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Rags to Riches

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The State Line Tribune is proud to present this original Christmas story written by Berny and Teresa Mesman, of Oklahoma Lane.

The Tribune hopes you enjoy our special Christmas greeting cards issue.

It had been a long day for little Yashi. Not even the clinking of the coins in his pouch or thoughts of a cup of warm, Rosemary tea could take away the tired, achy feelings he had in his legs and back.

The basket of rags and strips of cloth that Yashi had left with early in the morning was lighter, but the few remaining strips held the weight of the world on his shoulders as he made his way back across the city toward home.

Yashi had been excited about the throngs of people coming to Bethlehem for the Census. More people in the city meant more customers to approach for selling his rags and scraps. The more he sold, the more coins he could give to his Mother.

But the crowded city made it harder for little Yashi to make his way through the marketplace. There were more carts to dodge, donkeys to walk around and more preoccupied people to try to capture their attention. He had been shoved out of the way more times than he cared to recall and the words the market merchants yelled to him brought shame to his heart.

"The little boy that believes rags will bring him riches!" shouted the oil vendor.

"Scraps are all this little scrap of a boy can handle," the spice merchant mocked. "Why I believe his life hangs by those very poor threads!"

Yashi just pushed past the crowds at the storefronts so that no one would see his tears. No one ever bothered to talk to Yashi unless they needed a few rags for padding a mattress or cleaning. The camel tenders never even looked at his face as they sorted through the long strips of fabric. They needed the strips to weave camel blankets for the desert merchants and travelers.

The only people in the city that Yashi ever talked to outside of his rag selling were the shepherds that would come to the water well near his home before they would head to the fields for their watch. They would pay a few coins to him for a bright scrap of cloth to tie to their staff or for a small strip to tie around their heads or necks during the heat of the day. The shepherds had been very kind to Yashi and his mother. Especially since the untimely death of his father.

Yashi's father had been a butcher in Bethlehem, as had his father before him. Yashi was just beginning to go with his father to learn the trade when his father took ill. As his mother tended him, Yashi could only stand by and watch as his father slipped away from them.

His mother could not keep the butchering business going and was left with nothing for income because Jewish law prohibited women from touching the meat before it was made kosher by the Temple Rabbinate. And, as the laws of Judea were in such a state of enforcement under Caesar Augustus, Yashi and his mother were forced to move to a small tenement on the outskirts of the city.

His mother was an excellent seamstress and found work sewing and repairing the vestments for the Temple priests, rabbis and elders. Yashi managed to contribute a few coins now and again to his mother by selling the scraps and strips leftover from her sewing. It kept him busy and out of trouble

and perhaps, most importantly of all, out of his mother's way while she was working. All Yashi wanted to do was to take care of his mother and make her proud of him.

"Perhaps these few coins in my pouch today will bring a smile to Mami's face," Yashi thought. "It might even be enough to pay the census tax and that would be a wonderful help to her!"

Yashi was lost in thought and did not see the group of vagabond travelers approaching him.

"What's this? A small turtle topped with rags?" poked one.

"It's a very rich basket of rags! See the heavy weight of his pouch?" pointed another.

"I think he needs to be relieved of all that weight," scoffed the third.

And with that, the vagabonds tripped Yashi and yanked his money pouch off from his waist as he struggled to get up. The three were off in a cloud of dust, hidden by the blaze of the setting, desert sun.

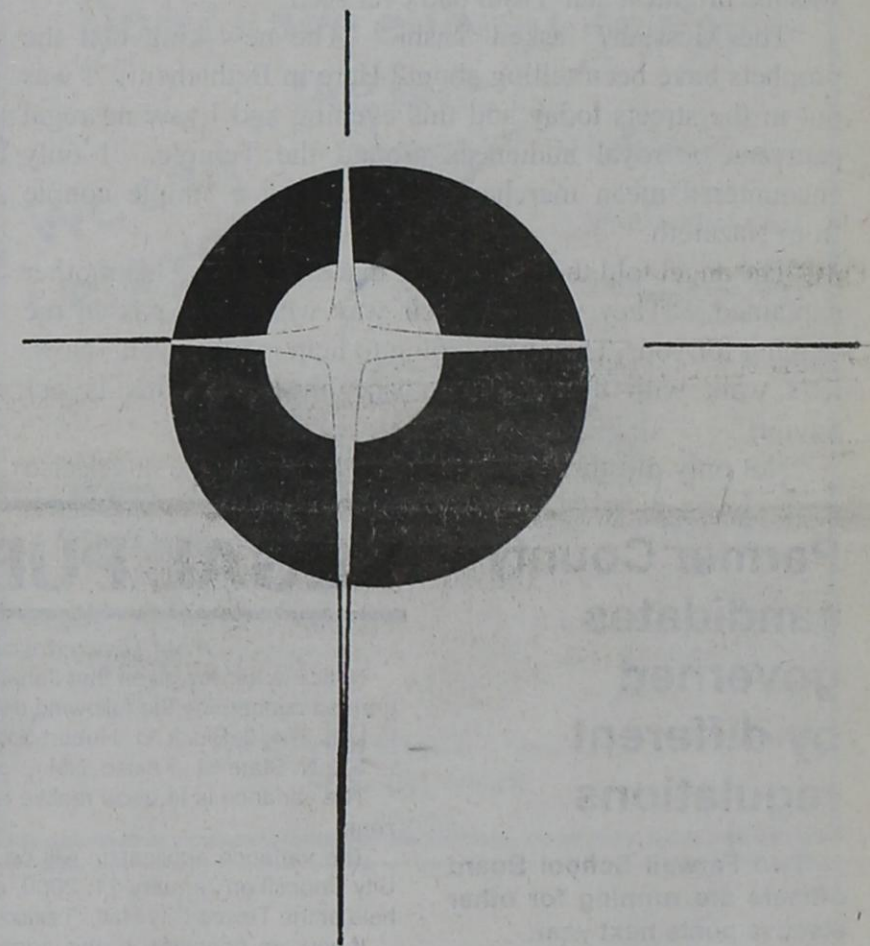
Yashi choked back the tears and angry sobs as he gathered the scraps and strips of cloth back into his basket. The basket toppled over, broken and twisted from the fall. Yashi fell to his knees on the ground, buried his face in the small pile of rags and began to sob.



He was tired and hungry. His tears streamed onto the pile of cloth beneath him. Now his mother would have more to be burdened with and Yashi couldn't bear the thought of disappointing her by coming home empty-handed. He decided to find a place to hide for the night.

He scooped up the broken basket and the scraps of cloth and headed down the way. He knew of a place behind the tavern-inn on the edge of town. He had sold the innkeeper some rags before and thought he might be able to trade a rag for a small scrap of food this night. Then he would rest up for a day of hard selling to recoup his losses for the day. He never thought that his mother might be worried about him...she had more important things to worry about, or so he believed.

As he headed toward his hideout, he noticed a man walking away from the tavern-inn. He was leading a donkey with a huddled shape riding on top. He caught up with them and was about to run past them when he realized they were heading in the same direction of his much needed hideout. He looked up at the trio and saw that the weary traveler on the donkey was a woman. A woman heavy with child and very tired.



The man stopped and looked at Yashi for a few moments. "Are you going to the stables too?" he asked Yashi.

"I...I...I, no sir. I'm going to the Inn to get a bite of food," Yashi stammered.

"A bite of food is about all you'll gain from there," mused the traveler. "The tavern is very crowded and the Inn is filled for the Census. And, believe me, unless you are able to show the innkeeper your money first, you'll get nothing from him."

"But I have no money, it was stolen from me! All I have are these scraps and strips of cloth to trade!" Yashi declared.

"What is your name little boy?" the man asked. "And where are your parents?"

"My name is Yashi," he stated.

Yashi explained to the man about his father and mother and how much she depended on him to make ends meet. He showed the man his broken basket and the strips of cloth and scraps he carried and told him how he had been robbed.

"I'm afraid that all I have left to bargain for food are these simple rags. All I have to bring home to Mami are these tattered poor threads," Yashi lamented. "But excuse me for taking your time; you look weary and your wife must be tired."

"She is very tired, Yashi. The baby will be here soon. We arrived too late to gain lodging at the Inn. I could use your help in getting my wife settled into the stable where we'll be staying. Will you help us, Yashi?" the man asked.

Yashi put the donkey into a stall and pulled fresh hay over into the manger. He drew water for the couple and watered the donkey.

Yashi finished with the donkey, lit a few small oil lamps and began to prepare a small corner for himself in the stall.

"My name is Joseph, Yashi," said the traveler, introducing himself. "My wife is called 'Mary.' We traveled here from Nazareth. And now Yashi, you must return home to your mother."

"I am not going home tonight without coins in my pouch or at least something to eat!" Yashi exclaimed.

"Yashi, we certainly understand! We only have enough money to pay the Census tax and to buy a few supplies, but we have ample bread. Please take this loaf and go home to your mother. God blesses a mother with her children and you, in turn, are a blessing to God and your mother by being

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Christmas story

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an obedient boy!" Joseph directed. "Now, be on your way, little Yashi."

"But, sir! I cannot...I will not just take this bread from you!" Yashi stated. "Please take these rags and strips of cloth. Surely, you can find a use for them!"

With that, Joseph looked at Mary. In the lantern light, Yashi could see what a young, peaceful looking woman she was. She smiled and nodded her agreement as she explained that the cloth would be a fitting trade. She had nothing to warm her baby when the time arrived.

Yashi shook Joseph's hand and said his good-byes among the many "thank you's" to the couple. He then bounded out of the stable headed toward home with a loaf of bread for his Mami and a broken, tattered basket.

Night had fallen fast, but the city of Bethlehem was ablaze with oil lamps and the noises of a crowded city. Yashi hurried home with joy in his heart at his good fortune. When he approached his door, he saw his mother standing in the entrance with her head buried in her hands weeping. A group of his shepherd friends were gathered around her.

"Mami! Mami! What is it?" Yashi raced toward his mother shouting.

"Oh, my little Yashi! There you are! I was so worried when you didn't arrive home before dark!" his mother sobbed.

"Yes, Yashi. You almost had this group of shepherds out looking for you like a lost sheep!" stated Evad, a shepherd friend.

"I am so sorry to have worried you Mami!" said Yashi hugging his mother. "But look, I have brought riches better than money to you!"

With that, Yashi pulled the loaf of bread from his basket. He beckoned his mother and his friends to come share the bread.

"Not now Yashi," said Evad. "We are following the star to see the Messiah!"

Evad pointed to the sky and there hanging in the darkness was the brightest star Yashi had ever seen.

"The Messiah?" asked Yashi. "The new king that the prophets have been telling about? Here in Bethlehem? I was out in the streets today and this evening and I saw no regal caravans or royal audiences around the Temple. I only encountered mean merchants, thieves and a simple couple from Nazareth."

"The angel told them to follow that star Yashi," his mother explained. "They were on their way when they passed me looking for you. They were going to help me find you. Now, let's walk with them Yashi. The angel said this is our Savior!"

"Not only did the angel tell us to find him, the angel also



told us the sign to find him by," said Evad. "The star grows brighter and longer toward the end of town. Let us go there quickly."

Yashi was tired but glad to be walking along holding his Mami's hand. They passed the mean merchants shops, now closed and dark for the night. Their treasures waiting for another day to be sold.

The spice merchant stood outside his doorway looking up at the star. He didn't recognize Yashi tonight and nodded as the group passed by. "Poor threads" as the merchant had said. Yashi remembered his words and gripped his mother's hand tighter as they passed.

The star was now almost sitting on top of the hillside in front of where Yashi, his mother and the shepherds were headed.

He realized the hillside was where Mary and Joseph were resting for the night. Yashi wondered if the baby had been born. Perhaps the Savior was close by them? Perhaps the Savior would even come see the baby?

The group stopped outside the stable. A large group of shepherds and townspeople had gathered around the entrance to the cave-stable.

"Oh, no!" said Yashi, running toward the opening. "I hope nothing has happened to my new friends."

As Yashi broke through the crowd, he instantly saw a tiny, cooing baby lying between Mary and Joseph on a bed of straw in the manger. The very manger he had put the straw in for the donkey.

A great glowing light circled around the baby. Mary and

Joseph. Could the oil lamps that Yashi had lit for them be causing such a wondrous light?

Joseph caught a glimpse of Yashi squirming through the front of the crowd. He smiled at him and motioned him forward.

"His name is Jesus, Yashi," said Joseph. "Your rags are keeping him very warm. God blesses you this night, Yashi, as you look upon the face of your Savior."

"My Savior?" squeaked Yashi.

Evad stepped forward and knelt before the manger. "Yashi, the angel told us that the sign we would know the Savior by was this...a baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger," Evad softly said.

Yashi fell to his knees and prayed for blessings to the newborn king.

There lying in a bed of straw wrapped in nothing but simple rags and strips of cloth was a king...Yashi's king.

Yashi forgot about the coins he had lost. He forgot about how hungry he was. He lost the hate and the hurt he felt toward the robbers and the mean merchants. Love and happiness filled his heart kneeling there before the manger.

His mother joined him and together they praised God for the precious gift and the glorious sight.

And from that day forth, Yashi held his head and his basket high as he made his way through the market place selling his scraps and strips of cloth. He knew that his life was blessed with riches beyond compare and that his rags were like no others in Bethlehem.

For only Yashi could say he had rags fit for a king!



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Parmer County candidates governed by different regulations

Two Farwell School Board officers are running for other elective posts next year.

Board President Ronald Byrd is running in the Democrat primary for the post of Pct. 3 county commissioner (Farwell area).

Board Secretary Teresa Ancira is running in the Republican primary for the post of Parmer County tax assessor-collector.

If Byrd wins election next fall, he must resign from the school board. But if Mrs. Ancira wins election next fall, she can continue on the school board.

This is because the two candidates are under a different set of guidelines.

Byrd would be elected to the county commissioner's post -- meaning a say-so over the tax dollars that are generated.

Thus, there would be a conflict of interest with also serving on the school board. So state rules mandate him to resign from the school board.






But Mrs. Ancira would not be in a position to make decisions in that regard, so state rules allow her to serve in both positions, as tax assessor-collector and school board member.


LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

City of Texico Notice of Variance Application
 Notice is hereby given that Johnny Sena has requested a variance be granted concerning the following described property:
 Lots 3, 4, 5, Block 11, Hubert Smith Addition
 522 N. State St., Texico, NM
 The variance is to allow mobile home in the existing Single Family (A) zone.
 The variance application will be placed on the agenda of the Texico City Council on January 11, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., and said meeting will be held at the Texico City Hall, Texico, New Mexico.
 If you are opposed to this zone change, you must either (1) mail or deliver your opposition in writing to the Texico City Clerk prior to the date and time herein above designated; or (2) appear before the Texico City Council to state your opposition on the date and time herein above designated.
 No explanation for your opposition is necessary. You may print opposed on this letter, sign your name and return it to the Clerk's office prior to the deadline.
 Failure to take action 1 or 2 above will be considered as agreement with the change.
 The decision of the council is final and no written or verbal comments received after the date herein above designated will be accepted or heard.
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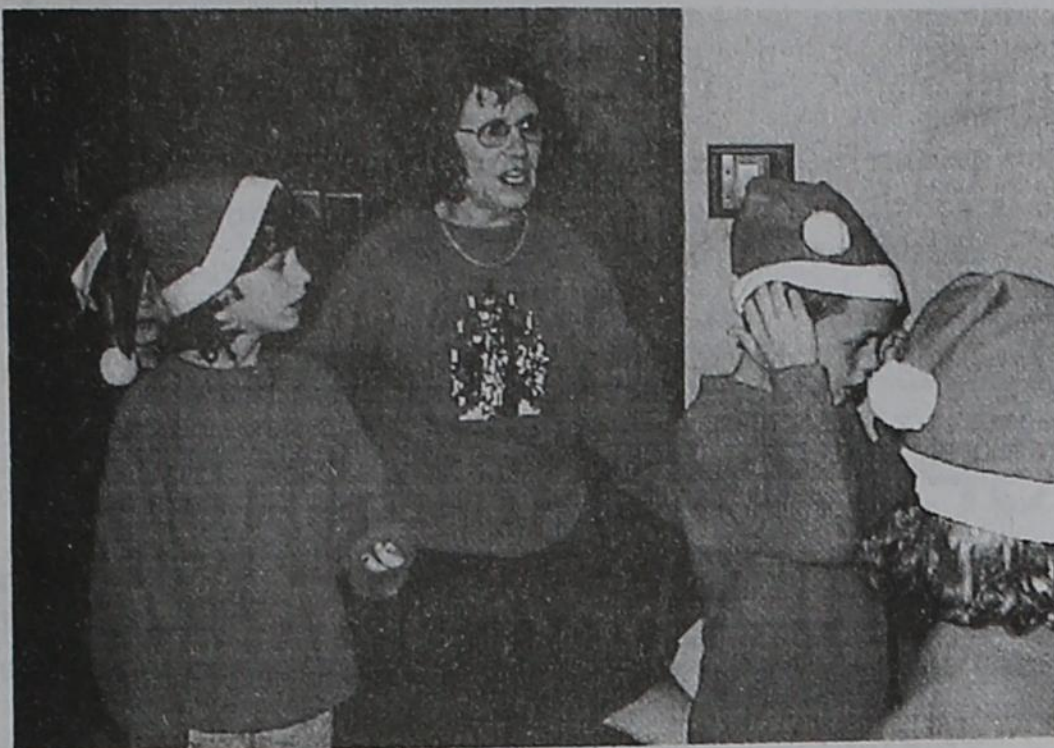
would like to reassure our customers that we are as ready for the arrival of the new millennium as is humanly possible. Although no one can guarantee that there will be absolutely no problems, we fully expect the transition from 1999 to 2000 to be uneventful.

Our equipment has been updated and is now Y2K compliant. We will be open Friday, December 31, 1999 and DSEC crews will be on duty the night of New Year's Eve just in case there are isolated communication problems to be solved.

DSEC crews will also periodically check in at predetermined locations in the various communities of the area to address concerns regarding Y2K.

The following community locations will be visited by DSEC crews on New Year's Eve:

- Castro County Courthouse
- Simm's Store parking lot
- Nazareth Community Hall
- Farwell: Sherley Anderson Grain Elevator located on Hwy. 84
- Dawn Cafe parking lot
- A1 Service Center parking lot - west side of Friona on Hwy. 60
- Cotton Gin: 1 mile west of the Hub Intersection
- Hereford: Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative offices on East Hwy. 60



Kay Singleterry gives last minute instructions.

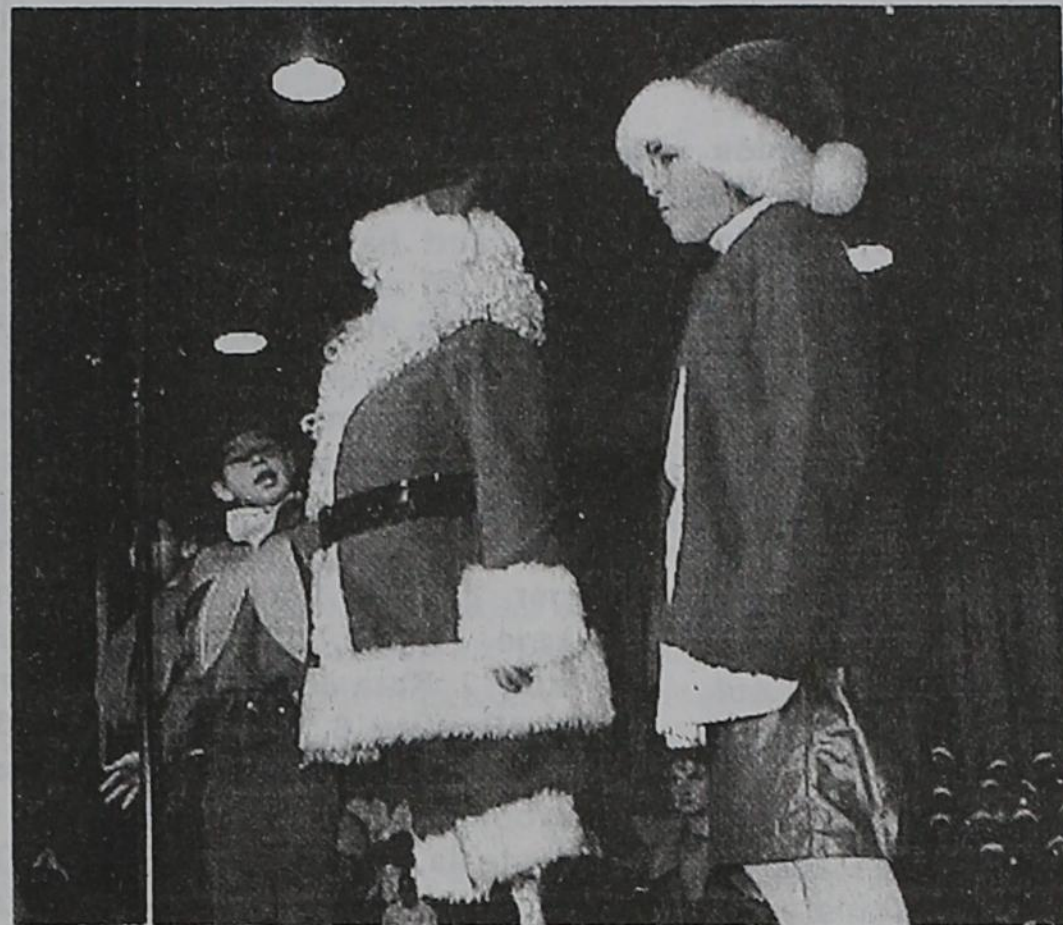
Santa's Holiday Hoedown



"We're not reindeer" dancers move to the music in Texico Elementary School's musical on Dec. 17.



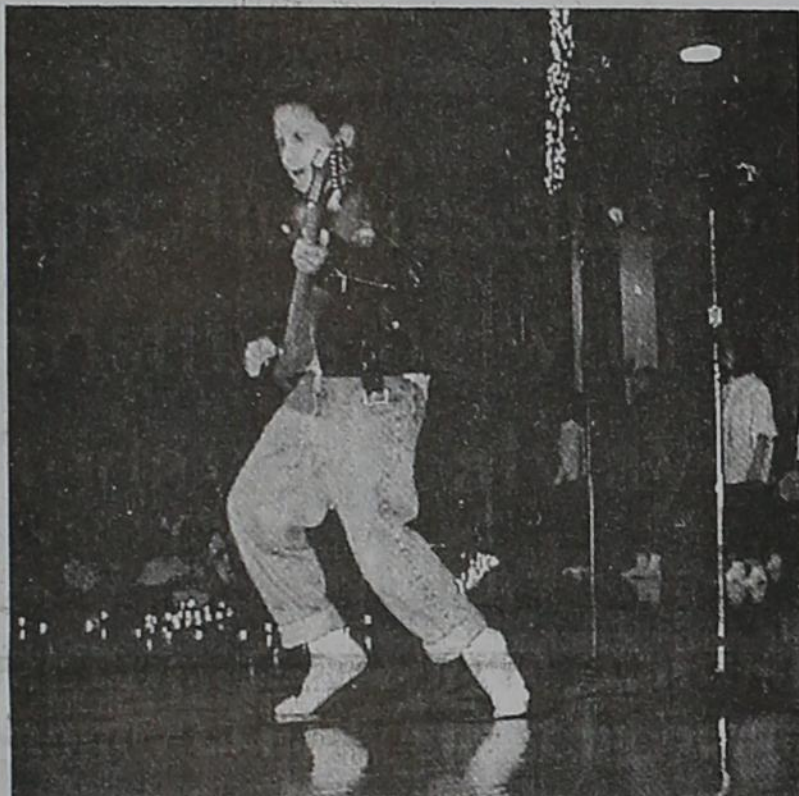
Bill Herring flatters the crowd with his rope tricks.



In the musical, "Santa's Holiday Hoedown," Blaine Bradley (Santa), Anjelica Serna (Mrs. Claus) and Sterling Bowers (Yoakum), discuss Santa's financial situation.



Wacey Williams (Rudolph) and Leslie Vannatta (Dolly), pose for a last second photo before curtain call.



Elvis Lives! Thorn Autrey is swingin' to the beat.

Hart turns back Lazbuddie hoopsters

Varsity Girls
The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns are now 9-4 on the season after falling to Hart at

home on Friday, 49-39. The third quarter made the difference, when Lazbuddie was outscored, 13-2.

Leading scorers were Laura Jo Via, 18 points, and Scottie Brown, 11 points.

The Lady 'Horns next play Dec. 27-29 in the Silverton Tournament, followed by an away game on Dec. 31 at Meadow.

Cockerham wins bicycle in coloring contest

All three top winners of the coloring contest sponsored by the Dent & Co. John Deere dealer in Clovis were from our area:

First place -- Skyla Cockerham, Texico, won a bicycle.

Second place -- Bethany Nichols, Farwell, won a "Singing Rudolph."

Third place -- Lana Joy Koehn, Farwell., won a "Singing Stocking."

Varsity Boys
The Lazbuddie Longhorns lost to Hart last Friday, 66-43.

Top scorers were Bryce Ronek, 16 points; and Jeffery Seaton, 12 points.

Lazbuddie is now 3-9. They play Dec. 27-29 in the Silverton Tournament, followed by an away game on Dec. 31 at Meadow.

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to all our many friends for your prayers, visits, food and flowers at this time of sorrow.
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LAZBUDDIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

	Governmental			Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	August 31, 1999	August 31, 1998	
REVENUES:							
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 737,886	\$ 84,198	\$ 41,649	\$ 197	\$ 863,900	\$ 867,074	
State Program Revenues	802,732	14,419	--	--	817,171	803,813	
Federal Program Revenues	649	158,505	--	--	159,154	266,466	
Total Revenues	1,541,267	257,122	41,649	197	1,780,255	1,977,353	
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
Instruction & Instructional Related Services	918,542	110,202	--	11,677	1,040,421	1,072,899	
Instructional and School Leadership	58,843	--	--	--	58,843	50,255	
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	188,387	67,403	--	--	275,790	360,883	
Administrative Support Services	153,087	--	--	--	153,087	179,865	
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	155,394	1,710	--	--	157,104	237,150	
Debt Service	--	--	57,285	--	57,285	58,702	
Intergovernmental Charges	26,906	--	--	--	26,906	50,422	
Total Expenditures	1,501,159	199,315	57,285	11,677	1,769,436	2,029,776	
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	40,128	7,807	(15,636)	(11,480)	20,819	(52,422)	
Other Resources	--	--	--	--	--	15,755	
Other (Uses)	--	--	--	--	--	(10,329)	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	40,128	7,807	(15,636)	(11,480)	20,819	(46,997)	
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	155,869	--	6,323	11,480	203,671	250,658	
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 225,996	\$ 7,807	\$ (9,313)	\$ --	\$ 224,490	\$ 203,671	



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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Texico hoopsters continue their winning ways

Varsity Girls

The Texico Lady Wolverines improved their record to 8-2 on Saturday with a 73-24 slaughter of Floyd in an away game.

The Texico defense never allowed more than 8 points in any quarter.

Scoring were Bobbi Williams, Jennifer Roberts and Kara Jenkins, 8 each; Elizabeth Richards, 22; Callie Rucker and Krysta Morris, 2

each; Kristen Roberts, 10; Shayna Lewis, 5; and Carrie Phipps and LaMicah Drager, 4 each.

Richards led in board with 11. Lewis and Jennifer Roberts made 3-pointers.

Last Friday, the Lady Wolverines rolled over Bovina, 80-37, in an away game.

Scoring were Bobbi Williams, 7; Jennifer Roberts, 26; Richards and Lewis, 5 each;

Callie Rucker, 10; Kristen Roberts, 14; Jenkins and Tori Bradley, 2 each; Carrie Rucker, 3; and Drager, 6.

Callie Rucker led in rebounds with 6. Morris and Richards had 6 steals each. Lewis led in assists with 6.

Jennifer Roberts hit 4 of 7 3-pointers.

The Lady Wolverines now are off until the EPAC Tournament in Melrose Jan. 5-8.

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines upped their record to 8-1 on Saturday by whipping Floyd, 60-42.

Scoring were Ross Burford, 6; Chris Hall, 17; Marcos Loera, 1; Shelton Conwright, 13; Chris Sena, 3; Justin Foust, 1; Johnny Sena, 8; Josh Boazman, 2; and Justin Steward and Kyle Duncan, 6 each.

Coach Richard Luscombe said Hall, a sophomore, played his best game of the year by far against Floyd.

Last Friday, Texico put away Bovina, 72-56, in an away game.

Burford sparked the Wolverines with 24 points and 12 rebounds. "One of his best games," noted Luscombe.

Also scoring were Hall, 8; Conwright, 6; Foust and Johnny Sena, 4 each; Boazman, 10; Steward, 12; and Duncan and Jacob Alderse-Baes, 2 each.

The Wolverines next play in EPAC Tourney at Melrose Jan. 5-8.

Kyle Duncan, 4; Jake Williams, 16; Tanner Williams, 18; Mark Foust, 3, and Chase Bradley, 1.

Coach Steve Doolittle said Texico had its best rebounding game of the season.

On Dec. 16, Texico creamed Yucca Junior High, 57-44.

Scoring were Josh Stewart, 3; Mayfield and Andre Span, 2 each; Foust and Matt Jackson, 4 each; Vaughn, 7; Tanner Williams, 8; Jake Williams, 10, and Adrian Loera, 15.

JV Girls

The Texico JV Girls are keeping pace with the rest of the schools' high school teams -- and have posted a sparkling 10-1 record so far.

Last Friday, they took care of Bovina, 64-25.

Scoring were Carrie Rucker, Jayla Walls, Dru Mayfield, Callie Rucker and Nicole Richards, 4 each; Barbara Queener, 8; Tara Lockmiller, 5; Carrie Phipps, 13; Shilo Thornton, 2; Kara Jenkins, 10, and Tori Bradley, 6.

Phipps and Kelsi Cain led with 4 boards each. Richards had 8 steals, and Phipps 6. Phipps and Queener had 4 assists apiece.

Queener hit 2 of 3 3-point attempts.

On Dec. 16, Texico mashed Yucca 9th, 61-29. Scoring were Thornton, 13; Bradley, 14; Phipps, 22; Queener, 4; Richards, 5; Walls, 2, and Carrie Rucker, 13.

Lazbuddie to get SPC broadcasts

In January, South Plains College in Levelland will plunge into distance learning by broadcasting interactive television courses to students in six high schools in the Five Area Telephone Cooperative, including Lazbuddie School.

Students will get both college and high school or dual credit.

In addition, SPC will also offer evening ITV college courses that will be available for residents in Lazbuddie as well as high school students who want to take classes at night. Evening ITV courses will be offered in English, government and history.

SPC can also partner high schools with each other, providing instruction from one high school to another using credentialed resident faculty to teach college credit courses."

The co-op was one of 11 entities in the state that received a \$1 million project discovery grant through the Texas Infrastructure Fund that showed creativity, vision and networking in communities, explained Don McElroy, the grant's technology director. The grant has enabled the co-op to equip classrooms with the necessary technology to receive the courses from SPC.

Five Area supplied buildings in each school district with fiber optics, and each school district pitched in 10 percent or \$100,000 in matching funds to furnish the distance learning classrooms with computers, telephone lines, fax machines and carpeting.

The communities and telephone co-op formed a business partnership in 1992 to begin exploring ways to take advantage of the coming wave of educational technology.

SPC was invited to be a member of the consortium in 1997.

Farwell varsity teams crush Elida

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers crushed Elida, 80-23, on Friday.

The Steers are now 11-2.

Some of the JV players were brought up to varsity for this game.

Scoring were Shane Roberts, Taylor Nichols and Thomas Ortiz, 2 each; Tucker Crawford, Jason Crawford, Fidel Ruiz and Kolby Kimbrough, 3 each; Jourdan Nichols and Paul Franse, 6 each; Ronnie Garcia and Gage Gregory, 7 each; Clint Corn, 11; Derek Goettsch, 12; and Ryan Roberts with 13.

The Steers next play in the Crosbyton Tournament Dec. 28-30.

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue

nailed Elida, 56-23.

Farwell is now 10-3 on the season.

Scoring were Ashley Crawford, 12; Megan Miller and Nicole Stout, 4 each; Kacey Gast, Kinzi Woods and Lisa Herington, 2 each; Marni Lunsford, 7; Chelsi Kaltwasser, 18; and Jessica Chandler with 5.

The Lady Blue next play in the Slaton Tournament on Dec. 28-30.

JV Girls

The Farwell JV girls topped Elida, 35-33.

Scoring were Ashley Joplin, Chrystal Wolven, and Linda Armstrong, 2 each; Brandi Bailey and Tara Cargile, 6; Leesa Patterson, 7; and Cassie Street with 10.

Marshal's Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Marshal Kelley Brophy:

Brophy's vehicle struck the car of a suspect involved in a high speed chase Monday in Clovis. Brophy was unhurt but his car was damaged.

The suspect, who was armed, was being sought for robbery and other crimes. A 19-year-old man was arrested.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys are having a superb season, also.

They ran their record to 9-1 with a pair of wins last week.

Last Friday, they knocked off Bovina, 78-33.

Scoring were Adrian Loera and Marcos Loera, 8 each; Tyrell Garrett, Shane Mayfield and Kody Vaughn, 6 each;

Obituaries

Gene Sterling

Graveside services for Gene E. Sterling were Dec. 18 at the Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell. Rev. Bobby Burris of Muleshoe officiated. He died Dec. 16, in Clovis. He was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Clarksville, Texas. He married Viola M. Tharp in Clovis on March 3, 1952.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as a farmer in the Farwell area since 1952.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David, of Roswell; a daughter, Cathy Wiese of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 4 sisters, Marjorie Kemp and Hazel Ball, both of Muleshoe, Betty Jo Casteel of Plano, Texas, and Odie Lee Sitzes of Tyler, Texas; 2 brothers, Bobby Dean, of Amarillo, and E.J. Sterling Jr., of Littlefield, and 4 grandchildren.

Courthouse Notes

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

W.A. Turner - Reyes Sera, L4, B76, Friona.

McMillan Rev. Trust - Wayne Gruben, L19-22, B31, Farwell.

Sandra Littlejohn - Mark Friesen, Lots 1-3, B9, Farwell.

Ray Castleberry - Ronnie M. Castleberry, E1/2 of lots 13-16, Blk 28, Farwell.

John Bingham - Sharla Ruland, N.62.5' of L41, B1, Western sold.

Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance was called on Dec. 19 to the Farwell Convalescent Center.

On Dec. 18, firemen were called to a grass fire 5 miles east of town on Hwy. 84.

Marriage Licenses

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

James C. Morgan and Joan M. Mason.

Blessings

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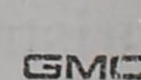
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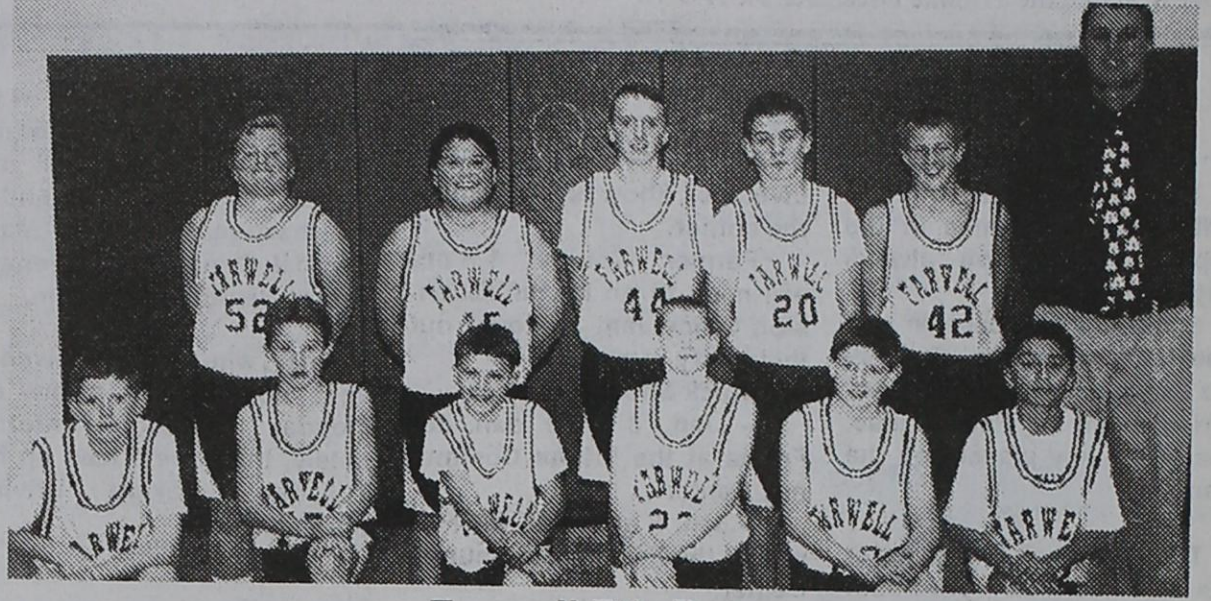
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Farwell 7th Girls

Farwell's 7th grade girls team includes, top row from left: Coach Goldsmith, Lindsay Vandiver, Amanda Barnes, Holly McIntosh, Shaleena Laverty, Danielle Cargile, Jordan Carpenter; front row, Crystal Stover, Kasey Adams, Micah Christian, Melissa Howard, Shannon Street, Ashlie Martin and Crystal Morris.



Farwell 7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys team includes, top row from left: Adam Pierce, Giovanni Moreno, Michael Johnson, Robbie Tabb, Rowdy Mitchell, coach Thompson; front row, Tate Nichols, Chad Bailey, Chris Culver, Sam Billingsley, Bill Terry and Carlos Saenz. Not pictured is Jarod Scott.



Happy birthday!

Richard Hadley, manager of the Texico branch of Citizens Bank, was given a surprise birthday party by his employees on Dec. 17. How old is he? Just look at the tree!

Scholarships offered

The ENMR+Plateau Telecommunications Education Foundation will again present educational scholarships in the year 2000.

The foundation will award several \$2,500 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarships, for the 2000-2002 academic years. Application packets are now available at participating high school guidance offices to graduating high school seniors who meet the following criteria:

1. Application must be in the immediate family or a dependent of an active member receiving service from ENMR+Plateau Telecommunications.
2. Applicant must use scholarship to attend an accredited vocational school, technical school, college or university.
3. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent on a 4.0 scale.
4. Applicant must enroll and sustain a minimum of twelve semester credit hours throughout each term during the academic year.
5. Applicant must submit an application form accompanied by two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school the applicant is currently attending and from which the applicant will graduate during the 1999-2000 academic year.
6. To be considered, applications must be fully completed, have no attachments other than the information requested, and must be received at ENMR+Plateau Telecommunications, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1947, Clovis, N.M. 88102-1947, The deadline is March 6.

County political filings pick up

Political filings picked up in Parmer County this week.

On the Democrat side, Bobbie Pierson filed for county tax assessor-collector, and Johnny Actkinson filed for re-election as 287th District Attorney.

Other Democrats who already had filed were Ronald Byrd, for Pct. 3 (Farwell area) county commissioner, and Jesse Cantu Jr., for county tax assessor-collector.

On the Republican side, Teresa Ancira filed for county tax assessor-collector; Jerry Davis filed for re-election as Pct. 3 county commissioner, and John Tannahill filed for re-election as Pct. 1 (Friona area) county commissioner.

The only other Republican who had earlier filed was Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger, for re-election.

The only incumbent who has not filed yet, but is expected to, is Parmer County Attorney Charles Aycock. The longtime Democrat is unsure about filing again on that party's ticket or switching to the GOP.

As for races in the primary election, the only one that has shaped up so far is for county tax assessor-collector. The post had been held by Doris Herington the past 12 years, but she is retiring from office.

Cantu and Mrs. Pierson will vie for the Democrat nomination, while Mrs. Ancira is unopposed for the GOP nomination so far.

Rumors are continuing that two other persons may throw their hats into the political ring:

-- Former Pct. 3 county commissioner Robert White, the county's Democrat chairman, who was defeated for re-election four years ago, is considering running against Byrd in the Democrat primary.

-- Friona Police Chief Randy Geries is considering running against Yerger in the GOP primary. Geries lost to Sheriff Rex Williams, a Democrat, in the 1992 general election.

The filing deadline is Jan. 3.

Christmas Memories

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



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The Latest

They always say not to write a list of names in the paper because you always forget someone.

Such was the case in last week's Tribune. We cited all the Farwell Steers -- and inadvertently left off Paul Franse, one of the key players on the team.

The Lubbock newspaper has named its All-South Plains Six-Man football team -- and Lazbuddie's Jeffery Seaton is listed as honorable mention for the running back spot.

The Parmer County Junior

Livestock Show is just around the corner.

Parmer County 4-H'ers will need to go by the Extension Office Jan. 3-7 to fill out their entry forms.

Stock Show dates:
-- Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. for Friona at the Friona Community Center.

-- Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. for Farwell at the Farwell Community Center.

-- Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. for Lazbuddie at the Friona Community Center.

-- Jan. 19-22, Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona Community Center.

Effective Dec. 31, Dr. N.B. Chasteen, Farwell's family practice physician, will no longer have her clinic under the management of St. Mary Medical Group and Covenant Family Healthcare System.

The Twin Cities received a light covering of snow on Monday afternoon. Unfortunately, the streets iced up for Tuesday, making driving treacherous.

County 'Drug dog' to be allowed in Lazbuddie school

The Lazbuddie School Board on Dec. 16 approved a policy allowing drug-detecting dogs in the school, if necessary.

The Parmer County sheriff's department recently purchased a drug-sniffing dog. Its handler is deputy Keith Payne, of Bovina.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved two new substitute teachers -- Cristina Nordine and Jodi Morris.

-- Approved the annual audit by Randy Field CPA.

-- Reviewed the 1998-99 Academic Excellence Indicator System report. It reaffirmed the statistics published in the Tribune last fall showing Lazbuddie to have exemplary status.

The report will be presented to the community at a meeting in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. on Jan. 13.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 19, Eliazar Delacruz Jr., 17, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 17, Feliciano Chacon, 29, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 18, Daniel Salas, 36, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of non-payment of a fine on a charge of DWI 2nd.

On Dec. 18, Sonny Reyna, 34, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., DWI and driving with a suspended license. The case is pending in county court.

Recipe of Week

Microwave Tiger Butter Candy

(Easy To Make)

- 1 pound bark or white chocolate
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter or creamy
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

Melt almond bark and peanut butter butter in microwave 3-4 minutes on medium power, stirring after 2 minutes. Spread mixture onto a foiled - lined cookie sheet - spray lined cookie sheet with Spam. Melt chocolate over low heat or 1 or 2 minutes on medium power in microwave. Drizzle chocolate over peanut butter mixture and swirl together. Chill break into pieces to serve.

Baked Caramel Corn

- 1 c. butter
- 2 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. corn syrup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 6 quarts popped corn

Melt butter in sauce pan. Blend in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook for 5 minutes; do not stir. Remove from heat. Stir in soda and vanilla. Pour gradually over popcorn in bowl, mixing well. Spread in 2 shallow baking pans. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool completely, and break apart. Place in air tight containers.

Brown Candy

- 6 c. sugar
- 2 c. evaporated milk
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 lbs. pecans.

Cook 2 cups of sugar in a heavy skillet over low heat for 30 minutes or until carmalized, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Combine 4 c. sugar and evaporated milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add to carmalized sugar gradually, stirring constantly. Cook to 250 degrees on a candy thermometer, hard - ball stage. Remove from heat. Stir in soda vigorously. Add butter. Let stand for 20 minutes. Add vanilla. Beat until mixture loses its luster. Stir in pecans. Pour into a buttered baking sheet. Cool slightly. Cut into squares. Yield, 6 lbs.

Cheesecake Truffles

- 1 pkg. (8 ozs.) cream cheese
- 1 1/3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2/3 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 tbs sugar
- 1 1/1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp pure vanilla

In a medium bowl cream cheese, 1 cup of the graham cracker crumbs, walnuts, sugar, cinnamon and vanilla; mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll each ball in remaining 1/3 cup crumbs. Cover and refrigerate.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May The Richness Of The Lord's Blessings Be With You Through This Season And Throughout The New Year.

The Texico and Pleasant Hill 4-H Clubs and the Texico FFA would like to express their sincere thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their support of 4-H and FFA activities during the year. Folks, we appreciate you!

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mary election.

Thus, if you sign a petition
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in next year's Democrat pri-
mary.

And, obviously, the same
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Thus, if you signed a
Democrat petition, for exam-
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method. And that holds true
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want to vote in the Democrat
primary.



50th anniversary

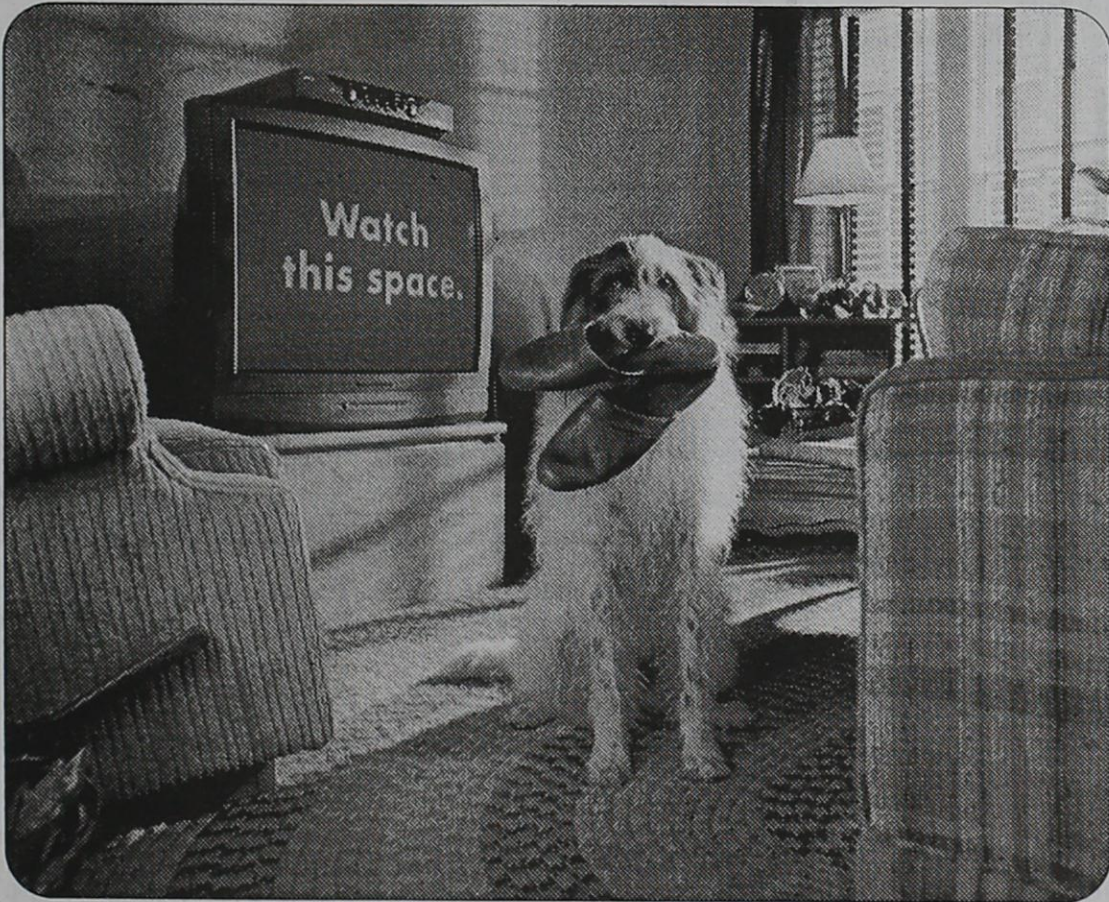
The 50th wedding anniversary will be
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ing at noon, with a reception and dessert
to follow. No gifts are asked; just cards,
please. The Pearces were married on Dec.
25, 1949.



Farwell 9th Girls

The Farwell 9th grade basketball girls are, from top
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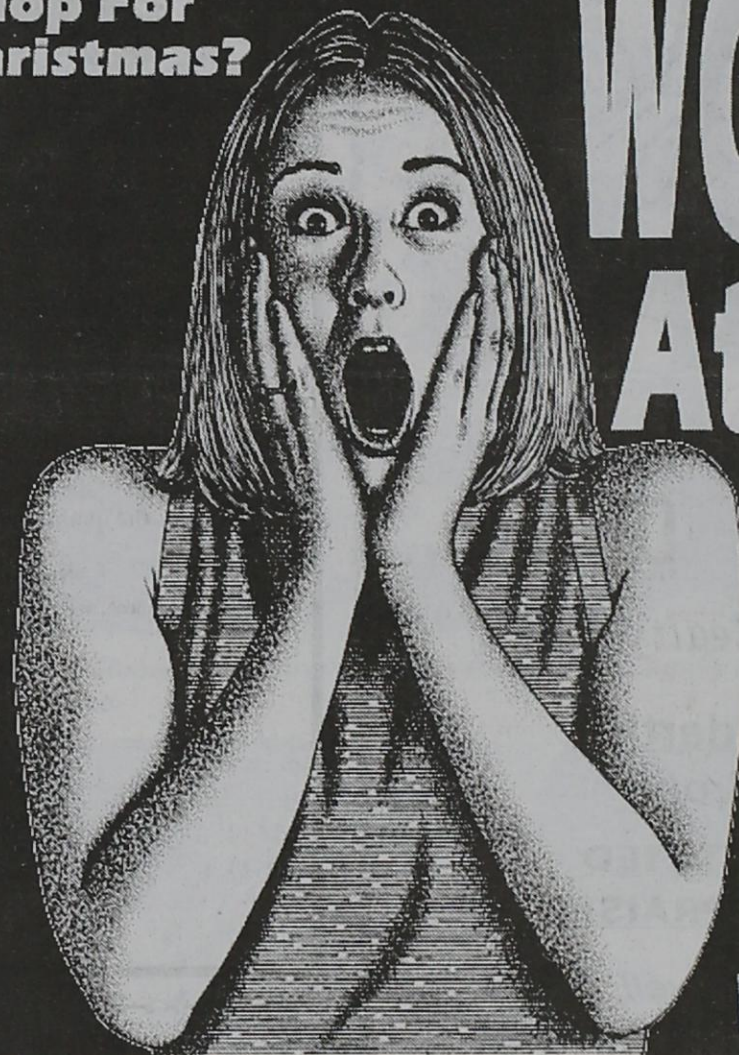
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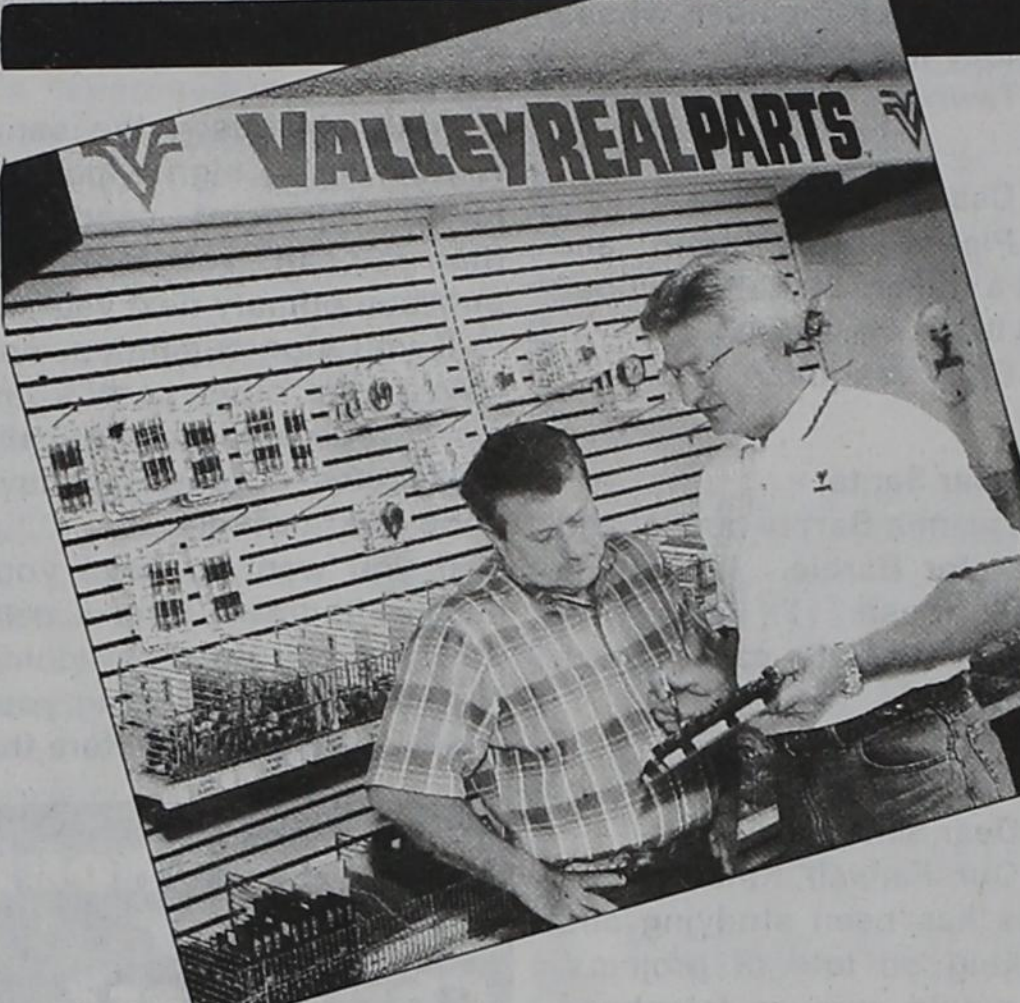
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Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home with great back yard. Call for more details!

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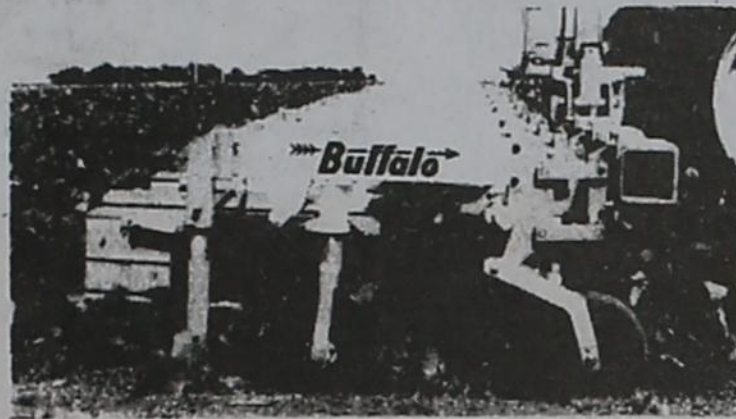
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Gober re-elected

All candidates for election on the High Plains Water Conservation District board of directors were unopposed.

Thus, the Jan. 15 election is cancelled.

Dale Gober, of Bovina, was re-elected to a second 4-year term as Pct. 3 district director

representing Parmer and Bailey counties, and part of Castro County.

Parmer County Committee members are Mitchell Wiseman, Ellen Gallman, Todd Christian, Pat Ware and Tommy Williams.



Alisha Wauson, Cindy Bermea, Michelle Wauson, and Jade Mahaney put out flags for National 4-H week.



Sarah Herington, Jade Mahaney, Hayley Fowler, and Alisha Wauson model their 4-H fashions at the 'Fashion Follies.'

The Latest

The Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held on Jan. 8 starting at 1 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

Entrants need to turn in their weights to the county extension office by Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

The 11th Commencement Convocation was held Dec. 10 at Clovis Community College, with the following area students getting the following degrees:

Associate of Applied Science:
Digital Electronics - David C. Esparza.

Nursing - Kimberley Barnes.

Associate of Science:
Nursing - Esperanza Martinez and Susan Martinez.

Associate of General Studies - Deanne Richardson.

Certificates:
Automotive Technology - Chad Harman Lasiter.

Digital Electronics - Isidro B. Galvan and Justin L. Smith.

Practical Nursing - Aloha Fulcher and Andrea J. Saenz.

Parmer County Treasurer Anne Norton was honored in November for five years' continuing certification as a County Investment Officer (CIO).

She is one of 15 other CIO's from the Class of 1994 who were honored at a special awards dinner in Houston sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties.

Word has been received of the death of Raymond Gonzales, 73, of Muleshoe.

He formerly lived in the Farwell area.

He died Dec. 14 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Tyler Chadwick, a Farwell High football team defensive back, was named to the first team -- defense for Class 2A on the Lubbock newspaper All-South Plains team.

He totalled 61 tackles and four interceptions, plus he blocked a punt for a TD.

He was tabbed District 4-2A Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Named Honorable Mention on the Lubbock newspaper's All-South Plain team were three other Steers -- Clint Corn, running back; Shane Roberts, tight end, and Grant Oppliger, defensive lineman.

A South Plains District 2 4-H Committee Meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Bigam's Barbecue, 3310 82nd Street in Lubbock.

If you have any questions call Cody Hill at the Extension office at 481-3619.

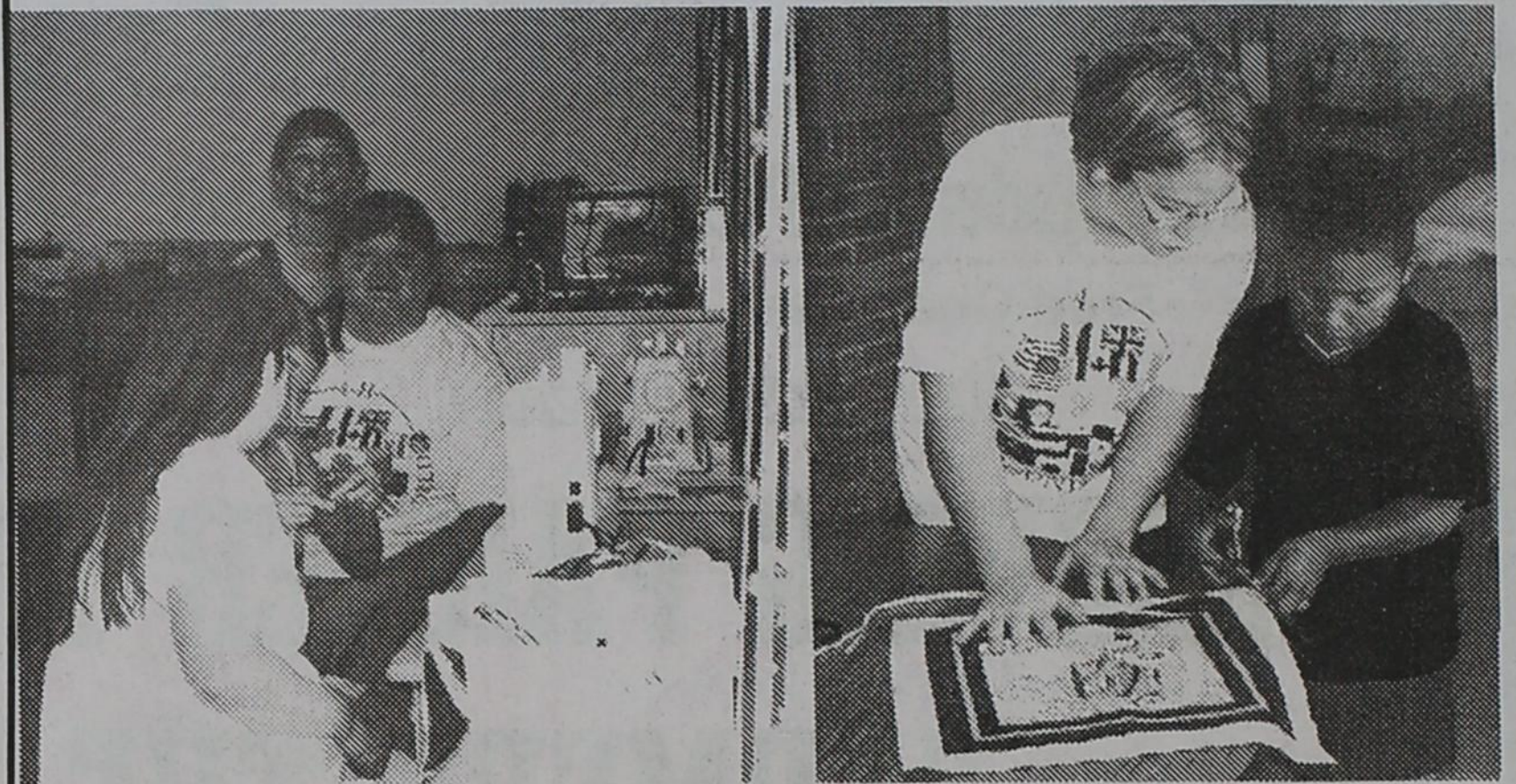
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church's Backyard Mission was active last week.

They received a report of a Farwell family without a proper heating system.

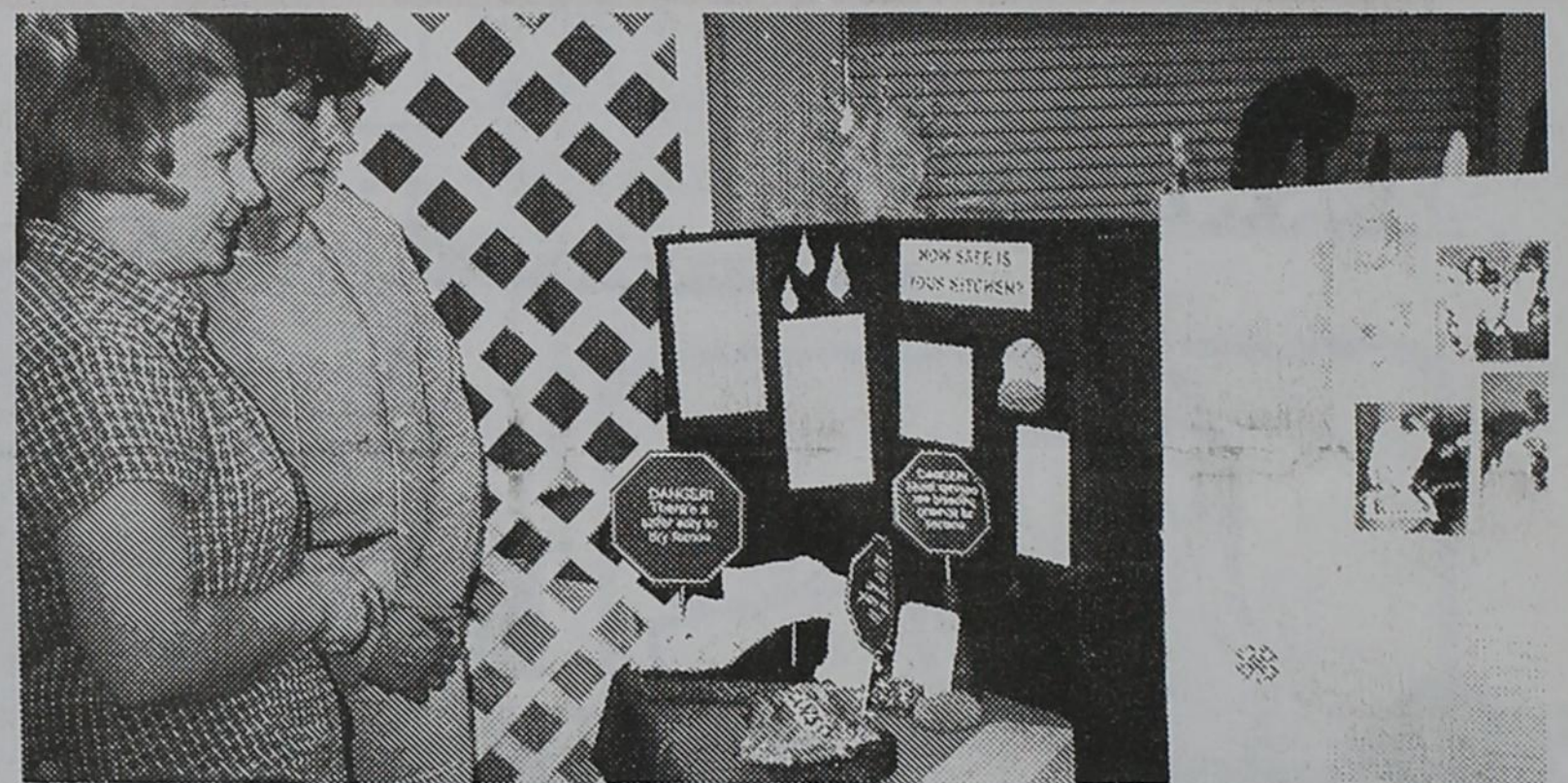
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The Accelerated Reader winners at Texico Elementary

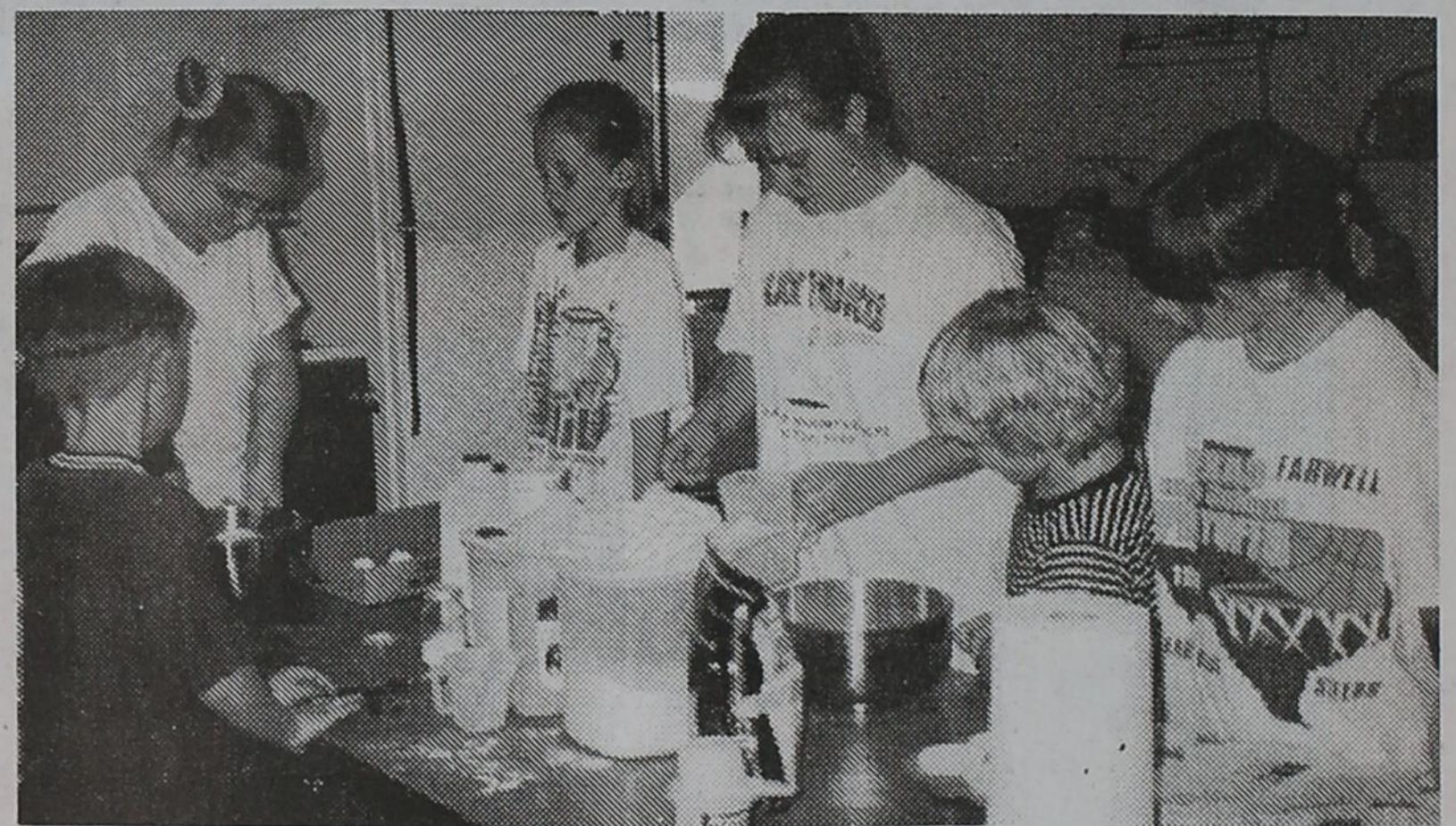
4-H activities



Members of the Farwell 4-H clothing project attended a fashion vest workshop.



Jade Mahaney explains to Rhonda Kirkland some of the hidden dangers in our kitchens.



Members of the Farwell 4-H Food and Nutrition made muffins at their "Wake up to 4-H" Workshop.



Members became Breakfast Detectives learning the importance of eating a good breakfast.

School for Nov. 29 - Dec. 3 are:

Kindergarten - Reed Robison; 1st grade - Stormy Horner; 2nd grade - Monique Pena; 3rd grade - Mark Rivera; 4th grade - Bryn Mayfield; 5th

grade - Paul Salguero. The winners for Dec. 6-10 are:

Kindergarten - Amber Doshier; 1st grade - Destanee Sena; 2nd grade - Jennifer Shirley; 3rd grade - Markita

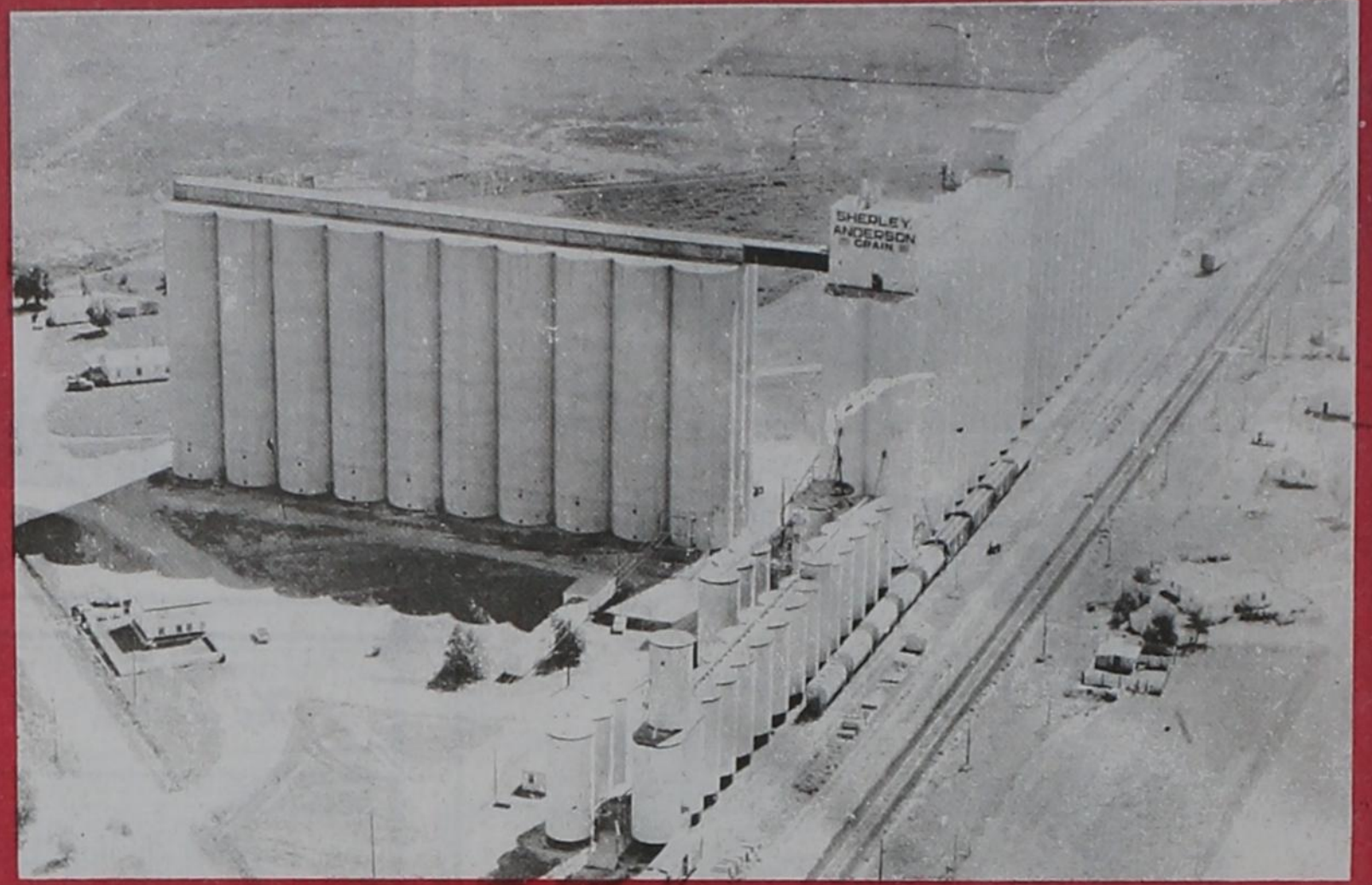
Askew; 4th grade - Barbara Vidal; 5th grade - Paul Salguero.

The winners for the \$20 gift certificates were Paul Hernandez, Wacey Williams, and Osvaldo Munoz.



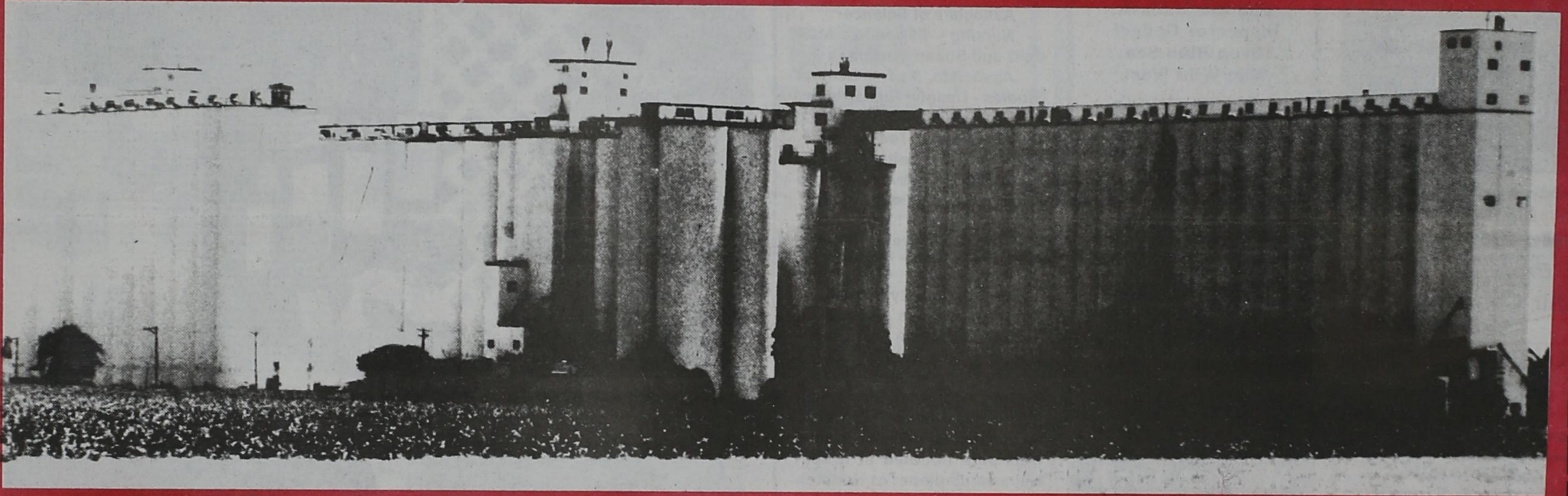
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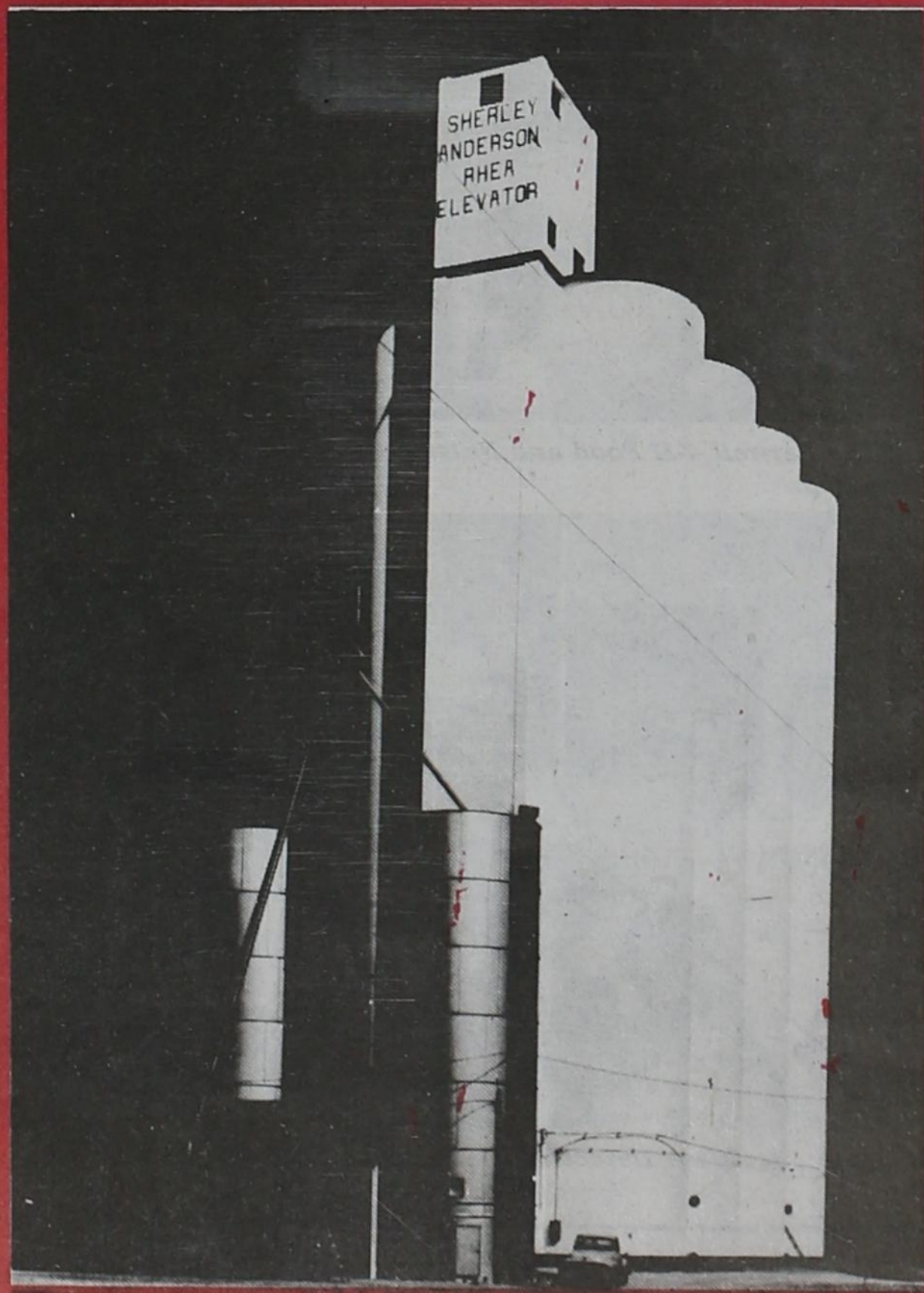
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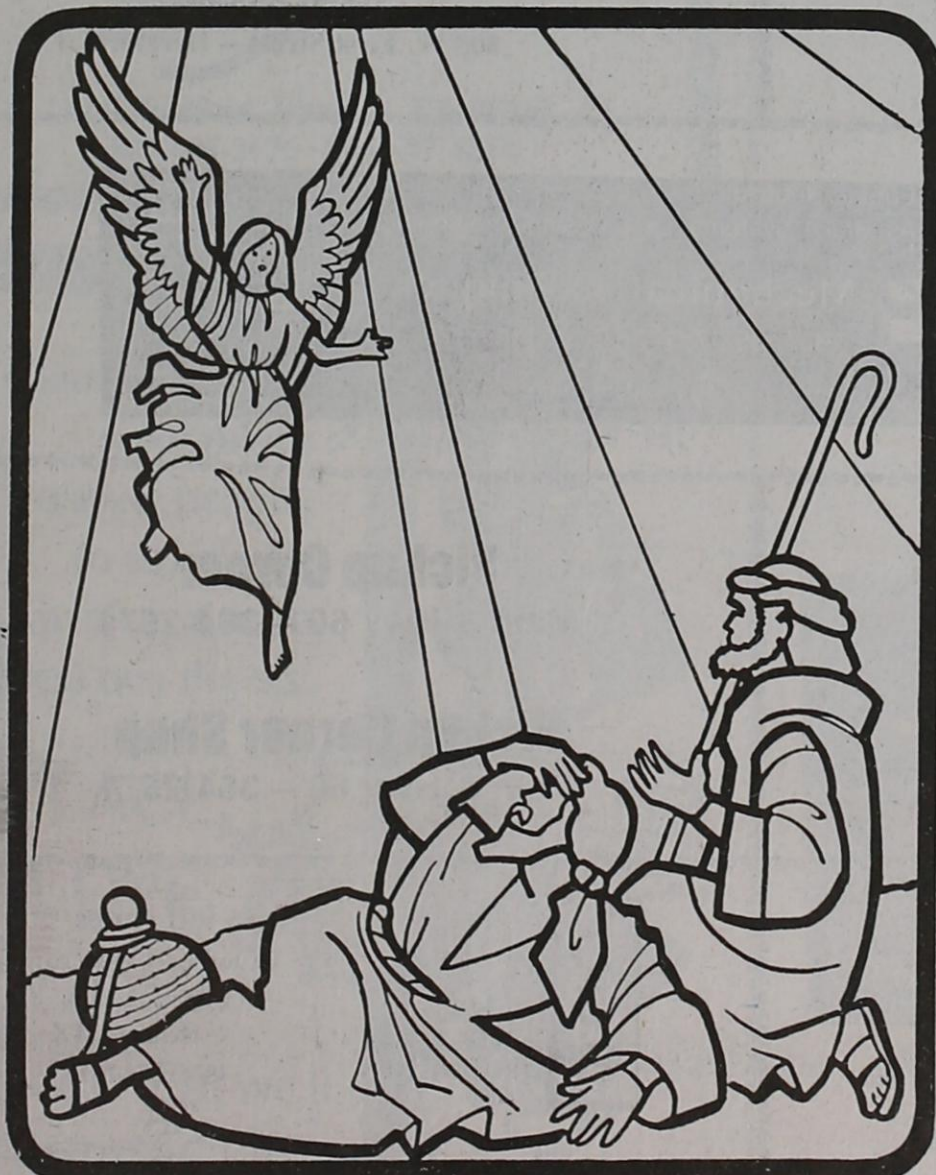
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As we head into 2000...

A few thoughts on our area as we head toward the millennium:

-- The Farwell water committee under the aegis of Farwell city councilman Jerry Stover is vital to our community's future.

I wish this committee all the best as it views Farwell's future water needs. And I trust it will move at a good speed in its quest.

-- No longer does this area depend solely on corn and wheat. And that is good.

Instead, we see a diversification of agriculture and farming that is strengthening our communities.

-- The symbol of our communities are our schools. We need to keep them strong.

In that regard, I wholeheartedly support the Texico School's \$1.5 million bond issue that comes before the voters early next year.

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

We can never stay stagnant when it comes to building or educational needs. We always must look forward.

From Monica Cantu:
Y2K has been a big issue this past year, with a lot of controversy surrounding what the new millennium will bring. Many people think of it as just another year, while others think of it as the "end of the world."

Now, I'm not for one or the other. The way I look at it, I'm ready for it either way. It's that laid back kind of opinion that usually gets me into lots of trouble.

I know some people that are running their credit cards up, having a blast, and just in general living it up until the 'end of the world' comes. While others are storing food, water, blankets, batteries, and anything else they might need for facing problems that might arise in the year 2000.

I'm lucky, I have my parents to worry about all that stuff. They too, are preparing for possible problems that might come up. I agree that we should be prepared, but some people are taking it to the fullest extent of extreme one way or the other.

Be positive. The way I look at it, if the world does happen to come to an end, it will be because the good Lord says it's our time, and if it doesn't, well, be prepared and try to think that if we do have problems in 2000 it's due to technological advances and the price we'll pay is going to be worth it.

If we've gotten this far in 100 years, can you imagine where we'll be in the next 100?

'Santa, my brother would like a pet baby shark'

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, and my sister's would like PlayStation games. My brother would like a pet baby shark.

Lauryn Meyer

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I would like a T.V. for my room. Logan wants a poke-mon red gameboy. Katy would like a new doll. Please bring my dad a CD for Faith Hill and my mom some perfume.

Luke Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a car, a dog or a gun.

Luis Delgado

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo, and bring my sister a snow cone machine.

Jose Garcia

Dear Santa,

Please bring my mom a coffee cup, my dad a T.V. because his was stolen, bring Ashlie a game, Amanda a toy car, Amberli a baby doll and I would like to have a laptop or a charger. I hope you don't get sleepy.

Matthew Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, a game and a jeep. I have been good all year.

Tony Dyck

Dear Santa,
I would like a Poke-mon, and a Hot Wheel's toy jet.

Esteban Graxiola

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. I would like a remote controlled motorcycle for me and Colton. Please bring Kolby stuff for his pickup. Thank you.

Caleb Christian

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring a trampoline, a guitar or everything in baseball. I would like a present on Christmas.

Miguel Vega

Dear Santa,
I want a cat, my brother wants wrestling, and my mom and dad want a car.

Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like Find Furbie, my sister would like a doll, my brother would like a video game, my mother wants a book and my father would like a car.

Lisa Vidal

Dear Santa,
Can I have all the things I want? I want a gameboy the most.

Dustin Claypool

Dear Santa,
I would like some Barbies, a bike and a Barbie's magic boom box.

Karen Sanchez

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



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Dear Santa,
Will you please give me a four remote control car and an army walkie talkie. I've been very good this year.
TJ Serna

I have been good. I would like a skateboard. Please bring my sister a phone, and my little brother a tractor. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Tasha Meeks

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad and Pueblito a horse, Torrey an army helmet, Kory a hat and I would like a bike helmet.
Kyle Jennings

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers feeling? I want some toys. You can bring me toys. I will leave some hay for the reindeers.
Niki Wallin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 10 in 1 game and some earrings for my baby sister Linsi. I have been real good.
Mason Coburn

Dear Santa,
Gaby would like a doll and Kristin wants a Furbie. Bring Kurt a car and Laramie a new baseball bat, as for me, I would like a T.V. for my room.
Keegan Langford

Dear Santa,
I want a Poke-mon watch, a talking Pikachu, a Furbie, a poodle and a chihuahua, a soccerball, a Donkey Kong game, an Elmo shirt, a Brittney Spears tape, a bean pal baby snap and a puppy. My wish for the year 2000 is that everyone will have food.
Lydia Campos

How are you doing? I ask for a skateboard. Could you bring my sister a ballerina? I will leave a cup of chocolate for you.
Khiara Loera

Dear Santa,
Please give Shaleena a tigger and Trey a brother, bring Brother Richard a tie and Karen a dress. I would like a sister.
Brenee Laverty

I want a deer for mom and dad. My brothers and I want a set of cowboy clothes. We also want a toy combine and grain cart.
Heinrich Loeppky

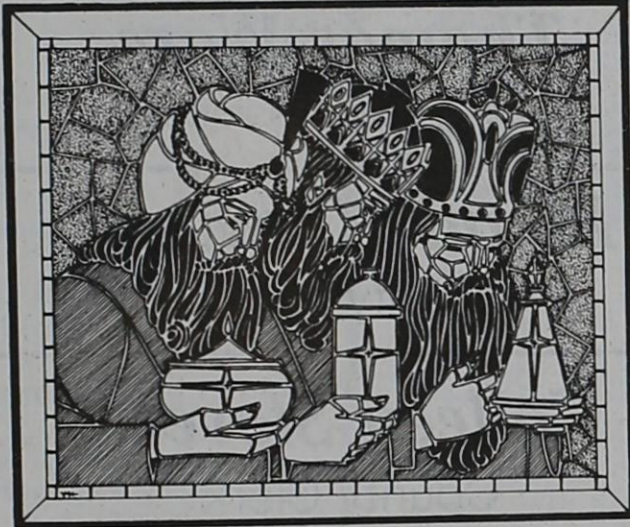
Dear Santa,
Please give mother a happy day, father a kiss for me, my sisters a Barbie and my brother a Poke-mon. I would like a kiss from mom and dad.
Brenda Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want a remote controlled motorcycle, a radio and a T.V.
Chase Meyer

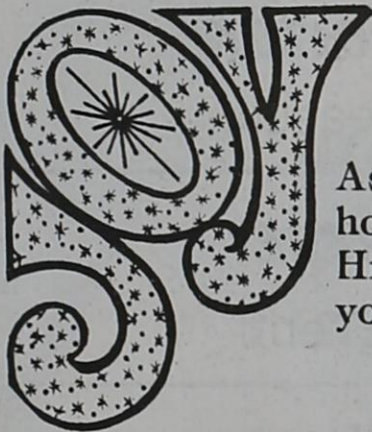
Dear Santa,

Bring mom a robe, dad some boots, my brother a car, and I would like a video game.
Nathaniel Gonzalez

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The Lazbuddie varsity girls team includes: front row from left, Kayla Kimbrough, Mayra Hernandez, Staci Foster, Savannah Black; back row, Scottie Brown, Laura Jo Via, Kendra Gallman and coach Carey Sudduth. Not pictured is Leah Turner.

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'Santa, my dad wants a swimming pool'

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me and tell me the presents you can't bring me.
Jennifer Campos

Dear Santa,
I want a big dollhouse, a

doll, a big bike and a Furby. My sister wants a big teddy bear, my mom wants a new house, and my brother wants a tractor.

Jade Liggins

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I want beanie babies, a new shirts and pants. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.

Laney Christian

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, a Barbie tent and a basketball.

thank you for my presents

last year.

Ashlee Howard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and helper. Please bring me a my pal 2000, and for my little brother a match box space-base and deep sea explorer. And 2 power rangers jet jammers -- a black one for me and a blue one for my brother.

Oscar Walls -- and my little brother Jonah Walls

Dear Santa,
May I have a remote control car. I am trying to be

good. Oh, and I want a dirt bike motorcycle, too.
Colton Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a Poke-mon ball, a Poke-mon watch, a Donky Kong Nintendo game, a Poke-

mon movie, a chihuahua, a magic eight ball, a B.B. gun, a computer, and a song called grandma got ran over by a reindeer. My wish for the year 2000 is for everybody to get what they want.

Frankie Rodriguez

Lazbuddie pupils recognized

The Lazbuddie Elementary students of the month for December are:

Pre-K - Karina Galavis, daughter of Lisa Galavis.
Kindergarten - Dakota Epperson, daughter of Sean Epperson.

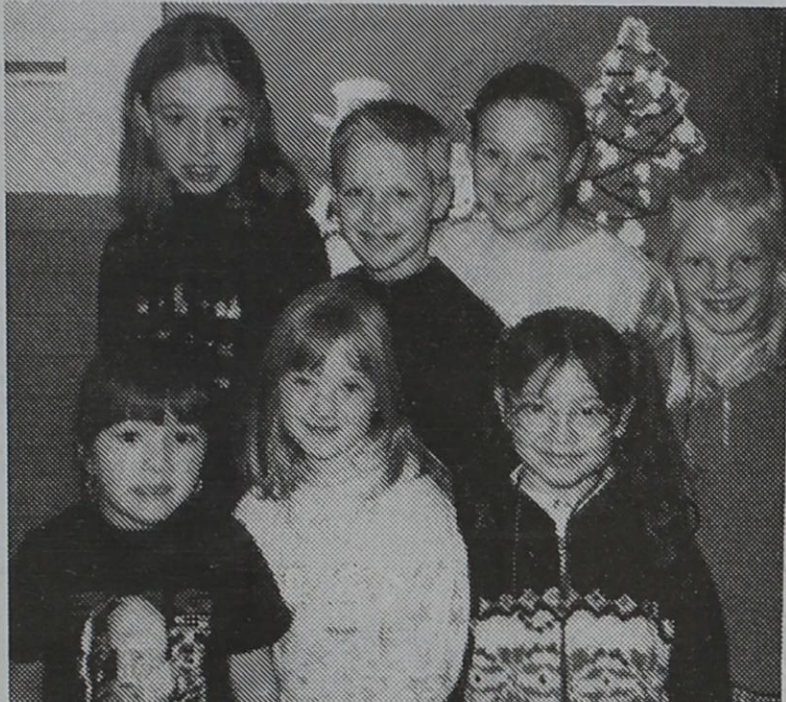
1st grade - Joseline Garcia, daughter of Jose and Cruz Marquez.

2nd grade - Kinzi Schacher, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher.

3rd grade - Brock Steinbock, son of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock.

4th grade - Rochelle Smith, daughter of Randy and Terry Smith.

5th grade - Amberlee Steinbock, daughter of Dennis and Tanya Steinbock.



Pictured from back row left: Rochelle Smith, Brock Steinbock, Amberlee Steinbock, and Kinzi Schacher. Front row: Karina Galavis, Dakota Epperson, and Joseline Garcia.

'How Great A Matter A Little Fire Kindleth!'

James III:5

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Farwell City Attorney




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'Santa, I will leave you a calculator'

Dear Santa,
I would like a club house, my mom would like some new perfume, my brother needs a blanket, my dad wants a cowboy blanket, and my sister a pair of shoes.
Tabitha Attaway

Dear Santa,
Please bring my sister a CD player, my brother a big screen T.V., my friend \$100,000,000,000, and my aunt a car. I would like a Nintendo 64 and a big screen T.V.
Isai Castro

Dear Santa,
Please bring Max a PlayStation, mom a candle, Lora a computer and dad a yard. And would like a Barbie jeep.
Cindy Bermea

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog tag for my puppy, dad wants some power tools, mom would like a big screen T.V., bring my little brother a Zelda for the Nintendo 64 and my big brother a pocket knife.
Colton Christian

Dear Santa,
Please give Colton a horse and daddy some clothes. I would like an army helmet, Kyle wants a bike helmet, and Tyler wants a computer.
Torrey Davis

Dear Santa,
Please give dad a game, mom a ring, Lincoln some trucks, and Cassidy a baby doll. I would like a real camera.
Cambry Devault

Dear Santa,
Please give mom some money, dad a game for the PlayStation, my nana a puppy and Ashlie some makeup. I would like an army helmet.

Jayson Dixon

Dear Santa,
My mom and Hailey would like a necklace, my dad would like a watch. Bring Roper a rope and I would like a baseball glove.
Laramie Fulcher

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy with games, a black and silver bike and helmet, some books to read and some movies.
Lane Divin

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, roller skates and a play farm with all the things.
Seth Russell

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming pool, a bike, a trampoline, and a big Barbie.
Keena Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a motorcycle, and a bike.
Vicente Solano

Dear Santa,



O Come All Ye Faithful
May you and your family be blessed with happiness.

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I want CD's for my new computer, an airplane with a remote control, a Mickey Mouse game and a playhouse. I want new clothes for Ashley and a Merry Christmas, a duck puppet and a book that sings, so that my mama can show her the pictures.
Shea Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a play shreader, a coffee pot so that I can put water in it, and a jeep.
Ross Steinbock

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie house for Christmas, and books with batteries to read about Pooh Bear. My tia Jenetter wants an angel pin, Liana wants a

beany baby bird, mommy wants a candle with flowers. Don't catch a cold!
Selena Suniga

Dear Santa,
I want one of those white computers, and a little yellow puppy. You already know how to get to my house.
Face Fly

Dear Santa,
I want anything that he wants to give me - just as long as it's not a boy car. I just wanta Barbie, a bike and a doll. Santa, thank you for the presents you gave me and I am thankful for you.
Gaby Navarette

Dear Santa,

I want a robot, a playhouse and a remote controlled car. How are your reindeers? I will leave you a calculator.
Tanner Autrey

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a Barbie house, a Barbie bike and Barbie food. That is funny that one of the reindeer has a really red nose.
Rossy Sosa


Dear Santa,
I want a rollerblade doll, Barbie rollerblades and a barbie CD. Santa, how do your reindeers fly?
Kristin Langford

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I want a skateboard, Shannon Barbie and a cowgirl doll. How DO your reindeer fly?
Abby Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want some football stuff and a breakable horse with a fence and a barn. Go straight down a dirt road, turn to the right, then you turn to the left, then you jump on the black roof and come down our chimney.
Tyler Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and a race track.
Ballard Saul



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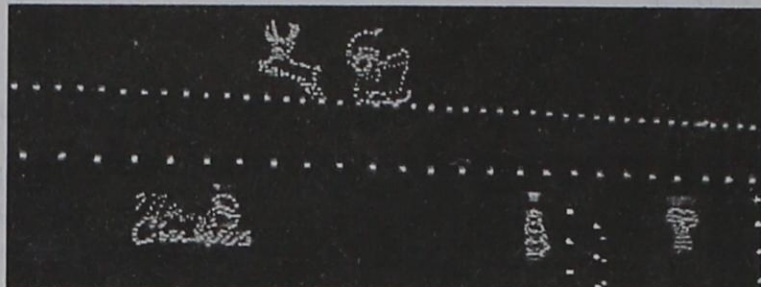
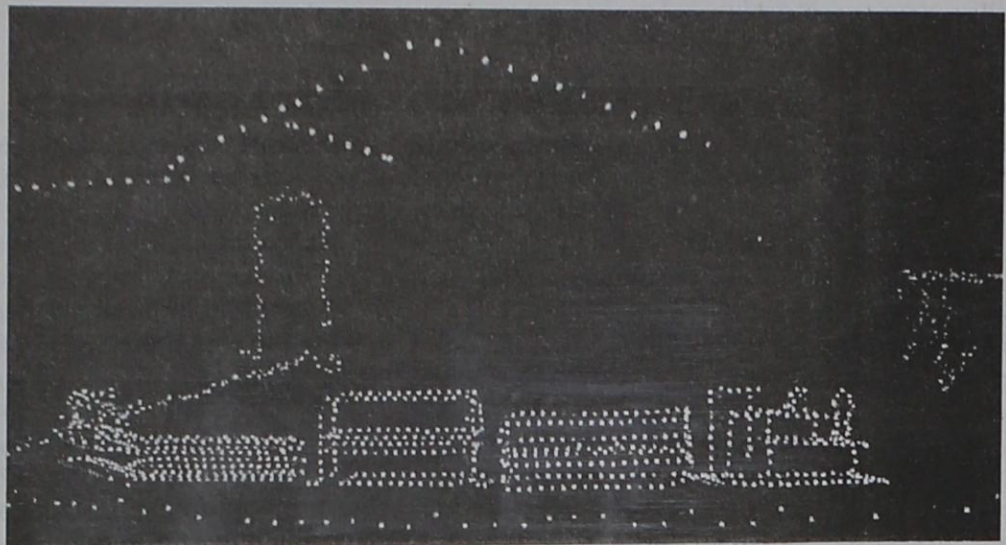
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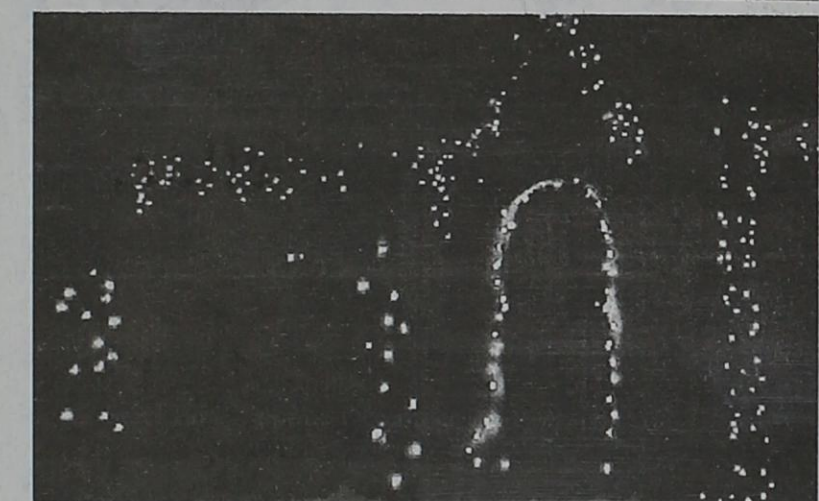


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*The Twin Cities
are full of beautiful
Christmas lights.*



Christ, the Savior, is born

Glad tidings and heartfelt thanks to all our friends. May your holidays—and all days—be filled with His blessings.

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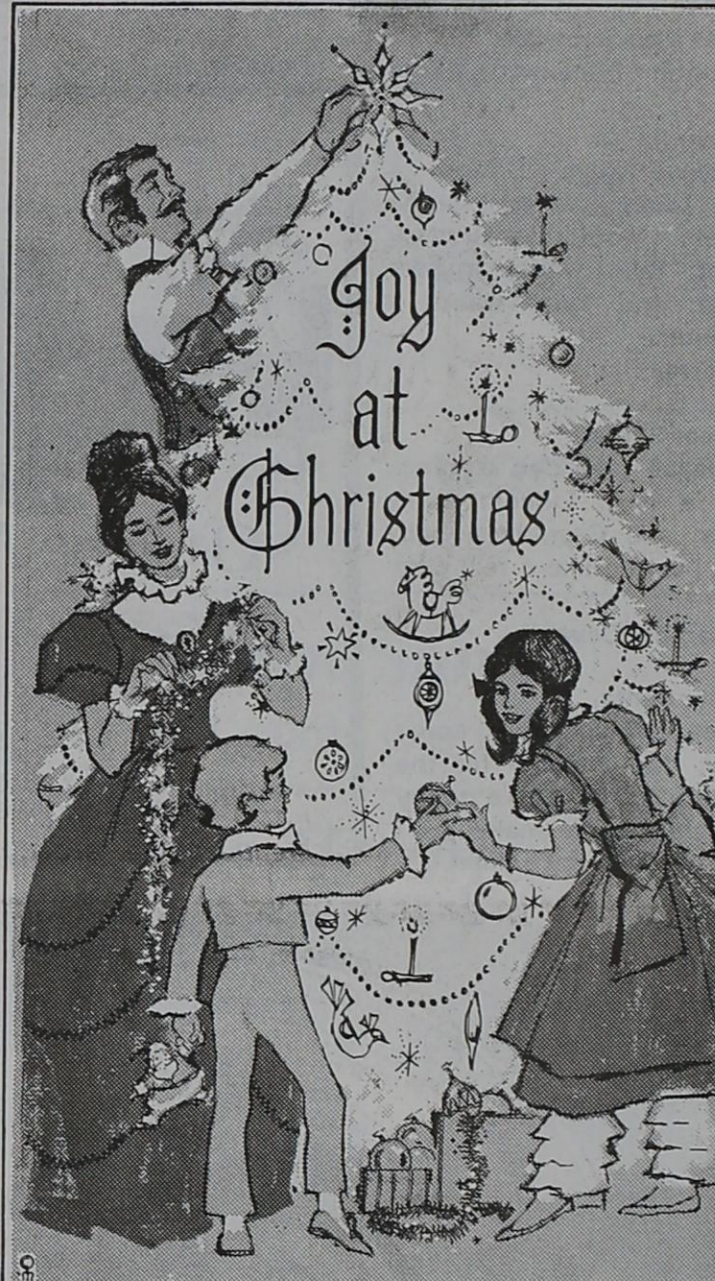
*In this blessed
season may you
and those you
love be filled
with the
wonder of
His Birth.*



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Farwell, Texas

'Santa, I want a trampoline and an airplane'

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer are doing good, and Mrs. Claus. I want a remote control durango. Me and my brother want a new dog.
Randy Reeser

Dear Santa,
Give Gaby a barbie, Keegana dollhouse, Brenee a stuffed lion and Cindy a stuffed puppy. I would like a stuffed rabbit.
Laura Martinez

Dear Santa,
Torrey would like a bike, Kyle wants a Nintendo 64, bring my sister's a dollhouse and Mrs. Guthals a computer, as for me, I would like a gameboy.
Christian Meza

Dear Santa,
Please give dad a hat, mom a diamond ring, sis a

beautiful necklace and Mrs. Guthals a nice dress. I would like a PlayStation.
Alysia Reyes

Dear Santa,
Bring mom a bike, dad a tool box, my brother a basketball, a bestfriend a new bike. I would like some new clothes.
Gabrielle Vidaurri

Dear Santa,
Bring me a barbie girl, skates, a hammer and a puppy.
Adilene Garcia

Dear Santa,
Bring me a monster truck.
Davon Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Woody and Buzz, a car of Batman, and a Barbie and a Barbie car for my sister.
Ruben Gutierrez



Dear Santa,
I like a bike with training wheels, coming to school, Mrs. Armstrong, mom and dad, and computers and reindeer.
Stephanie Jacobs

Dear Santa,
I want a little horse and a little guy, and I want a puppy that walks.
Zachary Alvarado

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents, toys and candy.
Dylan Stout

Dear Santa,
I want to buy you a Christmas tree and an animal. I want to buy you a costume suit. Leave the lights on.
Drake Rubio

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. Happy Halloween. Bring me a new policeman remote controlled motorcycle.
Riley Teltschik

Dear Santa,
Give dad a new wallet, mom a new purse, my sister a new stereo, and my friend \$10,000,000. I would like a motorcycle.
Aaron Warren

Dear Santa,
Bring me a house for my Barbie and a dress with some shoes.
Lydia Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, and a trampoline.
Clara Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep.
Cody Pierce

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and an airplane.
Graciela Meza

Dear Santa,
Give me a trampoline, and don't make my little puppy bite.
Sierra Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a cheerleader doll.

Estrella Meza

Dear Santa,
Please bring mom a dressing room, dad a four wheel, Rudolfo a race car, and Christian a toy motorcycle. I would like a go-cart.
Heber Cardoza

Dear Santa,
Bring dad a 12 gauge, Kayla a Barbie, mom a car and I would like an airplane.
Tyler Cullison

Dear Santa,
Bring dad a horseshoe, mom a job, Sierra and Gentry

a Barbie and I would like a bluejay gun.
Natasha Moseley

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a ring, dad a model airplane, Bryce a Nintendo 64, and papo a fishing pole. As for me, I would like a lego ship.
Mason Howard

Dear Santa,
Bring Justin and me a .22 rifle, mom a lamp, dad a .22 250 rifle, and Keegan a pellet gun.
Jake Ware



Farwell JV Boys

The Farwell JV boys team includes: back row from left, Cody Schilling, Gage Gregory, Thomas Ortiz, Cade Christian, coach Shawn Haseloff; middle row, coach Brent Terry, Gaylen Sudderth, Taylor Nichols, Lane McFarland, Brandon Sanchez; front row, Manuel Garcia, Kolby Kimbrough, Fidel Ruiz, Kris Norton, Fernando Mendez, Tyler Scott.



Merry Christmas to All!
Thanks for your very valued business!

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Merry Christmas



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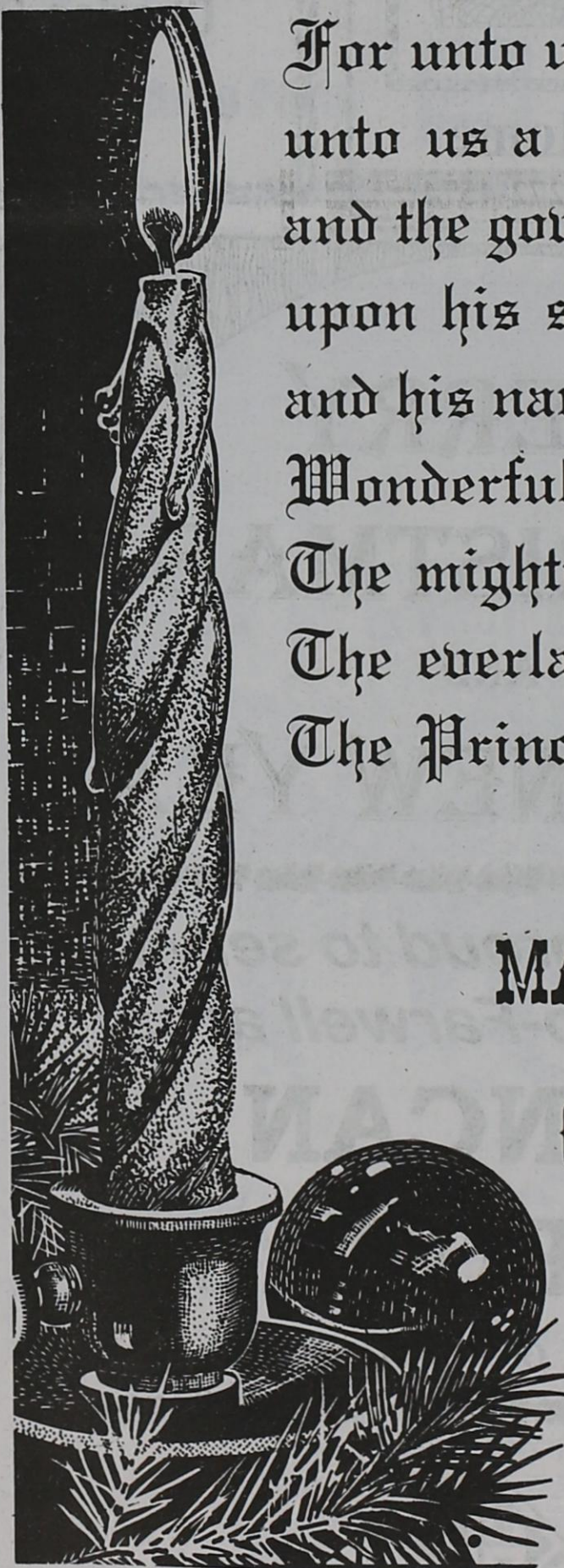
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For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

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'Santa, I help my mom a lot'

Dear Santa, Please bring me and my brothers and sisters a trampoline. I want to know about Rudolph. My baby brother wants a little basketball goal. I help my mom a lot.

Destanee Sena

Dear Santa, I like your elves that make toys. I am trying to be good. Please bring me a shop and bob baby and clothes for me. Sometimes, I am in Portales at my mom's house.

Stormy Horner

Dear Santa, I've been good. I helped around the house. Please bring me a remote control motorcycle. My little brother wants a Hot Wheels car wash.

Dathan McWhorter

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a video game called RAU-2. My mom is good, too. I live in a

white house in Texico. Andrew Ortiz

Dear Santa, I like you Santa because you are good. I am trying to be good. Please bring me a baseball bat and glove and baseball and a shirt of baseball. I want three footballs.

Jose Posada

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing and Mrs. Claus? I want a remote control dirt bike and a yoyo. I will leave cookies and milk and carrots.

Dakota Price

Dear Santa, I'm going to be good. Bring me a Star Wars toy, a basketball and a 3 footballs.

Tre Carrillo

Dear Santa, I want two basketballs, a helmet, a helicopter and a toy gun.

Adrian Reyes

Exchange student at Texico enjoys the American people

by Monica Cantu

Let me introduce Daniel Seigenbruk, of Berlin, Germany. Daniel is a 17 year old exchange student attending Texico High School. He is the son of Christine and David Seigenbruk, and his sponsor family here is Julie and Jake AlderseBaes along with their children.

Daniel says he really likes his sponsor family, especially Jake because he is of Dutch descent and can identify with the customs and traditions that Daniel is familiar with. He also says that he gets along well with the other members of the Aldersebaes family.

When I asked Daniel about his goals, this is what he replied, "In Germany I have three years of school left, so I still have plenty of time to think about it. But I would like to be an architect."

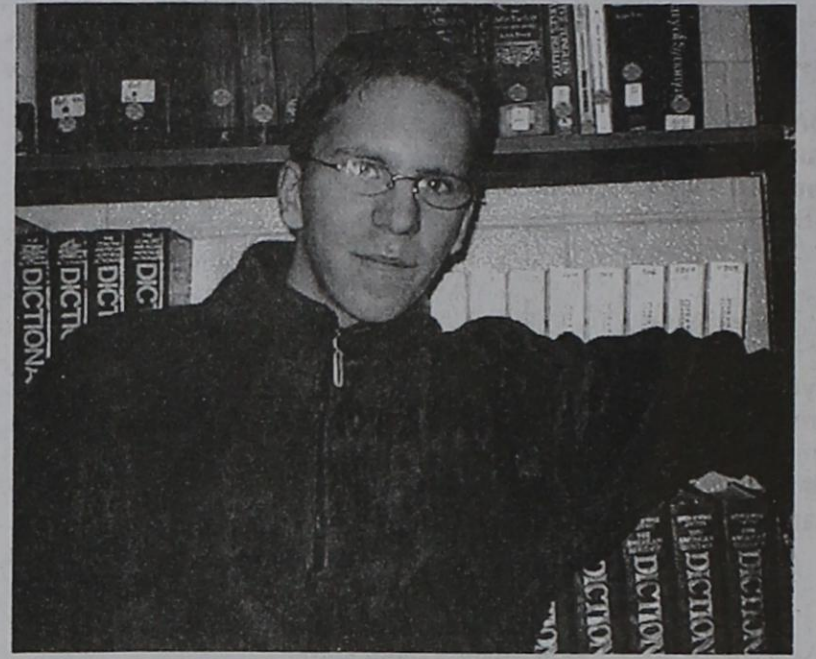
The schooling systems are also different. While in Germany a student takes 13 classes, in America there are only 7. In Germany every day is different, because they run on a block schedule. And from what Daniel says the instructors aren't as involved with their students as the Americans are, and the U.S. schools are better equipped.

Daniel enjoys playing the piano, sports, especially tennis and he is thinking about trying for track in the spring season. Among others on his list of favorites is playing chess, tinkering with computers, surfing the web and emailing his parents. He enjoys all kinds of music but he mostly listens to country and he especially enjoys listening, or rather scoping Shania Twain. He says, "She's hot!"

So what else is Daniel doing to keep himself busy? Well,

for starters he was at the Curry County Fair to see the livestock, which from what he said was rather boring. Other than that he's been living it up by going to church, the movies, the mall or down main street on the weekends.

Daniel says that the whole environment here is different. It's definitely a drastic change coming from a city of 4 million people to a town that has no more than 950. But he is really enjoying his stay. He says the best thing about America are the people. "They are nice and helpful and open."



Daniel Seigenbruk

Sleep In Heavenly Peace

May the warmth of his everlasting love inspire you during this happy, holy season, as you experience a peaceful, joy-filled Christmas. We truly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community.



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With song and prayer we celebrate His Birth. And with joy in our hearts we give thanks to all of you for your support.



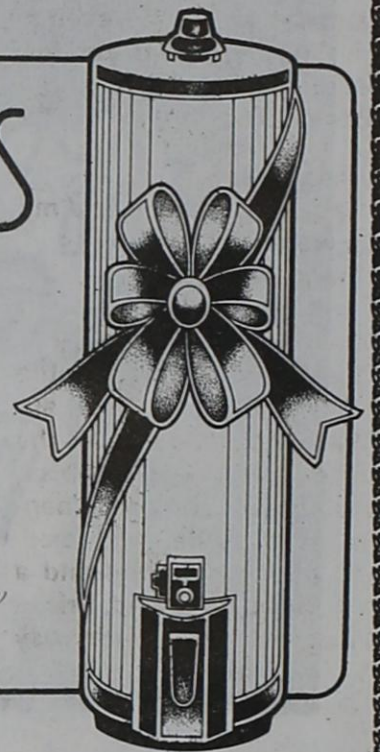
Wishing you joy, harmony and prosperity this Christmas.

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GREETINGS

May your Christmas be aglow in the spirit of joy and peace.



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For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

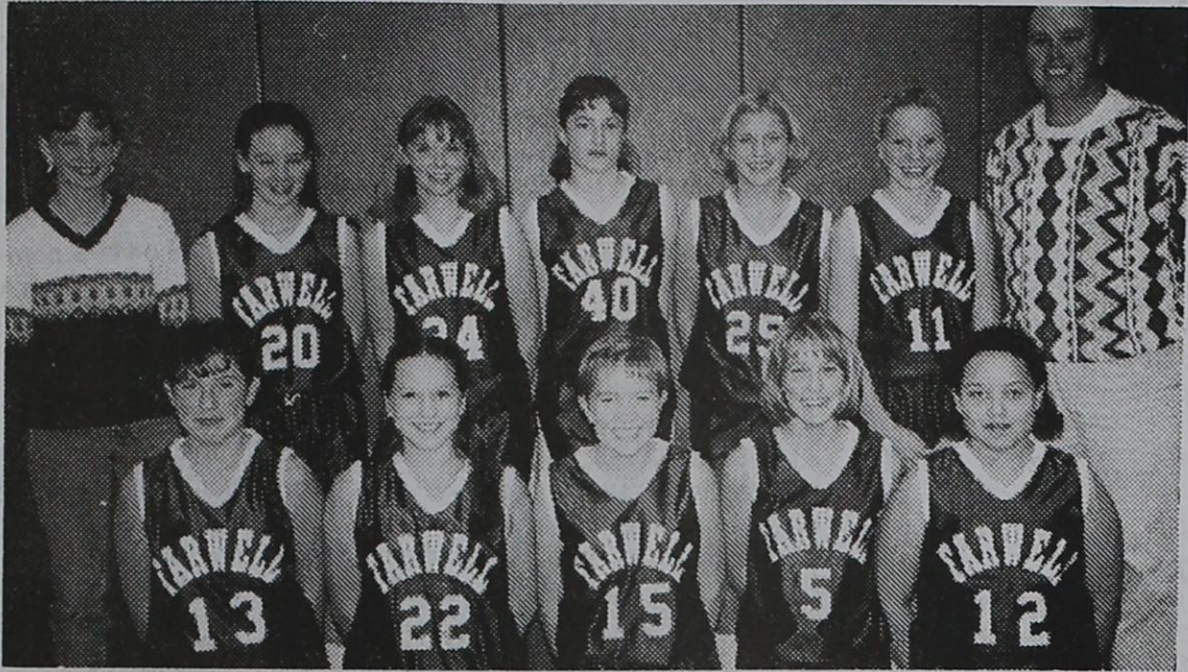
-Luke 2:11

It's with great joy that we thank all of our friends and wish everyone a holiday filled with His love.

From the Members & Staff of the Parmer County

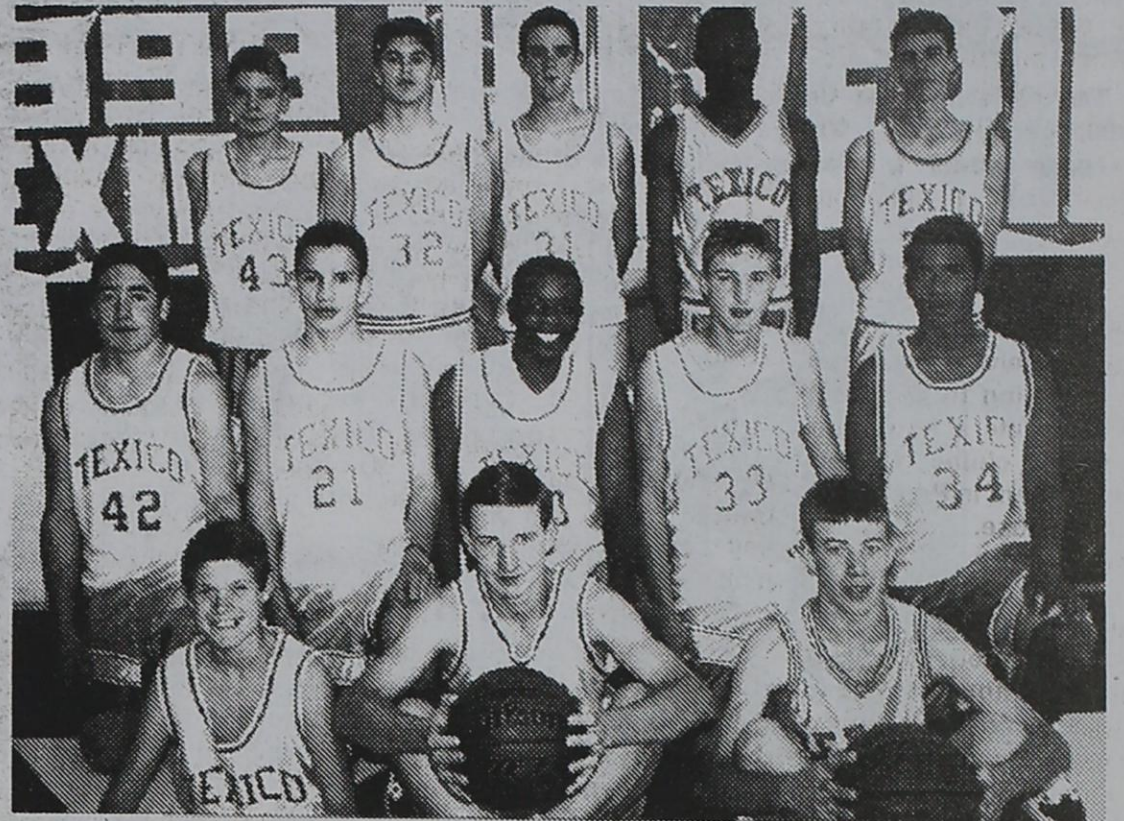
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**Farwell
8th Girls**

Farwell's 8th grade girls team includes, top row from left: Khalie Foster, Mindy Roberts, Chelsea Meyer, Nikki Gober, Kyra Christian, coach Goldsmith; front row, Tara Sanchez, Jaimie Diaz, Hailey Grimes, Tara Schilling, Baleigh Hager.



**Texico
JV Boys**

The Texico JV Boys include, top row from left: Landon Johnson, Kody Vaughn, Matt Jackson, Andre Span, Chase Bradley; middle row: Mark Torres, Adrian Loera, Anthony Askew, Shane Mayfield, Josh Steward; bottom row: Marc Foust, Tyrell Garrett, Joshua Johnson.

'Santa, I wish every day was Christmas'

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car, two boys for Barbie, a playground for Barbie, a kitchen for Barbie, a house for Barbie, even a T.V. for Barbie. Thank you for all the stuff Santa.
Sasha Lard

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and my sister would like a doll.
Angel Navarrette

Dear Santa,
Please bring me all the Poke-mon stuff, lots of superhero comic books, all the Nintendo stuff, beanie babies, a skateboard, the 'red' bandana ninja turtle, and electronic basketball hoop and a lizard. Bring my friend, Eric, a puppy too. I wish every day was Christmas.
Josh Olivas

Dear Santa,
I want a candyland game. Bring my sister some toys, my dad pants and shirts, and my mom a watch.
Tori Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I would like a pogo stick, and my sister Kayla would like a rabbit.
Ashley Sanders

Dear Santa,
I would like an embroidery kit, washcloths, socks, roller blades, and batman toys.
Darla Street

Dear Santa,
I want a blue Poke-mon gameboy. Please get my sissy a doll.
Ray White

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad a

pickup, my mom a kitchen, my sister a basketball court, and my little sister a little toy house. I would like some chaps.

Pueblito Andrade
Dear Santa,
I want a Poke-mon Monopoly game. My grandma Diane wants a billfold and my

papa Johnny wants some Old Spice Cologne.
Landry Actkinson

Dear Santa,
My sister and I would both like bikes for Christmas. Please bring my cousin Rolando a car to play with.
Evelyn Delgado

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Farwell Post Office
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As we celebrate the miracle of His birth, please accept our sincere wishes that you may forever bask in the warmth of His love.

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Best Wishes at Holiday Time

'Tis the time of year,
To get in high gear,
To spend with those dear,
To be of good cheer,
And express our appreciation,
Before starting the celebration!

Many thanks and merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Fransé Irrigation, Inc.
481-3316

Farwell Feed Supply
481-3378

The page featured below comes from the Feb. 13, 1908, special issue of "The Farwell Times." The Tribune is publishing all 32 pages of that special

issue, which featured biographies of local leading citizens of the time, plus features and advertisements. We hope you enjoy this look back at our area's history



L. C. Roberson.

Mr. Roberson, whose likeness we herewith produce needs no introduction on the part of the Times as he is favorably known to all of our citizens.

Mr. Roberson was born at Henrietta, Tex., August 28 1887. When but a lad he moved with his parents to Wichita Falls, Texas, entering the school there and graduated with high honors in the Wichita Falls Business College on May 12, 1905. He immediately came to Texico, and engaged in business under the firm name of Hopping & Roberson, Dec. 4, 1905. He remained with the firm of Hopping-Roberson Mercantile Co. last year when he was elected to the responsible position of Secretary and Treasurer of the company, which position he holds at present.

Mr. Roberson is a striking example of what a young man of energy and adaptation to business can attain, having risen rapidly to the responsible position he now holds.

Socially Mr. Roberson is a young man well liked by all his many friends and acquaintances, and especially esteemed by men in business, who by business relations come in contact with him. Truthfully we can say that should all of our young men de-

vote themselves to business with the energy as has Mr. Roberson, the age of young men would be an age to be looked upon with pride and praise.

Certainly we are to be congratulated upon having young men like Mr. Roberson to live and mingle with us in the daily walk of life.

Ed. T. Massey.

Ed. T. Massey was born in Illinois 1873. At the age of five he moved with his parents to Kansas where he remained until 1891 when he settled at Gage, Okla., where he was engaged in the general mercantile business



for a number of years, and was elected and served the town of Gage as its first mayor. Mr. Massey remained at Gage until December 1905 when he came to Texico and associated himself with the Coker Triplett Mercantile Co. At present Mr. Massey is secretary of the Coker Triplett Co., president of the Texico Ice Light and Cold Storage Co., secretary of the Texico Water Co., and one of the directors of the Roosevelt County Telephone Co. and President of the Trumpet Publishing Company.

Mr. Massey aside from being popular socially is one of our most prominent citizens finan-

cially and has done and is doing much for the up-building of the twin cities.

Post Cards.

You can get views of Farwell on post cards at
Farwell Drug Co.

R. C. Hopping.

Mr. R. C. Hopping was born in Galburry Texas, 1875 and remained there until the year 1901 when he came to New Mexico and engaged in the cattle business until December 1904, when he associated himself with Blankenship & Roberson in the general merchandise business in Texico; in March 1905 becoming a member of the Hopping & Roberson Mercantile Co., and in March 1907 he was made president of the Hopping & Roberson Mercantile Co.

Mr. Hopping is General Manager of the Farwell Wholesale Grocery Co. Mr. Hopping is a highly educated gentleman having obtained his schooling in the best colleges in Texas, and has gradually by close attention and good business principles made for himself and family a living and fortune to be envied by anyone. Truly we can say we are glad to have Mr. Hopping live in our midst.



Farwell JV Girls

The Farwell JV girls team includes: back row from left, Leesa Patterson, coach Doug Boyd, Brandi Bailey; middle row, Ashley Joplin, Megan Norton, Linda Armstrong, Kim Taylor; front row, Lacey Atkinson, Cassie Street, Chrystal Wolven, Yvette Favila.

'My mom has been very good, too'

Dear Santa,
I want a mountain bike. I have been very good and my mom has been very good, too. So if you can, give her a new car.
Jeremy Woodard

Dear Santa,
Please bring my sister a cat, and I would like a B.B. gun. My wish for the year 2000 is for everyone in the whole world to have a piece of gold.
Logan Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a baby cat, a American girl baby named Samantha, a piano and a Tweety Bird backpack.
Brittney Williams

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want a Blastoise, Raichu, Geddude, Wigglytuff and JigglyPuff, Jolteon, Vaporean, Mew and Mew2, Venonal, Venomoth, and a Poke-mon watches. I also want a Lee Medalton doll named Beary Cute, an army suit that is camaflouge gray and black, rollerblades and a dog Tiny. My wish for the year 2000 is for everyone in the world to have a good Christmas.
Kinzi Schacher

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me to the North Pole? I want a game boy and my sister wants a doll with a bottle and my brother wants a train. I am trying to be good but I help my mom a lot.
Shawn-Mykel Rodriguez

'My dad wants a new Impala'

Dear Santa,
I would like a breakable horse, some football stuff and a tractor. I have been good all year.
Russell Schilling

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a toy train that goes when you press a button, and I want a toy Santa Claus.
Megan wants more Barbies, my mom wants more porcelain dolls, and my dad

wants a new Impala. How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?
Tre Orozco

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a computer, and a watch. Thank you for the clothes last year.
Pamela Lara

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a trampoline, and a nail set. I have been a good girl all year.
Crystal Reyes

JOY TO ALL!

The season is the reason for wishing you the very best!

Tannahill Auction Service

Friona, Texas

season's best

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

Farwell Chamber of Commerce

Greetings

It's such a pleasure to say "Thank you" to our many friends and customers at Christmas. Happy holidays!

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109 3rd St., Bovina -- 238-1167

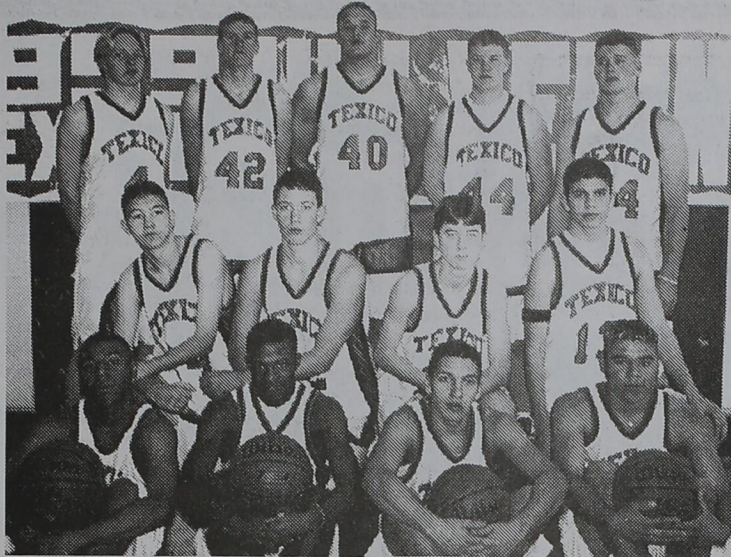
WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

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.

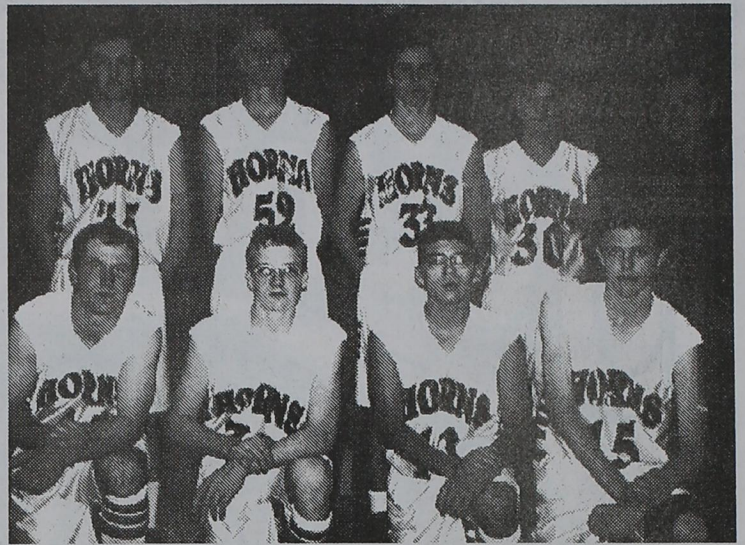
Above all, enjoy this festive time. And, greet the New Year with energy, health and happiness!

Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association



Texico Varsity Boys

The Texico Varsity include, top row from left: Ross Burford, Jacob AlderseBaes, Justin Steward, Kyle Duncan, Josh Boazman; middle row: Chris Sena, Justin Foust, Ryan Autrey, Marcos Loera; bottom row: Shelton Conwright, Chriss Hall, Johnny Sena, Michael Rivera.



Lazbuddie Varsity Boys

The Lazbuddie varsity boys team includes: front row from left, Jeffery Seaton, Trevor Gartin, Gabriel Juarez, Brandon Randolph; back row, Laramie Wood, Tyler Gartin, Bryce Ronek, Jeffrey Phillips, coach Rich Powers.

We pray that the spirit of peace and understanding will prevail throughout this blessed season.

Farwell Spraying Service
481-9374

*May All Your
Christmases Be Bright*

Oklahoma Lane Ag Center
825-3600

Peace

Bright Smiles & Best Wishes
Your friendship and support are greatly appreciated.
Have a wonderful Christmas.

Ron Anderson
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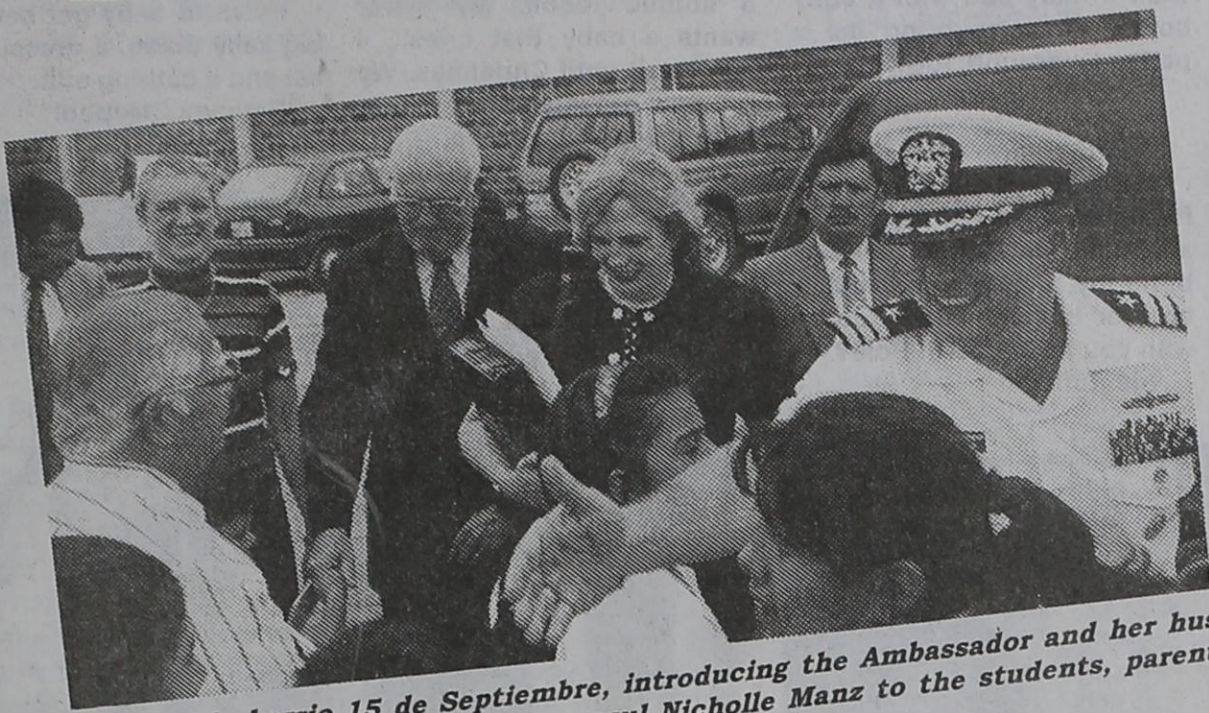
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We will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, for the holiday.

Another Will Anderson adventure



Arrival in barrio 15 de Septiembre, introducing the Ambassador and her husband (Gwen and Dan Clare), vice consul Nicholle Manz to the students, parents and Manta community leaders.

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

by Will Anderson

The city I know better than I know any other in this country is the Port of Manta, because it is the most popular port of call on this section of the South American coast for United States Navy and Coast Guard vessels. I fly to Manta each ship visit to ensure that anything a warship might need in her few days inport is provided, be it fuel or food or mail or emergency leave tickets. But I have found that a major part of every port visit revolves around two US Navy programs, one called Project Handclasp, and the other called Comrel (Community Relations).

Project Handclasp is a long-standing program in which companies from all across America will donate a portion of their products held in surplus for any reason, and they are placed in USN warehouses on both coasts (that includes about anything, but canned foods, medical supplies, and clothing are the most common). Deploying USN ships normally reserve one storeroom onboard to store these items prior to deployment, and the Navy is thus able to deliver these items, free of charge, during overseas port visits, to communities in greatest need.

Comrel is simply the voluntary donation of material and labor by Navy and Coast Guard sailors and embarked Marines during port visits, in whatever local projects may need their help. In my time here, I have worked with the service organizations of Manta (Rotarians, Kiwanis, etc) and with the sisters of the local convent, San Claver, to have projects identified for each arriving ship. Every ship so far has had dozens of volunteers, and we have painted, fixed plumbing, installed lights, and done small construction in schools and clinics in the poorest barrios in the region.

Barrio in Spanish, favela in Portuguese, every country has a name for these poor communities. The landless classes of South America must build their families' homes on lands unclaimed and unexploited by wealthier levels of the societies. These sites, on hillsides too steep for cultivation, in fields depleted of nutrition years ago, or in the foodplains of valleys,

provide life for these families. This life is harsh most of the time, but you could never tell it during the Comrel projects I've seen so far. The children run and laugh after the sailors and Marines at their work, chattering away with those who can speak Spanish, and laughing as they try and teach Spanish to the others. The barrio's parents come to help in whatever the project may be, and the sincere warmth and friendship you see in their faces transcends any language barrier there may be.

There is a barrio named 15 de Septiembre (many locations here are named for historic dates) that has been a particular favorite for visiting US ships in the last six years, located on the banks of the Rio Manta, about a mile from the Port. The land is fertile and the setting is beautiful, but every 10 to 15 years, the climatic phenomenon called "El Niño" returns, and the coast of South America is ravaged by months of rains. In the past year, El Niño has savaged a major portion of Ecuador's economy, damaging major portions of its cash exports (shrimp, roses, shrimp, bananas, coffee, palm oil, etc). The barrios all had to struggle through as the rains brought with it floods and landslides. The country as a whole is still recovering from the damage, as the residents of 15 de Septiembre are doing with a little helping hand from visiting American servicemen and servicewomen.

The school in 15 de Septiembre has been built almost entirely with Handclasp and Comrel from visiting United States ships over the last six years, a simple courtyard, four classrooms, desks and lighting and plumbing, all adorned with the decals of ships that provided volunteers. Volunteer teachers from more prosperous neighborhoods give their time to teach these children the basics, the Peace Corps volunteers help with the English classes, and sailors have donated a wide variety of books. All this is necessary because with the recent economic distress, the government of Ecuador cannot afford to build a real school here, or to provide teachers.

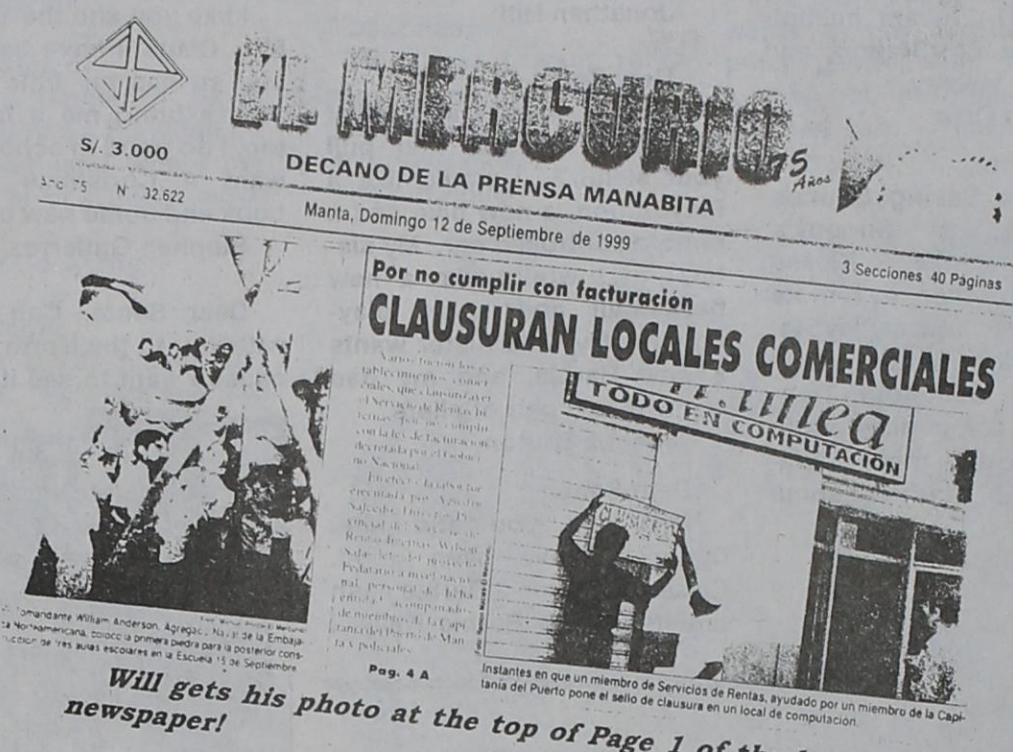
Things are changing for the better now, with many individuals contributing in their own way. Architects in the Rotary Club of Manta drew up the design for a permanent six-classroom school in this barrio, with an estimated total cost of \$11,000 U.S. dollars. Other Manta Rotarian businessmen looked at the plans, agreed to provide materials at cost, and the estimate was reduced to \$8,000, if only the funding could be obtained.

Given these plans and estimates, I met the four USN ships that arrived in Manta in August (O'Bannon, McInerney, Carter hall, City of Corpus Christi), and spoke with the embarked chaplain captain, Father O'Neill. Before the ships departed Manta, \$1,500 had been donated to the school fund being administered by the Rotarians. Visiting ships are still passing the hat, naval attaches that served here before me are mailing me checks, Father O'Neill is asking for a special donation from his parish back in California, and bit by bit, we are approaching our goal.

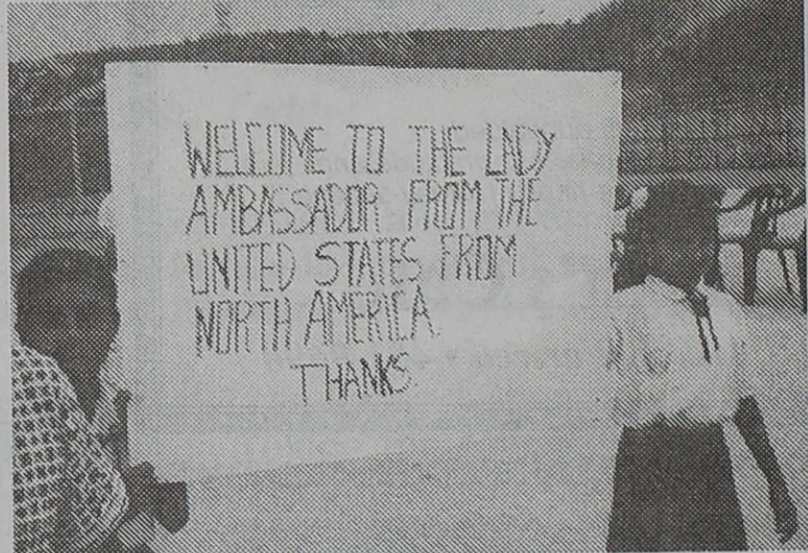
The ball started rolling when construction has begun on the first three classrooms, and the mayor of Manta directed that the city provide the material for the barrio families to construct a wall around the school courtyard. Expatriate American businessman, Doug Burke (an oilman originally from Oklahoma) donated the iron gate for this courtyard, plus four swingsets to give the children their first playground there. The city of Manta also pledged that when the school is completed, that funding would be located for the city to provide the school's teachers and books.

Last month, I was given the honor of placing the cornerstone of the new school, and to enjoy the barrio festival for this occasion with my wife, Ginger, and girl, Courtney (the local newspaper declared Courtney to be the American Ambassador to Children). But the biggest day was when our Ambassador, Gwen Clare, visited this small barrio in October. With the festival in her honor and all the coverage from Ecuadorian newspapers and television stations, 15 de Septiembre is finally gaining the attention it has deserved for years. The afternoon was filled with music and happiness, but more than anything, it was filled with hope for a better future for this barrio and its children.

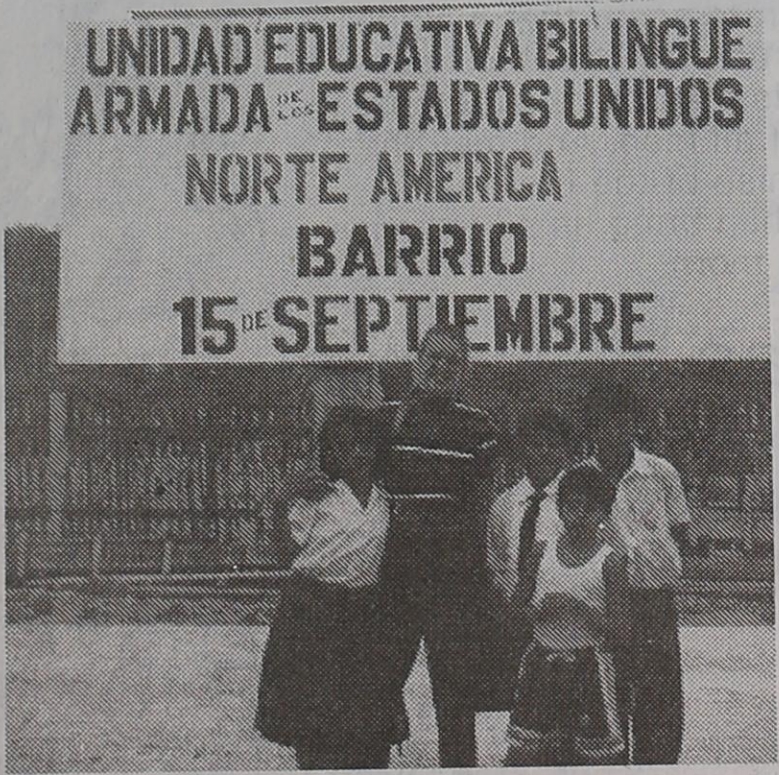
Being a naval attaché can be paperwork and bureaucracy at times. Ecuador is faced with challenges from foreign terrorists, domestic crime, economic chaos, climatic destruction, and a couple of good sized volcanoes. But nothing was going to bother me on this day, looking at all the happiness around me, and looking up at the sign with the name of the school printed on it, UNIDAD EDUCATIVA BILINGUE ARMADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NORTE AMERICA. (The U.S. Navy School!)



The ambassador and her husband, in front of the new construction with some of the students, Col. Garcia (USAF), Major Miller (USA) and me.



The other sign welcoming the Ambassador and our party in English.



The schoolhouse under construction with the sign proclaiming its naming in honor of the U.S. Navy.



Vice Consul Nicholle Manz (and a couple of dozen of her new friends) on one of the four swingsets donated by U.S. businessman Douglas Burke, who has lived and worked in South America for 20 years.

'Santa, my dad wants a new pair of pliers'

Dear Santa,
For Christmas my sister wants a CD player and a Brittney Spears and Christina Aguilera CD. I want bellbottoms and a PlayStation, and mom wants jewelry.
Jazmine Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want a Saving Sounds Bank and a Snoopy's Snowone Machine. Please bring my brother a remote controlled car and a PlayStation, my baby sister would like Pooh's Delightful Treehouse and some playdough. Could you bring mom a diamond bracelet, and dad some golf clubs?
Katlin Luscombe

Dear Santa,



Sittin' in the Corner by Wade Cargile

'twas 4 months 'fore Christmas when all through the stores, shoppers going crazy, killing Christmas joy.

There are stockings and trees, and glitter things by two; forgetting Halloween and Thanksgiving, too!

Children are crying for toys galore, as their mothers drag them through the department store.

Telling them "Christmas, you see is just around the corner." I sigh and feel bad, just another Christmas mourner.

Christmas past is just a memory for me, When I remember the joy My kids will not see.

I think of St. Nick, as he tries to prepare another Christmas with feelings of despair.

My brother and I would like a rifle. Thank you for the toys. I hope you have a safe trip here.
Jonathan Hill

Dear Santa,
How is Packer and all of the other reindeer that pull your sleigh? I would like a PlayStation, a new bike and a remote controlled car. My sister and I would like a new basketball and some playdough. My little sister wants a new Barbie, and my dad wants a new pair of pliers.
Joshua Bruton

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie cash register and a Barbie Kelly. I

love you and Mrs. Claus.
Victoria Castillo

Dear Santa,
I like you and the elves and Mrs. Claus. I have been good and so has my little brother. Please bring me a blue ball, too. I do good in school. I also want a Christmas coloring book and some new clothes.
Stephen Gutierrez

Dear Santa, Can I come with you to the North Pole because I want to see it? Please

bring me a black lite for my new bedroom. I have a new home so I hope you like it. I want a baby doll with a baby bottle. Can you bring me a patty playground, too?
Bethany Heaton

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? Please bring me a big bike. I am smart in school. Please bring my baby sister a music box for her crib. Can I come with you to the North Pole?
Iris Rutiaga

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, a dog, a stroller, a new bike, a TV and a stuffed rabbit. My sister wants a baby that cries. I can't wait until Christmas. We got new ornaments for you to look at when you come.

Hannah Bocox

Dear Santa,
I want a baby get better, a big kelly dress, a dress, a tea set and a bathing suit.
Bethany Claypool



Texico varsity girls

The Texico Varsity Girls include, top row from left: Manager Lindsay Gilbert, Kristen Roberts, Elizabeth Richards, LaMicah Drager, Manager Tanya Cain; middle row: Callie Rucker, Bobbi Williams, Jennifer Roberts, Kara Jenkins; bottom row: Shana Lewis, Krysta Morris, Jenni Williams.



Texico 7th girls

The Texico 7th grade basketball girls include, top row from left: Coach Amy Kelly, Lauren Boazman, Ashley Kidd, Amber Farmer; middle row: Brette Hadley, Susie Trillo, Trina Phillips; bottom row: Ashley Maxwell, Melissa Roberts, Brenda Cardenas.

His elves are trying to renew their spirits, but, alas, not receiving their Christmas merits.

Christmas should be, with everyone's blessing, a time of joy, and family gathering.

Big business has done, to my fear and surprise, taken out the all pleasure of the fun Christmas prize.

No more teaching kids to behave, for Santa to bring Christmas on his sleigh.

My hope is that Christmas will soon be renewed, As a wonderful holiday We can all still view;

As A time of joy For everyone here, So to all a good night, And good Christmas cheer.

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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 & a Happy New Year

From All The Employees At
Lowe's Supermarket

'Santa please don't look where my bunk bed is or I might wake up'

Dear Santa,
Are you happy at the North Pole? I want a radio. My sister Claudia wants a radio and a computer.
Dulch Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a TV, a CD player, a bike and a furbie. My sister wants a glitter doll, a bike and a little Jeep.
Edwinia

Dear Santa
I would like to see Rudolph and I would like a robot and a soft football.
Joshua Trujillo

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a new football. My brothers would like new bikes.
Lucas Walthers

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, a paint ball gun, paint balls and a paint ball mask. My sister wants a Barbie and a bike.
Tyler Kelley

Dear Santa,
I want 3 cars and a football and a bike.
Jorse Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I like a Barbie, a bicycle, a computer and a new dress. My sister likes a Barbie, too. My brother likes a car.
Nora Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I want a new Bible, a baby doll and a mobie. My baby sister wants a computer, a baby doll and a Barbie. My big sister wants a baby doll, a beanie baby and a Bible.
Morgan Mayfield

Dear Santa,
I want a color game boy, and frogger on my computer.
Kolten Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. My mom wants a ring.
Melanea Nieto

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a horse saddle, remote control car and paint ball gun.
Andrew Power

I want a real horse, a toy ship, a Godzilla remote control, a car that you ride in and a real radio. My house is a brick house, the fireplace is

kind of small but you can get down it.
Michael Ryan DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a CD and CD player. My brother wants a game boy.
Gabby Rivera

How are your reindeers and elves doing? I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me an air gun, and bring my baby brother a toy gun.
Ryder Ledbetter

Dear Santa,
I want a white doll and a toy farm. Is Rudolph ok?
Lourdes Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy racer and a skateboard Shala Barbie.
Alicia Bermea

Dear Santa,
I want a blue Power Ranger Megazord with a sword and a Beast War.
Corby Walterscheid

Dear Santa,
I want Barbies, a house for Barbies, a kitchen for Barbie, a my-size Barbie, a computer and a ladybug toy.
Mirta Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a new coat, and an alarm clock. How is Rudolph doing?
Kristofer Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want a ballarina suit and some rollerskates.
Shelby Saul

Dear Santa,
I want kitchen stuff, and Barbie dresses and dolls.
Jacqueline Meza

Dear Santa,



I want an Angel Barbie, a ballerina book, a snoopy dog and a teachers stick when I grow up.
Kelsea Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a rubber snake, a computer and a real puppy. How is Rudolph?
Tyler Davis

Dear Santa,
Are your elves making a lot of toys? Please get my sister Nicole those yellow sunglasses, my other sister wants a CD player, my borther would like a real horse, my mom wants a new slugbug and my dad would like a pocket knife. I want a bike, clothes, black shoes, socks a purse and some books.
Victoria Richards

Dear Santa,
I have had a really good summer. I would like some bell bottoms, a 3/4 length sleeve shirt and some boots. My sister wants Electic Apple lotion from Bath and Body.
Devanee Cherry

Dear Santa,
I want a new pair of rollerblades, a motorcycle and a swimming pool. My brother wants a motorcycle and a remote control car, my mom wants a new cross and a bigger bed, my dad wants a new car and a new shirt.
Marques Pena

Dear Santa,
My brother and I want a Jeremy McGraff motorcycle race car. I also want Spiro the

dragon Riptos Rage, new clothes, a T.V., and a skateboard.
Rhett Martin

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher? Skyla and I would like a PlayStation. Please don't land where my bunk bed is or I might wake up.
Shelby Cockerham

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and some CD's. My mom and dad want a water bed, my twin brother wants a remote controlled car, and my big brother wants a PlayStation game. Watch out for the fire!
Monique Pena

Dear Santa,
I would like a PlayStation, a remote controlled car and some rollerskates. Could you wake me up when you arrive? I won't tell.
Edgardo Meza

Dear Santa,
This year I want a bike, a Furbie, and 20 kinds of glitter. My brother also wants a bike. I'll have brownies ready.
Ervin Hagler

Dear Santa,
I want a B.B. gun and I'll leave my note on the refrig-

erator. How are your elves doing with the presents?
Cody Cash

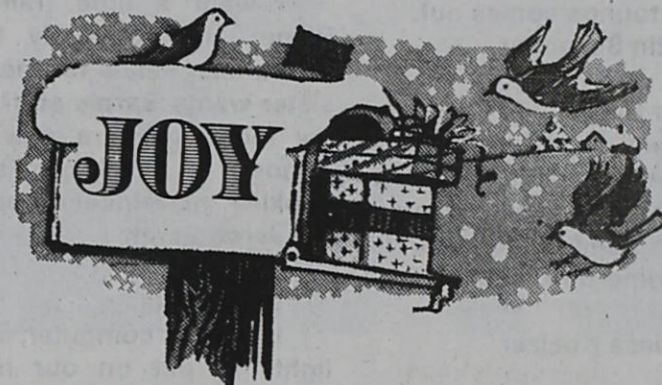
Dear Santa,
This year I want rollerblades, a new bike and a T.V. Thanks for the Truck last year, I really liked it.
Kegan Hollis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an easy bake kitchen, a bike, and a kid computer. My dad wants a new football computer game, mom wants a kitchen set, and Kenny wants crashen cars. Thaks for the toy last year.
Jessica Price



Texico 8th girls

The Texico 8th grade basketball girls include, top row from left: Jazzie Walls, Amber Dalton, Kahley Merrill, Raquel Cabrera; middle row: Dana Walls, Shelly Smith, Lakin Hatcher, Crystal Abernathy; bottom row: Melissa Johnson, Olivia Garcia, Bretni Johnson, Ashley Smith.



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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 23 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 23rd birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

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'Santa, what do you have in your bag?'

Dear Santa,
I want a pink toy kitty, a puzzle game and a Blue's Clues coloring book. Please bring my grandpa a cowboy hat, my grandma, an angel for their tree, and my mom a star for our tree. Have you seen "Blue's Clues" or the "Lion King"?

Adreanne Blakes

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll with extra clothes. My mom wants a dress with flowers and my dad needs a tie. My grandpa would like a book about animals and 'Meems' wants a pretty new dress. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the round table by the fireplace.

Brooke Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring a baby doll with a stroller, and some dresses for a big doll, a queen doll, and a book about dolls. My baby brother wants a little toy santa and Suzanna would like a doll with a doll stroller, and Tony might like a monster truck and a barn for his his toys. Thank you for all the toys.

Melissa Dyck

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a power ranger, a galaxy mega sword, a 'Simba' puzzle and a book about Santa Claus. Do you like chocolate pastel? That is my favorite, could Mrs. Claus make one? Do all of your reindeer go in the sky?

Ubaldo Treviso-Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that is a newborn baby, a stroller, some new snow boots. My dad would like a toy boat, and my mama would like a new angel to put on our tree, and new sandals for next summer. How are the reindeer doing?

Micah Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want a R.C. car from "Toy Story," batteries, and a green and black 4-wheeler to ride in my yard. Tony wants a barbie airplane and a Barbie jeep. Please come and see us at Nana and Grandpa's in Plainview and I hope you come on a cloudy night so you can bring Rudolph.

Tait Cooper

Dear Santa,
Do all of your reindeer fly? I would like a T-rex dinosaur toy, Giovanni wants cars, and Martha wants a Barbie. Mama and Daddy want clothes. Thank you Santa.

Victor Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want Poke-mon clothes that are in the balls, a galaxy

watch, a galaxy sword, and a skateboard with Buzz Light-year on the back. My family would like a computer with games and a Playstation. Do you have a lot of chocolate cookies after you deliver the presents? We will leave you some cookies and milk in our kitchen.

Edgar Cuevas

Dear Santa,
I am going to get Christmas cookies for you and Mrs. Claus. I want a skateboard, a short robot that plays games, and a sled. My brother Houston wants a Sleepover Blues Clues, and a Playdough Blues Clues set.

Dallas Cox

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation game, some talking wrestlers, and a steering wheel. Chelsee wants a new horse, and Shawndee wants some CD's. I like Rudolph because he has a shiny nose.

Todd Nichols

Dear Santa,
My brother and I want a train and a computer. I will leave you some crackers and milk.

Victor Godinez

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur that has a button that opens his mouth and his tongue comes out.

Justin Schacher

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie airplane. My brother wants a snowboard, and my sister wants a new radio and some CD's. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.

Marissa Koelzer

Dear Santa,
We're going to leave you some milk and cookies. I want some Barbie's, some baby dolls and some clothes.

Audrey Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want a Dizzy Kitty and a Dizzy Dog. I want my grandpa to feel better and have a mery



Christmas.
Mariah Steinbook

Dear Santa,
Please bring me rollerblades, and a rocking horse. And please give my family all the stuff that they want.

Tasha Barnes

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I would like some rollerskates and a bicycle. Please give my mom a real good phone, and give the children toys that don't have any.

Cristina Imery

Dear Santa,
I want a Scooby-Doo snowboard, a Scooby-Doo skateboard, and a lap top computer. My sister wants some Barbie's and my brother wants a Tasmanian Devil skateboard.

Jarrold Jesko

Dear Santa,
I want a little train for Blane, and Roly-Poly thing with a man inside for me. My sister wants Barbie stuff, and my mom needs a new egg grinder. I'll leave some cookies and reindeer food.

Jerod Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, some lights to put on our house outside and a teddy bear. I'll leave you something to eat.

Denise Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, and a stroller and a blanket. My sister wants a sweeper. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.

Emily Agee

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a blue baby boy with blue clothes, and a stroller.

Jordan Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a playdoll house, a rabbit with batteries, and a bird that sings. Santa do you have lots of toys?

Jessica Estrada

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeers. I want a babydoll, and a milliton. My sister wants a necklace.

Kylie McGehee

Dear Santa,
I want a girl's basketball, a toy reindeer, and some black boots. My dad needs a belt and boots, my mom likes "Tarzan," my grandma like cherry candles, and my granddad would like a belt and a hat. Do you like vanilla ice cream? I will try to have some for you when you come in the dark.

Keila Jennings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new toy horse with spots, a rope to help my friend Sever, a new brown hat and some new chaps, I outgrew mine. What do you have in your bag?

Kory Jennings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me and Heinrich some pencils, crayons and paper. We would also like new shirts and pants. Little brother John would like a little basketball, mommy wants new shoes and daddy

need new pants. I love you Santa Claus. Say "hello" to my dad.

Franz Loepky

Dear Santa,
I like you. I wonder if you could bring a little stuffed orange cat, an angel doll that I can change it's clothes, and a new Barbie. I love all my family. Please bring us a VCR and a Teletubbies movie.

Clarisa Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline for me and my brother and sister. Please put it in the backyard so we will be safe inside the fence. I also want a white teddy bear, a Beany Baby Kitty, and a real dog.

Lucia Torres

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers

doing? I want a dump truck and a Nintendo 64.

Kenton Randolph

Dear Santa,
I want a box with stuff you can get ready to eat, a talking Ferbie, a talking Barbie that walks with her baby, a Barbie that paints your fingernails, and a computer and finger stickers.

Paola Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a new scooter. Merry Christmas!

Bradley Lennon

Dear Santa,
I would like a little backpack with Tweety on it, and a cash register so that I can play grocery store.

Joseline Garcia

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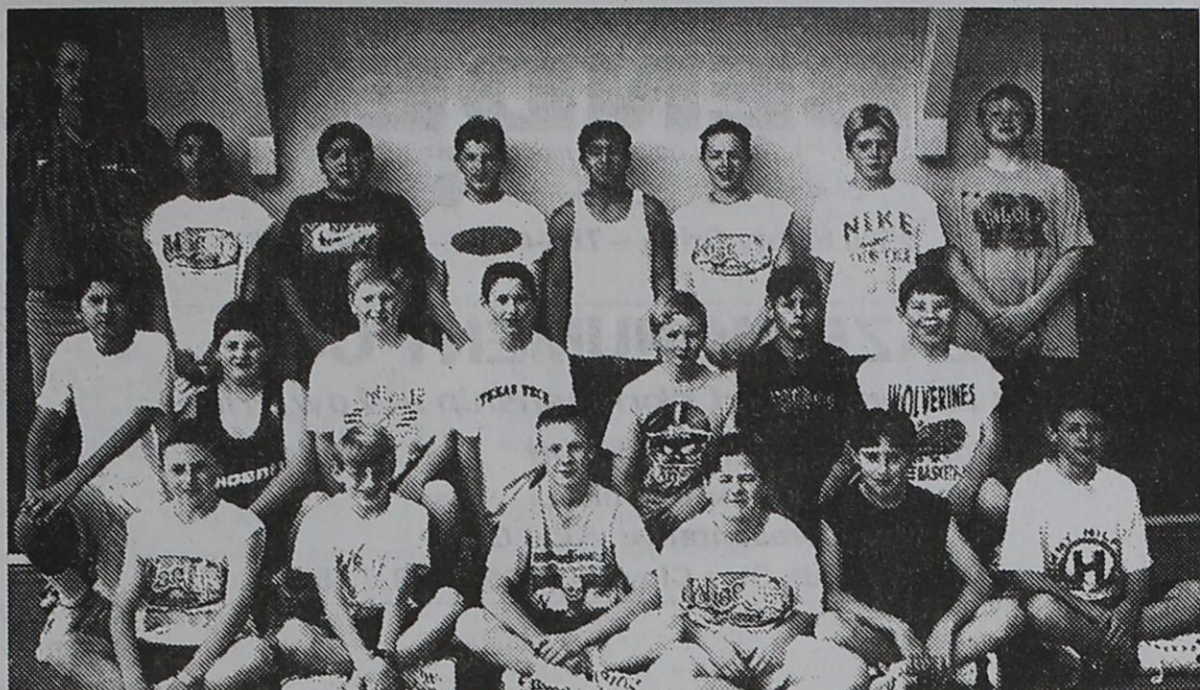
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**Farwell
varsity boys**

The Farwell varsity boys team includes: back row from left: Tyler Chadwick, Ryan Roberts, Shane Roberts, Clint Corn, Jason Crawford, coach Kirk Saul; front row, Tucker Crawford, Jourdan Nichols, Paul Franse, Ronnie Garcia, Derek Goettsch.

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Dear Santa,
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Garrett Foote

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Opal Gonzales

Dear Santa,
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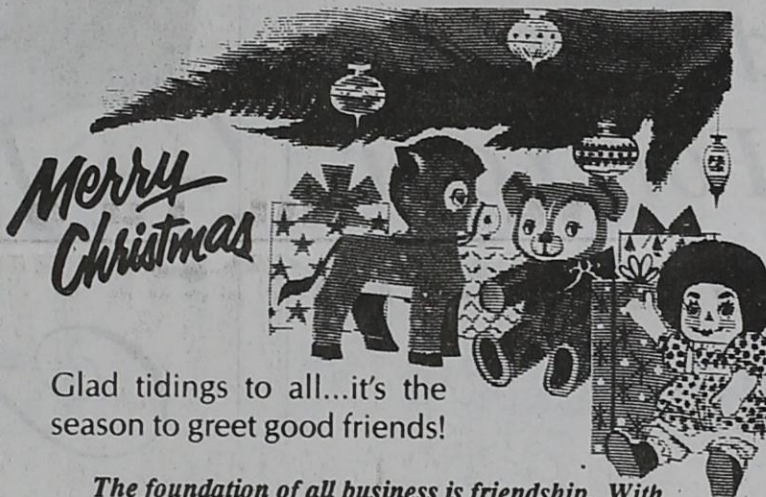
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Meet Farwell's Class of 2012



Lourdes Martinez is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is April 22. Parents are Ramon and Criselda Martinez. Her brother is Ramon. Grandparents are Robert and Lupe Vidaurri, and Janie and Santiago Regalado.
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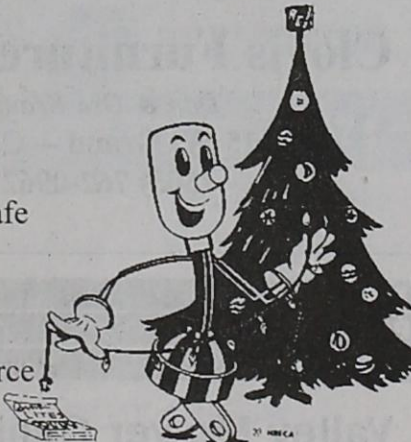
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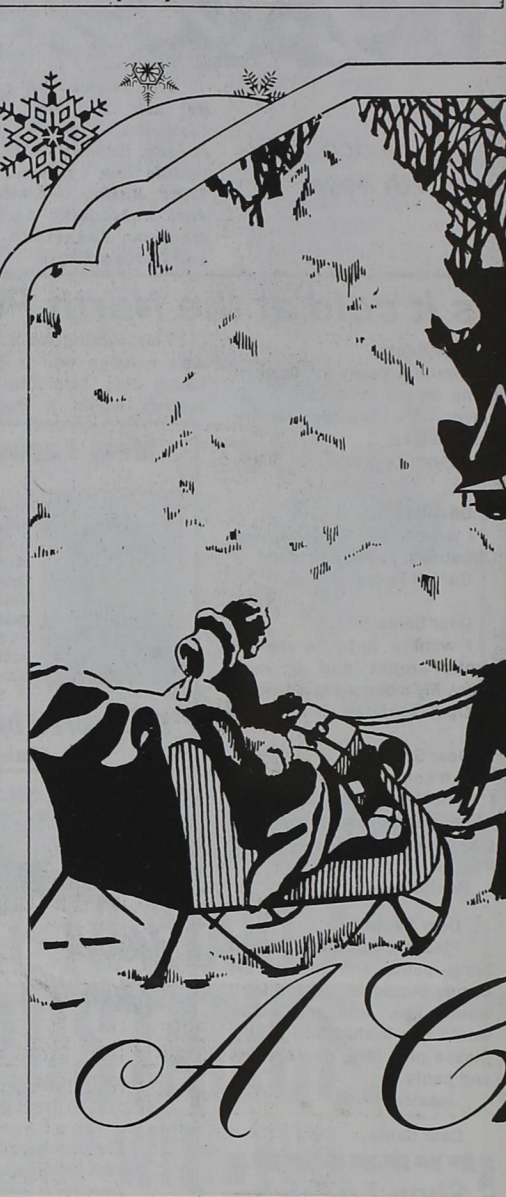
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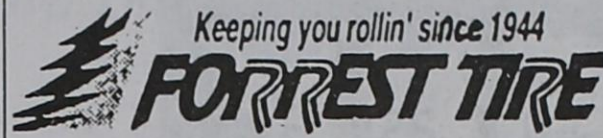
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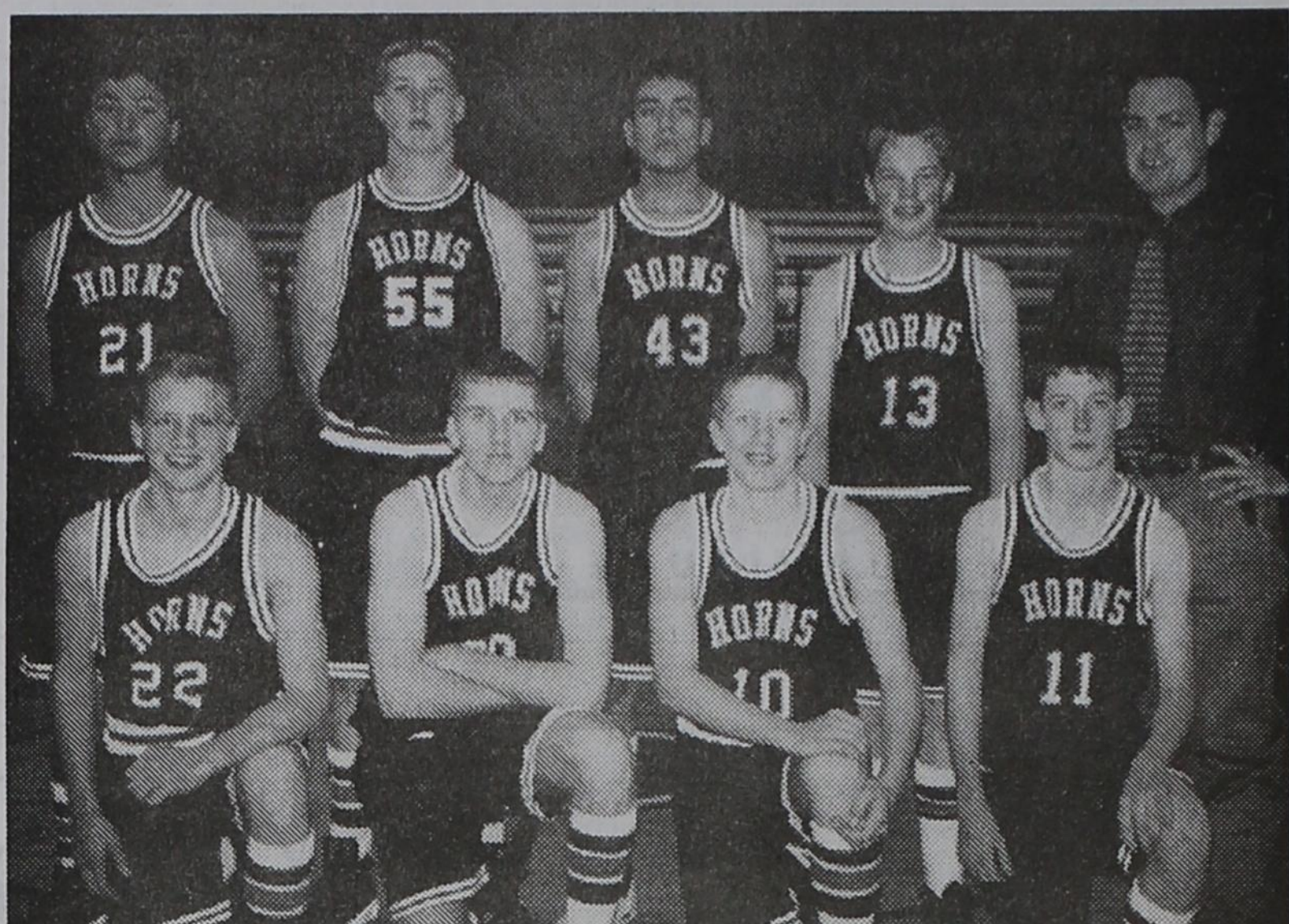
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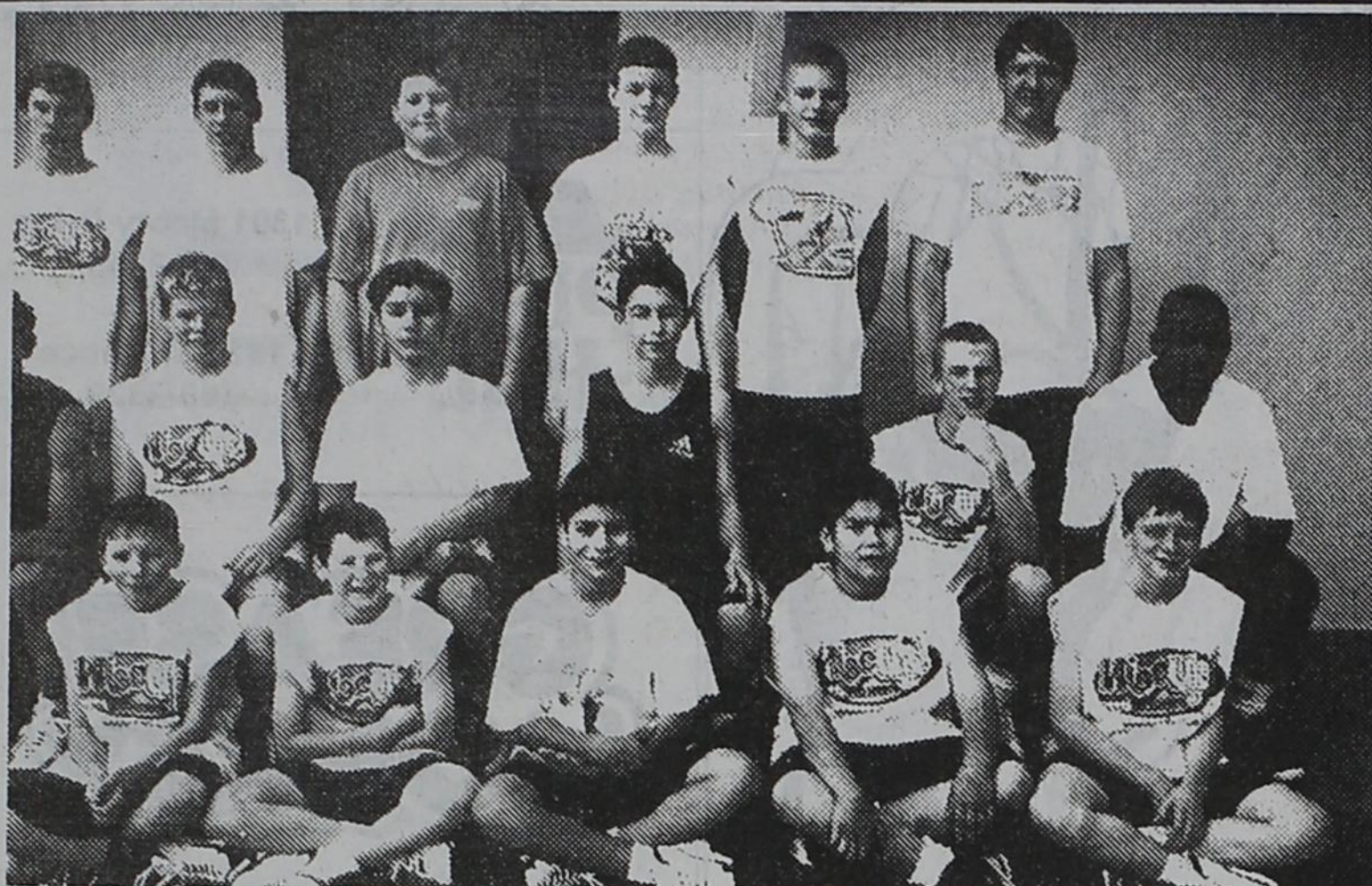
Farwell 9th boys

Farwell's 9th grade boys team includes, top row from left: Nico Soto, Juan Sanchez, Josh Curtis, Shelly Teltschik, Mark White, Gaby Garcia, Zac Schilling; front row, Jared Coleman, Brody Norton, Trey Laverty, Randy Armstrong, Lonnie McFarland and Carlos Garcia.



Lazbuddie JV boys

The Lazbuddie JV Boys team includes: front row from left, Tobin Redwine, Chris Noriega, Shannon Redwine, Andy Martin; back row, Lucas DeLeon, Jake Louder, Monse Melendez, Eric Magby and coach Rich Powers.



Texico 8th boys

The Texico 8th grade boys team, from left are - top row - Mark Peabody, Joe Zarkowski, Wade Richardson, John Nathan Williams, Justin Loven and Bryce Bailey; middle row - Luis Hernandez, Toby Thorton, Johnny Rivera, Ricky Fuentes, Corey Bell and Chris Maxwell; bottom row - Kevin Burns, Dallon Williams, Jesse Serrano, Patrick Ortiz and Tyler White.



Farwell 8th boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys team includes, top row from left: Jeremie Chandler, Daniel Kaltwasser, Tyler Myers, Grant Gregory, Jose Cabello, coach Thompson; front row, Bobby Garcia, Jason Johnson, Cale Stevenson, Anthony Herrera, Michael Culver and Jason Sudderth.

Please Attend Church Services

All Times are CT unless specified

<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m., Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Terry Hightower - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Kevin Phillips Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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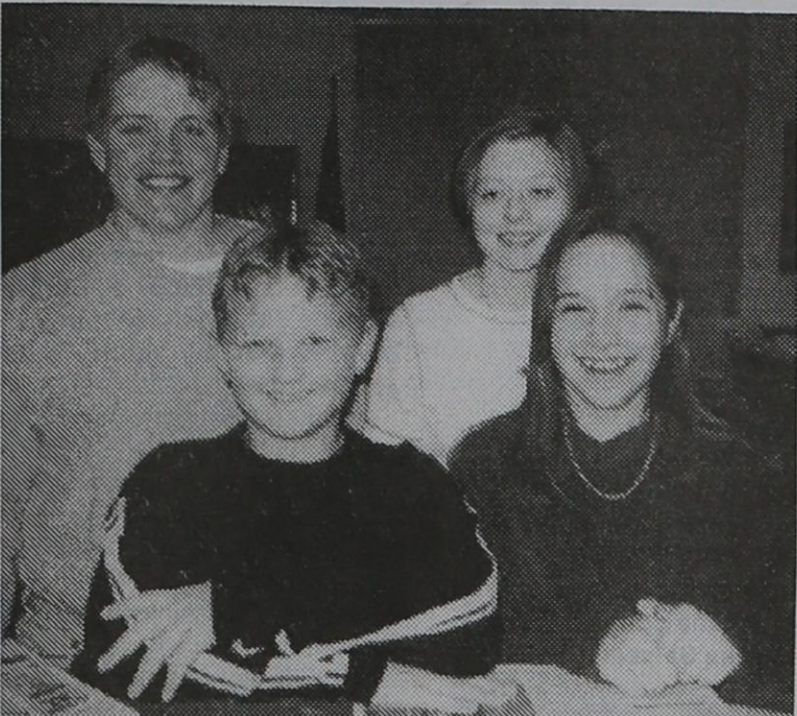
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'I want a purple bike and a red dress'



Pictured from back row left: Jay Seaton and Candice Randolph. Front row: Roper Smith and Kaylee Burnett.

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Courtney Payton

Dear Santa,
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Summer Price

Dear Santa,
I would like a new stocking for my mom. My dad will want a pair of shoes. My brother, sister and I want a T.V. for our rooms.
Kambrie Reid

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that walks and crawls, my brothers want a 22 shot gun. My mom wants some babies.
Brittnee Roybal

Dear Santa,
I want a purple bike, a red dress, and a Barbie doll. My brother wants an electric guitar, my mother wants a video camera, and my dad wants a new chair.
Jennifer Shirley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Furby and a tickle me Elmo.
Carlie Tharp

Dear Santa,
My sister and I would like a Furby. My mother wants a sweater, my father would like a video camera, and my baby brother would like a Mickey toy that makes sounds.
Yesenia Garcia

Dear Santa,
My borther and I would like a Jeremy McGraff toy remote motorcycle. My mom and dad would just like to see a smile on every child's face for Christmas.
Garrett Garrison

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, but I will be glad for anything that you give me. How are the reindeers?
Brenda Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want an easy bake oven, my brother wants some PlayStation games, my mom wants a video camera, and my dad wants a computer.
Christy Herrington

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo with a CD player, my brother wants a Nintendo 64 and mom wants a bed.
Shane Lambert

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a horse and a Dalmation dog. I can't wait for Christmas.
Jennifer McGown

Dear Santa,

I want a remote controlled car. My brother would like a tickle me Elmo, my baby brother wants a bear, my dad wants a new truck and my mom wants a new car.
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Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, and my sister wants a bike.
Manuel Servin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a cap, some pants and house shoes.
Zacarey Stancell

Dear Santa,
I want a playhorse, play butterfiles and Alisha wants a CD.
Michelle Wauson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo, a Pickachu, and a sword.
Isaac Soto

Lazbuddie students cited

The Lazbuddie high school and Junior High Students of the Month for December are:


Jay Seaton is the 15 year old son of Rick and Mandi Seaton. He enjoys reading "Green Mile," seeing Debbie Duncan, snacking on anything edible and ordering chicken fried steak. His pet peeve is not getting any sleep.

Candice Randolp is the 15 year old daughter of LynEldon and Pat Randolph. She likes reading "The Mitford Series," listening to Avalon, eating M&M's, and ordering enchiladas. Her pet peeve is people who talk and never shut up. Her comment on Y2K is, there might be a few problems, but she doesn't see the need to store a lot of stuff.

Roper Smith is the 11 year old son of Robert and Cheryl Smith. His favorite things include: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Stone Cold Steve Austin, Chex Mix, and fried okra mixed with squash and ketchup. His pet peeve is people that get him in trouble.

Kaylee Burnett is the 12 year old daughter of Bart and Betsy Burnett. She enjoys reading "Black Beauty," Patrick Swayze, Dr Pepper with a bag of cheetos, and chicken strips. Her pet peeve is when people ask for answers on a review. Her comment on Y2K is they shouldn't make such a big deal out of it.

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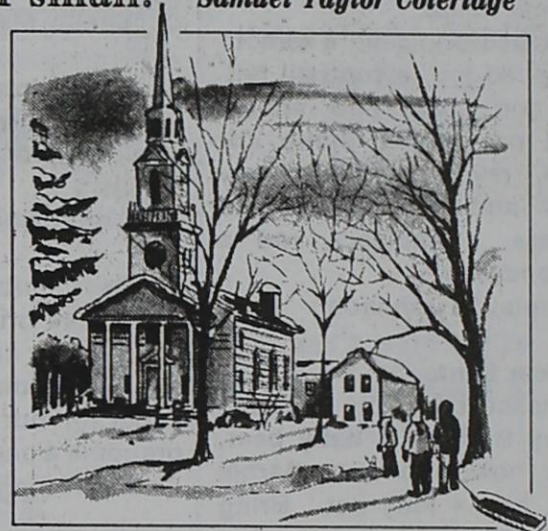
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The Farwell Dental Clinic Staff

'Santa, bring my grandma some clothes'

Dear Santa,
I want some rollerskates, a Barbie car, some Barbies and a play bear.
Makenzie Bruton

Dear Santa,
Please try to bring me a skateboard, some drums, Christmas lights and power wheels.
Steven Vigil

Dear Santa,
Please bring me one of those skateboard dolls, an Angelica doll with mak-up and some videos. Bring my sister a skateboard doll like mine.
Naomi Chavez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new shoes, a helmet, a bike and some yarn to make things out of it. My brother want a notebook.
Aspyn Reams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll, crayons a book, some notebooks and a bear. Please bring my mom a puppy.
Vanessa Maldonado

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote controlled car, a football helmet, and some new shoes. Bring my bother some cologne, my dad some new boots and my mom some earrings, a necklace and a diamond ring.
Donavon Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a house for my Barbies, a baby bear, some new shoes, a Barbie book, and a kitty cat. Bring my brother an airplane, my mom a dress, a necklace and a big cake. I've been really good.
Neyda Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie talkie and some binoculars. Make a fine Christmas for all people.
Court Crawford

Dear Santa,
I want a CD of Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys and Nsync. I you to bring my parents a book to read and a Longhorn Christmas.
Andrea Solano

Dear Santa,
I want a present that will let me paint my nails. Bring

my mom a heart box and my dad a watch, and give my teachers a necklace.
Ashley Castenada

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blue car and a football, and bring my mom a necklace.
Jaime Campos

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go-cart and a barn to hold my go-cart. I wish my family had all they want.
Logan Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a cassette of Ricky Martin, and a pair of rollerblades. My grandpa wants shoes.
Rodrigo Mata

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that feels and looks like a real baby, and my family wants a new car.
Brooke Lennon

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a doll that looks real. I wish my mom had a snowman ring and I wish that poor people had some dolls to play with.
Shelby Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a remote controlled airplane and a pair of walkie talkies.
Arthur Gomez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote controlled car and walkie talkies. Mom wants a new angel for our tree, and bring grandma a candle to light.
Pablo Arce

Dear Santa,
I wish my mom and dad would get something nice because they love me so much. I want rollerblades and a Furby for Christmas.
Lacy Russell

Dear Santa,
Please bring my dad a special gift. I would like a skateboard, and a remote controlled car that jumps.
Colton Weaver

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new helmet, a skateboard, and a guitar. Bring my sister some Barbie's, my dad a Star Wars piggy bank, and my mom a chef bowl.
Kenneth Price



Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a water gun, a T.V., a football, and a Nintendo 64. Bring my sister a new bike, and my mom and dad some money.
Manuel Chavirra

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a toy bear, some new shoes, a basketball and some toy soldiers. Bring my brother a Santa hat.
Colton Hollis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race car, a motorcycle, a toy boat, and a Santa's hat. Bring my mom some new pots and please make my dad feel better, he's been sick.
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a skateboard, a race car, a wrestler doll and some new crayons for school.
Beau Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a beachball, a basketball, a my size Barbie, a jack-in-the-box, and a princess Barbie with super long hair. I have been super good.
Jordyn Cooper

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep, a trampoline, a bike, some coloring books, and some colors. I have been good.
Paul Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some football pads, some football shoes, a basketball shirt, and the movie the Waterboy.
Jesus Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want some skates, a skateboard, some hotwheels, a jeep and some paper to on stuff that I want. My dad needs some band-aids because he hit himself with the hammer. My brother need some big

clothes and mom need some Christmas earrings.
Alex Loya

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a remote controlled car, a flashlight, and a lot of toys. Bring mom some money and dad some binoculars.
Alejandro Montes

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a jeep, some coloring books, crayons, markers, a big teddy bear and some new clothes.
Adriana Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new clothes and some new shoes. Bring my mom some clothes and jewelry.
Reed Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and a van, some shoes and a Barbie house. I have been good.
Alexandra Posada

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a skateboard, a Barbie doll, some stick on earrings, a little baby doll, a t-shirt, a gumball machine and a new pillow. Bring my mom a bedspread, and a bow for her hair. My dad needs some new jeans.
Megan Long

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a teddy bear, a skateboard, a care and a jack-in-the-box toy. Bring my mom some jewelry, and my dad some sunglasses.
Fox Guinn

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. Please bring me a Nintendo 64, a trampoline, a skateboard, and a swing set. Bring my mom some jewelry, and my dad needs some new cologne.
Aaron Steward

Dear Santa,
I've been good. Now, I want a Hot Wheels track, a purple game boy, a bike, playdough, a little pinball machine and some paper for my crayons. Bring my mom some jewelry.
Amber Doshier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me some crayons, markers, a small bear, some clothes, a book and some paper to draw on. Bring my grandma some clothes.
Karina Salazar

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me some markers, a pair of skates, Barbie clothes and some paper for drawing.
Allison Myers

Dear Santa,
I want a bike with brakes and gears on the handlebars. My wish for the year 2000 is that everyone could have what they want.
Darin Ivy

Dear Santa,
I want a real Poke-mon ball with Paichu, GeoDuDe, Sigglytuff, and Pikachu in it, and some rollerblades. My wish for the year 2000 is that

every kid in the world would not go to bed hungry.
Kayle Jesko

Dear Santa,
I want rollerblades and my little sister wants a Barbie airplane. My wish for the year 2000 is that my mom could get another job.
James Koelzer

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy, a bike and my own 22. My wish for the year 2000 is that everyone gets what they want for Christmas.
Dylan Haney

Dear Santa,
I want a red go cart, a slow turtle, a big set of crayons and a Santa doll.
Colton Longley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64 and yellow Poke-mon game. Please bring Cambry and Cassidy kindergarten babies.
Lincoln Devault

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard for me and Nathan. For Edgar I want a mega sword, for my father I want a new car and for my mother I want new clothes.
Julian Guevas

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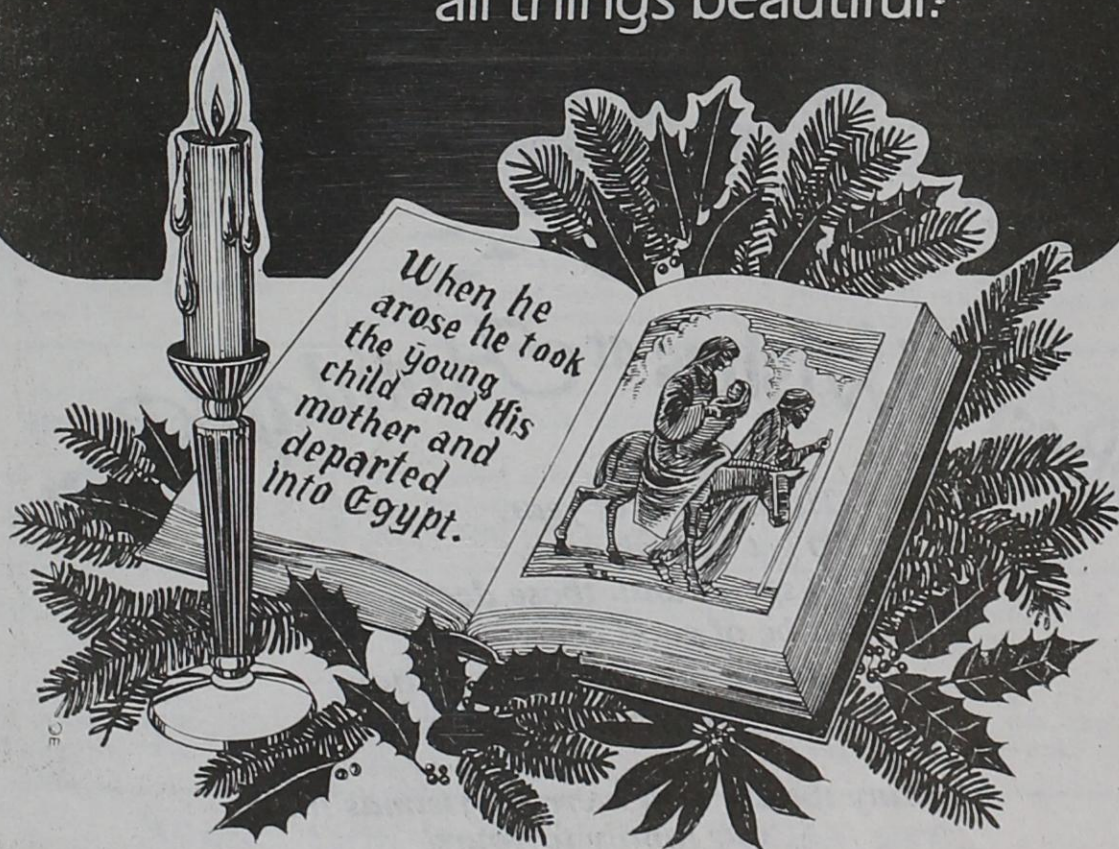
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'Santa, who is Mrs. Claus?'

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a new blow-up chair for me and a new baby doll. If you have any extra sweaters I would like one. Please bring my little sister a baby doll of her own, daddy needs a new golfbag and some golfballs, and please bring mom some roses if you find them on the ground and a new ring.
Chandler Barnes

Dear Santa,
I want a Backstreet Boys, a Shania Twain, and an Nsync CD, and two computers if you can because mom needs one to work on and I want one to play on.
Mikaela Cenicerros

Dear Santa,
I want a new set of legos with lots of cars, a set of magnets, games for my gameboy like a Poke-mon game with instructions, so flower seeds, because the cows tore up our flower beds, a play horse, a tea set and a remote control helicopter.
Santa, who is Mrs. Claus?
Kolten Morris

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a book, and a toy kitchen. I have been good.
Kylynn Thomas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Barbies, a bear, a dog and some colors. Bring my mom a Barbie too, and my dad a boy's toy.
Dalia Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some skates, a skateboard, a basketball, a football and a bike. I have been a good boy.
Segio Posada

Dear Santa,
I want a real Chihuahua, a bike, a new backpack and a new home. Bring two Barbie dolls for my sisters and a bike. Bring my mom some diamond rings and two watches for my dad, and a new car.
Xavier Rai Ransom

Dear Santa,
I want a Poke-mon watch, a beanie baby kit, and all the Poke-mon toys at Burger King. My wish for the year 2000 is to not let anybody cry.
Monica Vera

Dear Santa,
I want a four ten, a real Poke-mon ball with Blastoise, a big wagon, some spurs and chaps, all the megazoids, a belt for bullets to go in, knives with cases and a belt, army boots and everything else the army wears. I also want a Harley Davidson Motorcycle with a jacket and

pants. My wish for the year 2000 is for my family to be rich.

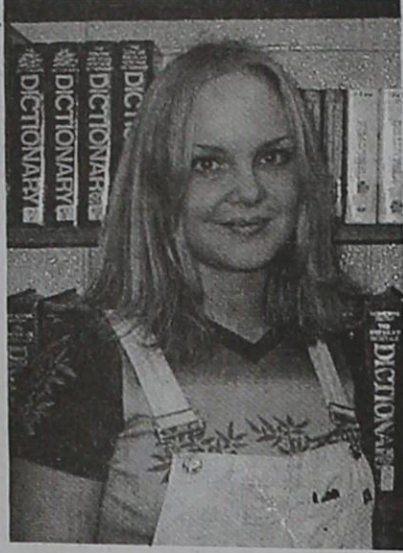
Kyler Steinbock

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dallas cowboys hat and football, a basketball goal for dad and a Nintendo 64 for my sister.

Russian teen attends Texico High

Eric Galvan

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Blue color Game Boy, and a Poke-mon Christmas movie. Please bring my sister a Ty Beanie Buddie Milenium. We'll leave cookies and milk out for you.



Natalie Katritch

by Monica Cantu

Natalie Katritch, 18, of Moscow, Russia, is a vibrant young woman full of life and curiosity about America and its customs. Natalie is a foreign exchange student attending Texico High School, with hopes and dreams of going to college in America to study theatre arts and music.

Her thoughts on a small town life in Texico, "Everything is different here. I would really like to see more of America to be able to form my own opinion of Texico and Farwell." Natalie is from one of the biggest cities in Russia and compared to there, we're literally country types. She also comments that the people here are strange. She says they constantly ask her if they have TV's, washing machines or refrigerators in Russia. Natalie says, "We have all that and even more."

Natalie is the daughter of Anna and Andrew Katritch, and her sponsor family is Ruby Witt, of Clovis. When I asked her about her sponsor, Natalie responded by laughing and saying that she truly loves her sponsor, "She's like my second mommy, she's nice and sweet."

Natalie's list of favorites include, music by Madonna, U2, Smashing Pumpkins, all classical music, Russian music and listening to the radio stations. Her favorite radio station from here just happens to be 107.5 KSMX.

Natalie says that the schooling systems here are so much easier than back in Russia. She comments that at least here you're able to pick out your classes. Also, the teachers in Russia are not as helpful as those here in Texico, they are mean and strict, but very educated.

Natalie keeps busy by going to school and hanging out with her sponsor's nephew and friends. She's also planning on taking her ACT and SAT's in a couple of weeks. Other than that, nothing else has kept her occupied, she's so set on getting into college that she's had no time to actually plan on doing the fun stuff.

But in itself, theatre arts IS the fun stuff. Natalie has participated in an assortment of plays and even sang in an international festival in Bulgaria where she recieved a diploma for her participation. She has also been filmed acting out a poem for a tape that was to be sent to a University in Russia.

When asked how she liked America thus far, she said, "I like it. I really like it."

Meet Texico's Class of 2012



Jaylyn Cooper is a Texico Elementary School kindergartener. Her birthday is June 20.

She is the daughter of Lynn and Diane Cooper and the granddaughter of Billie Cooper and Leon and Oneta Luce. She has two sisters, Kelley and Jordyn.

Her favorite food is carrots and her favorite color is yellow.

She likes to play on the playground and dislikes cleaning the house.

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Alexa Grisson

Dear Santa,
I want a live lizard that's not mean, a Batman Beyond and a bag full of beanie babies.

Rane Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I want a dog, a turtle, a big truck, batteries for my toys, a Nintendo 64 with the Donkey Kong 64 game, a gameboy color and a Monopoly 2000.

Alfredo Huicochea

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, a my size Barbie, a pretty baby doll, a play carrot, and a play horse. Bring a present for my mommy and daddy. A new book would be nice. I have been very good.

Jaylyn Cooper

Dear Santa,
I would like a wallet, a new bike, a basketball, and a mo-

torcycle. I have been very good and I'm not asking for much.

Ethan Peterson

Dear Santa,
I want a Poke-mon, a skateboard, a bike, and a new box of crayons. Bring my baby brother some lotion, baby powder and diapers.

Kenneth Betts

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike with training wheels, a CD player, some new buckles, some new books, a Poke-mon, some new clothes and a dress tie. I have been very good this year.

Powers Hagler

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set, a gold horn, a puppet dog, a puppet elephant, a book to read and some paint to draw with. I would also like a Santa Claus doll and a new race car.

Trevor Bridges

Dear Santa,
My grandma would like more collectible Barbies, my mom wants a new pickup, my dad wants a new toolbox. I want a choo-choo train that goes when you push a button, Brian wants a new Dallas Cowboy cap, and Landon wants a motorcycle. Is Mrs. Claus o.k.? Are the reindeer good at flying?

Seth Meeks

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me a rocking horse with a saddle, new jeans, spurs, a black cowboy hat and chaps. If it snows, we could all play with a snow sled. Tell your elves I said, "Hi!"

Andrew Jacobs

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64. My wish for the year 2000 is that no one goes to bed hungry.

Riley Smith



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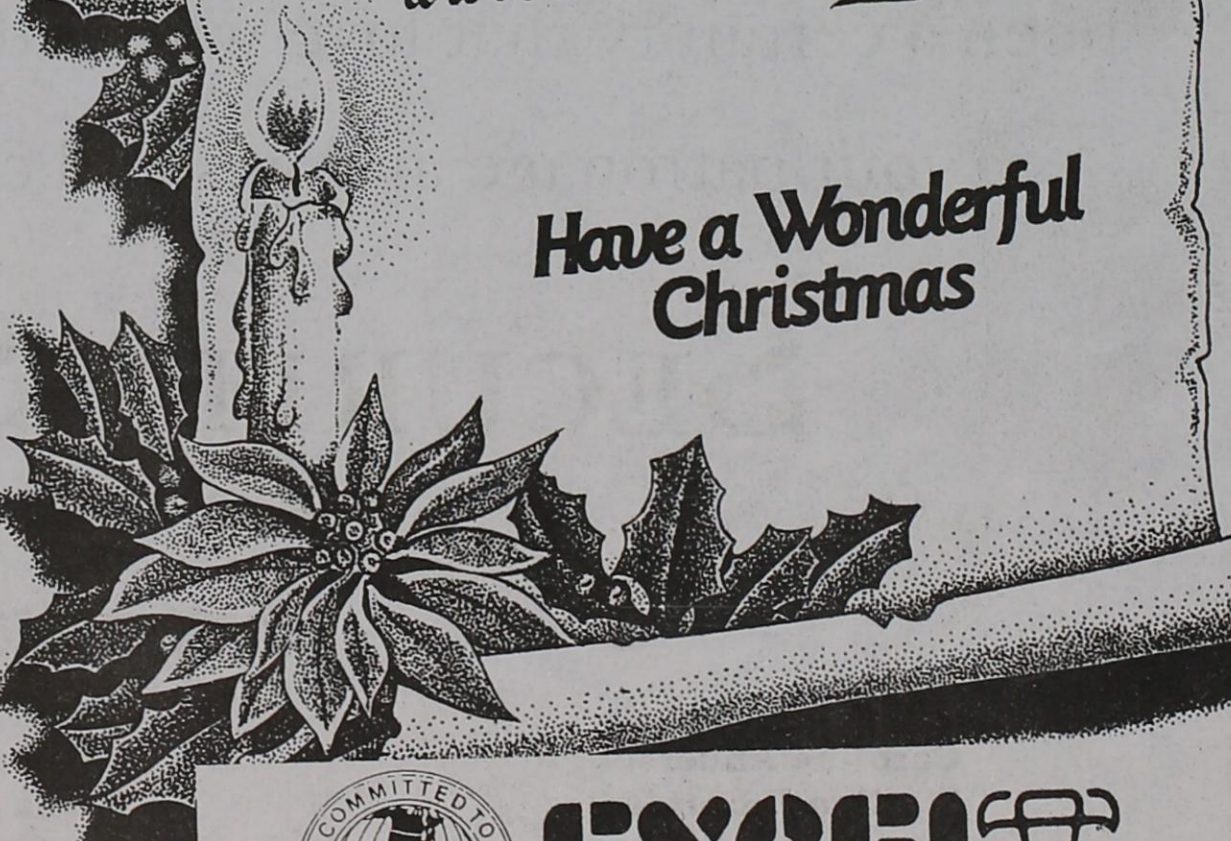
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John 3:16

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