bad break this season.

Coach Bryan Goldsmith reports that originally, five of the six district teams said they would have 7th grade teams.

As it turned out, only three, including Farwell did. Thus, the Farwell 7th grade games were literally cut almost in half.

But Coach Goldsmith is trying to line up other games for the teams.

## Obituaries

### Bernice Dollar

Funeral services for Bernice Margaret Dollar, 87, of Farwell, will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Rev. Jimmy McGuire officiating.

Burial will be in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

She died Dec. 18 at Crosbyton, Texas, Hospital. She was born April 30, 1913, in Purcell, Okla., to W.E. and Pearl Clure Woods.

She was a longtime Farwell resident, a Baptist and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.H.; and two sons, Billy and Buil.

Surviving are a son, Bob, of Farwell; a daughter, Betty Parks, of Roaring Springs, Texas; 2 brothers, Carliss Woods and W.H. "Jack" Woods, both of Farwell; 15 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

### Lawrence May

Services for Lawrence May, 71, of Clovis, were held last week in Fort Sumner with Rev. Coy Brewer officiating.

Burial was in Fort Sumner Cemetery.

He died Dec. 12 at Sunbridge High Plains Nursing Center. He was born April 2, 1929, in Wilson. He taught school, then farmed, in Idaho and Arizona before moving to the Farwell area, where he farmed for several years.

He was a member of North Phoenix Baptist Church.

Surviving are 3 sons, Wade, of Buhl, Idaho; Scott, of Plainview, and Zachary, of Clovis; a daughter, Ashley, of Clovis; a brother, Jerold, of Wilson; a sister, Winona McMillan, of Fort Sumner, and 3 grandchildren.

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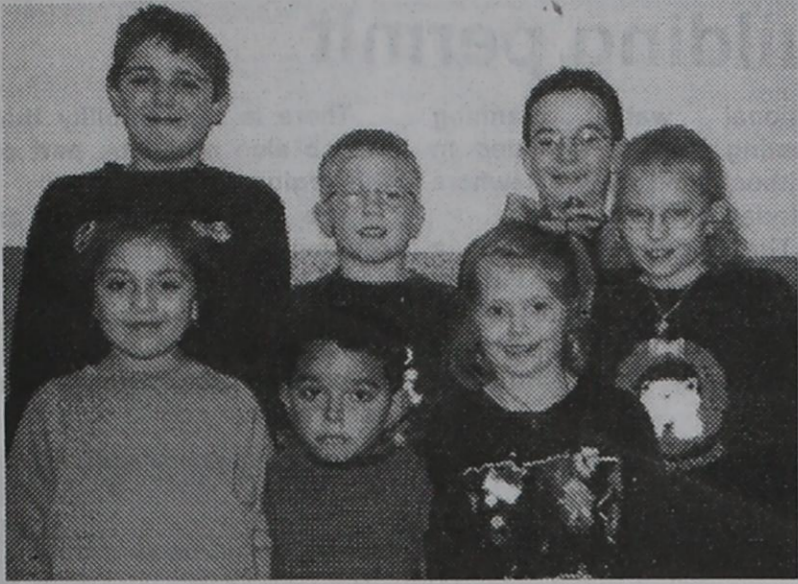
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In front, from left, are Jessica Estrada, Albert Moran and Emily Agee; in back are Rhett Sain, Court Crawford, Ryan Mason and Megan McGuire.

### Lazbuddie pupils recognized

Lazbuddie Elementary School students of the month for December are:

Pre-k: Albert Moran, son of Javier and Sulema Moran.  
Kindergarten: Jessica Estrada, daughter of Guillermo and Maria Estrada.

1st grade: Emily Agee, daughter of John Davis and Ginger Agee.

2nd grade: Court Crawford, daughter of Nathan and Shari Crawford.

3rd grade: Rhett Sain, son of John and Cheri Sain.

4th grade: Ryan Mason, son of Sheldon and Debbie Mason.

5th grade: Megan McGuire, daughter of Marty and Donna McGuire.

### Hoop ball continues

Surprise -- there is more high school basketball on tap! Here's a look at our area teams.

The Farwell Steers and Lady Blue will participate in the Sundown Tournament Dec. 28, 29 and 30.

The Lazbuddie varsity teams will host Happy on Dec. 21 starting at 2 p.m.

Otherwise, all is quiet as the Christmas holidays approach.

Lazbuddie Junior High's next games will be Jan. 4, 5 and 6 when they host a tournament. The Lazbuddie JV teams also will participate.

The Lazbuddie varsity and JV teams play at Adrian next, on Jan. 2.

After the Sundown Tournament, the Farwell varsity and JV teams host Tulia on Jan. 2.

Farwell Junior High teams don't play again until Jan. 8.

Next up for the Texico varsity and JV teams is the EPAC Tournament starting Jan. 3.

The longest layoff is for the Texico Junior High teams, which don't return to the court until Jan. 11 against Portales.

### Farwell keeps status quo

It wasn't so much what actions were taken as what actions were *not* taken to be the important news from the Farwell School Board meeting on Dec. 14.

Earlier this month, a district court judge threw out the Tulia Schools drug-testing policy for students participating in extra-curricular activities.

The Farwell policy is modeled after Tulia's.

The Tulia School Board is appealing Judge Robinson's decision.

Farwell will continue its policy, reported Supt. Larry Gregory. No action was taken after a discussion of the court decision.

Also, the Farwell extra-curricular code of conduct recently came into question following disciplinary measures taken against students after a party.

At the last meeting, public input had been asked but no criticisms of the policy were received.

Again, no action was taken.

In other business, the annual school audit by Randy Field, CPA, was approved.

### Courthouse Notes

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

Sharon Jeanette Ford - Lance Koehn, SE 1/4, S3S T9S,R1E.

Jose Quintero - First Bank of Muleshoe, 0.826 acres of S11, T3S,R3E.

Suburban Mtg. Co. of NM -- 1st Preston Foreclosure, Lot 9, Blk. 3, Hillcrest Add., Farwell.

Elpidio Banuelos - Ben Cantu, 20 ac. of S15T7S,R2E.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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# Texico puts off baseball decision

Should Texico Schools institute a baseball program? That was a major topic at Tuesday's meeting of the Texico School Board.

About half a dozen parents attended to support the idea. They presented a survey that showed 59 high school boys and 44 high school girls were for it.

The topic had arisen at the board's November meeting when Buddy Vaughan presented a detailed report backing it.

A problem brought out involves federal Title IX guidelines -- sports for boys and girls. In New Mexico, there is a girls' softball league. So the questions are:

- Would girls and boys both play in the baseball program?
- Or if Texico approved a baseball program, would they have to also approve a softball program for girls?

The board postponed any decisions.

In other business, the board:

-- Heard that Texico Junior High received a "high improving award" from the state due to its improved test scores. As a result, Texico Junior High will receive a grant of \$10,178. A committee of parents and staff will be formed to present their suggestions on how to use this money to the state.

-- Held its annual superintendent's evaluation.

-- Discussed the annual accountability report, which will be published in the Tribune soon.

-- Approved the annual audit.

-- Heard that 24 Texico students are attending the vocational program at Clovis Community College.

-- Discussed revisions of the new gym floor with the architect. Hopefully, bids will go out in February for the new gym.

-- Received a letter from the school's insurance company concerning Farwell students who practiced with the Texico Band or used the Texico School track for practice. Basically, the insurance company said that Texico School insurance did not cover these students and that Farwell Schools would have to provide insurance for them.

So, the board put a moratorium on Farwell students using Texico facilities until they receive certificates of insurance coverage. Farwell Supt. Larry Gregory will be contacted about this problem.

# Local gins report cotton crop down about 30 percent

The cotton crops around the area are being harvested and the area gins are winding down on the baling.

Yields for the cotton are down approximately 30% according to local gin managers, Doyle Johnson of the Farwell Gin and Ron Riley of Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative.

The Farwell Gin will bale about 10,000 bales as of their closing at the end of this week. The PCCG gin will have baled 32,400 bales.

The cotton crops suffered two severe weather swings

throughout the growing season. There was severe drought in the late summer and then late season rains and snow that caused the cotton bolls to be left out in the field a little too long for top grade and quality cotton to be harvested. A large amount of cotton was lost because of the weather conditions as well.

Area growers were frustrated by the inability to get their equipment into the fields to begin harvesting. The fields were just too muddy and the cotton itself was too wet to pick.

# Farwell okays '8-liner' building permit

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a permit for a building that will be used for video slot machines.

It means the city will now have two "8-liner" establishments.

The 40'x50' building is being built by Mike Lewis, of Amarillo, at the corner of Avenue A and Second Street. The footings already had been laid.

At the council's November meeting, two questions had

been raised about the site -- whether the boundaries were correct and whether there were underground storage tanks there that would have to be removed first.

Lewis and his attorney attended Tuesday's meeting and presented the information that the boundaries were correct and that a drilling firm had checked on the possibility of underground tanks and found none.

So the permit was okayed. In other business, Mayor Jimmie Mace discussed the

regional water planning meeting he had attended in Lubbock (see story elsewhere in today's Tribune).

The council passed a resolution saying Farwell wished to participate in the project, that would pipe water from North Texas into this area.

There is a possibility that Texico also might be part of this regional plan.

The council adopted an ordinance to join the National Flood Insurance Program.

This means that if flooding damages a home here, it makes it easier to get federal assistance.

# Lazbuddie varsity teams turn back Southland

**Varsity Boys**  
Lazbuddie's varsity boys routed Southland on Tuesday, 75-63.

Four Longhorns scored in double figures: Cole St. Clair, 22; Moi Garcia, 21; Jake Loudder, 18, and Aaron Marks, 10.

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Last Friday, the Longhorns lost a toughie in overtime to Hart. 53-52.

Lucas DeLeon and Loudder led the 'Horns with 12 points each.

**Varsity Girls**  
The Lady Longhorns put away Southland, 57-17.

Top scorer was Laura Jo Via, with 17.

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The Lady Longhorns fell to Hart last Friday, 48-37.

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# Richardson, Cain unopposed for school board

Tuesday was signup day for candidates for the Texico School Board.

There were two positions open and incumbents are Randy Cain and Ted Richardson.


Only the incumbents signed up -- so they will automatically be re-elected next year.

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**Happy Birthday!**

David Kube: Dec. 23  
Marie Spears: Dec. 24  
Ricky Stewart: Dec. 28  
Shae McGuire: Dec. 28  
James Chadwick: Dec. 28  
Joe Walker: Dec. 29

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Love, Joyce

**FARWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES*  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	August 31, 2000	August 31, 1999
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,153,221	\$ 41,828	\$ 47,801	\$ 1,242,850	\$ 1,160,940
State Program Revenues	2,362,419	75,556	79,339	2,517,314	2,547,254
Federal Program Revenues	1,356	302,728	---	304,084	234,818
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,516,996</b>	<b>420,112</b>	<b>127,140</b>	<b>4,064,248</b>	<b>3,943,012</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction & Instructional Related Services	2,047,245	259,627	---	2,306,872	2,140,818
Instructional and School Leadership	243,519	4,384	---	247,903	230,009
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	422,017	159,263	---	581,280	542,966
Administrative Support Services	161,548	---	---	161,548	164,277
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	329,374	2,096	---	331,470	325,018
Debt Service	969	---	128,188	129,157	135,665
Capital Outlay	180,240	---	---	180,240	706,104
Intergovernmental Charges	52,748	---	---	52,748	48,160
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,437,660</b>	<b>425,370</b>	<b>128,188</b>	<b>3,991,216</b>	<b>4,293,017</b>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	79,336	(5,258)	(1,048)	73,030	(350,005)
Other Resources	---	5,258	---	5,258	15,854
Other (Uses)	(5,258)	---	---	(5,258)	(15,854)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	74,078	---	(1,048)	73,030	(350,005)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,317,359	---	7,479	1,324,838	1,674,843
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<b>\$ 1,391,437</b>	<b>\$ ---</b>	<b>\$ 6,431</b>	<b>\$ 1,397,868</b>	<b>\$ 1,324,838</b>

**LAZBUDDIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES*  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum On.ly)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	August 31, 2000	August 31, 1999
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 765,126	\$ 36,693	\$ 57,712	\$ 859,531	\$ 813,930
State Program Revenues	891,965	22,107	---	914,072	817,171
Federal Program Revenues	2,631	177,216	---	179,847	159,154
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,659,722</b>	<b>236,016</b>	<b>57,712</b>	<b>1,993,450</b>	<b>1,790,255</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction & Instructional Related Services	875,829	129,338	---	1,005,167	1,040,421
Instructional and School Leadership	63,697	---	---	63,697	58,843
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	126,463	101,293	---	227,756	275,790
Administrative Support Services	149,978	---	---	149,978	153,087
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	188,852	---	---	188,852	157,104
Debt Service	---	---	54,553	54,553	57,285
Intergovernmental Charges	23,404	---	---	23,404	26,905
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,402,223</b>	<b>230,631</b>	<b>54,553</b>	<b>1,687,407</b>	<b>1,769,436</b>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	257,499	5,385	3,159	266,043	20,819
Other Resources	---	---	---	---	---
Other (Uses)	---	---	---	---	---
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	257,499	5,385	3,159	266,043	20,819
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	225,996	7,807	(9,312)	224,491	203,671
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<b>\$ 483,495</b>	<b>\$ 13,192</b>	<b>\$ (6,153)</b>	<b>\$ 490,534</b>	<b>\$ 224,490</b>

**Christmas story**

Opa died later that evening with Oma, my mom and dad and me holding his hands and stroking his hair. It was four days before Christmas. Instead of putting flowers on his casket, we laid his compass on it. It seemed a fitting tribute to his final journey.

Christmas Day came quietly at my parent's house. My mother tried her best to add some cheer to the day by rising early and baking home made cinnamon rolls and brewing hot coffee. The rest of us staggered into the kitchen a while later, not in the mood for any real festivity.

"Bart, why don't you at least go and turn on the lights to the Christmas tree," my mother coaxed.

I ambled into the living room and leaned down to plug the tree lights in. There were several packages under the tree all wrapped up in Christmas paper. But there was one package...really just a wooden box...wrapped with a bright red ribbon and a tag that simply read: "Barty."

I took the box and sat down on the floor next to the tree and untied the ribbon. Somehow I knew what I was going to find in the box.

Sure enough, that wonderful, old compass was lying in some tissue paper inside the box, complete with its scuffed and polished case and the worn leather strap. But there was also a letter with it.

It was a letter from Opa.

I took a deep breath and began to read my Opa's last words to me:

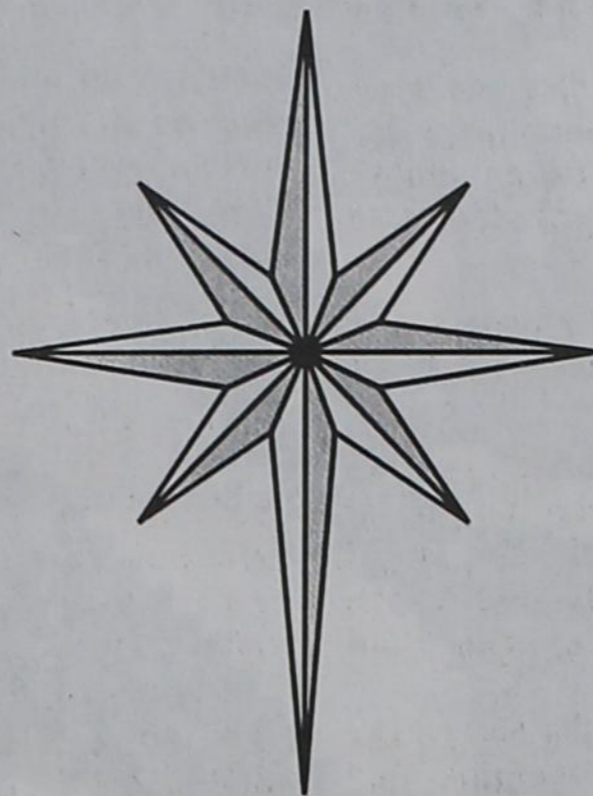
Dear Barty,

*I know how much you hate to be called this, but you are and always will be "Barty" to those that love you the most...especially me. How'd you like to grow up with a name like "Bartemus?" I never told you this before, but I didn't like my name much either growing up. I just wanted you to know that I was proud you were the one to share my name.*

*I'm not long for this world and I've been giving your situation and my circumstances a lot of thought these last few days. Somehow this scratched up compass keeps coming to me as the answer for us both.*

*Bart, take the compass and keep it safe. It's been with me through thick and thin, good times and bad, and it's always helped me see the clear path home. When my parents gave it to me, I felt safe, loved and guided. It's always been a mystery to me at how the words got engraved in the compass lid. Somehow, I think a small miracle took place and I was meant to have the words with me forever. Someone knew these words were important to me.*

*I want you to have it as a reminder of what's truly important in your*



*life...the love and guidance of Jesus Christ and the way back home each and every day to your family and those that really love you. And maybe, you'll see to think of me when you look at it.*

*I keep thinking about the Wise Men and how they used the star as their guide to find Jesus...sort of like the first real compass. Now, I'm going to find Jesus and the compass reminded me of how knowing and loving Jesus is the only way to our eternal home in heaven.*

*I love you, Barty. You've got a good heart and will make a great man someday. The compass guided your Oma and I together with a little divine help...maybe it'll do the same for you one day!*

*Please take care of this for me and for yourself. It may not be made of expensive gold or silver, but the love that I give it to you with is more precious than anything of wealth.*

*And remember....*

*Life may take you far and wide,  
But never will you roam,  
For Christ and this compass,  
- Will always lead you home.*

Love, Opa Sutphen  
Christmas Day 1984

I couldn't control the tears as I read the letter and I held the compass in my hand.

"Thank you, Opa!" I cried. "I love you too!"

I apologized to my parents and vowed to re-establish the loving relationship that I had turned away from in the last several years.

I placed the compass on our Christmas tree as a tribute to the love the gift and the day represented. Oma hugged me tightly and whispered, "You're all home now!"

**NOTICE**

The Parmer County Appraisal District office in Bovina will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas.

The office will be open on Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

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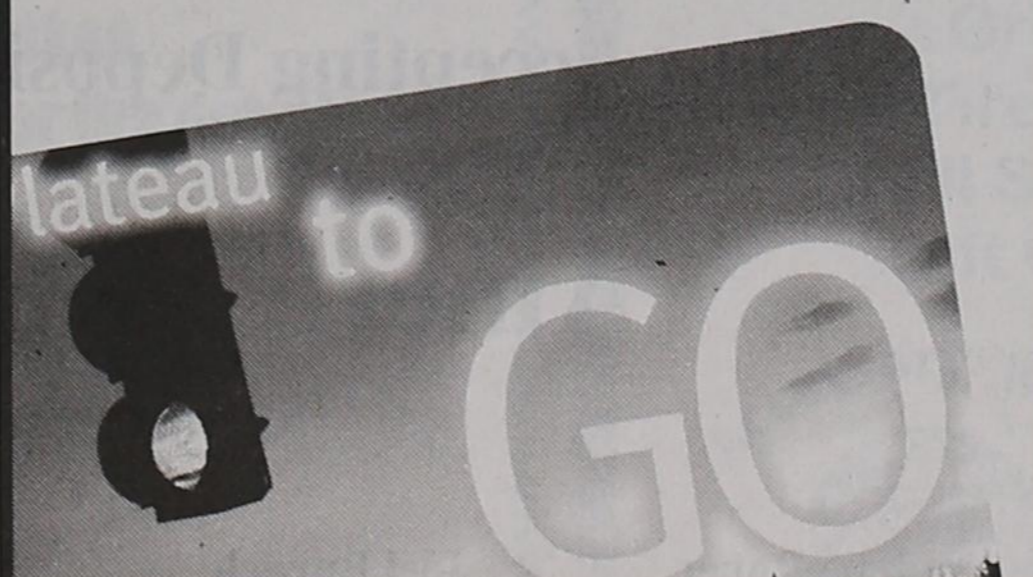
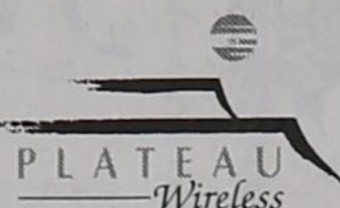
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"And that boys is how I came to have this special compass and why I always hang it on our Christmas tree. The rest of the year, I keep it in a safe place where I can look at it any time I want to," Bart said. "And you know what else is special about that compass? Two years after I got it from Opa, I took it into a jewelry store to have it cleaned and that's where I met your mother!"



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## ENMR to award educational scholarships

The ENMR • Plateau Education Foundation will again award educational scholarships in the spring of 2001. Applications are available at local high schools.

Graduating high school students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- The applicant must be in the immediate family or a dependent of an active ENMR Cooperative member receiving landline telephone service from the cooperative. Cellular phone service does not qualify for membership or scholarship eligibility.
- The applicant must use the scholarship to attend a regionally accredited vocational school, a college, or a university.
- The applicant must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or equivalent on a 4.0 grade point scale.
- The applicant must have two letters of recommendation accompanying the application.
- Applicants competing for the Harris or Patterson Memorial Scholarships must submit a one-page, hand-written essay. Unsuccessful applicants for these scholarships will automatically be placed in the pool for the Banner Scholarship applicants.
- Each applicant has the responsibility to assure that the application form is complete and eligible with all signatures and supporting information. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 5, 2001.

For 2001, the Foundation will offer local students the possibility of receiving the \$2,500 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship, the \$2,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship, or one of several \$1,000 Banner scholarships.

The foundation was formed in 1993. So far, it has distributed over \$200,000 in scholarships, grants to local schools for technology investments, and scholarship endowments at area community colleges. Funding is derived from the telephone cooperative members' donated and abandoned capital credits.



### Quilt winner

Debra Beauchamp, of Bovina, won the quilt raffled off at the annual turkey dinner put on by St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina on Nov. 5.



### Greetings

May every home be filled with the peace that Christmas brings.



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## Regional water planning group given go-ahead

Representatives from area towns have given the go-ahead to the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group to start planning a pipeline project to bring more water here.

The project is being spearheaded by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District 1.

Farwell Mayor Jimmie Mace attended the meeting last Friday in Lubbock.

Plans call for tapping into groundwater in either Hartley or Roberts counties, and piping the water through Vega, Hereford and Muleshoe, servicing small communities along the way.

The rough estimated cost is \$293 million.

The pipeline would primar-

ily benefit municipalities and cattle feedlots.

If plans go well, it's hoped that the project may break ground in about three years.

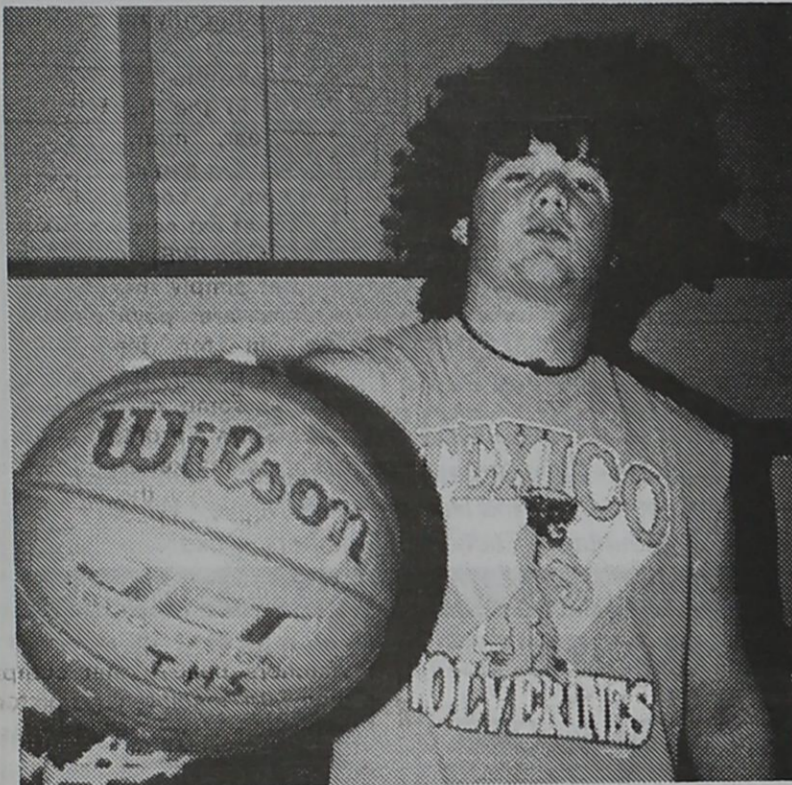
Representatives from about 26 towns were at the Friday meeting, with all agreeing they want the project to move forward.

The planning group includes Parmer and Bailey counties.

### EMS Report

The Farwell ambulance made two transports to Clovis hospital on Dec. 14 -- from the Farwell Convalescent Center and from 900 S. Loop.

On Dec. 18, the ambulance was called to 906 2nd St.



### Hamming it up

Could that be Texico varsity basketball player Josh Boazman hamming it up during practice?



May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always!

Dear Friends, we have contributed the money usually spent by our family for Christmas cards to be used by Farwell Elementary School.

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- Bob and Carrie Anderson
- Chacho and Maria Arce, Katrina and Cory
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- Webb and Irene Gober and family
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- Gilbert and Liz Kaltwasser
- T.J. and Ysleta Kittrell
- Gerhard Loeppky Family
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- Michelle Murillo
- Johan and Jacob Neudorf
- Gary Patterson Family
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# 'Santa, can you come before Christmas?'

Dear Santa,  
I moved to Texico and am 9 now! I want a bike and a skateboard.  
Kendall Moore

Dear Santa,  
This year I want my grandma and grandpa to come to my house. Can you bring me a Dancing Debbie and bring my sister an Angelica doll?  
T.J. Serna

## Thomas receives top nursing honor

Terry Thomas, of Lazbuddie, received the Outstanding Medical Surgical Nursing Award during pinning ceremonies on Dec. 14 for associate degree nursing graduates at South Plains College in Levelland.

She also coordinated the graduation ceremony.

"I was overwhelmed and very pleased that they selected me for the advanced med/surg award," she said. "I felt that all my peers probably deserve the award as much as I did, but I felt very honored."

The two-year program trains students to work as registered nurses.

Ms. Thomas was determined to compete the program that she put 95,000 miles on her car commuting from her home in Lazbuddie to nursing classes in Levelland and clinical rotations at Lubbock hospitals.

She taped lectures and listened to them during her commuting time, getting in an extra two to three hours of study a day.

The intense two years of study has been worth it, she said, "I could not imagine doing anything else."

Edwinia Rodriguez  
Dear Santa,  
Say Hi to Cupid! Can you please get me a skeeter and a playstation and a new remote control car?  
T.J. Serna

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Gameboy, a skooter, a Poo-Chi, a Furby, a remote control and a

pocket knife?  
Kolten Miller

Dear Santa,  
Can you get a mini truck and a Dreamcast please? Can you get a Barbie Jeep for my niece and for my 3 nieces kitty cat clothes? And can you get me a dirtbike and a go cart?  
Andrew Olivarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a My Dream Baby for Christmas. I want new Barbie panties in my stocking, too. Please bring me a candy cane, too.  
Jill Johnson

Dear Santa, I want that cookie bake. It's going to make real hot stuff. I want a candy cane. I like candy canes. I want hopscotch Heather. I love you Santa.  
Cari Johnson

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have an Amazing Ally, a scooter - skateboard, a wireless microphone, a magical mermaids Barbie and a Barbie fashion pack game boy game. Please bring Rudolph with you. I have been good. I love you. Thank you very much!  
Tory Cooper

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baseball bat, a mountain bike and a hockey table. What color is



your suit? Thank you for the skateboard you gave me last year.  
Jose Posada

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirtbike. It might take a long time to make, but can you make it before Christmas? And I want a playstation.  
Nora Maldonado

Jeremy  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big trampoline for Christmas!  
Oscar Walls

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer and a trampoline. Can you also please bring me Dancing Debbie and a Barbie Jeep? Please bring my brother a Rescue Ranger and my sister a Debbie.  
Nora Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rescue Ranger, a baseball bat, a wal-

let, a Tickle Me Elmo, Amazing Baby and a four wheeler.  
Dathan McWhartam

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Barbie register, a water lillie baby and I need two real whote horses.  
Niki Wallin

Dear Santa,  
My brother Shaun wants NFL Madden 2001 for Play Stateion. I would like a Playstation II and a Scooter.  
Lucas Walthers



Terry Thomas

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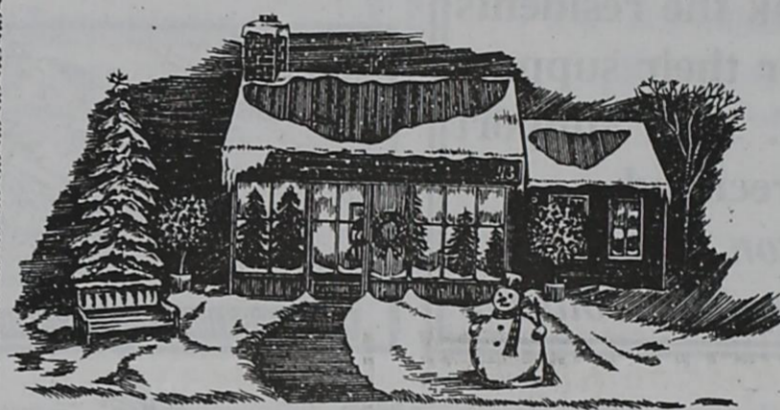
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**Financial Focus**

by Glen O'Rear

Anyone who takes a long-term perspective of the stock market can see that the blue chips are still worthy of attention.

This fact became even more apparent when, in little more than a week in March, the Dow gained more than 1,000 points. Why?

Part of the answer may be that the blue chips were suddenly seen as more affordable than the high-flying technology stocks.

Despite the 34 percent correction in the Nasdaq earlier this year, many of these stocks, especially the "dot.com" companies, are trading at extremely high price to earnings (P/E) ratios.

That simply means that investors are paying a high premium for the potential earning power of these companies, some of which have yet to show a profit.

Some market experts have suggested that the P/E, along with other traditional valuation measures, should be overlooked when it comes to evaluating the new, high-tech stocks. But other market watchers believe that companies with absolutely no history of earnings are, at the least, pretty risky.

Who is right? It's probably too early to say. In all likelihood, there will be some shakeouts in the high-tech world, particularly in the dot.com sector. But no matter what happens in this area, blue chip stocks will stick have an important place in a well-diversified portfolio. That's because blue chips have at least three major advantages:

- They make money -- a company that knows how to earn money in various economic climates should be of some interest to investors.

- They pay dividends -- stocks that pay dividends demonstrate that company's commitment to its shareholders. If you don't need the dividends as income, you can reinvest them back into the stock.

- They have a track record -- because blue chip companies generally have long track records, you can evaluate how they've performed in a variety of market cycles. This can be useful when you're considering different investment options.

In the final analysis, there is no one "right" category of stocks to own. In making your choices, you will want to consider your needs, your objectives and your tolerance for risk.

Ultimately, you may find that you have room for the exciting technologies of tomorrow and the solid blue chips of today.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I was in Clovis visiting friends and they invited me to watch a basketball game in Texico. They have friends whose child plays for Texico. I was very impressed with the fast-paced action of the girls' game. This lasted for two quarters and when the Texico team was up by 40 points, the coach still had his starters in and still pressing.

In my day, sports was to show a child sportsmanship, not humiliation. People all around me were embarrassed by the situation. Does this school think it is ok? I always thought teachers and coaches should be role models. I would tell my child this is one role model to do just the opposite of.

I am a retired teacher and principal. It is easy for an outsider to speak out, but I do hope the right people read this and maybe it will make a difference.

Ruth Moore

*Editor's note: Coach Roy King, asked to respond to this letter, said he played all the girls he could. He said a lot of the kids had played in the JV game for three quarters so he couldn't play them. Also, he quit full court pressing, but did press half court -- not to run up the score but to give the players experience. The team doesn't have another game until Jan. 3 so he wanted to give his starters more playing time.*

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Dear Editor,

I would like to send a big thank you to the gentleman who walks on the Farwell High School track every day.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I was helping coach the Play Inc. junior Gold All-Star football team and left a black and red letterman's jacket on the football field.

I went back the next day but it was gone. Being from Clovis, I remembered that Mr. Weldon Killough was now the counselor at the high school

so I called and told him the story.

He said he would make an announcement and give me a call if he heard anything.

To my surprise, he called the next day and said a gentleman had brought it into the administration office but had not left a name.

I would like to ask you to publish a thank you, so that if this kind sir reads your paper he will know how appreciated he is.

Regan Williams  
Clovis

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank the residents of Parmer County for their support the past twelve years. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Doris Herington  
Parmer County Tax Collector



Farwell Junior High students Amanda Martin and Carrie Benedict receive encouragement from school librarian Cindy Littlejohn to browse the "Space Station READ" book fair for good books to expand their horizons.



### Book fair

Farwell Elementary School student Matthew Billingsley, along with his mother, Jan Billingsley, enjoyed choosing books at the Farwell Junior High School Book Fair in October.

## Students graduate

The following area students were eligible to participate in commencement exercises at Clovis Community College on Dec. 15:

Associate of Arts -- Lucia Ceniceros, liberal arts, Farwell.

Associate of Applied Science - Angelica Cenento, human services, Friona; and

Aloha Fulcher, nursing, Farwell.

Associate of General Studies -- Lynne Mahaney, Farwell.

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**Merry Christmas!**

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# Texico varsity teams steamroll Bovina, Tucumcari

## Varsity Boys

Is there anyone out there who can stop the Texico Wolverines juggernaut?

Apparently not. This team has all the tools to make it to the top this year.

The Wolverines ran their record to 9-0 with a pair of easy victories last weekend.

Texico crushed Bovina, 82-37.

Scoring were Kyle Duncan, 19; Ross Burford, 4; Chris Hall, 7; Marcos Loera and Jacob AlderseBaes, 6 each; Michael Marlow, 3; Justin Foust, 2; Johnny Sena, 12; Jake Williams, 5, and Josh Boazman, 20.

Rebound leaders were Foust, 10; Burford, 9, and AlderseBaes and Ryan Autrey, 7



each.

Hall had 7 assists and 7 steals, to lead in both categories.

Texico had some hot shooting. Duncan canned 9 of 11 attempts. Sena was 5 for 7. Boazman was 7 of 12.

Then Texico dominated Tucumcari, 67-32.

Scoring were Autrey, Duncan, Boazman and Marlow, 2 each; Burford and Loera, 7 each; Hall, 11; Foust, 9; Sena, 18; and AlderseBaes, 4.

With all the players involved, other stats were even, with 6 players getting 4 boards each, and 3 others getting 3.

Hall had 6 steals, with Sena having 4 and Boazman 3.

Autrey led in assists with 9. Hall had 4 and Marlow 3.

Sena hit 2 3-pointers.

## Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines are virtually keeping pace with the boys. The varsity girls are a strong 8-1, and also boast a good chance at a state title.

Their margins of victory also are huge.

First, they put away Bovina, 77-30, behind a major league performance by Elizabeth Richards, who scored 32 points.

Also scoring were Jennifer Roberts, 13; Callie Rucker, Megan Brown, Kara Jenkins and Dru Mayfield, 4 each; Krysta Morris, 5; Carrie Phipps, 7; and Shilo Thornton and Kelsi Cain, 2 apiece.

Rebound leaders were Roberts, 9; Richards, 8, and Phipps, 6.

Richards led in steals with 10. Roberts had 6 and Morris 5. Assists leader was Phipps, with 6.

Then Texico wiped out Tucumcari, 84-35.

Scoring were Richards, 27; Roberts, 14; Callie Rucker, 9; Jenkins, 11; Mayfield, 5; Morris and Nicole Richards, 2 each; Brown and Tori Bradley, 4 each; and Phipps and Carrie Rucker, 3 each.

Rebound leaders were Richards, 12; Roberts, 7; and Morris and Jenkins, 6 each.

Morris had 8 steals and Roberts 6. Topping the assists were Roberts, 6; and Richards, 5.

Texico hit 58 percent of their two-point shots -- 33 for 57.

## JV Boys

The Texico JV Boys are 6-2 after mashing Bovina, 81-29.

Scoring were Johnny Rivera, Bryce Bailey, Ben Black and Mark Peabody, 6 each; Chase Bradley, 12; Adrian Lora, 17; Kody Vaughan, 7; Anthony Askew, 11, and Shane Mayfield, 4.

With 5 assists each were Peabody, Loera and Toby Thornton.

Rebound leaders were Rivera, with 6, and Mayfield and Bailey, with 5 apiece.

## JV Girls

The Texico JV Girls beat Tucumcari on Saturday, 56-48.

Scoring were Christina Clark and Ashley Smith, 2 each; Nicole Richards and Barbara Queener, 8 each; Jazzi Walls, 13; Tara Lockmiller and Megan Brown, 6 each; Dru Mayfield, 7, and Tori Bradley, 4.

## 8th Boys

Texico's 8A Boys beat Yucca on Monday, 46-26.

Scoring were Johnny Serano, 4; Logan Brown, 11; Tyler Marks, 6; Braden Vaughan, 6; Garrett Mayfield, 7; Gabriel Sena, 1; Trent Crow, 3; and Tony Clements, 8.

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Texico's 8B Boys fell to Yucca on Monday, 44-24.

Scoring were Nathan Foust, 8; Bryan Vannatta, 2; Shaun Walthers, 2; Todd Mosier, 2; Blake Arnold, 2; Mario Cardenas, 2; and Corey Hastings, 4.

## 7th Boys

Texico's 7th grade boys fell to Yucca on Monday, 60-26.

Scoring were Carlos Meza, 1; Tyler Heaton, 1; Aaron Vaughan, 18; Logan Potts, 6; and Chance Bradley, 1.

## 7th Girls

Texico's 7B Girls lost to Yucca on Monday, 8-6.

Scoring were Cassie

Smith, Caitlin Cary and Stasha Span, with 2 points each.

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Texico's 7A Girls fell to Yucca on Monday, 24-20.

Scoring were Erika Autrey, 5; Sarah Johnson, 8; Lori Richardson, 1; Krystal Williams, 4; Lacey Price, 2.

## 8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls lost to Yucca on Monday, 40-26.

Scoring were Amber Parmer, 7; Lauren Boazman, 2; Brette Hadley, 8; Melissa Roberts, 1; and Ashley Kidd, 8.

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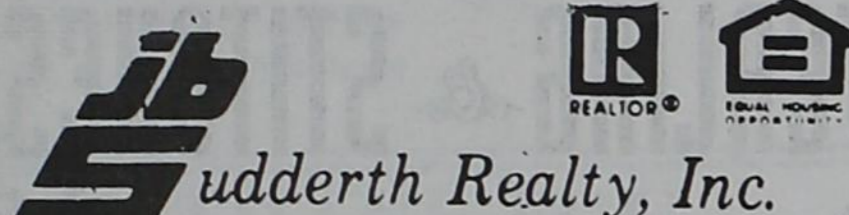
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She has diabetes and is on the serious list at a hospital in Roswell. Her address is: 1100 W. 14th St., Roswell, NM 88201.

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports all quiet last week.

Aloha Fulcher graduated last week from the Clovis Community College School of Nursing. She received a Registered Nurse degree and was pinned as an RN at a pinning ceremony last week.

She has been completing this schooling while serving as the director of the Farwell Emergency Medical Services and obtaining her EMT-Intermediate license.

She will take her Texas State Board Nursing exam very shortly. In the interim, she will be working as a general nurse at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Rotary District Gov. Randy Gleason and his wife, Debbie, were guests of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club on Dec. 6.

The National Republican Congressional Committee has given a National Leadership Award to Dr. Nancy Chasteen, of Farwell.

It was given "in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Republican Party, and in particular for assistance and guidance administered to the National Republican Congressional Committee."

First reports that Farwell Lady Blue point guard Kinzi Woods would miss about a month of action turned out to be too optimistic.

With a torn ACL in her knee, Kinzi is out for the season.

Wedding bells will be ringing for Jackie Ragland, the manager of the Lowe's

Supermarket store in Farwell, come next May. More details later...

Board on Dec. 14 approved the annual audit by Randy Field, CPA.

closed this week for Christmas break.

Meanwhile, Farwell Schools had classes starting at 9 a.m. all week.



**Texico Varsity Boys**  
In back, from left, are Head Coach Richard Luscombe, Kyle Duncan, Jake Williams, Jacob AlderseBaes and Coach Steve Doolittle; middle row, Ross Burford, Marcos Loera, Justin Foust, Tanner Williams, Josh Bozeman; front row, Chris Hall, Johnny Sena, Chris Maxwell, Adrian Loera, Ryan Autrey.

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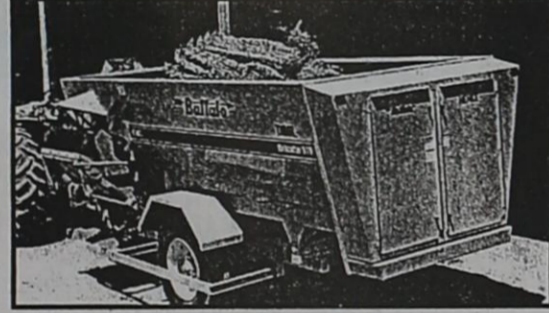
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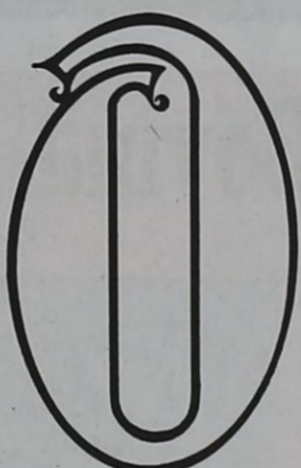
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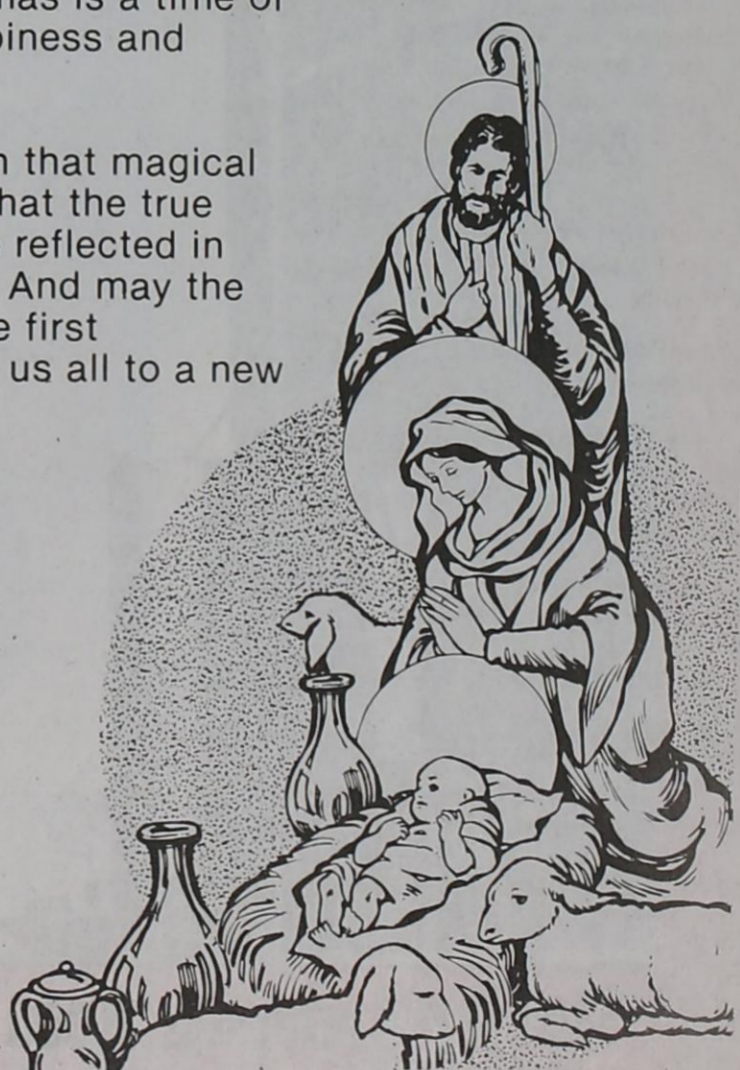
On a starry night almost two thousand years ago, the first Christmas started with a child. Since that time, Christmas has had a special meaning for young and old alike, all over the world. For Christmas is a time of great love, great happiness and great hope.

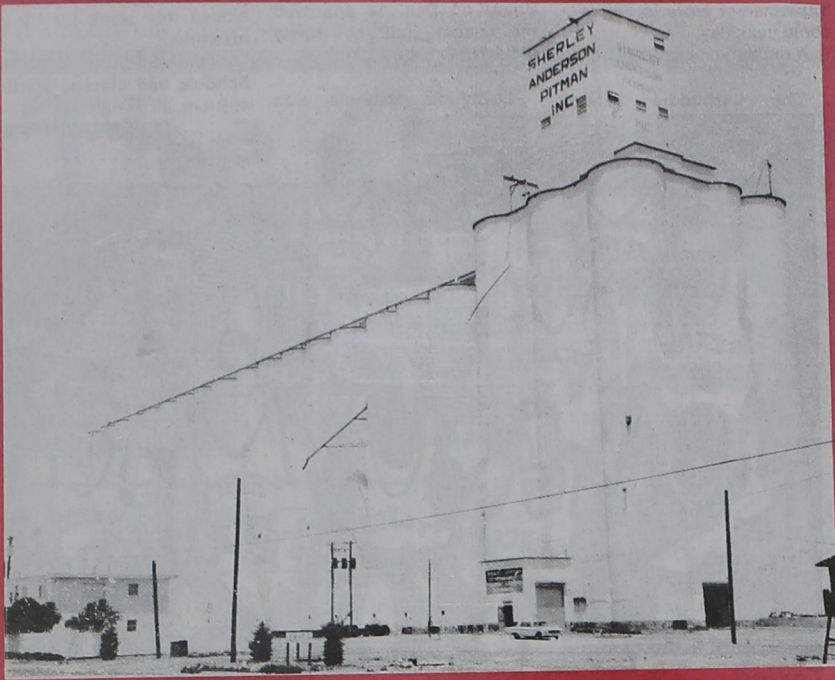
As we celebrate again that magical moment, let us pray that the true spirit of Christmas be reflected in the hearts of all men. And may the special promise of the first Christmas child bring us all to a new and glorious morn.

Merry Christmas  
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From All The Employees At

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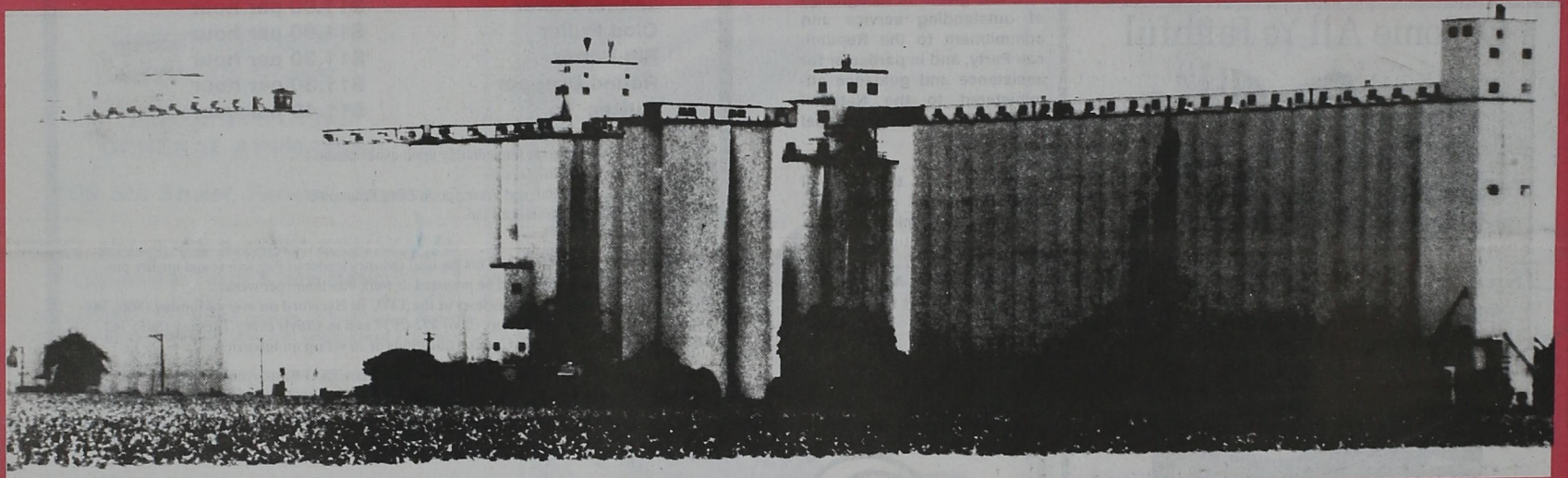


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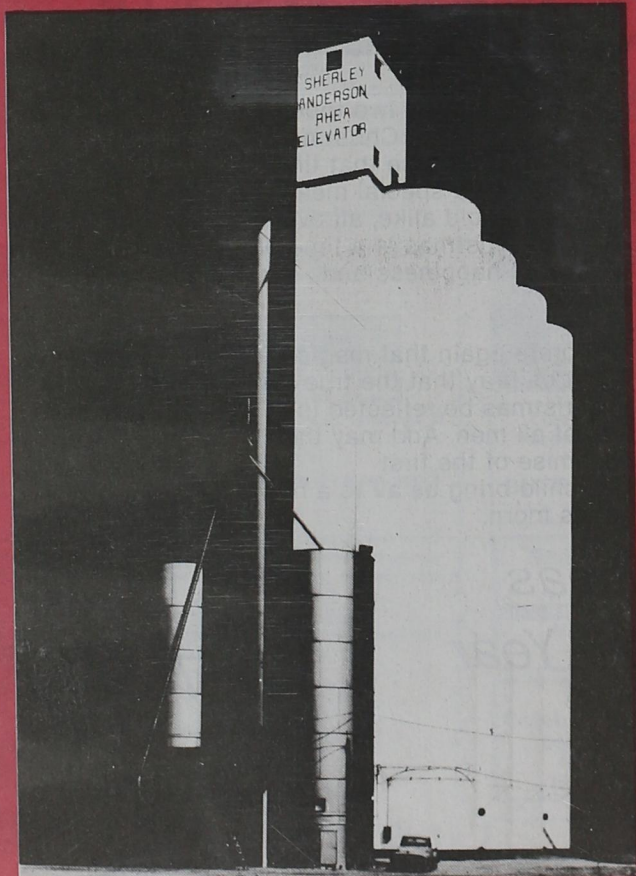
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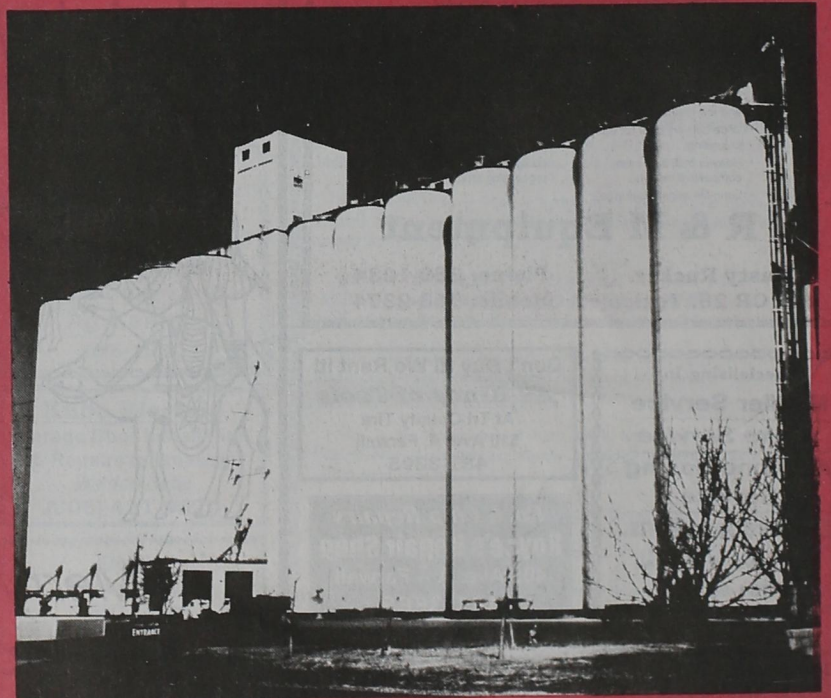
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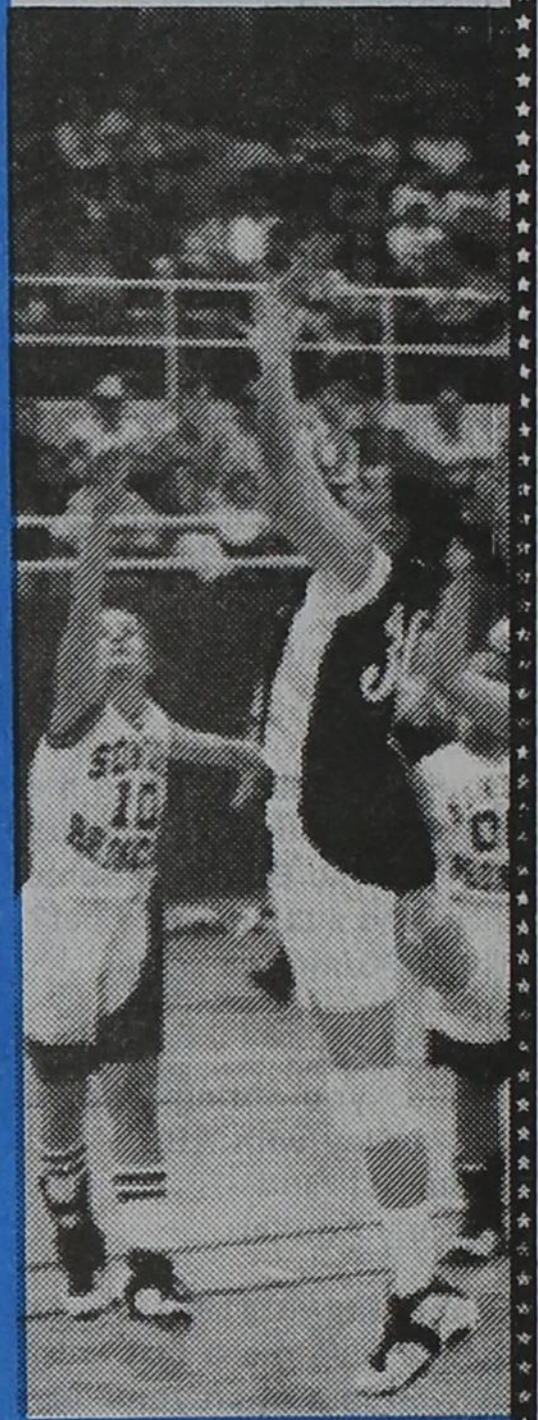
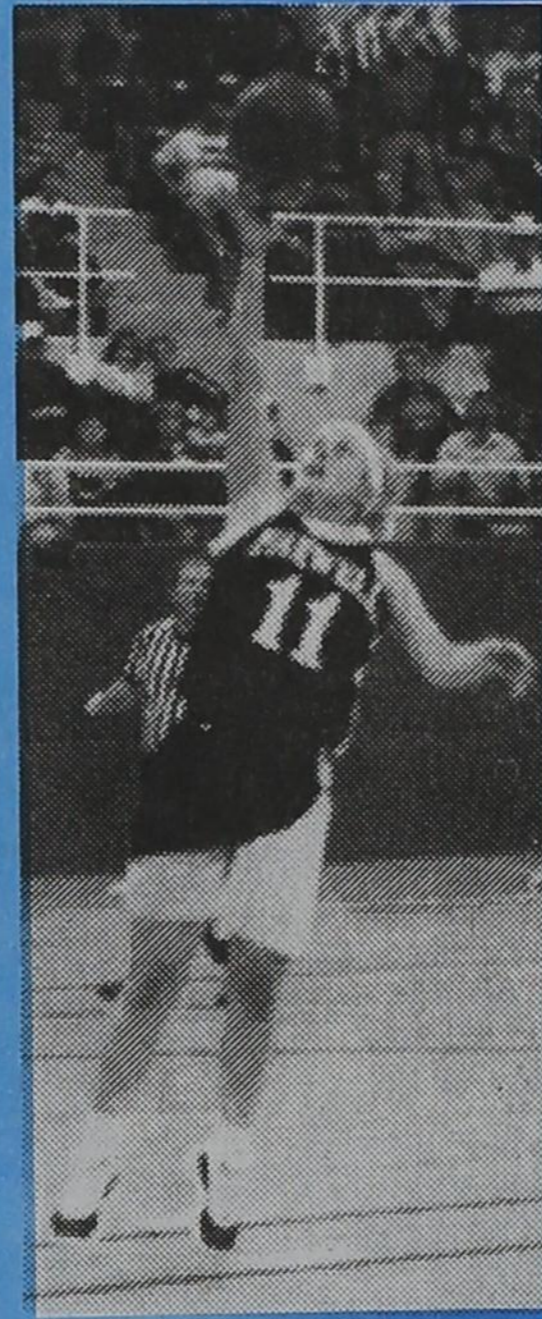
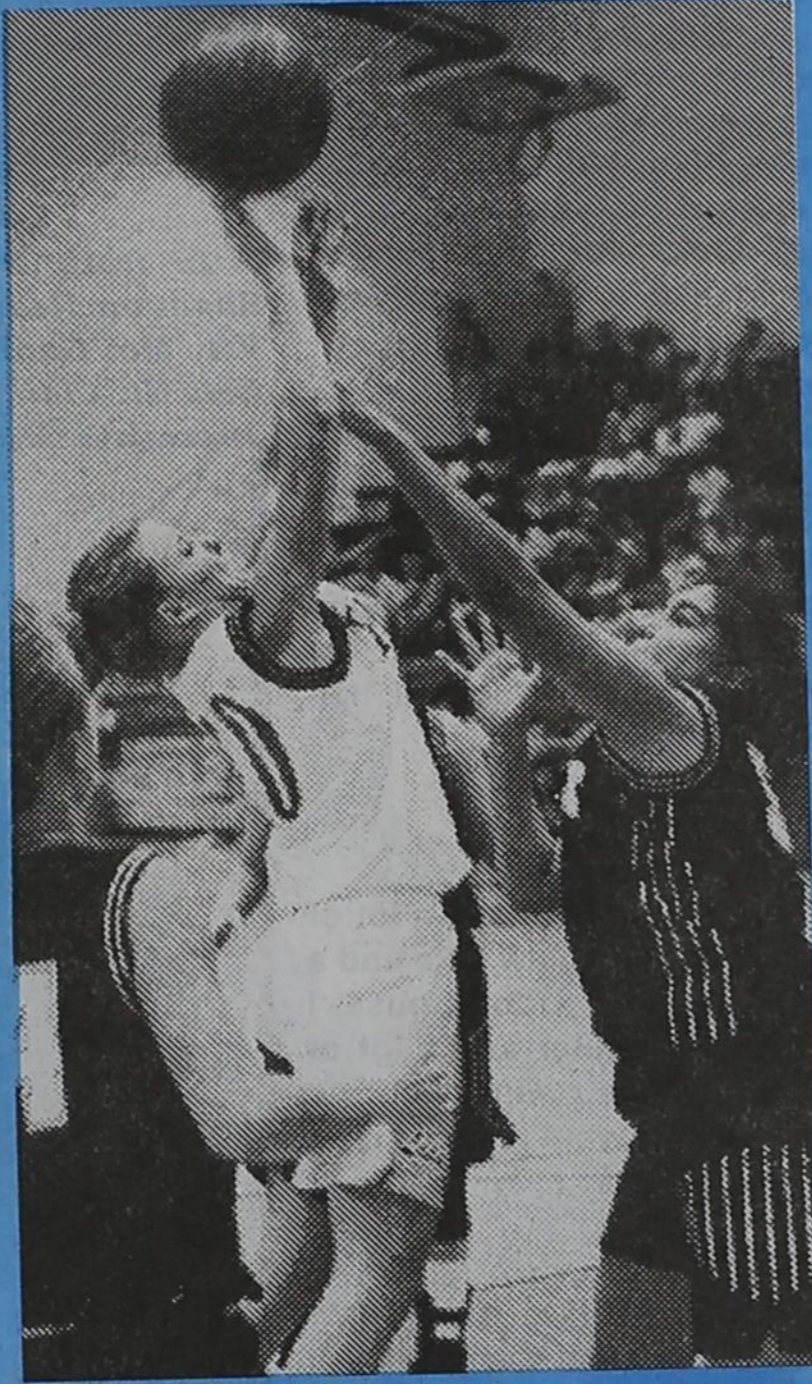
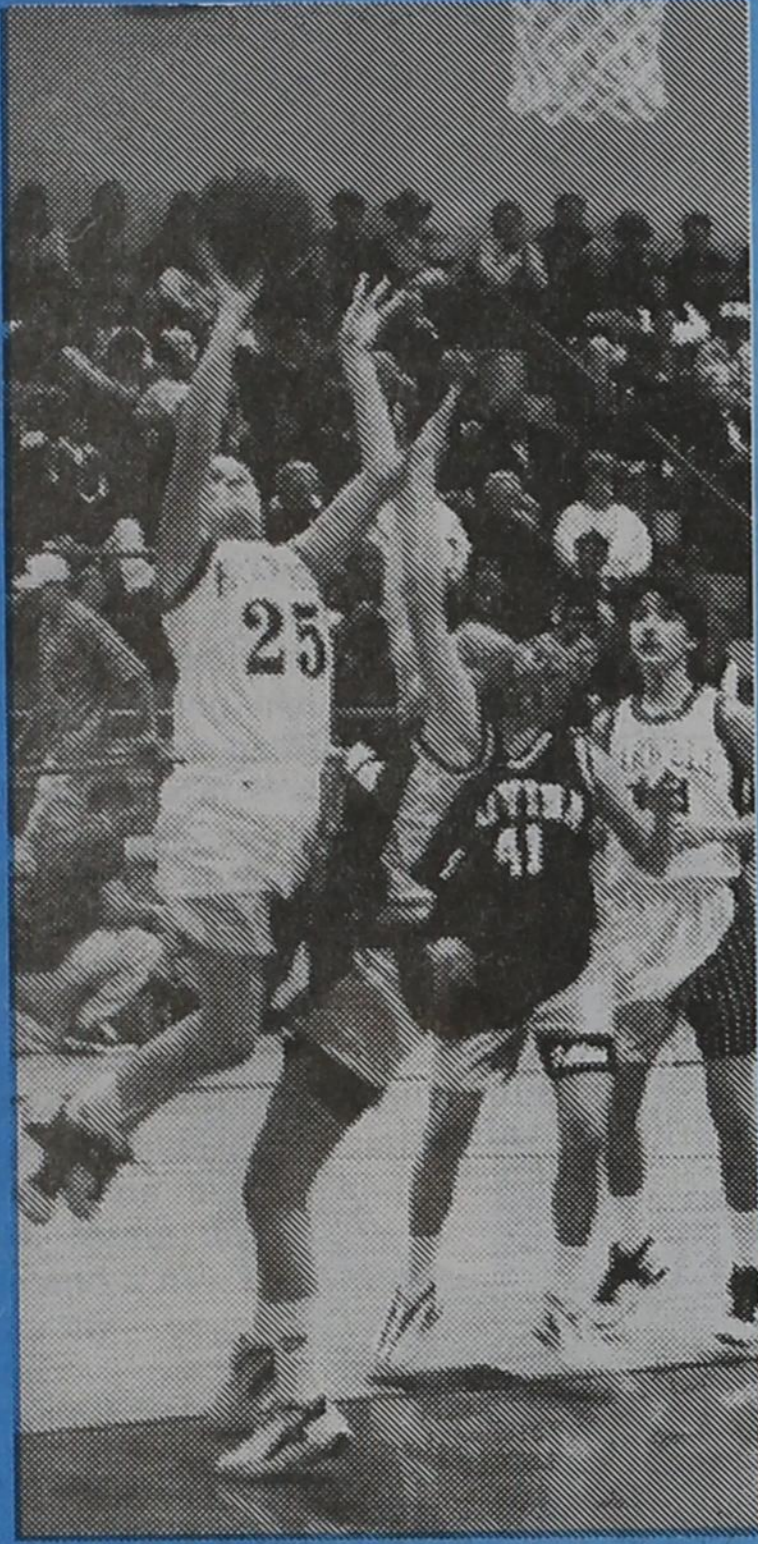
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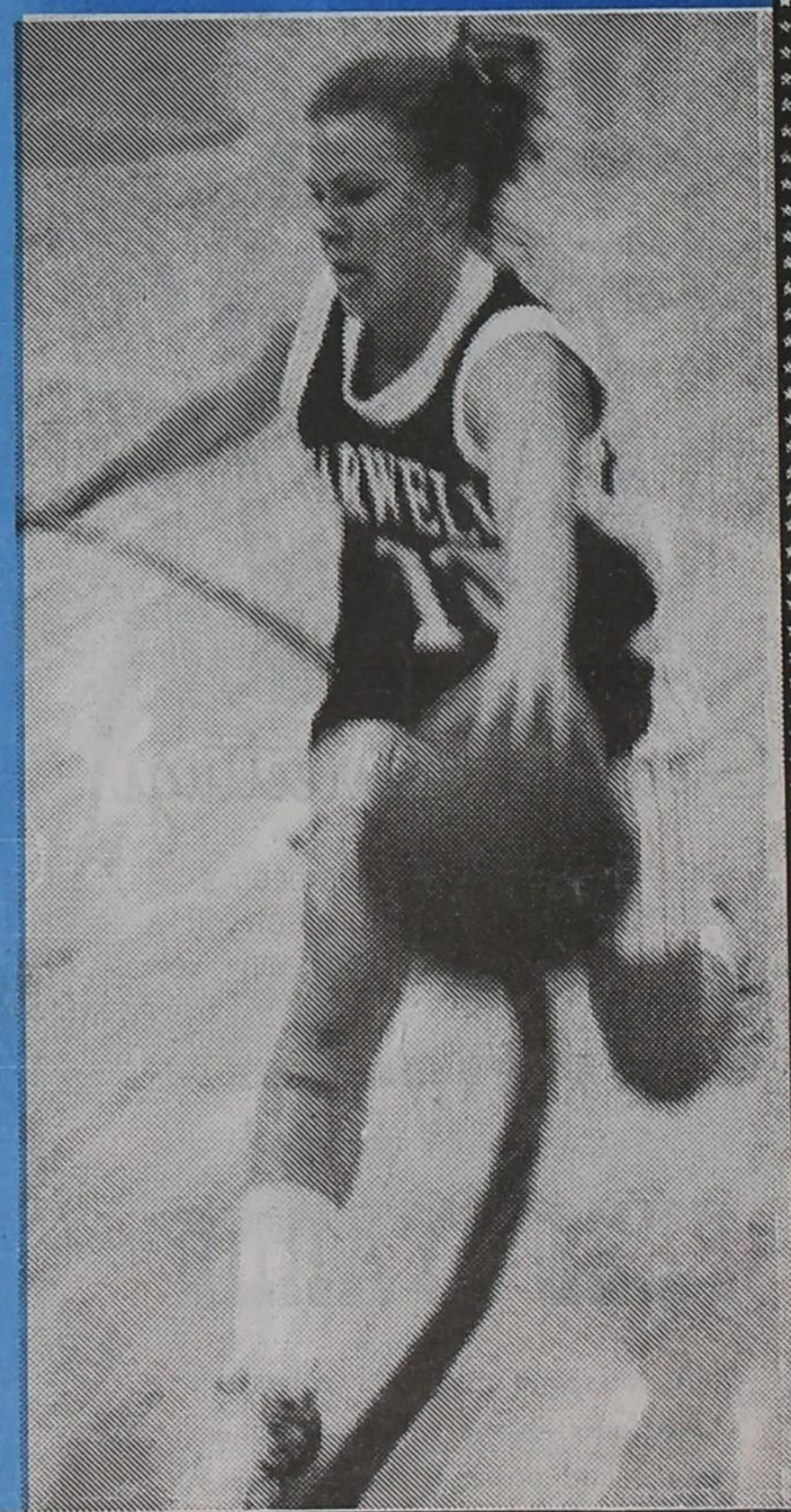
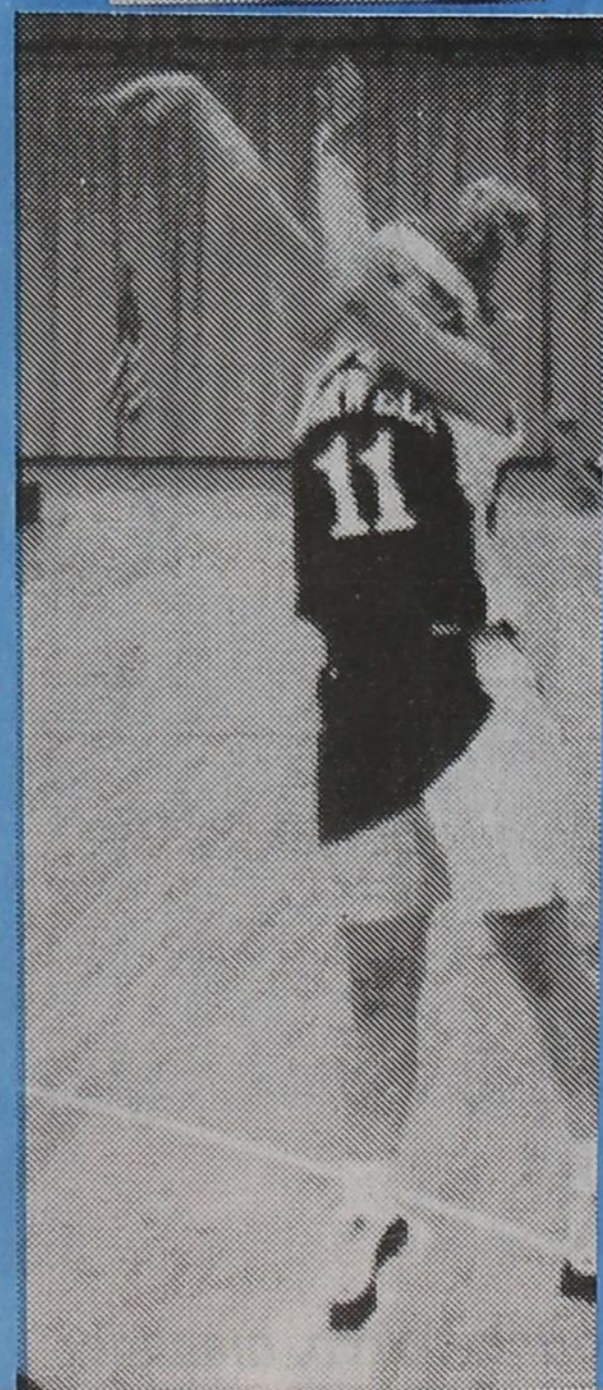
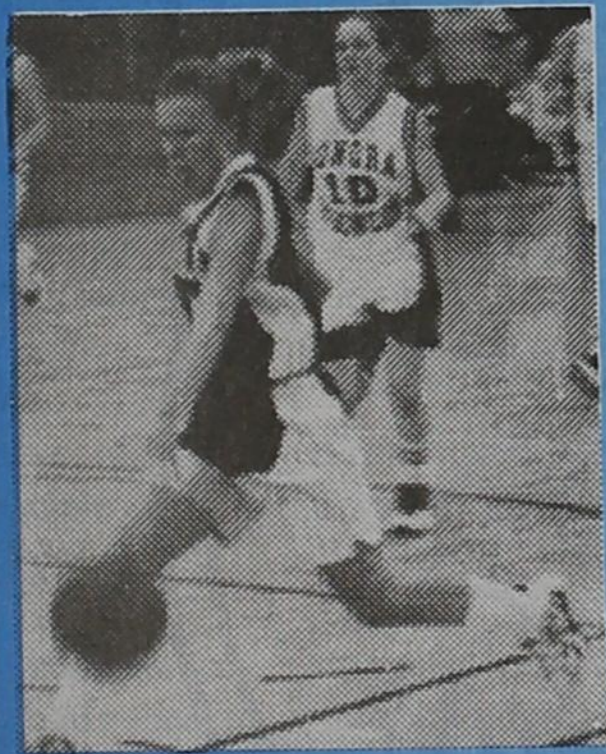
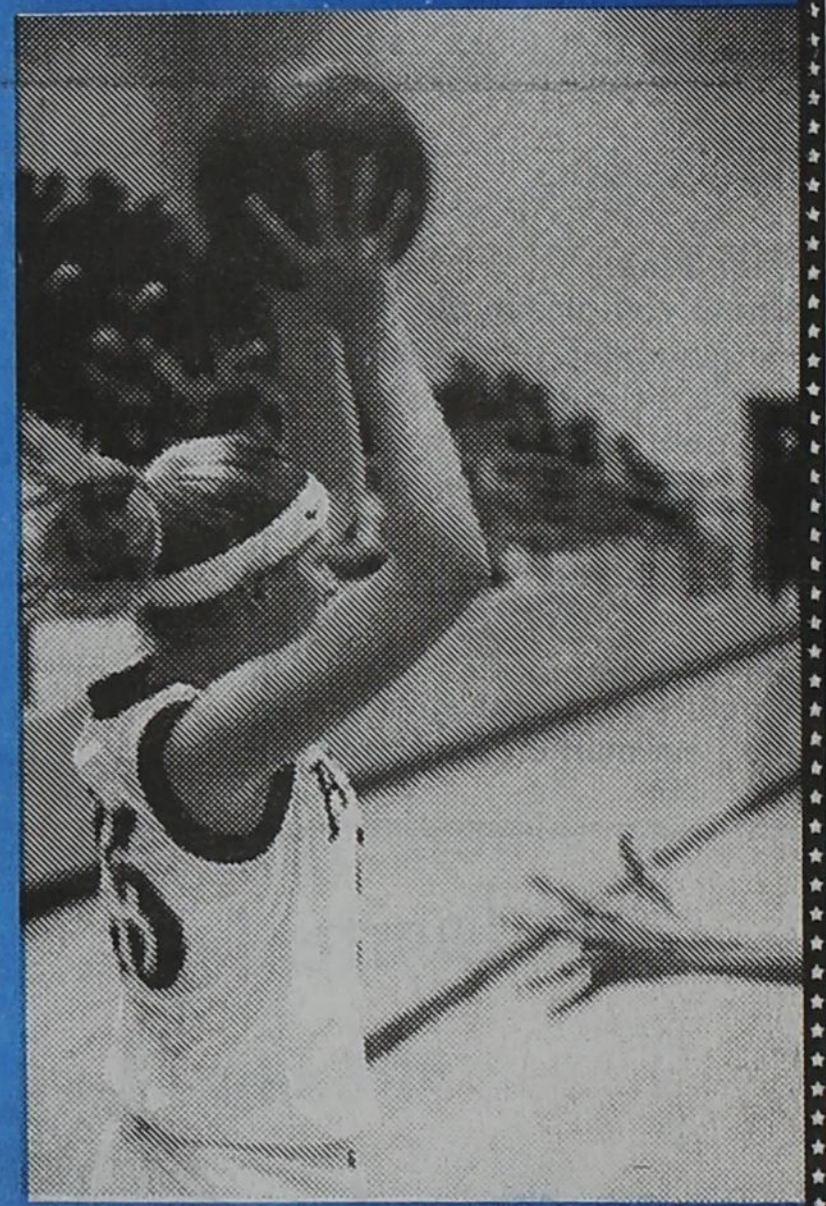
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Scott Brown -- Ray Stanley

*The Farwell  
Lady Blue  
championship  
season  
revisited...  
What a year!*



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### 'Santa, my mom is having a baby for Christmas'

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pink scooter; it looks fun on TV. And I like a Mermaid Barbie with a baby, and a white teddy bear.

Mirta Gomez

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a skateboard and a game for our playstation. I also need new tennis shoes and a football shirt, and I would like a truck to play in the sand.

Adrian Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a pink bicycle with pom-poms and a basket. I would like a brown or white teddy bear and Barbie make-up. My mom is having a baby for Christmas and my dad is getting a job. Grandma has a job and she is special to me, her name is Annetta Key.

Whitney Porter

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Game Boy with Mario fighting games. I am collecting Pokemon cards so could you make some more on strong paper?

Hayden Hadley

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me Pokemon cards, a pickup truck, a Game Boy with some games, and a talking bird pet?

Ruben Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Could you bring me a game to play with ABC's and the sounds!

Aracely Aguilar

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a box with a key with lots of crayons. Me and my sister need more drawing paper. I would like a white puppy that looks real, and a baby that looks "sick" and then I could be a nurse for her.

Olivia Schilling

Dear Santa,  
Could you please get me a toy airplane and a train lamp I can use in our clubhouse? And would you bring a snow game and a new train set? I hope you have a safe trip.

Victor Moreno

Dear Santa,  
Could you please give me some new markers and cray-

ons and coloring books? I want a new swimming pool for our yard, and a powerpuff girl doll.

Clara Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a handlebar basket for my bike and a Leap Frog phonics game to practice the ABC letters and sounds. It makes lots of sounds and can have a headphone, and I would like a butterfly that ties to my finger and a book about butterflies.

Chelsea Bass

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike with lots of colors and streamers. Can you bring my little sister a little doll and my brother a bicycle? My baby sister needs a baby bed do you have one at your house?

Adilene Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring toy motorcycles for me and Heinrich. We like coloring book things too. My bother John likes monster trucks. I have been a nice boy and am learning to read.

Franz Loepky

Dear Santa,  
I wasn't a BB Gun and a remote control motorcycle and Monster truck. And on TV there is a fighting boxers game, could you bring one here?

Bretton Stancell

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink bike with streamers on the handles and some white rollerblades.

Michelle Murillo

Dear Santa,  
Could you bring me a pretty Barbie with pretty clothes to change and the game "Operation" would be fun, and 5 Rugrats books.

Katie Slack

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas, I would like an airplane, dinosaur, and I would also like a Chicago Bulls basketball and jacket. Can you please bring something for my nephews?

Ryan DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
If you would please bring me a special gift that I want for Christmas, that's all I want

please, bring me a motorcycle.

Luis Delgado

Dear Santa,  
I am having a hard time thinking of what I want, so anything will be fine.

Pace Fly

Dear Santa,  
I would like a White Christmas. I also want dolls, a new bedset and a new house for my Barbies. Will you put presents under our tree?

Clarisa Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come and bring us some presents and a scooter and train and a robot.

Alfredo Huicocha

Dear Santa,  
I would like a my real baby and a huge blue ball. I was a good girl this year and sorted the socks for Mom and I would like a horse and sea monkeys.

Abby Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a poochi and a big doll please. Bring my sister a game for her gameboy and a doll like mine. My brother wants a football helmet.

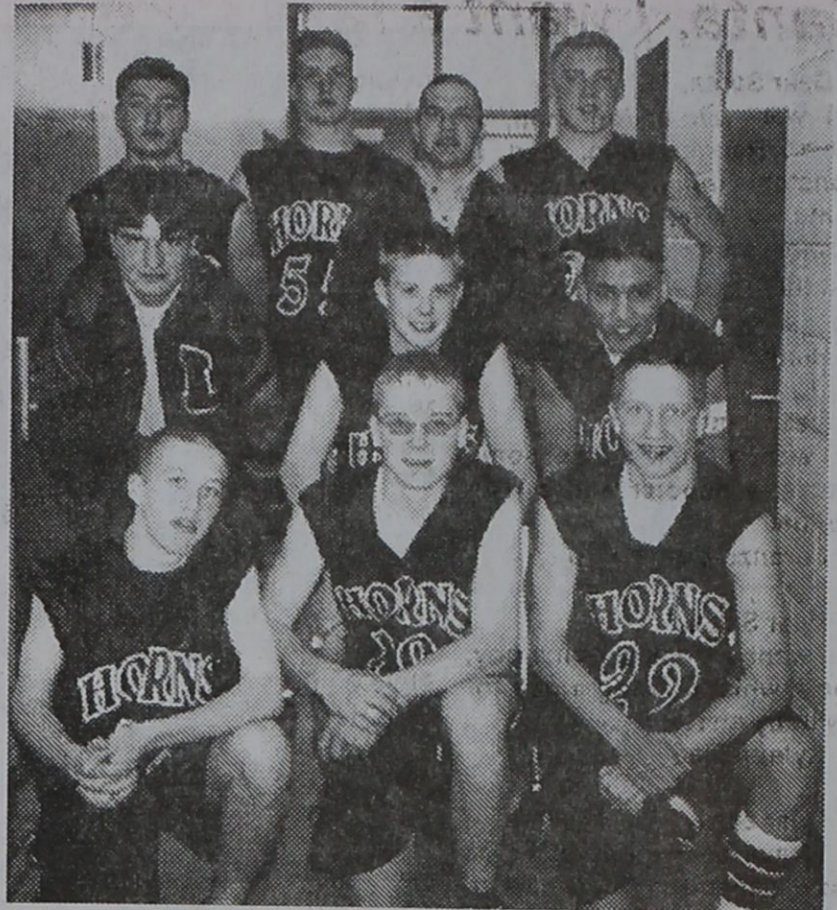
Kristin Langford

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a lot of new toys like a new bike and a baby doll and a doll house. I want a computer and a lot of other things and will be grateful for what I get.

Sasha Lara

Dear Santa,  
I would like these few things: my real baby, kitten, puppy, Barbie CD player, dancing girl, computer, my walking baby, and a Barbie kitchen. P.S. also a telephone I know its a lot of stuff, I'll understand if I don't get everything.

Maribel Mendoza



**Lazbuddie Varsity Boys**

In front from left are Aaron Marks, Trevor Gartin, Shannon Redwine; middle row, Jeffrey Phillips, Sterling Via, Moi Garcia; back row, Lucas DeLeon, Jake Louder, Cole St. Clair and Coach Chris Marks.

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In back from left are coach Buddy Little, Jazzi Walls, Mollie Furrow, Dru Mayfield; middle row, Christina Clark, Megan Brown, Carrie Rucker, Tori Bradley; front row, Barbara Queener, Nicole Richards, Tara Lockmiller, Kelsi Cain.

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**Rodney Wren, manager**

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# 'Santa, I want a fake polar bear, a fake horse and a fake kangaroo'

Dear Santa,  
I want an action man, a Power Ranger train, and a monster truck. My sister wants a Barbie and my brother wants an action man and the Power Ranger train like me.  
Henry Sawatzky

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck, a bike, some skates, a scooter and a play station.  
Lorenzo Colmenero

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck, a game boy, and a whistle. Bring a doll for my baby sister.  
Kyler Miller

Dear Santa,  
I have been good at home and I have also been nice to my brother and sisters and I have obeyed my Mom and Dad. Please bring me a Harley Davison Motorcycle, a beany baby and a toy motorcycle.  
Rallin Harris

Dear Santa,  
My dad wants a Grate Dane puppy and we couldn't find any so my mom wants to ask you to bring him one. I want a red kick ball like the one they have at Wal-Mart. I also want a Scooter, my sister Morgan wants one too. I want a baby doll and thats all.  
McKenzie Mayfield

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll car, a Barbie necklace, a Barbie house, some skates. and a Barbie. Mama wants a new house and a new bed. Please bring my cousins some skates.  
Maricruz Galvaldon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Major League Baseball Braves Duffle bag. I would also like a razor skooter with a strap and I want it to be red.  
Connor Doolittle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pocket knife and a nintendo game called NFL Blitz 2000 and my sister wants a Slinky.  
Garrett Foote

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have Celebration Barbie, Dancing Debbie, Mermaid Barbie, Kelly and Amazing Barbie? How many children are in the world?  
Iris Rutiaga

Dear Santa,  
Please give a barrett, a stuffed animal and new clothes. My sister wants a

kickball and a basketball, my other sister wants a slugbug poster.  
Morgan Mayfield

Dear Santa,  
I want a Skeeter and a computer. I also want a pocket knife and a bronco shirt that says Terrel Davis. My sister wants a Glenda, Dorthy, Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow.  
Tyler Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I want a Skeeter and would you get me a Dancing Debbie and some clothes and pants?  
Gabrella Rivera

Dear Santa,  
I want some new clothes, a computer, and some computer games. I would also like a new pair of shoes.  
Cortni Foreman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and some make-up. I would also like a new dress and shoes.  
Tiffany Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a music and lights



**Texico 7B Boys**

In back are, from left, Tyler Heaton, Jeremy Riley, Jose Martinez, coach Randy Zarate; front row, Dustin McDaniel, Bobby Bentley, Andrew Castillo.

sit and spin, a baby doll and a cosmic lamp and a table top disco lamp and a bouncing ball.  
Hannah Bocox

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a real jeep and a Christmas tree with a star on it. I want a go-cart and a swimming pool.  
Dillon Coate

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a Barbie jeep and a scooter, my size butterfly Barbie?  
Cassidy Martin

Dear Santa,  
Please can I see your reindeers and Mrs. Clause? Santa I want a Christmas tree, a Barbie and a toy phone for my sister Sarah. I would like a bicycle and a toy playhouse.  
Lydia Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy. I want a house and a motorcycle. I live at Farwell. My house is gray and brown.  
Elizabeth Pereda  
Dear Santa,

I want a little jeep that you can ride in, a four-wheeler and a TV for mine and my brothers room.  
Riley Telschick

Dear Santa,  
I want a snowflake and a toy Santa Claus, a fake polar bear and a fake horse and a fake kangaroo. You might bring more presents to all the kids in the whole wide world. Are you old? Are you happy?  
Tomas Germain

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Jeep. I want a pink crayon and a light purple crayon. I want a picture with blue flowers, yellow stems and a black butterfly with yellow and skin color. I want some leaves purple and blue and the sky pink and the ground pink.  
Melissa Dyck

Dear Santa,  
Dont you know i've been a good boy? Could you please bring me a Hi-Ho Cherrio game and Stomp the Spiders? I will leave you some Chocolate chip cookies and milk in the kitchen.  
Joshua Longley

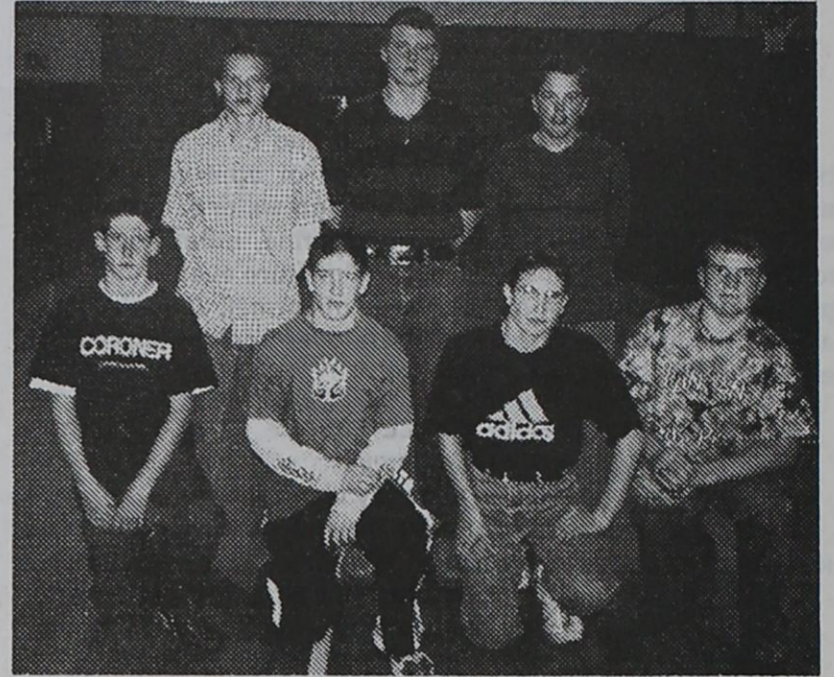
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a toy that is Rudolpy the Red Nosed Reindeer. I saw one that was a really big one. I want to hold his nose to shin up in the night. I want a Christmas book. I want a toy kangaroo and a ribbon that is purple. I want a new jacket and a new pencil.  
Kayla Cullison

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me Age of Empires game and Nintendo 64. I want some more pocket knives and a new little brown dog.  
Brock Williams

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Jeep and I want a little horse for the Barbie. I want a little doll from Santa Clause.  
Estrella Meza

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a Barbie Jeep? I want some boy Barbie Clothes.  
Caitlyn Stancell



**Lazbuddie JV Boys**

In the back row from left, Tobin Redwine, Matt Goe and Eric Magby; front row, Andy Martin, Robbie Martin, Andrew Martinez and Wayne Terry.

**Joy to the World!**

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If cords are frayed or cracked, replace them. Never nail or staple cords to the wall or floor. And keep furniture off the cords.

Extension cords are meant to be used temporarily. It's not safe to use them as permanent household wiring.

Use three-prong plugs in three-prong outlets. Never cut the third prong off to fit it into a two-prong outlet. And don't force plugs into outlets if they don't fit easily. You can start a fire that way or get a shock.

Install ground-fault circuit interrupters in bathrooms and kitchens. They help prevent electrocutions where electricity and water might meet.

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

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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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# Here are more county award-winning recipes

## BAKED APPLES Elisa Smith

- 4 med. apples
- 2 T. margarine
- 1 t. nutmeg
- 4 T. brown sugar
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 2 t. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, wash and core apples, cut about 1/2 inch peeling from stem end of apples. Place in baking dish, stem end down. Add enough water to cover the bottom of baking dish. Combine margarine, nutmeg, cinnamon, brown sugar, and vanilla. Divide mixture evenly into the apples. Option topping, melt squares of carmel, use low fat if desired, 1 cup chopped nuts. Drizzle over cooked apples or serve on the side. Bake until tender.

## ZUCCHINI - APPLE SALAD Jade Mahaney

- 1 small jicama, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 2 red delicious, Granny Smith, or Fuji apples, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup lemon-current vinaigrette (see below)
- 2 medium zucchini, very thinly sliced
- 3 cups red leaf lettuce, torn into small pieces
- 8 oz. cheese (pepper jack, mozzarella, cheddar, or blue cheese) crumbled
- 1 apple, very thinly sliced for garnish
- 2 medium zucchini, made into about 18" ribbons' for garnish

Combine the jicama and apples with just enough vinaigrette to moisten. Layer ingredients in a 8x8" dish in the following order -- 1 layer of overlapping zucchini slices, 1 1/2 cup red leaf lettuce, 1/2 jicama, apple mixture, 4 ozs. cheese. Repeat for second layer and top with a third layer of zucchini slices. Press down gently but firmly and chill for 1 hour or longer. Before serving, drizzle with vinaigrette. Brush apple slices with lemon juice. Garnish with apple slices and zucchini ribbons and serve. Serves 6.

## LEMON-CURRENT VINAIGRETTE

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 T. Champagne vinegar
- 1/2 t. mustard powder
- 1 t. honey
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 t. minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 T. currants

Whisk together the lemon juice, vinegar, mustard, honey and salt. Add the oil slowly, while whisking and blend well. Stir in the parsley and currants. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour to allow flavors to blend.

## PARLSIED POTATOES Kade Foster

- 1 1/2 lbs. small red potatoes scrubbed
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 1 med. onion chopped
- 1 small clove garlic, crushed
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup chopped fresh parsley, divided
- 1/2 t. pepper

Variation: replace the parsley with basil leaves and add 1/4 t. hot red pepper flakes for an Italian twist. Peel a strip of skin from around the middle of each potato. Place potatoes in cold water. Set aside. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add oil. Sauté onion and garlic for 5 minutes or until tender. add broth and 3/4 cup parsley. Mix well and bring to boil. Place potatoes in a single layer in skillet and return to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer, covered for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Remove potatoes with a slotted spoon to serving bowl. Add pepper to skillet and stir. Pour sauce over potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining parsley.

## CHICKEN SALAD IN PUFF BOWL Leesa Patterson

- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
- 2 med. stalks celery-chopped about 1 cup
- 1/2 cup chopped olives or cubed avocado
- 1 small onion chopped, about 12 cup
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1/2 t. curry powder, optional
- 3 hard cooked eggs, cut up
- 3/4 to 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

Prepare puff bowl. Mix remaining ingredients except mayonnaise. Cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, fold mayonnaise into the chicken mixture. Mound in puff bowl. Garnish with tomato wednes, parsley and or sliced hard-cooked eggs if desired.

## PUFF BOWL

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. caraway seed or ground sage

## Meet Texico's Class of 2013



Margarita Garcia, is a Texico School kindergartener. Her birthday is March 23.

Parents are Angelica and Javier Garcia. She has a sister, Yesenia, and a brother, Javier. Grandparents are Juan Garcia and Esperanza Islas.

She likes to dance, sing, paint and write. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite foods are pizza and hamburgers. She doesn't like vegetables.

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2 eggs

Heat water and margarine to rolling boil. Quickly stir in flour, salt, and caraway seed. Stir vigorously over low heat until mixture forms a ball, about 1 minute. Remove from heat. Beat in eggs, both at once, continuing beating until smooth. Spread batter evenly in greased pie plate, 9x1 1/4", do not spread on side. Bake uncovered in 400 degree oven until golden brown, 45 to 50 minutes. Cool.



# Christmas Joy

## From Your Courthouse Officials

**John Tannahill**  
Pct. 1 Commissioner

**Thomas Ware**  
Pct. 2 Commissioner

**Bonnie Clayton**  
County Judge

**Colleen Stover**  
County Clerk

**Doris Herington**  
County Assessor-Collector

**Anne Norton**  
County Treasurer

**Gary Blair**  
County Sheriff

**Sandra Warren**  
District Clerk

**Gordon Green**  
District Court Judge

**Charles Aycock**  
County Attorney

**Pamela Haseloff**  
Pct. 3 Justice of the Peace

**Flo Davis**  
Pct. 3 Commissioner

**Raymond McGehee**  
Pct. 4 Commissioner

**Johnny Actkinson**  
District Attorney

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We pray that the spirit of the holidays will glow ever brighter in your hearts.

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O Holy Child, be remembered in our hopes and in our hearts for Christmas!

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## WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

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!



**Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association**



## Ever wonder how Parmer County got started?

Parmer County was taken from the Bexar county territory created in 1876, and remained under Jack, Wheeler, and Oldham county governments until organized in 1907.

The county was named for Martin Parmer, a member of the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1836. Parmer County was part of the 3,050,000-acre XIT Ranch. This was one of the 10 counties which made up the Capitol Syndicate Land Grant which built the present state capitol.

This territory was virtually unknown to any Indians or Mexicans prior to 1876, and no Anglo-American people were permanently located in the county until the early 1880's when the Capitol Syndicate started operating the XIT Ranch. The

### 'Santa, I want a bone for my dog'

Dear Santa,  
I would like a BB gun, a bow and arrow set. I also want a skeeter. My brother Landon would like a pair of boots and money. My brother Brian would like a 4.10  
Seth Meeks

and a girl baby Sheltie dog. For my mom I want a watch that goes underwater with a light. I also want an M&M pillow. For my Dad I want the thing you put over the golf club. I also want a Teddy Bear.  
Morgan Cary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a football, a skateboard with mountain wheels, a lion puzzle, a go cart, a computer, clothes, and a doll for my sister. The thing I want most is a dog because mine ran away. My mom wants good health and happiness for our whole family.  
Tre Orozco

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a small car that I can drive, a Barbie with clothes and a little horn so I can blow it on Christmas. Bring my sister a little puppy and my mom some flowers and plants. I also want a bone for my dog.  
Lugardita Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a wooden gas truck, toy four wheeler and pretend motorcycle.  
Austin Pemberton

Dear Santa,  
I haven't been very good but am working hard. I want a monster truck, and the Hungry Hungry Hippo. Grandma wants a little dog and Barbie doll house for my sister Maricruz. I also want a house to sleep in.  
Max Galvan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a game and a skateboard and a Rex. I want the Warp and a Mrs. Potatohead. I want a Zurg, Miss Bo Peep, a slinky, a pig, a bullseye, a Jessie and the prospector. I want two Radios.  
Kristofer Schilling

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie doll. My dad wants some sleepers and I don't know what my mom wants.  
Lindsey Foote

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a puppy and a kitten. Also bring me a baby doll, bring my sister lots of toys.  
Tannah Slack

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie with a car, coloring book, and a Teddy Bear. My sister wants a Barbie with a car too.  
Diana Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
I want one of the new scooters and a barbie Jeep

## 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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population was 7 in 1890.

In 1898 the Pecos Valley Railway, later absorbed by the Santa Fe Railroad, was built toward Amarillo from Clovis. Soon thereafter the county acquired the necessary quota of voters for organization. Several towns gradually grew up after the railroad was built. The population increased more than 1,000 by 1910.

One of the first towns was Bovina. This site, situated in the heart of the XIT Range, at one time was the largest inland cattle shipping point in the world. For some time it was merely a loading switch on the XIT. In those days many tons of cottonseed meal were loaded there, accidentally some of it being spilled upon the tracks, much to the misfortune of the train crews who had to stop and chase the bulls away before the trains could pass. They referred to the switch as "Bull Town." This sounded coarse in the main offices, so officials substituted the name Bovina, derived from Bovine.

The Capitol Syndicate people began to execute their original plan of colonizing the 200 mile territory occupied by the XIT Ranch. During the 1890's, several hotels were built to accommodate home seekers coming to buy land in Texas. Trainloads of people, mostly farmers from the cold northern states, were housed in these hotels while choosing home sites. An 80,000 acre block was sold out of the XIT Range in this manner. Railroads, too, about this time began a similar campaigning to settle the county. Although no railroad crossed Parmer County until 1898, people were coming into the country and gradually pushed into this territory. Prior to 1920, practically all the population except ranch people were emigrants brought in by colonization efforts of land syndicates and railroads through the 1890's and early 1900's.

Parmer County one of the last counties where colonization efforts of land syndicates and railroads through the 1890's and early 1900's.

Parmer County one of the last counties where colonization was stressed, has an area of 902 square miles and is rather thinly settle. There are several small towns in the county. In 1938, Friona, the largest town, had a population of 731, Farwell, the county seat, had a population of 600, and Bovina had a population of 200. Parmer County reached 10,000 population in 1990.

Ranching was an important industry in the county: many large herds of fine Hereford cattle were seen on the range. As of 1938 the following was written "Farming," however, has taken on new importance with each year. Wheat, row crops, cotton and corn are raised in considerable quantities. Irrigation is a growing field in this territory, a large supply of water being available at from two to three hundred feet."



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Irrigation really became a priority between the 1950's and 1960's. Parmer County residents refer to these years as the irrigation age. Since then, Parmer County has always been known for the vast amount of water that it has to offer. Farming continued to grow in Parmer through the 1970's, 80's and 90's. Major row crops in 2000 are corn, cotton, wheat, milo, soybeans, and pes. Cattle have always been a major part of Parmer County. Cattle feeding in feed yards started in the 1950's and has become a large business for cattlemen and corporations.

Industry is also very important to the employment of residents in Parmer County and the surrounding areas. Hi-Pro Feeds headquarters and the main plant are located in Friona. Also, in Friona is Excel Meat packing Plant. Sherley-Anderson grain elevators are located in Bovina, Farwell, and Lazbuddie, plus other sites in the area.

With the vast diversification of agriculture in Parmer County cash receipts over 365 billion dollars are produced each year. Parmer County agriculture producers are very innovative and aggressive towards new technology and have been leaders in agriculture for many years. A steady increase of interest in this endeavor is evident. A true partnership relation between the Extension Service and the people has become wide-spread in recent years.

The program remains effective and successful with the potential to serve the need of farmers throughout the county.

Parmer County began the Integrated Pest Management program in 1985 with Mike Blanton serving from 1985 to 1989. He was followed by Brant Baugh from 1990 through 1995. Mark Logan followed in the year of 1996 and served until 1997. Cherinell Riley came on board in 1998 and continues to serve the needs of both Parmer and Bailey counties.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2013**



Olivia Schilling, a Farwell kindergartener, has a Jan. 3 birthday. Parents are Todd and Lisa Schilling. Siblings are Mallory and Gabbie. Grandparents are Leon & Martha Schilling, Doug Bishop and Jan Osborn. She likes to paint, arts & crafts, and Play-Doh. She likes corn on the cob, prime rib and spaghetti. Her favorite colors are purple and pink. She doesn't like cleaning up messes and brussel sprouts.

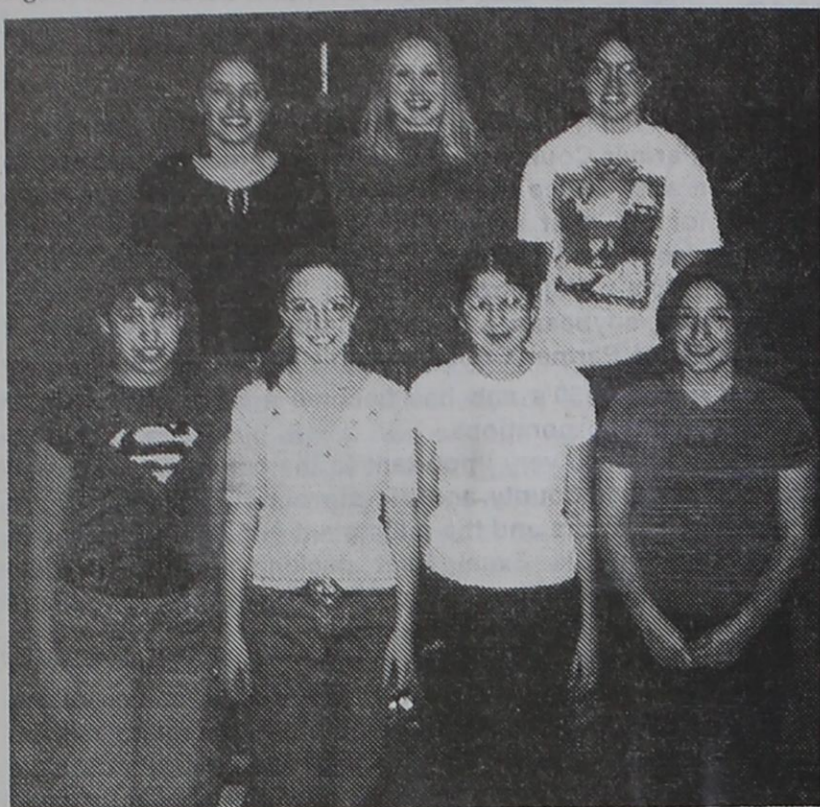
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# GREETINGS



# Have A Beautiful Christmas

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**Lazbuddie JV Girls**

In the back row from left, Suzanne Aragon, Katy Loudder, Kera Lewandowski; front row, Miriam Hernandez, Nicole Lewandowski, Violet Aguilar and Amanda Martinez.



**Lazbuddie Varsity Girls**

In front from left are Shonnah Black, Mayra Hernandez, Kati Mimms, Kendra Gallman; middle row, Savannah Black, Kayla Kimbrough, Jodie Coker, Kelli Harris; back row, Shawndee Nichols, Kelsey Jones, Laura Jo Via.

In this blessed season may you and those you love be filled with the wonder of His Birth.



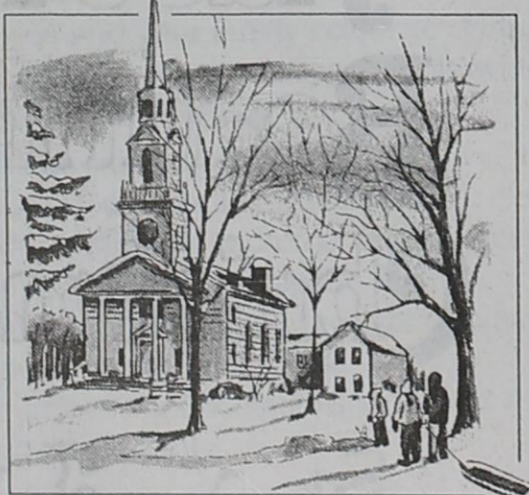
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We thank you for the many “great and small” kindnesses you’ve shown us. We join our prayers with yours for peace and joy throughout the world.



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**‘Santa, my dad wants a hammer’**

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old and I am in kindergarten. I want a toy rocket, a robot poochi and a red truck. My dad needs some tools. Bring some earrings for my mom.  
Juan Retana

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a doll, a Barbie jeep, a trampoline, and a little book to read. I want some more rings for mommy. My dad wants a new truck. My baby sister needs a little pillow.  
Angelica Nieto

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Shawn hasn’t been very good to me. I want a real puppy, a doll, a dress and some shoes. Bring something shiny and pretty for my mom. My little brother wants a little car. Shawn needs some training wheels for his bike. He also wants the tornado toy.  
Megan Autry

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a Robot Poochi. My mom wants a Corgy; a little dog that runs. My dad needs a new tool box, and my brother Jacob wants a bull-dozer. My dad also wants a new hammer.  
Sabra Barnett

Dear Santa,  
I am doing fine and I listen to Mom. Please bring me a bike, a train, Power Ranger

toys and a basketball. Bring my teacher a dark red marker so she can use it to grade papers. Bring my mom and sister some clothes.  
Zachary Madrid

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a “blue” game boy, a puppet, new pencils and some new books. Bring Mrs. Olivas some red markers. My big brother Diego, wants some new shoes. My other brothers want a football and a helmet, and one for me too. My mom wants a picture frame and some fries for my Dad.  
Uriel Munoz

Dear Santa  
Please bring some chocolates for Mrs. Olivas and a new chalk-board. Bring some important books for my Mom and Dad. My sister Maria needs another important book. Toys for my sister and brother. Santa, I want a basketball, a doll and a coloring book with new crayons.  
Yahaira Estrada

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big robot. His name is Tray 2.0 and you can find him at Wal-Mart. I also want the train robot that has the cars inside. I also want some sleepers for my mom and thats it. I will also work on my manners.  
Shay Harrison



**Texico 7A Boys**

In back from left are Logan Potts, Ricky Burns, Aaron Vaughan, coach Randy Zarate; front row, Chance Bradley, Curtis Williams, Isaac Zarate, Carlos Meza.

**SEASON’S GREETINGS**



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# 'Santa, please give mom a blanket for her bed'

Dear Santa,  
I would like for my mom to get better. I would like a nice blue scooter. I would love a blue Dallas Cowboy Jacket for my dad. I would also love a big nice scooter for my sister like mine. I also want a big round trampoline and a big white computer for my brother and sister and me. I would love for my brother to have Blue's clues and also a bike. I would like my own room too. And for my Uncle to get a girlfriend. And also try to bring my grandpa back and I would also like a bulldog with a red big ribbon. And have a bunch of toys so my room can be filled with them  
Lucia Torres



Please give my brother a soccer ball, Kandel a tri-cycle, my dad a new set of tools, my sister a new skirt, my mom a new dress and me a motorcycle.  
Zacurey Stancell

Dear Santa,  
Please give my brother Johnny a race car, Franz a bike, my dad a motorcycle, my mom a car, and me a computer.  
Henry Loeppky

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a bike, a robot and Pokemon cards.  
Ubaldo Trevizo

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a meowci and the Tunderstorm gift box. I want an Easy Bake oven, a Barbie play House. I would also like Sailor Moon dolls and Power Puff girls. My brother Johnathan would like Digimon and Pokemon cards. Digimon game and Play Station 2.  
Michelle Vega

Dear Santa,  
I hope you can get me a Rad Robot at Wal-Mart. If you ant get that for me than i'll have all the Rock Raider Sets, or a Big Army Tank Micro Machine that turns into a war zone. I hope you can get me a star wars lego set. I hope you can get me all of these things  
Corby Walterscheid

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike.  
Abel Aguliar

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a teckno puppy and some dinosaur toys. A Land Before time playstation and a scooter.  
Tanner Autrey

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of toys. I want a dirtbike, a horse a remote control car, a four wheeler, and a soccer ball.  
Tyler Davis

Dear Santa,  
Please give Lianna a basketball, Mom a PT Cruiser, Dad a Bug and me a scooter.  
Alexa Grissom

Dear Santa,  
Please give my sister a little house, my mother a new blanket, my dad some new jeans and me a little car.  
Evelyn Delgado

Dear Santa,

hippo, Amanda a dog, Amberli a cat, Mom and Dad some pictures, and I would like a Scooter.  
Matt Martin

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a new house, my dad a new car, my sister a new baby doll, and Sandy a house. I would like a computer.  
Pamela Lara

Dear Santa,  
Please give Tyler a feedlot with cows, my mom a new dress, my dad new tools, and I would like a stereo.  
Russell Schilling

Dear Santa,  
Please give my dad a hat, my brother a pet dog, my sister a TV and my mom a Job. I would like a horse.  
Caesar Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Please give my sister a leather coat, my dad some new boots, my brother a new rope, my mom a new dress and I would like some new shoes.  
Laney Christian

Dear Santa,  
Please give my dad a tie, my mom some earrings, and my sister a pair of skates. As for me I would like Amazing Ally.  
Ashley Sanders

Dear Santa,

Please give Wally a new chew toy, my mom a P.T. Cruiser, my dad a pickup and I would like a big screen TV.  
Landry Actkinson

Dear Santa,  
Please give Nathan a memory card, Edgar a scooter, my mom a dress, my dad a tool case, and I would like a scooter.  
Julian Cuevas

Dear Santa,  
Please give my sisters a white dress, my mother a new blanket, my father a new truck, my cousins a nintendo, and I would like a new bike.  
Jose Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please give my sisters new clothes, my mom a blanket for her bed, Jack a tool box, my nieces and nephew a tractor, a doll and a purse, and I would like a phone.  
D.J. Street

Dear Santa,  
Please give Kyla a watch, Kassie a Barbie, Dad a pickup, Mom a massager and I would like a scooter.  
Kade Riddle

Dear Santa,  
Please give Colton a go

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cart, dad a truck, my mom a bible, and give my little a teddy bear, and I would like a nintendo.  
Mason Coburn

Dear Santa,  
Please give Caleb a kirby, Luke a boom box, my mom a new necklace, and my dad a new tractor, and I would like the new Zelda game.  
Rane Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
Please give Landry a video game, Kade a new bike, Rane a new cat and my brother a new chair. I would like a boom box.  
Luke Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
Please give Luke a Kirby the game, Russell a motorcycle, Landry a game and dad and mom \$1000000000000 I

would like Kirby the game.  
Caleb Christian

Dear Santa,  
Please give Manuel a car, Josh a CD, Sarai a doll, Marina a sweater, and I would like Mario Kart.  
Esteban Gravita

Dear Santa,  
Please give my sister a Barbie and give my brother a real puppy. Give my dad a new real car and Luke a stereo. I would like a real one of those scooters with two sets of wheels.  
Drake King

Dear Santa.  
I have been good. Please bring me a Dalmation game, a Playstation II, a Pokemon game and a lot of games for my Dad's house.  
Emilio Degollado

We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings.

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## Santa's given directions to Farwell



Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy just ask my sisters! For Christmas I want a dirt bike, a real football suite and a Bible. Santa come to Farwell then go down the railroad tracks, then go down the highway and turn on the other railroad tracks. Then go down the road turn and youre at my house  
Collin Christian

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a Barbie jeep, coloring pencils that look golden, pink, blue and red? Also Bring me 5 brown live cows and could you bring me a real baby sister named Mrs Bailey?  
Sierra Moseley

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lee Middleton doll and a big Beanie baby. Also I want a baby that comes with a bottle, some clothes and baby powder. Also I want some clothes and a puppy. My wish this year is that my mom does good on her test and that dad's back feels better.  
Keeley Burris

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby bed and a dog named Tekno. I want a belt and a book shelf and a wagon. I also want a radio and a vest. My wish this year is for Santa to bring my mom to see me.  
Tasha

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nintendo, a cassette, a swimming pool and a truck.  
Guillermo Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nintendo, a cassette, a swimming pool and a truck.  
Guillermo Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an m-1 abrams tank? Its a remote control and a desert challenger. And a Tiger Woods tee time golf. How is Rudolph? How many elves do you have?  
Rustin Harris

Dear Santa,  
I dont want to be greedy or anything but I just want some money. I wnt something else. I want a nail designer and a magic megen and me.  
Destanee Sena

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a scooter and a lava lamp. Would you please tell Mrs. Claus "Hi" for me?  
Morgan Paige Pinnell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a scooter and a Power rangers.  
Jorge Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a remote control car? Can I please have a 4 color gameboy? Can I please have a Dirt Bike motorcycle and 4 wheeler?  
Colton Williams

Dear Santa,  
I wish you could enjoy our Holiday with us and thank you for the grocery basket.  
Melanea Nieto

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a dirtbike and a lava lamp.  
Randy Reeser

Dear Santa,  
Can you give me three boks and a Gameboy with games?  
Shawn-Mykel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Will you please get me a car? I really want a 64 and a skateboard.  
Adrian Loya

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baseball set, a playstation and to see you and Rudolph. I wis for a nintendo 64 game, and a gun set like last year.  
Andrew Power

Dear Santa,  
I would like my big family to come to my grama and grandpa's house for Christ-

mas. My sister and I will like lots, lots, lots, and lots of now. I want you to have a Merry Christmas!!!  
Opal Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a barbie studio make-up and an Amazing Alley and a computer.  
Stormy Lynn Horner

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a cat? What is the cat's name? Can I have a playstation 64 please and a dirtbike?  
Joshua Trujillo

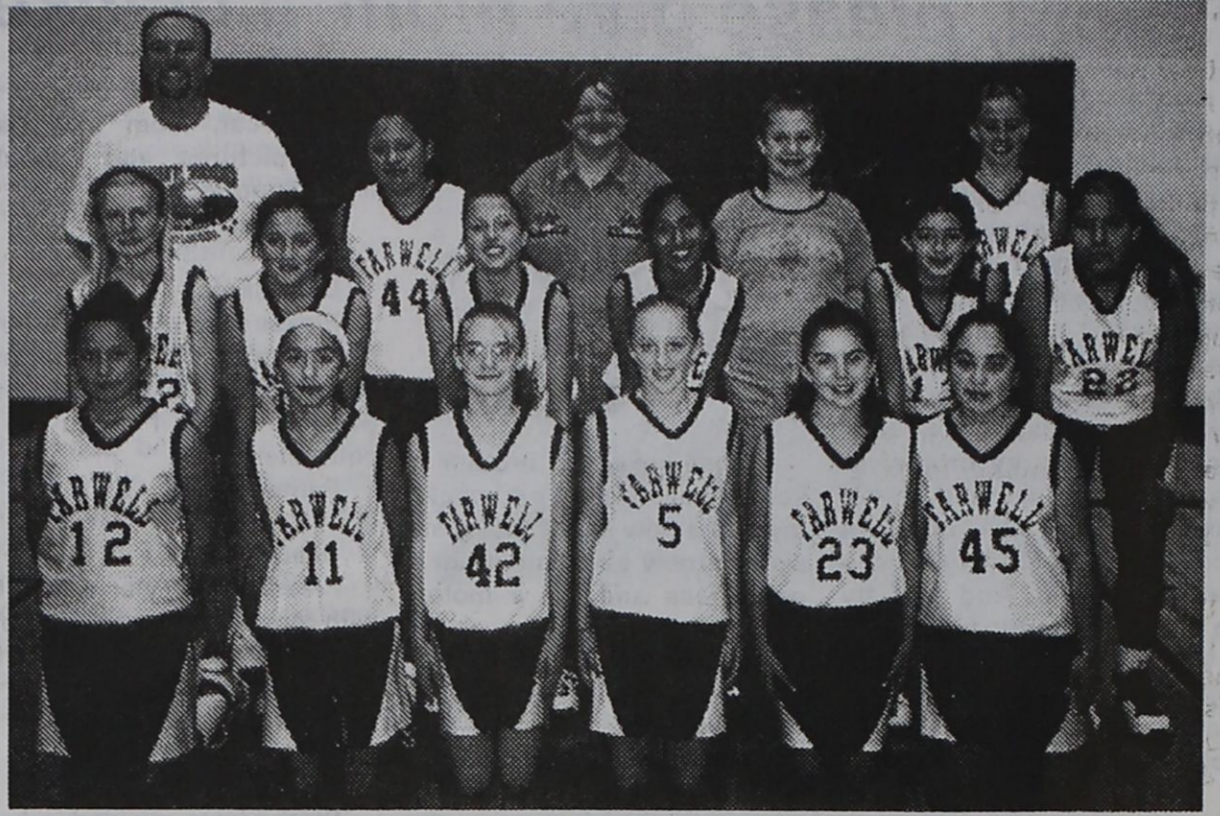
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want blow pins, a new born baby straight from the nursery, and a Marvin set.  
Bethany Paige Heaton

Dear Santa,  
I want a lava lamp and a kitten. I hope to se my whole family. I wonder what I got.  
Chelsy Luce

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a ring. I want a house and be careful while you get presents to the children.  
Jade Liggins

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a jewelry box and a dress and a joke book with real funny jokes. Please for all of it.  
Bethany Claypool

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Barbie shop with a cash register? Can I have a barbie phone? Please bring my teacher Mrs. Pearce a new dining set. My cousin's home to visit. I would like a Kelly big girl doll.  
Victoria Castillo



Farwell 7th Girls

In back row, from left, are Coach Bryan Goldsmith, Karla Sanchez, Alisha Wauson, Bailey Warren, Carrie Schilling; Kari Mathys, Cindy Quezada, Beatrice Garcia, Jennifer DeLeon, Kristen Garcia, Mayra Chacon; front row, Esmer Vidaurri, Sandra Saenz, Veronica Schmidt, Robin Teltschik, Julia Castillo, Yvonne Favila.



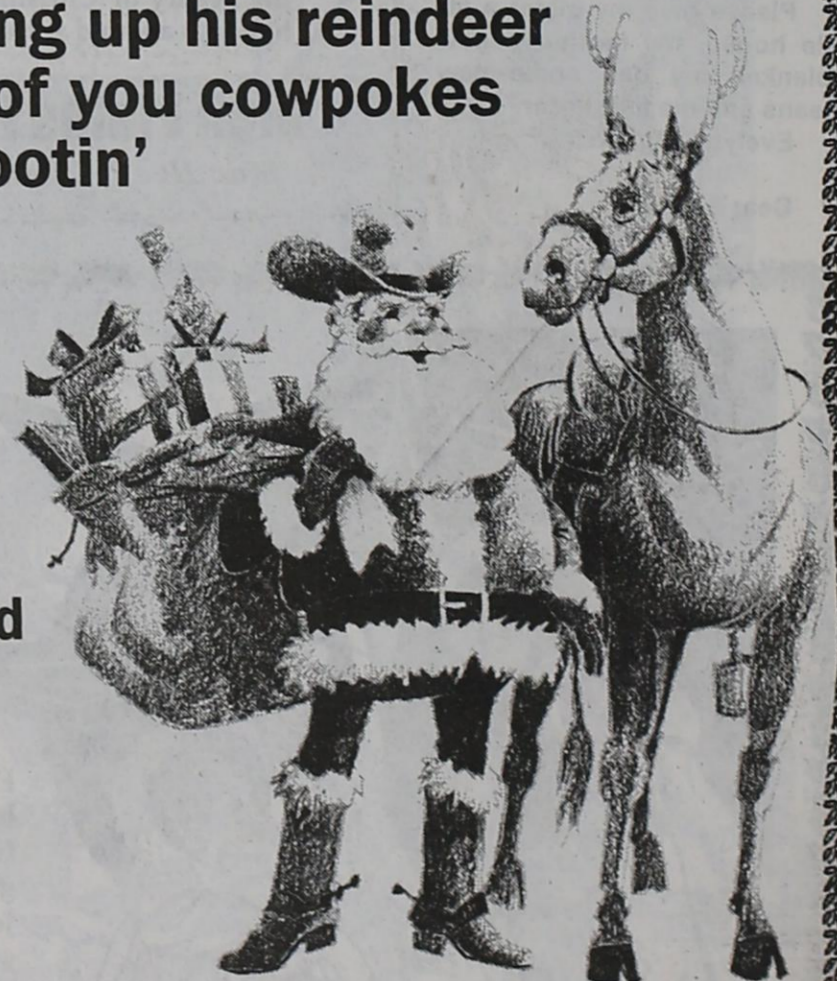
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## 'Santa, my mom wants a cat'

Dear Santa,  
I want some new skates with a horse on them, a new horse piggy bank, tap shoes, a pretty reddish dress, and some shorts with a horse on them. I would also like a Barbie shop cash register, a dog named Shadow that speaks, a Barbie that could talk to me, and new art work. My Christmas wish for this year is for my brother to get a new watch.  
Lakota Goe

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse for Christmas for this year. My wish for this year is that my family could be happy.  
Jamie Campos

Dear Santa,  
I want a tractor that has peddles so I can hook something up to it and put dirt or

rocks in it. I want to ride it around my house and dump it on the ground. My Christmas wish for this year is that the poor people will be happy.  
Court Crawford

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me toy Bronco truck and bicycle. My mom would like some flowers and my dad would like boxing gloves.  
Luis La Foya

Dear Santa,  
I want a swimming pool and a kitten. My baby brother wants some cars. I like you because you give all the presents little kids want.  
Keena Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I wish you could live with me so you could be my big brother. I want a fish-a goldfish and a dress. Please bring

Ashley a rattle. Mom wants a breakable angel. Dad wants some new pants. I will leave you a candy cane.  
Shea Scott

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. My dad wants a shirt. My mom wants a cat. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Jessica Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer. Rudolph is my favorite. I want a scooter and a CD player. My sister wants a little jewelry box. My mom wants some new jamies and socks. My dad wants a new golf bag.  
Chandler Barnes

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, a Barbie, a bounsy ball and some skates.  
Margarita Garcia



### Texico 8A Boys

In back from left are Logan Brown, Braden Vaughan, Tony Clements, Johnny Ortiz, Coach Randy Zarate; middle row, Garrett Mayfield, Gabriel Sena, Bryan Vannatta, Josh Pena; front row, Trent Crow, Johnny Serano, Tyler Marks, manager Fidel Retana.



### Texico Varsity Girls

In back from left, Asst. Coach Buddy Little, Elizabeth Richards, Jennifer Roberts, Callie Rucker, Head Coach Roy King; middle row, Kelsi Cain, Carrie Rucker, Tara Lockmiller, Megan Brown, Dru Mayfield, Kara Jenkins; front row, Nicole Richards, Tori Bradley, Carrie Phipps, Shea Smith, Shilo Thornton. Not pictured is Krysta Morris.

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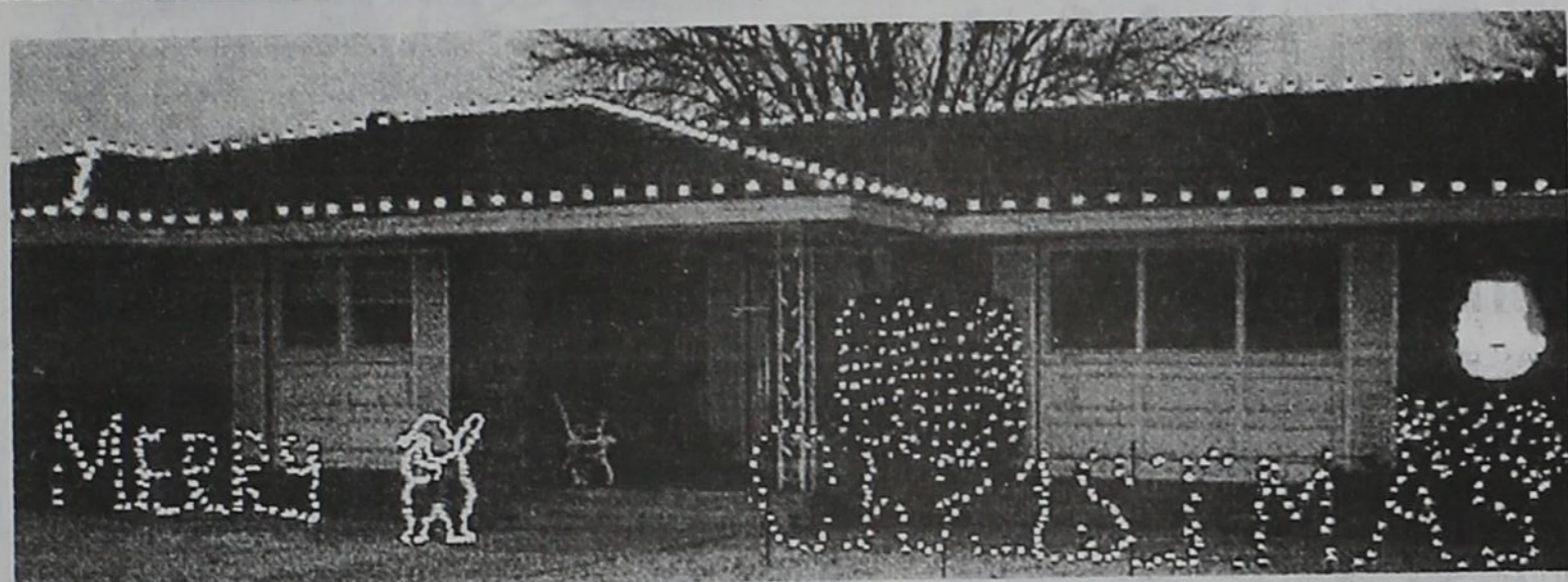
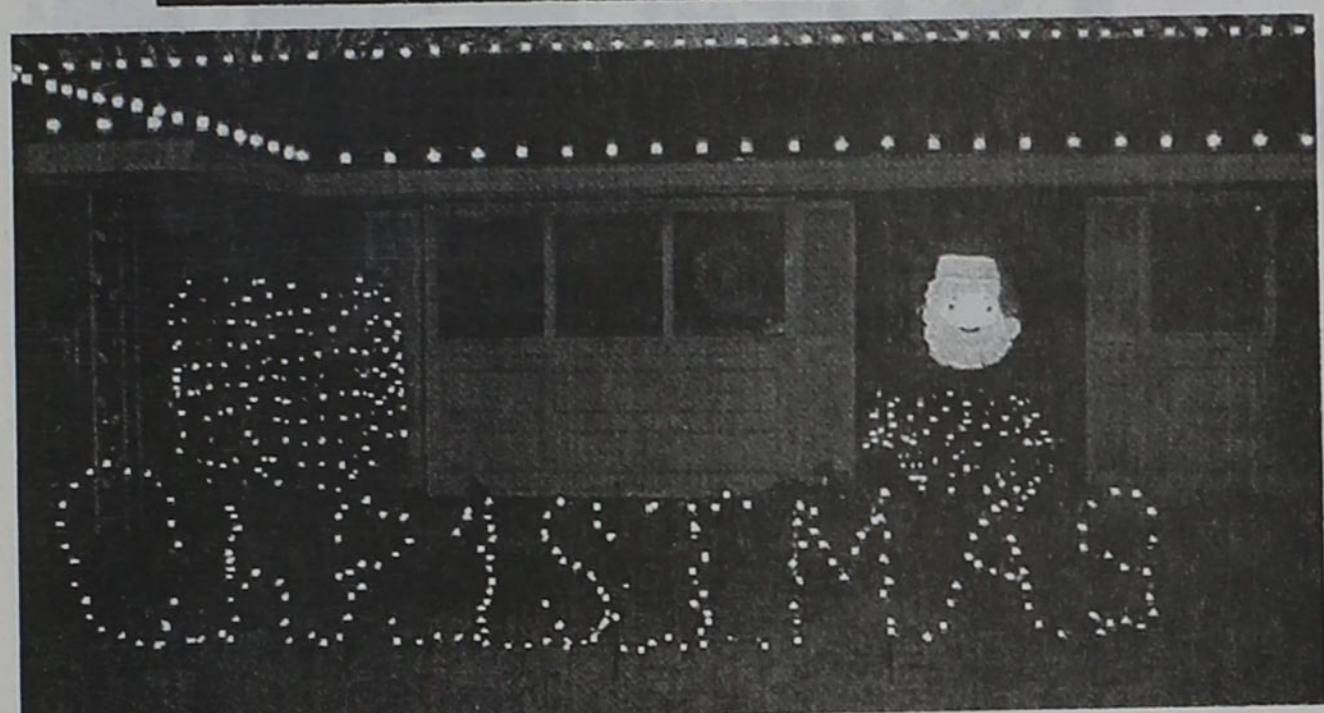
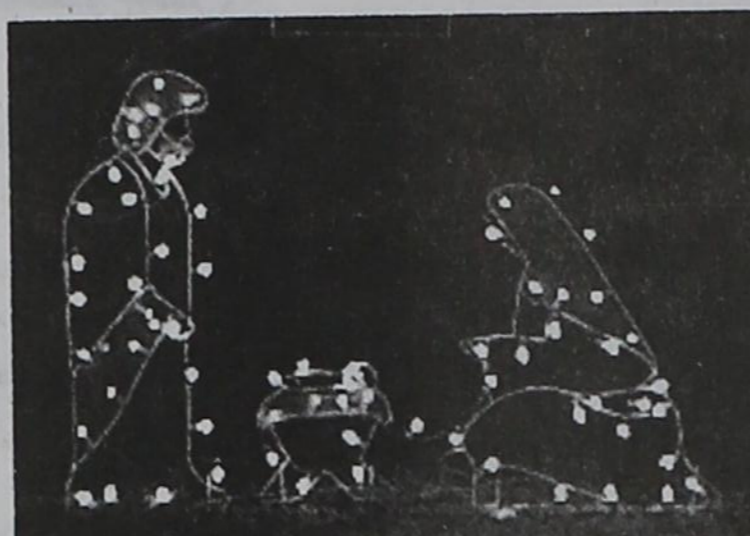
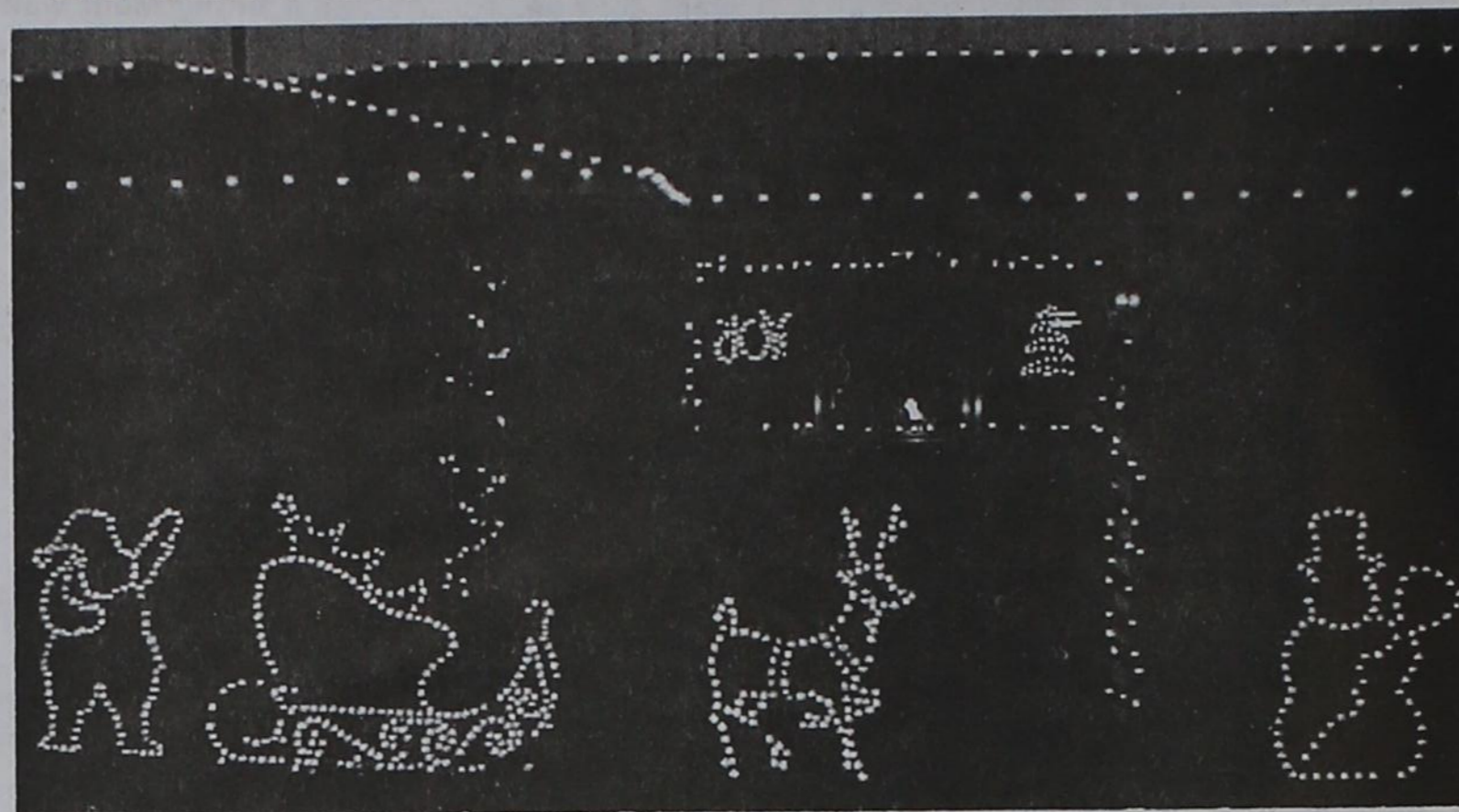
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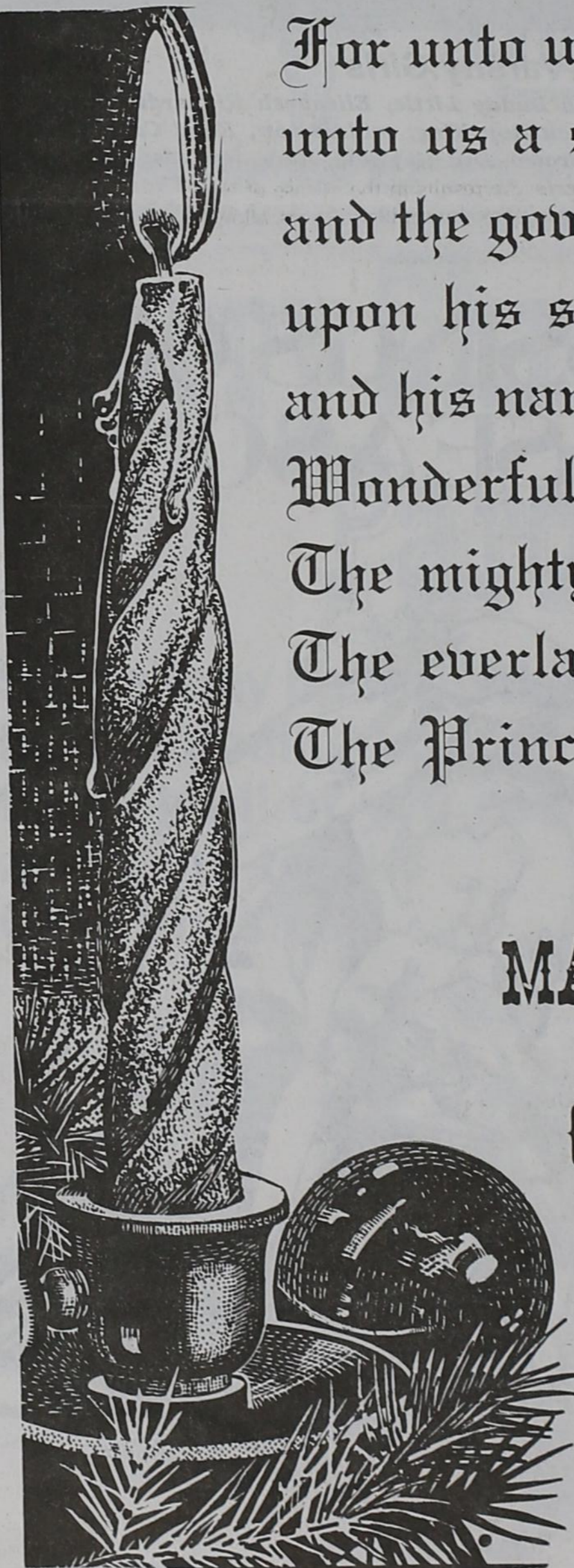
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For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be  
upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

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A FINE  
CHRISTMAS**

Gary Patterson  
Carl Hahn  
Susie Dale  
Christy Peña  
Sydney Martin  
Tia Haseloff  
Dawn Diaz



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will be born. And at this hospital,  
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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  
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## Secondary recovery of capillary water viewed as water plan strategy

Capillary water is the water retained in the Ogallala Formation by capillary forces following gravity drainage. Capillary forces are the result of the molecular attraction between formation particles and water.

Test hole drilling and core analysis indicate that the moisture content of the formation material from 10 feet below land surface to the water table ranged from 10 to 40 percent by volume with an average of 25 percent. Using the average value of 25 percent, the 1,443,876,691 acre feet of unsaturated material currently in the Ogallala Formation in the 21-county Llano Estacado Water Planning Region would contain approximately 360 million acre feet of capillary water. The amount of capillary water which may remain when the current saturated portion is drained (about 750 million acre feet of saturated material containing about 108 million acre feet of gravity water in 2000) would equal about 187 million acre feet of capillary water, for a total potential of 547 million acre feet of capillary water in the 21-county planning region.

The volume of unsaturated formation material from 10 feet below land surface to the 1980 water level was calculated by subtracting the difference in elevations from a regional U.S. Geological Survey land surface topographic map and a map constructed by the Texas Department of Water Resources (currently, the Texas Water Development Board) illustrating the elevation of the 1980 water table. The values where the contour lines crossed were noted on the overlay map. These values were then contoured. The volume of area in acres between the contour lines was calculated by using a planimeter. The feet of formation material between contours was multiplied by the number of acres within each contour interval. The volume of material for all contour intervals was totaled, providing a value for each county.

The volume in acre feet of unsaturated formation material calculated for each county in 1980 in the Llano Estacado Region is as follows:

Bailey	41,098,009
Briscoe	33,963,077
Castro	109,137,254
Cochran	68,785,316
Crosby	96,604,284
Dawson	37,234,308
Deaf Smith	176,911,492
Dickens	18,584,241
Floyd	122,904,106
Gaines	65,952,370
Garza	6,302,774
Hale	102,562,720
Hockley	64,084,398
Lamb	69,203,926
Lubbock	65,936,069
Lynn	24,090,306
Motley	8,708,093
Parmer	139,658,617
Swisher	81,232,198
Terry	44,230,828
Yoakum	41,042,305
TOTAL	1,418,226,691

The net change in the volume of water in storage in the same 21 county area between 1985 and 1995 was calculated to be 2,565,583 acre feet. Using a specific gravity yield of 15 percent, 17,100,000 acre feet of saturated material would yield 2,565,000 acre feet of water. A further assumption was made that the volume of saturated formation material that was drained of gravity water between 1980 and 1985 should equal about 50 percent of the volume of drained material that was calculated for the period between 1985 and 1995, which added 8,550,000 acre feet to our estimate.

Therefore, the estimated volume of unsaturated formation material from 10 feet below the land surface to the 1995 water table is calculated as follows:

- 1,418,226,691 acre feet of unsaturated formation material in 1980.
- 8,550,000 acre feet of dewatered formation material between 1980 and 1985.
- 17,100,000 acre feet of dewatered formation material between 1985 and 1995.
- Total 1995 volume is 1,443,876,691 acre feet of water

### Recovery of Capillary Water

Three field tests were conducted to determine if the injection of air under pressure results in the release of water being held by capillary forces, allowing

*This article ran in the last newsletter of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District 1.*

*We are reprinting it due to its value for our area readers.*

it to drain down by the forces of gravity to the current water table where it can be recovered by wells. All three of the field tests yielded positive results. Additional field tests are needed to determine how to design air injection wells with the best opportunity to release the maximum quantity of capillary water at the least cost per unit of water from the Ogallala Formation, which consists of multi-layers of different types of material, i.e., sand, gravel, silts, and clays.

Laboratory and field tests indicate that the injection of about 250 cubic feet of air per minute with a pressure head of 10 to 12 pounds per square inch results in the release of significant quantities of capillary water. The centrifugal compressor used in the last test conducted produced 376 cubic feet of air per minute at 18 pounds per square inch and required 18 brake horsepower operating at 3,000 revolutions per minute. The estimated quantity of capillary water released on this field test was estimated to be 13 gallons per cubic foot of air injected.

If this rate of release can be maintained, then injecting 250 cubic feet of air per minute should result in the release of 3,250 gallons of water per minute. When the capillary water is released, it drains down to the water table by the forces of gravity. The time required for gravity drainage to occur may be several months. The rate of movement of the water depends on the number and thickness of clay lenses in the formation. The release of capillary water will cost approximately \$50.00 per acre foot. An air compressor and electric motor can be utilized on multiple locations, reducing the per unit cost. Approximately one air injection well per 40 acres should yield the maximum release of capillary water. The page four illustration shows how to construct an air injection well. Additional field demonstrations and tests will likely result in refining the technology to make it more efficient and cost effective.



### Farwell 8th Boys

*In back row, from left, are Coach Jacob Thompson, Michael Johnson, Jarod Scott, Robbie Tabb; middle row, Tate Nichols, Kenny Edgington, Rowdy Mitchell, Chad Bailey; front row, Chris Culver, Bill Terry, Carlos Saenz, Samuel Billingsley.*



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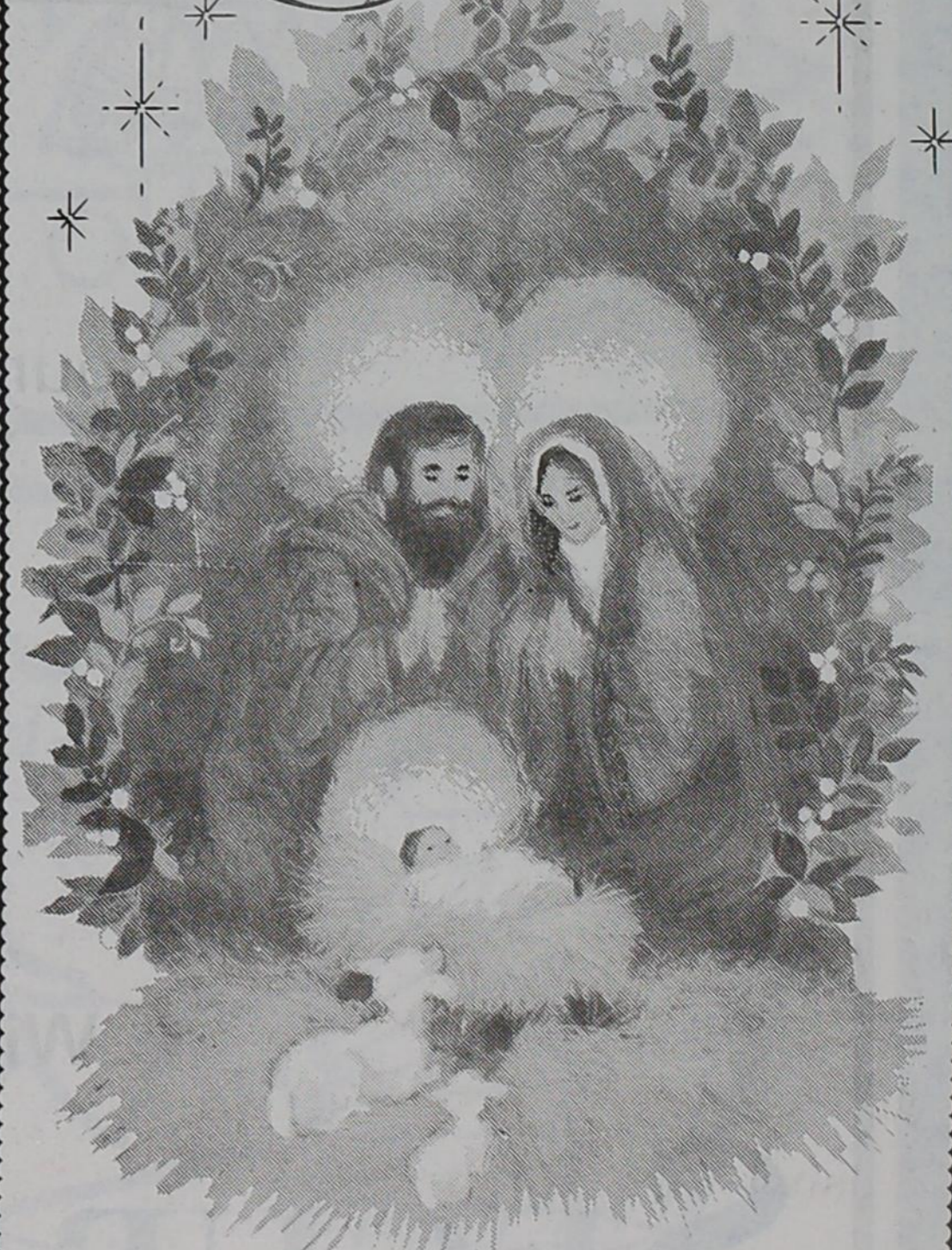
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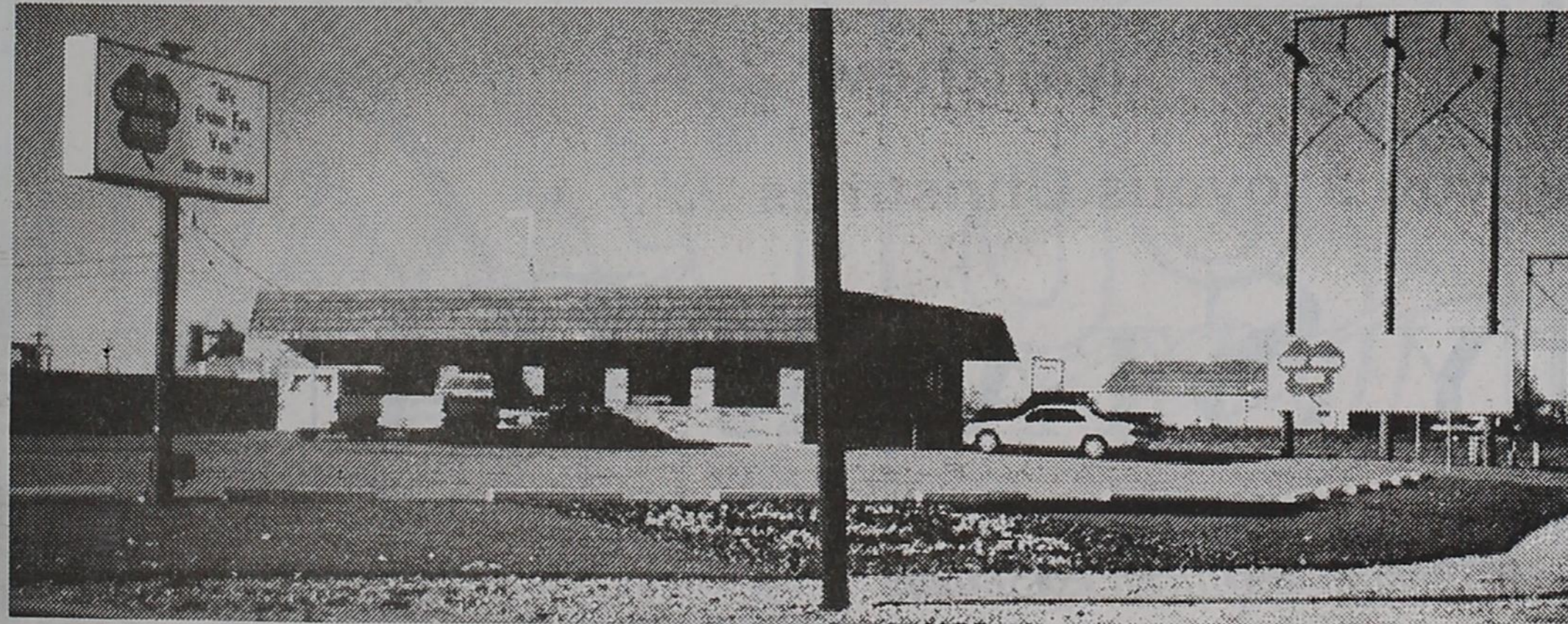
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# Peace on Earth

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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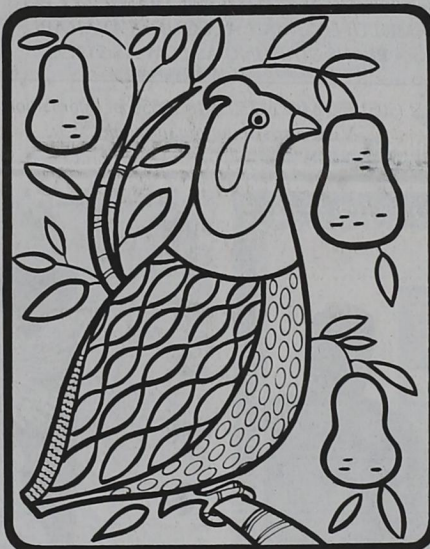
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## County 4-H'ers share their award-winning recipes

### SPAGHETTI

Michael Vidana

1 1/2 boxes angel hair pasta  
3 lbs. hamburger meat  
1 1/2 jars Ragu Sauce  
4 cups water  
Brown meat, boil pasta in 8 cups of water for 5 to 7 minutes. Drain, mix meat, water, and Ragu sauce, heat, pour sauce over angel hair pasta.

### MEATLOAF

Johshua Johnson

1 1/2 lbs. ground meat  
3 slices bread, chopped very fine  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
1 optional small onion finely chopped  
1 T. Worcestershire Sauce  
1 T. A-1 steak sauce  
1/2 t. salt  
1/2 t. dry mustard  
1/4 t. pepper  
1/4 t. garlic salt  
1/2 cup ketchup or barbecue sauce  
Mix all ingredients except ketchup. Spread mixture in an ungreased loaf pan or shape into a loaf in an ungreased rectangular pan. Spoon ketchup over top. Bake uncovered in 350 degree oven until done. Approx. 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Makes 6 servings.

### LITTLE SMOKIES

Clara Reyes

1 can 8 oz. crescent rolls  
16 little smoked sausages  
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Separate crescent rolls, cut each roll in half, lengthwise. Place sausage in crescent and roll up. Bake for 7-10 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Dip in your choice, ketchup, mustard, ranch dressing or salsa. Makes 16 bite size snacks.

### TURKEY STIR FRY SUPPER

Harrison Fillpot

2 1/4 lbs. boneless skinless turkey breast  
1 T. vegetable oil  
3/4 cup uncooked long grain rice  
2 cans - 14 1/4 oz. chicken broth - divided  
5 T. soy sauce  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 t. ground ginger  
1/4 t. pepper  
1 pkg. 10 oz. frozen broccoli spears, thawed  
1 lb. carrots, thinly sliced  
3 bunches green onions, sliced  
3 T. corn starch  
Cut turkey into 2" strips. Use a Dutch oven or wok, stir fry turkey in batches in oil for 5 to 7 minutes or until juices run clear. Set aside, add rice, 3 1/2 cups broth, soy sauce, garlic, ginger and pepper to pan. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until rice is tender. Cut broccoli into

3" pieces, add broccoli, carrots and onions to rice mixture. Simmer for 3 to 5 minutes. Combine corn starch and remaining broth. Add to pan. Bring to a boil and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in turkey heat thoroughly. Serves 14.

### 7 LAYER MEXICAN SALAD

Hailey Fowler

Layer 1 - 2 cans refried beans  
Layer 2 - 4 avocados, mashed, mix with 1 T. mayonnaise 1 t. lemon juice 2 T. picante sauce  
Layer 3 - 1 8 oz. ctn. sour cream, 1/2 package taco seasoning  
Layer 4 - grated cheese  
Layer 5 - diced onions  
Layer 6 - pepper olives, sliced  
Layer 7 - diced lettuce and tomatoes  
Serve with tortilla chips

### COWBOY STEW

Sarah Herington

1 lb. ground beef  
3 - 4 small to med. potatoes  
1 small can corn 16 oz.  
1 small can tomatoes 16 oz.  
1 small can Ranch Style beans 16 oz.  
Brown ground beef in skillet and drain the meat. Peel and cube the potatoes. Wash off the tops of the cans and open them. Place the meat, cubed potatoes, corn, tomatoes, Ranch Style beans in slow cooker. Cook them until the potatoes are tender.

### FARM HOUSE BARBECUE MUFFINS

Taylor Fillpot

1 tube - 10 oz. refrigerated buttermilk biscuits  
1 lb. ground beef  
1/2 cup ketchup  
3 T. brown sugar  
1 T. cider vinegar

1/2 t. chili powder  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Separate dough into 10 biscuits. Flatten into 5" circles. Press each into bottom and up the side of a greased muffin cup. Set aside. Brown beef in a medium skillet then drain. Mix, in a small bowl, ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar and chili powder. Stir until smooth. Add to meat and mix well. Divide the meat mixture among biscuit lined cups, using approximately 1/4 cup for each, sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from tin. Serves 10.

### APPLE PIE

Crystal Reyes

6 medium apples  
1/2 cup sugar & 6 t. cinnamon, mixed  
1 - 9" pie crust top & bottom  
Peel, cut and core apples, slice into thin slices. Mix apples with cinnamon, sugar and then place on a sheet of aluminum foil and wrap tightly. Place apples in freezer and freeze for 8 hours or longer. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and begin to fill bottom pie crust with frozen filling and then top with top pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 50- 55 minutes or until bubbling. Let cool and serve.

### PUMPKIN BREAD

Corben Water

3 1/2 cup flour  
2 t. soda  
1 1/2 t. salt  
1 t. cinnamon  
1 t. nutmeg  
2 cups pumpkin  
1 cup cooking oil  
4 eggs  
2/3 cup water  
3 cups sugar  
1/2 cup pecans

Stir dry ingredients, Make a well, add all the other ingredients. Mix until smooth, add nuts. Pour into a bundt pan that is greased and dusted with four or sprayed with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until tester comes out clean.

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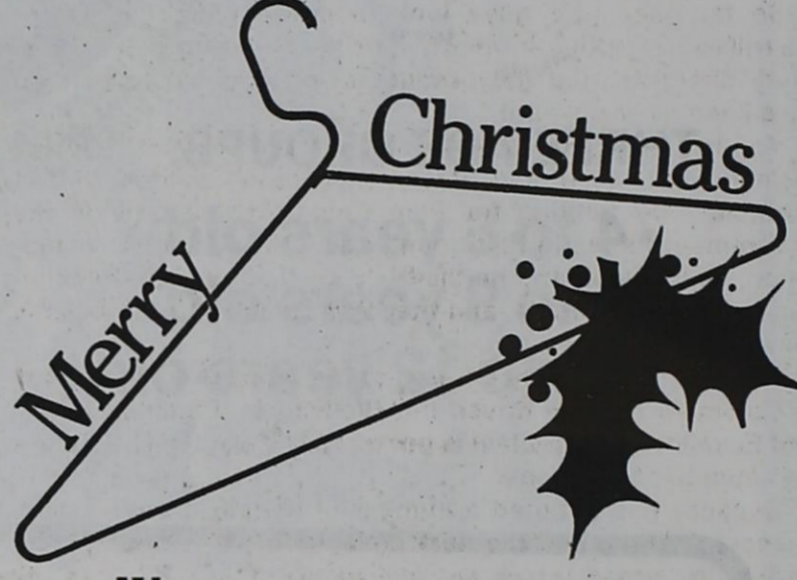
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## GOD BLESS EVERYONE!

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

Folks, we'd like to take this joyous occasion to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our business on our 24 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 Javier Esparza and Marcia Leavell working with us at our business.

The Texico-Farwell community has been just super toward us. From the first, we were treated as good members of the community, as neighbors. And we sincerely appreciate that welcome of 24 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 24 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 24th birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## A Will Anderson adventure

# It all started with Farwell's FFA chapter

by Will Anderson

*(Editor's note: U.S. Naval Commander Will Anderson, son of Bob and Carrie Anderson of Farwell, periodically sends the Tribune stories and photos from his various ports of call. Currently, he is serving as an attache with the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador.)*

The U.S. financed Plan Colombia operations are beginning to gather steam, with massive crop-dusting operations to kill the coca plants in the fields and Colombian Army strikes. The goal is to cut the importation of cocaine into the United States by at least half. If that could be done, the price of cocaine would skyrocket on the streets of America.

This is a new way to fight the war on drugs. We manage to catch maybe one of ten of the ships and airplanes and trucks crossing our southern borders loaded with drugs. All the DARE programs and midnight basketball games have not made much of a dent in the numbers of drug-users in America so far.

Now the fight is going closer to the source. If Plan Colombia makes cocaine extremely expensive compared to the prices on the street today, it could reduce the use of illegal drugs significantly because many people could not buy it at that high price.

(If people do not obey the laws of their own accord, just make breaking the law expensive enough that they'll want to quit anyway. That may not make them model citizens, but it will reduce drug-crime and in numerous related areas, and it will cut the financing for the druglords in Colombia.)

The situation is getting more complex and more tense in the northern border regions of Ecuador. The warfare in Colombia is a three-way dog fight between the Colombia Army, the Marxist narco-guerrillas, and the paramilitary forces, all fighting for the control of the country.

So far, the good guys look to be winning, the narco-guerrillas are getting hit pretty hard and starting to scurry in every direction, and the production of cocaine appears to have been hit really hard.

You hear predictions that Colombia will become "another Vietnam" for the United States, but I don't believe that is possible. The funding for Plan Colombia will provide the government forces in that country with the weapons, ammunition, helicopters, and herbicide to do the job. The Colombians are a proud people, and they want to solve the problems they have themselves.

But another big concern is that the bloodshed and chaos in Colombia may be driven into Venezuela, Panama, Brazil, and Ecuador. The problem is particularly worrying in Ecuador for a number of reasons.

Ecuador has endured a number of natural disasters, volcanoes, El Nino, and the near collapse of its economy altogether. Its armed forces are still trying to recover from the lack of funding to buy equipment, and to keep the equipment it holds operating at combat-ready levels.

The northern border areas are the least developed parts of the country, lacking schools, paved roads, clinics, and many other social needs for the people. The narco-guerrillas from



Gwen Clare, U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador, is pictured with LCDR Lennin Sanchez, commander of the Ecuadorian Marine Detachment San Lorenzo, and Commander Anderson.

Colombia have used northern Ecuador as a safe-haven for years, coming down to recover from wounds and to obtain supplies to be carried back north.

And while the Colombians have been there, they have launched programs to win "hearts and minds" in the least developed parts of Ecuador. They provide services that the Ecuadorian government has not provided, they are always spouting their communist worldview, and they even sponsor soccer leagues for the children in the rainforest villages.

The narco-guerrillas have up to now left most of the bloodshed and crime they commit in Colombia, and the concern is that if they are forced into a corner and forced across the border into northern Ecuador, that could change, and Ecuador may not be ready to deal with it.

Here's hoping that Plan Colombia operations will make a real dent in the illegal drug-trade crossing our southern borders, but I can't help being reminded of an important lesson I learned at Farwell High School. The Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter taught us something that seems to more than apply in this case.

In the early spring, our Vo-Ag teacher, Jerry Mathis, would take all of us FFA students out to the Ag-Farm east of town, and we would spend the morning eradicating the rat population, tipping over the sheds and chasing the rats, clobbering them good with bats and brooms.

The first thing we learned in this rite of spring was that you had to establish a perimeter of your suitably armed buddies around the shed before the thing was kicked over, the rats began to run, and the game began. Once the rats started to scurry, it was a mess running them down, and there was no way to stop the process and start over once the shed was kicked over.

Ecuador's military is bracing itself all along its northern border, their Marine and Army jungle units are some sharp outfits, but they could have used a little more time to get ready, I think.

I could be wrong, it's been known to happen, but right now, it looks to me that whatever politicians are kicking over the shed in Colombia these days could have benefited a lot from coming to Farwell in the springtime and spending a morning or two at the Ag-farm east of town.

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# 'Santa, I want you to be President because the country can't decide'

Dear Santa,  
Please give Clara a doll and Nina barbie clothes. Give Dad tools and \$3.00, give Mom \$20.00 and 1 plant, and I would like a black puppy.  
Crystal Reyes

Dear Santa,  
Are you really busy? I would like to come up there to help you if I could. I would feed your reindeer and help make the toys. Please bring me a little baby Middleton doll and a N-Sync CD. I wish my mom and dad could go on a Christmas vacation.

Kylie McGhee  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a hot wheel racetrack and a new sweatshirt because mine got too little. Please bring my sister a yellow car.  
Kenton Randolph

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Barbie books and a computer. My mom wants a new dress and my dad needs a new hat.  
Deniese Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want to give you a red ring. I want a Pokemon. I want you to give my brother a football.

Juan Valdez  
Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle. My little brother wants a bunny.  
Visente Solano

Dear Santa,  
Why do little boys and girls have to be good before you bring them toys? I have been good. I want a picture of you. I'm going to hang it on my bulletin board. I love you Santa. Will you please bring my momma a quilt like in our classroom, clothes and shoes? I'll leave you cookies and milk, but don't eat all the cookies. Save some for the reindeer.

Kolten Morris  
Dear Santa,  
I want some toys, my baby brother wants some cars. I want a Santa Claus toy.  
Jasmin Marquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Poochie dog, and some clothes for my momma. Can you bring my daddy some shoes? Would you please bring my momma and poppa some socks? I like your reindeers.  
Karina Galaviz

Dear Santa,

I want some skates, Legos, and a turtle Beanie Baby. My brother wants a Dragon Wazie game. My sister wants pretty clothes and a doll.  
Alfredo Chavira

Dear Santa,  
I want a fork lift. My stocking is on my wall.  
Ross Steinbock

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike. My brother wants a new Tonka truck. I would like a new toy box for my Barbies. My momma used my other one for all my art stuff. When you get to my house, there should be some milk and cookies left out for you. My mom may leave some candy, i'm not for sure.

Amy Bradshaw  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Pooche and a scooter and a knife. But most of all I want you to be President because the country cannot decide.  
Mariah Steinbock

Dear Santa,  
May I have a medal detector and a remote control airplane? My Christmas wish for this year is for everyone to have a merry Christmas.  
Colton Weaver

Dear Santa,  
I want a kindergarten baby.

I want a big tree for my mom and dad. I also want a real little puppy and kitten and computer girl game. For my baby brother I want you to give him a little tree and for my little brother a computer. Also for me I want a Pink Gameboy.  
Andrea Solano

Dear Santa,  
I know how it is having to eat all of those cookies at every house. I promise I will make the best cookies you have ever eaten before. I would like a Polly Pocket and a dollhouse with a doll. I would also like some books and a new tea set.  
Savannah Sain

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter and Poochie. My Christmas wish for this year is that my family gets well.  
Lacy Russell

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD of Shaggy and a Brahma bull jersey. My Christmas wish is that I could go to Mexico.

Dear Santa,

I want a jeep and a dollhouse and a coca cola set for my mom. I would like a little toy camel for my dad and for me I want to see you, Please. I also want a Barbie doll and a puppy and a telephone and a T.V. with a VCR. I would also like a big desk and a chair. I want a baby sister and a baby doll.

Shelby Martin  
Dear Santa,  
Could I have a real puppy for Christmas? My Christmas wish for this year is for all the poor people to have food.  
Jordan Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a wooden train with a train track. My Christmas wish for this year is for boys and girls and moms and dads that are poor to have presents.

Arthur Gomez  
Dear Santa,  
Could I have a Barbie shop with a cash register? Also I would like a Poochie. My Christmas wish for this year is for the people that are poor to be rich.  
Joseline Garcia



**Texico 8th Girls**

In back from left are Coach Amy Kelley, Lauren Boazman, Ashley Kidd; middle row, Brette Hadley, Blanca Castillo, Melissa Roberts; front row, Amber Parmer, Maria Estrada, Susie Trillo, Brenda Cardenas.

O Come All Ye Faithful



Happy Holidays To All!



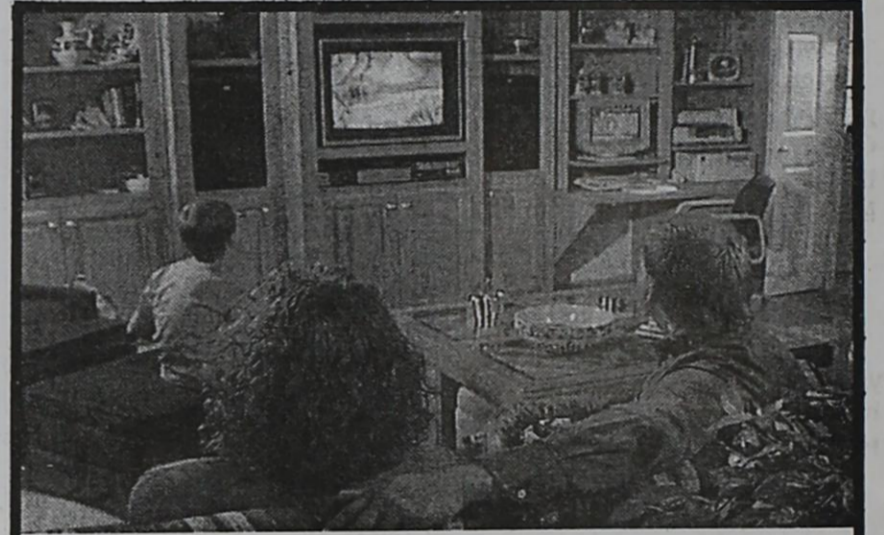
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# 'Santa, I want a real motorcycle ... and crayons'

Dear Santa,  
Please can you bring me a teddy bear and my baby brother when he gets born? Is Mrs. Claus fine? Can you bring me a watch.  
Manuela Vasquez



Dear Santa,  
Could I have a Jeep and a boy Barbie? And one other thing, walkie talkies. Thank you for giving the kids presents.  
Paul Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
How are things going at the North Pole? Can I have the robo cat and dog, please? May I have a blue alarm clock? I want the gray collectors horse.  
Jaylyn Cooper

Dear Santa,  
Could I have baby kittens? Could I have new crayons? Is Mrs. Claus fine? Are the deer OK? Are you OK? I love you.  
Claudia Campos

Dear Santa,  
I want a ball and a toy truck and a dog. How are you doing?  
Colton Hollis

Dear Santa,  
I want presents. A lot of presents. I want a Gameboy Color and a wrestler playstation 2. How are you? I like Mrs. Claus.  
Jesus Rivera

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please could you get me a shotgun and headphones and goggles? How are the reindeer?  
Kenneth Batts

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please get me a shotgun and walkie-talkie watches and 5 bottles of sillystring. I was going to ask you if your reindeer were OK?  
Dakota Price

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a disco ball and a microphone? And please get something for my brother too. And that will be all for this year. Me and my brother have been good boys.  
Trevor Bridges

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation for

Christmas. My sister wants a watch. I like you Santa because you are nice.  
Manuel Chavira

Dear Santa,  
May I please have a scooter? May I please have a video camera? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is Rudolph?  
Alex Loya

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have a sled and my brother wants a truck and how are the reindeer? But how is Mrs. Santa Claus?  
Casey Moran

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a playstation? I've been good this year. And how is Rudolph doing? Can I have 2 more things please? And that would be Tony Hawks pro skater 2. And something for my family. Thank you.  
Aaron Steward

Dear Santa,  
Please get me a miniature motorcycle and a new bike, make that a Huffy please, and a game boy color with a game. How is Rudolph doing? I wanted to talk to you and Mrs. Claus. I just wanted to see how things are going. I just wanted to know if you're tired.  
Beau

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is good. Would you please get me a doll? My sister wants a rainbow horse and sprinkles. My other sister wants a blues clues chair.  
Megan Long

Dear Santa,  
Can I have some head bands? Can I have a scooter? Can I have a gift for my cousin? How are you?  
Jordyn Cooper

Dear Santa,

I want a blue alarm clock. Can I have some house shoes? My brother wants a fourwheeler. How are you doing?  
Kyllyn D'on Thomas

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I have been good. I want a computer and a football and a new motorcycle. Say hello to your elves. Thank you.  
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me a baby doll with clothes and a stuffed rabbit and a teddy bear. I have been very good. Thank you.  
Adriana Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Are you cold? Are you busy? How are your elves are they busy? How are your deer? How is the weather? Please bring me a basketball and a TV and a CD.  
Allison Myers

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. I want a doll for Christmas. I want a Barbie and a new TV. Santa, how is the North Pole?  
Naomi Chavez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I like you. Could you please give me a Barbie and a bike. Thank you.  
Dalia Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a real Monster truck and I want a go-cart, and a remote control car. I like your reindeer. And I want a ride with you.  
Lane Meeks

Dear Santa,  
I want a microscope and stuffed bear. I want something for my mom that is a ring. How are you? I love you.  
Fox Guin.

Dear Santa,  
I want a baseball pitching machine. I've been good. I want a big buzz. How are you doing?  
Ethan Peterson

Dear Santa,  
How is the weather, Santa? I was a good girl. Please Santa, give me a Barbie and a computer. Thank you.  
Karina Salazar

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents. I want a doll. Please Santa, I'm being good. How is the weather? How are the reindeer Santa? I want a Barbie.  
Vanessa Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a go-cart. I love you. I hope you have a nice Christmas. Thank you for last years presents.  
C.J. Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation, a TV, and a motorcycle. Santa is your suit clean? How are your animals?  
Sergio Posada

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want a real motorcycle, a bike, and crayons. How is Rudolph?  
Makenzie Bruton

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hug. Are you doing fine? The weather is cold. Is Mrs. Claus doing fine? I would like a hot wheels race set with a snake.  
Zachary Cole

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. How are you? I want a CD player and a bike and a computer game.  
Reed Robison

Dear Santa,  
Santa I love you. Santa I

hope you come. How is the weather? I hope it is good. I hope you give me a game boy. Mrs. Santa, how are the reindeer? I go to Texico school. Thank you Santa.  
Donovan Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
May I please have these things: a Barbie please, some batteries please, and some crayons please, and oh, how are the other reindeers and how is Rudolph? Thank you.  
Asypn Rene Reames

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bunk bed and a robot, please Santa. I have been good this year. How is the weather?  
Powers Hagler

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come to our homes. Can you bring pres-

ents for all of the elementary school? I am being good to my mom and dad. How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Is it cold at the North Pole? Thank you.  
Dulce Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a rope to help my friend Kory and I want a skeeter and I have been good. How are your deer?  
Seaver Tate

Dear Santa,  
I want Braum's ice cream, Barbie Beach house and potty dotty.  
Kelsea Johnson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie doll and some new clothes. My mom would like a Christmas tree and my dad would like some cookies.  
Alexandra Martinez



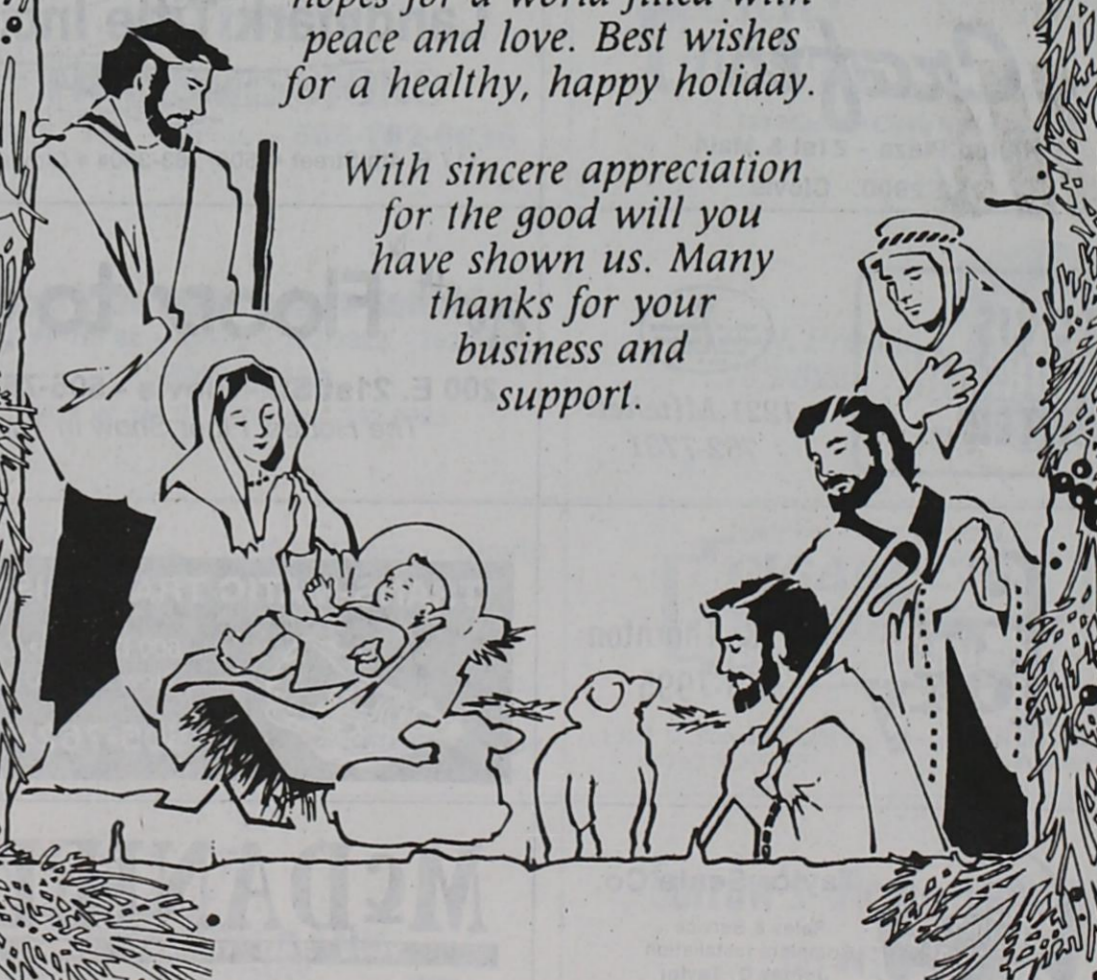
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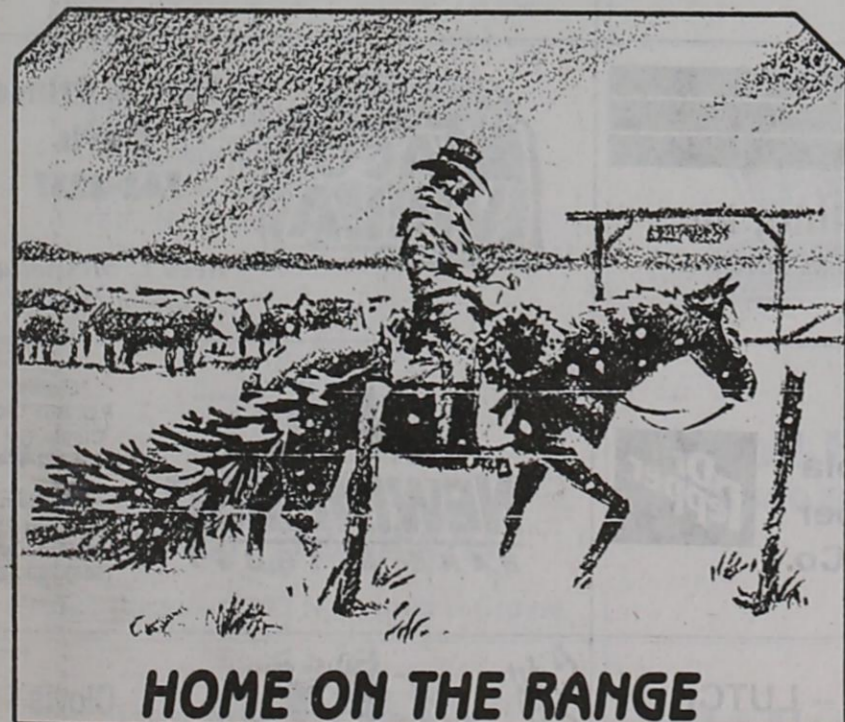


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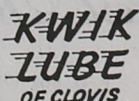
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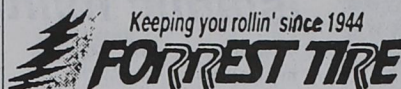


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## Islamic militancy is on the rise

Well, here comes 2001. The new millenium is now the old millenium.

What predictions can we make? For one thing, there will be plenty of turmoil throughout the world.

Wouldn't it be nice just to predict a nice, tranquil time? I wish.

Instead, I look for Islamic insurgency to step up in the coming years. Not just in Israel, but throughout the Mideast, Africa and Asia.

Now that Communism is pretty much a dead horse (although Red China will present a problem for years to come), the U.S. efforts to achieve a strong self-defense are increasingly being turned toward dealing with terrorism.

Let's face it. We're the top dog. We are the world leader. We are a Western power. We

support Israel. And that automatically causes hatred and animosity.

But as we view the acts of terrorism that sporadically invade our newspaper headlines, we must understand the bigger picture.

Since the rise of Mohamadism in the 600s, it has not actually been a love affair between Christians and Moslems.

For 500 years, the forces of Islam were on the march. Then came the stalemate. Then came the decline of the East and the emergence of the West.

Today, we think the West is so superior. But, folks, it wasn't that many centuries ago that it was the opposite. The East had the money, the weaponry, the power. The

West was extremely weak with petty fiefdoms fighting each other for scraps of land, while dying from the Plague.

But today, the West is triumphant. For now, at least.

So we have to put into perspective the acts of terrorism that emanate out of the Mideast.

The fight for the land called Israel, by the Jews, or Palestine, by the Arabs, isn't the whole story.

Yes, it's a vital, most important one. But there will be lots more down the road as Islamic militancy continues to grow.

Where will the next "hot spots" be? Here are some of my predictions: Pakistan-India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Russia, all over Africa, and, obviously, throughout the Mideast.

## Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

What we will see is a push by fundamentalists to oust the more moderate Islamic governments throughout the world.

It's a heckuva thing. Here we are, in our placid, wealthy, technological world. Meanwhile, and it's so hard for us to understand this, there are literally millions of people far more interested in something else.

Morality.



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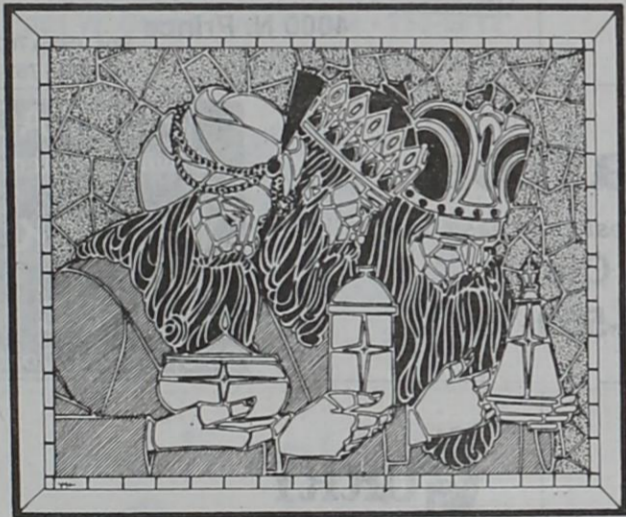


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Dear Santa,  
I want a baby with a fish a, Santa Claus that talks and a bear.  
Keila

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, a Nintendo 64, and a Donkey Kong.  
Edgar Cuevas

Dear Santa,  
I want an Angel, a barbie and a bear.  
Adreanna

Dear Santa,  
I want an action man, remote control monster truck, and walkie talkies.  
Tony Dyck

Dear Santa,  
I want paints, an art ease, and some art paper.  
Shelby Saul

Dear Santa,  
I want a Scooter, a motorcycle game and a horse walker.  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want a Magic Megan, an Dancing Debbie and a Barbie cash register.  
Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter, a computer and a trampoline.  
Gaby Navarrete

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie house, a Barbie airplane, and a Scooter.  
Jacqueline Meza

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, a rocking horse and a bull whip.  
Kory Jennings

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a trampoline, and a big skateboard.  
Garrett Coate

Dear Santa,  
I want a knife, a remote control motorcycle and a remote control monster.  
Ryder

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a trampoline and a bunkbed.  
Lourdes Martinez

Dear Santa,



I want race tracks, a train set and a tent.  
Bullard

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter, a car and a bike.  
Manuel Servin

Dear Santa,  
Please make sure everyone has food and toys. Please bring me a Lee Middleton baby doll and a horse. My mom would like a new bear and my dad would like a new tractor.  
Jordan Mason

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a kitchen set that has an oven where you can cook pancakes. Also, I would like a real cat. My mom would like some new clothes and my dad too.  
Paola Estrada

Querido Santo Clos,  
Como estas? Yo me e portado bien y estoy aprendiendo mucho en la escuela. Quiero que me traigas dos muñecas, una casita para las Barbies yun arbol de Navidad.  
Seth Russell

Quiero unos carros para mi hermano Guillermo.  
Carolina Carruillo

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I want a Barbie doll house, a Teddy bear, and a toy car. My brother wants a truck.  
Cierra Dunagan

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I want an airplane, an army tank, and a football. My brother wants new shoes, a plane just like me and a stuffed animan giraffe. My dad wants a new knife and my mom wants a new shirt.  
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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Playstation and a Gameboy Color. Please bring everyone a present even if they've been bad. My mom would like a new car and my dad a Texas Tech cap and jacket.  
Dallas Cox

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Nintendo 64 and Pokemon Stadium with it. Please help my mom and dad get up earlier so we can open our presents.  
Todd Nichols

Dear Santa,  
I want some paints, a play computer, pop-up gun, erase board, a remote control pickup, and a writing book. I also want a printer for my computer too and I want my remote control pickup to be big.  
Seth Russell

Dear Santa,  
I hope my sister gets better because she has tonsilitus. Please bring me a CD player and a Lee Middleton baby.  
Emily Agce

Dear Santa,  
How's the weather at your house? Its kinda cold here. Please bring me a gameboy because I lost mine. Also, bring me Gold and Silver version. My dad would like some golf clubs and my mom would like one more kid. (A nice one)  
Justin Schacher

Dear Santa,  
Please give the people some food. Please bring me a purple poochie and a purple boombox.  
Jarrod Jesko

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a "My Real Baby" and play food for the baby. Bring a dress for my mama because she likes dresses and new pants for my dad.  
Audrey Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I've been thinking bout it all year. Please bring me a Brittney Spears and Jessica Simpson CD. I would also like a CD player so the CD's will work. Please bring people that are poor some food and give the reindeer a couple of toys too.  
Crystal Jesko

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control tractor that has a yellow and green trailer with it. My dad wants tools and my mom wants a dress.  
Ray White

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Dear Santa,  
Please give Manuel a sweater and Josh a Pokeman card. Give Esteban a Mario game and Colton a sword. I would like Laser Challenge.  
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Dear Santa,  
Please give Sarah a CD, Tori a clip. Give Crystal \$30000000 and Lauryn \$2000000. I would like the Boogie Bass.  
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## Sittin' in the Corner

by Wade Cargile

When someone offends you, do you think about getting even? What we need to do in those situations is to remain even tempered. I still have a hard time letting go, though.

Once when I was growing up, Wilbur won my best marble from me. On my way home, I was trying to come up with a way to get even. I hadn't yet learned to let the Lord handle it.

I finally came up with a plan. The next day when Wilbur came to my house, I asked if he wanted to go fishing. "Sure, let's go to Black's pond," he said. I was hoping he would say that because it was his favorite spot to fish.

Black's pond was on the other side of our place, surrounded by trees and it had a big mud hole on one side. I told another friend, Zeke, what I had planned and he instantly agreed to help me.

Wilbur showed up at my house, late as usual, and we took off to Black's pond. When we got there, Wilbur baited his hook, threw it into the water and sat down. Fishing there took some patience because the fish took awhile to get hungry and bite. Sure enough, as usual, Wilbur drifted off to sleep.

A few minutes later, Zeke came out of the mud hole, looking like a big mud monster. As he slowly arose from the mud hole, he emitted a low growling sound, as he slowly raised his hands.

About that time, Wilbur woke up and stared in horror as the beast approached him. "Quick, run!" I yelled. Wilbur already had taken off like a bat out of hell. A big wood clearing machine couldn't have done a better job clearing a path through the tress than what Wilbur did.

As he ran, he was yelling at the top of his lungs. About that time, Zeke appeared from the trees, wearing clean clothes and asked, "What's that clearing a path through the trees?" Puzzled, I stared at Zeke, then look at the mud monster closing in on me.

I looked horrifically at Zeke and yelled "Run!" At the same time, there wasn't anything but distorted air where Zeke had been. I began to run, too, but I wasn't going anywhere. I looked at my feet, about two feet off the ground and moving at 90 mph, and felt something holding the back of my shirt.

The monster had me! I began screaming at the top of my lungs -- then heard someone laughing. I looked to my left and saw Wilbur and Zeke rolling on the ground, giggling like mad. Still horrified, I looked closer at the monster and finally realized it was none other than Dermont, who was also laughing uncontrollably.

I'll never forget that horrible day. Maybe some day, my eyes will return to normal and I'll quit shaking. That experience taught me to forget and not let the little things bother me, but to always remain even-tempered. I might even get enough nerve to leave the house at night sometime .... maybe.

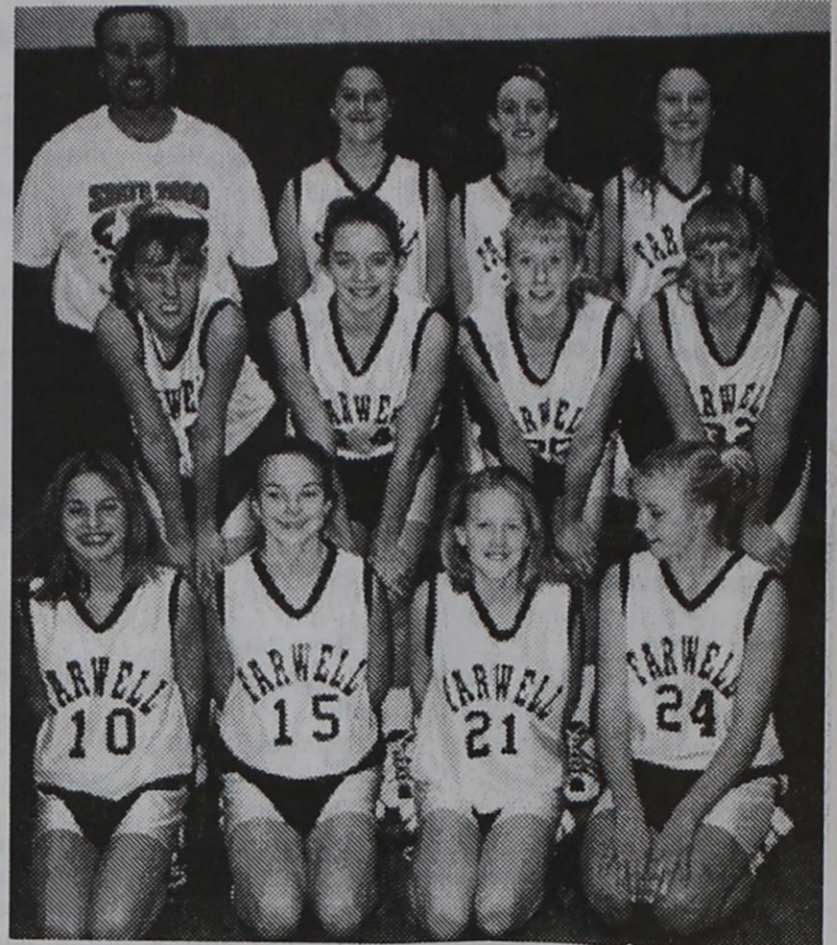
**'Santa, give mom a minivan'**  
Dear Santa,  
Please give Laney a scooter, Mom \$20.00 an Bailey a baby and Alexa a new american doll kit. I would like a puppy.  
Brittney Williams

Dear Santa,  
Please give Joshua Longley a dreamcast, mom a minivan, dad a virtualboy, and cousin Brittany a rattle. I would like H dogs  
Colton Longley

Dear Santa,  
Please give Michelle a doll and Mom a book, and Chase a toy and Dad shoes. I would like a stuffed animal.  
Laurny Merrey

Dear Santa,  
Please give Josh a bed and Brittany a ball. Give Crystal big boots, and Ray a football. I would like Pokemon cards.  
Angel Navarrete

Dear Santa,  
Please give Rane a control car, Ray a boombox, Esteban Pokemon cards, Isaac a Digemon cards, and I would like that toy box I saw at the Dollar store.  
Josh Olivas



**Farwell 8th Girls**

In back row, from left, are Coach Bryan Goldsmith, Holly McIntosh, Amanda Barnes, Jordan Carpenter; middle row, Kasey Adams, Danielle Cargile, Llindsay Vandiver, Shaleena Laverty; front row, Micah Christian, Melissa Howard, Shannon Street, Ashlie Martin.

Dear Santa,  
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I would like the Guess Who Game.  
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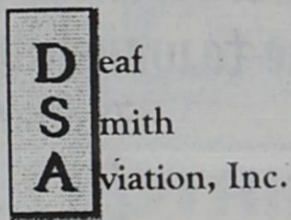
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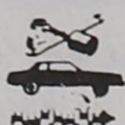
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In back from left are Grant Gregory, Juan Sanchez, Tyler Myers, Daniel Kaltwasser, Coach Jacob Thompson; middle row, Nico Soto, Zac Schilling, Josh Curtis, Carlos Garcia, Jose Cabello, Jeremie Chandler; front row, Bobby Garcia, Cale Stevenson, Randy Armstrong, Jason Johnson, Lonnie McFarland.



**Farwell Varsity Girls**

In back, from left, are Brandi Bailey, Leesa Patterson; middle row, Mindi Roberts, Cassie Street, Lacey Actkinson, Tara Cargile; front row, Kacey Gast, Jessica Chandler, Kinzi Woods.



**Farwell Varsity Boys**

In back row, from left, are Derek Goetsch, Tucker Crawford, Cade Christian, Cody Schilling, coach Kirk Saul; middle row, Manuel Garcia, Tyler Scott, Thomas Ortiz, Gage Gregory; front row, Jeff Delgado, Taylor Nichols, Kolby Kimbrough, Kris Norton.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

-- Spiritual

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**'Santa, I want walkie talkies'**

Dear Santa,  
I want a tent, a rocking horse and a toy flute.  
Karen Sanchez

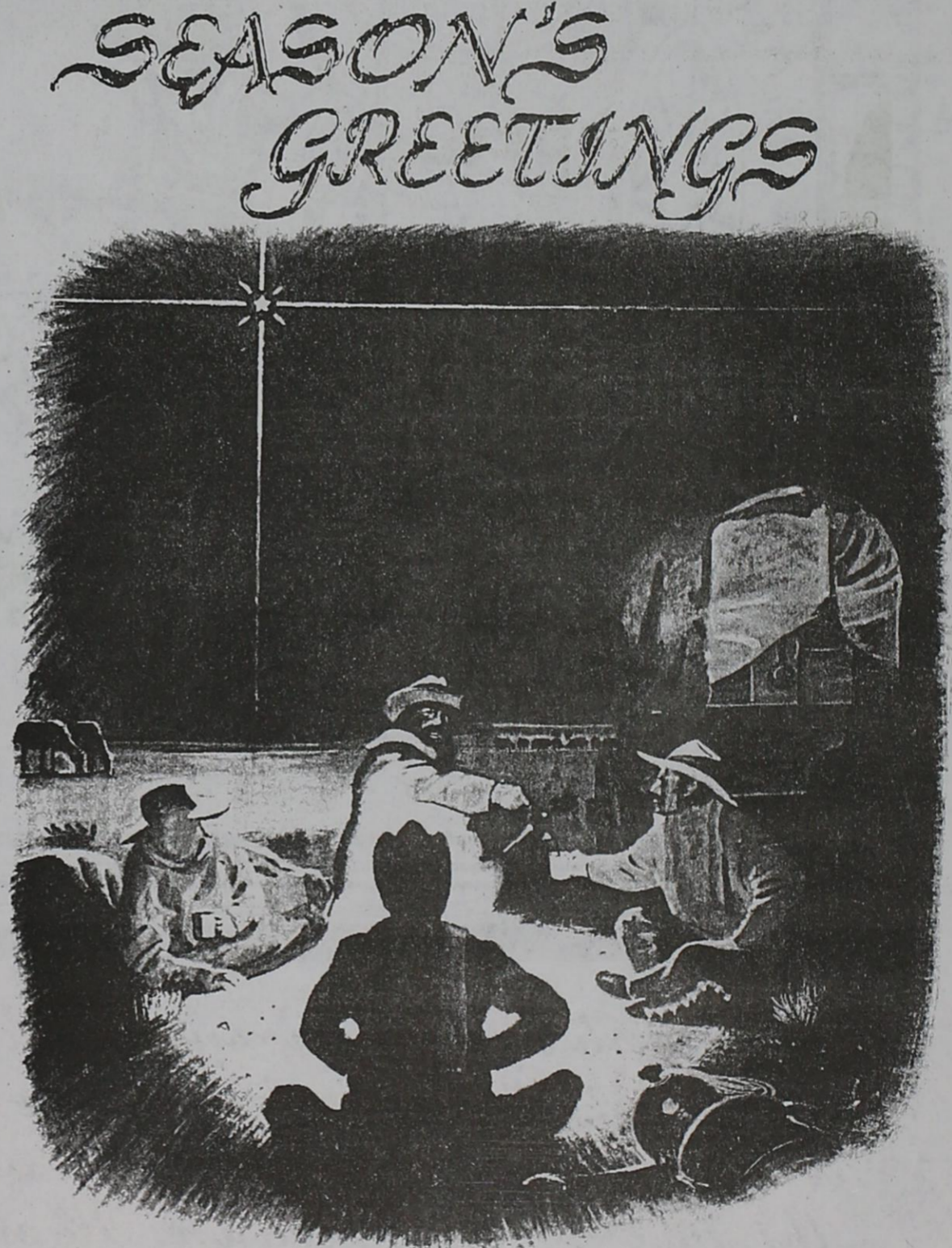
Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter, a Nintendo 64 and walkie talkies.  
Reece Lawson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo 64, walkie talkies and a pokemon.

Tait Cooper  
Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you? I am fine. I want a bed spread and I want a new bear and I want a taco bell playdough set. How is Rudolph doing?  
Amber

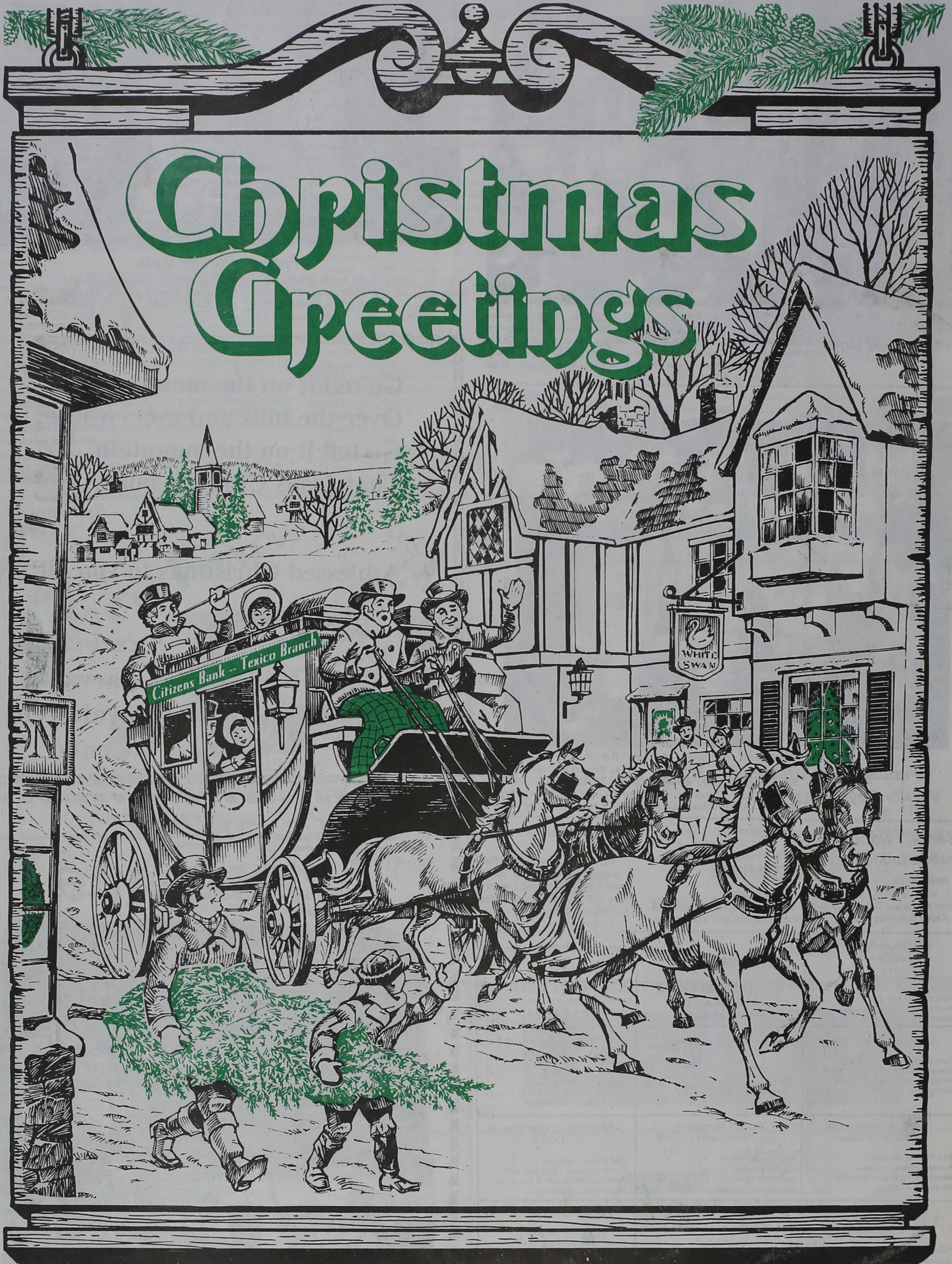
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