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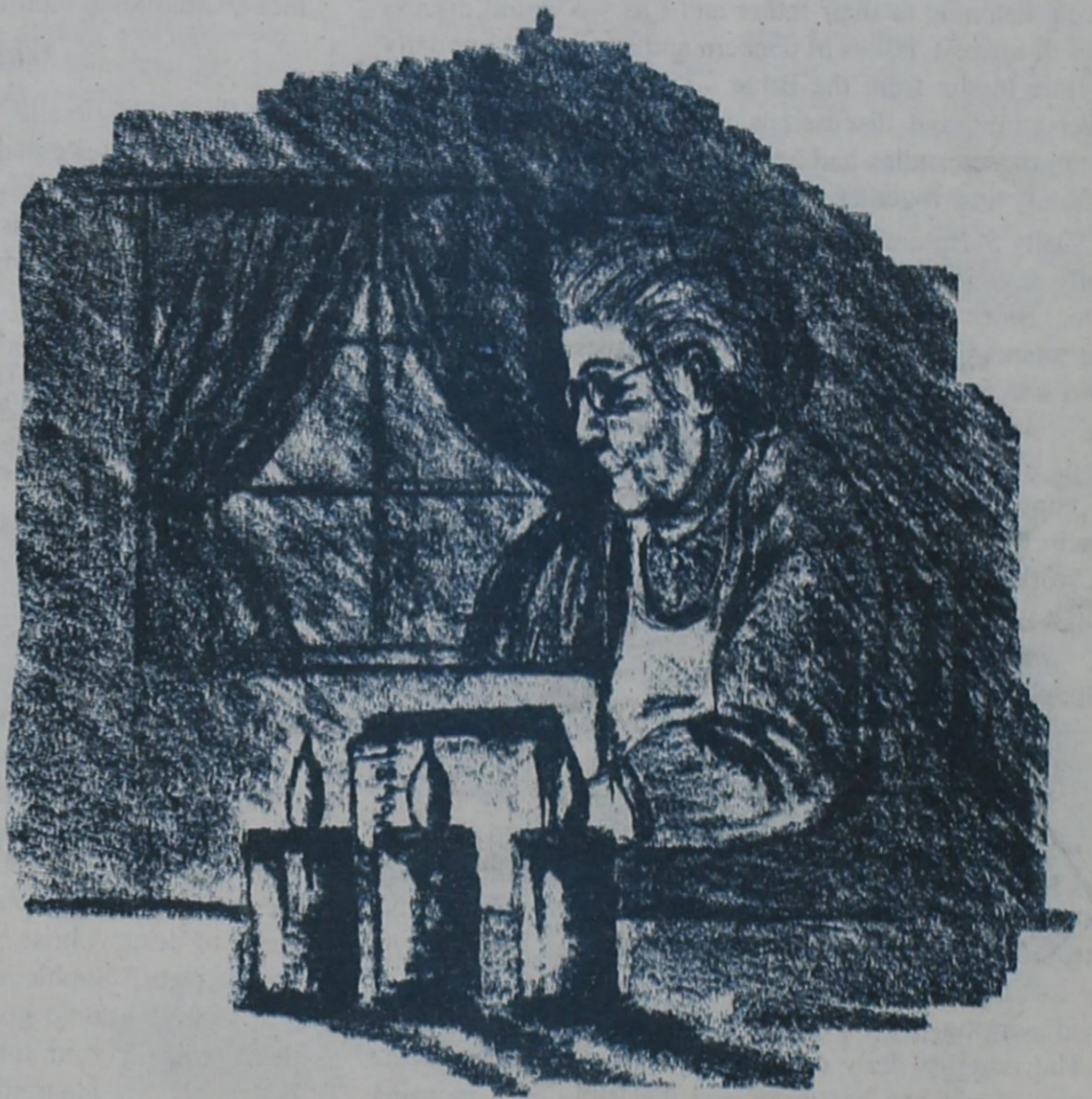
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The caring in the candles



Drawing by Robin Gregory

(Editor's note: The Tribune is proud to offer this original work of fiction by Teresa Mesman as its Christmas offering to our readers.)

by Teresa J. Mesman

"My sweet Mama used to always say that there's caring in the candles," the elderly woman stated.

Startled, I nearly dropped the pillar candle I was holding in my hands.

"Excuse me?" I asked. "What did you say?"

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to give you such a start! I just saw you staring at that pretty candle and I just blurted out what my Mama always said about candles...that there's caring in the candles," she said.

I stared at the little woman's face as she said the words again. She was a small, frail looking woman with kind and gentle hazel eyes that seemed to look right through my very soul. As she gazed at me, I felt a warming throughout my body...something I hadn't felt in quite a while.

"What exactly does that mean?" I questioned. "I've never heard that before."

"You gonna buy that candle for a Christmas present for somebody? If you are, then I've got a little story to tell you that will go along perfectly with that candle," she said. "Have you got a few minutes for me to ramble on with a story from the past?"

I really didn't have the time to spare, but something made me nod my head "yes." I somehow felt that this total stranger needed me to listen to her childhood story. I told myself that I could spare a few minutes...Lord knows I could have used a little break myself.

"How about a cup of coffee?" I asked, leading her in the direction of the snack bar area. "I could use a cup of coffee and it'll give us a chance to get off of our feet for a minute."

The woman sat down at a booth, straightening her blouse and hair as I purchased two coffees.

"Take anything in yours?" I asked. I noticed how much like my grandmother she looked sitting in the booth. She shook her head no and quietly mouthed a "No, Thank You."

"Sugar and cream only spoil you with the good things in life," she stated as I sat down with the coffee. "Now, where are my manners; my name is Sophie Scogin...that's Scogin with only one G...we're no relation to that other family from around here."

"I didn't even know there was another family by that name. I'm not from around here," I stated. "My name is Jan Moncrief. My family and I just moved here about four months ago."

Loss of a job ... and a new baby

Four months ago? That's not a very long time, yet the past four months had felt like a lifetime. The stress of the move on the kids...me...David. My perfect little family

seemed to have moved in a totally different direction since we'd left the city.

My husband David, had lost his executive position due to the downsizing of the oil company he'd worked for since we'd married 10 years ago. The day he came home and announced what had happened was the day the rug was pulled out from under our feet. Losing his job was only the beginning of our downward spiral.

We'd started our marriage out on top of the world. David was an executive on the way up and I was gaining notoriety in the advertising world as a first-class copywriter. The ad agency I worked for was a great setting for creativity and I was on a roll with three award-winning scripts for television commercials.

I'd gotten pregnant three years later and was able to work from home. When Jeremy was born, life only seemed to become a little sweeter. Our family trio was what I had always dreamed of...a little family with a bright and blazing future.

I continued to work from home and was able to mix being a full-time mommy into my position in the corporate world with little hassle. I never once had to think about "the priorities in life." Everything just seemed to fall perfectly into place for me, Jeremy and David.

Then, in the late summer of 1997, I learned I was pregnant again. I had mixed emotions about the pregnancy, I must admit. David had been wanting another child. I was quite content in having an "only child." Jeremy was perfect - smart, friendly, humorous, lovable. I struggled with the thought of having another baby.

About six months into my pregnancy, I started having complications. With medication and total bed rest, I was able to delay labor for another two months. I worked from my bed to stay-off the boredom until Jeremy came home from school each day. In April, I gave birth to a tiny, baby daughter. David fittingly named her "April Grace"

I should have been grateful that April was very healthy considering the fact that she was premature. Instead, I made excuses of post-partum depression to hide the fact that I just wasn't ready to accept a new baby in my life.

Two weeks after we had come home from the hospital with April, David walked in and made the horrific announcement about him losing his job.

He had worked at a variety of odd-jobs to keep some cash coming in and was able to land some good interviews with other oil companies. Nothing panned out for him and in late August, he decided to enroll in the University. He had chosen to go back to school and get another degree - one that would allow him to pursue his real dream of teaching. I stoically supported his decision, yet I screamed at him inside of my head... "what about my dreams? How are we going to make a living during that time? What

about our friends and families? They'll never understand!" I refused to give up my job at the agency and worked out a deal to work via mail, fax and telephone. At least I would still have *something* to identify with and it would provide us with enough money to pay bills.

Daily devotional was an issue

"I hope you like it here in our small town!" Sophie said.

I had almost forgotten why we were sitting down together. I blushed and quickly blurted, "Oh, it's okay...for a small town. I'm a city girl at heart."

"Your heart seems heavy, child," Sophie stated as she patted my hand on the table. Her hands were strong and weathered, but were also very soft. "Would you like to tell me what's got you so perplexed? This old candle story can wait."

"No! No, please, tell me the story about the candles," I said. "I probably just need to hear a good story!"

"My Papa and Mama were childhood sweethearts and married when they were only 17 years old," Sophie began. "They didn't have a dime to their name, but the two of them took off from their hometown back in Mississippi and worked their way across the states until they stopped here. They liked the climate and Papa was hired on as a farm hand by a big farming operation out this way. Mama took on jobs for families like washing, ironing and housekeeping. The two were paid for their work, but after buying food and gas for Papa's old truck, there wasn't enough money to pay for the modern conveniences of heating oil and electricity. Papa and Mama ate their evening meal together each night by candlelight. Mama even read books and studied to be a nurse by candlelight. They kept their small two room house warm by a large fireplace. Many a cold night, the pair would sleep in front of the fireplace.

Papa surprised Mama one Christmas by having electrical lines run to the house and having lights installed in each of the rooms. Mama liked having more light to read by, but she still preferred eating their meals together with a group of three large candles lit in the middle of the table. After we kids were born...there's four of us: me, my sister Anna, and my two twin brothers, Robert and Leonard...Mama still lit the candles before she served the food to us all. Papa would ask us to join hands in prayer and we'd give thanks for all our many blessings. Mama would always end each prayer list with the words 'and thank you Lord, for the caring in the candles.'

I never understood what she meant by those words 'til I was married and facing hard times of my own with my little family in the middle of the Great Depression. My husband Michael was a farmer and we were lucky enough to own a little crop land out west of town. We grew enough food for

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The Caring in the Candles

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us to eat and a little to share with those around us, but still times were tough and we had to work three-times as hard to keep our head above water.

Michael would come dragging in each evening, barely able to keep his eyes open from being so tired. I felt about the same after my daily chores and chasing after our three children - Maggie, Maxine and Ben. My Mama told me to always light three candles at supper and thank the Good Lord for the caring in the candles. I did this out of devotion to my mother, but it wasn't until I noticed how my family drew together around the supper table each night, that I finally realized what Mama had meant for all those years.

Michael relaxed and the worry would fall away from his face as he would recount the events of his day out in the fields or in the pastures with the cattle.

The children would be quiet and still around the table, actively listening to their father and I as we would discuss topics of interest, issues of concern and as we read our daily Scripture lesson from the Bible. They even joined in the conversations and discussions as they grew older. Yes, ma'am, those candles had a way of bringing out the best in our family time together... a real caring..."

"Daily Scripture lesson? I interrupted. "You mean like a daily devotional or something? This comment touched a nerve. Since we had moved to this small town, we had been attending a church on a regular basis. It was more David's idea. I half-heartedly went each time. Most of the time I sat worrying about how much money David was putting in the collection plate or how I was going to get my new copy idea written in enough time to mail to the agency back in the city. I had to prove I could do more because less work was being sent my way in the last two months. Church was the last place that I wanted to be because, after all, wasn't God partially responsible for the disappointments in my life these days?"

I felt all alone sitting in the church pew even though I was surrounded by David, Jeremy and a squirming baby April in my lap. The members were friendly enough and even brought casseroles to us when we first started going to services. A lady had just called from the ladies group asking me to join them at their next meeting - a Christmas party. I had to bring a small gift to exchange; that's why I was looking at the candles. I had decided to attend, at David's urging.

The issue of daily devotionals was a sore spot to me because David had begun to read the Bible each morning before he left for school. He would pour himself a cup of coffee and sit at the dining room table amongst his schoolbooks and lose himself in a devotional reading for about 30 minutes. This left me all alone in getting breakfast, attending the baby and seeing Jeremy off to school in time. I resented the time David was taking for something that seemed like a waste of time. David was always happy lately, even though we barely had enough money to pay the bills and I was becoming more and more stressed by our "pathetic situation," as I chose to call our life these days. David was adamant that the Lord was going to provide a way for us all and, that by drawing nearer to Him and listening to The Word, that way would be revealed.

"If you would just sit down with me and read the Bible passages with me each morning, life wouldn't seem so horrible," David would plea with me. I wasn't listening. I was beginning to not care anymore.

Jeremy was beginning to act as if he didn't care, as well. Yesterday, his school teacher had called to discuss an incident that took place following a test that Jeremy had failed. He had wadded the paper up and tossed it into the trash while stating "who needs to know that stupid stuff anyway." He seemed angry at me all the time and became more sarcastic towards me each day. On the other hand, he'd become closer to David and his sister. I admit, I resented their closeness and how David could get them to laughing at his childish pranks.

And then there is the baby. April; only eight months old and already so understanding and bright. She will look at me at me with eyes that seem to say "I love you, Mommy, I don't understand your heart, but I'll wait for

you to come around." It's true; I doubted her from the beginning and had really only been going through the motions of motherhood. But recently, I've felt a longing for her. It's been like a wave of emotion that will hit me and leave me dizzy until I can hold her in my arms and kiss her sweet face. She stares at me sometimes like I'm a total stranger, but then she'll break into a two-toothed grin that melts the ice around my heart.

I have felt like something was going to have to give. Money was too tight for my comfort. There was never anything left after bills and groceries. David didn't seem to be too terribly concerned and just absorbed himself into his schoolwork, campus and church activities. He sloughed everything off with pat answers of "prayers will be answered" and "Trust in the Lord, Jan. Trust in the Lord!" I didn't know whether I should leave him for a while or face an emotional melt-down at home.

Why three candles?

"Daily devotional. Without fail, the Bible was read and the Scriptures discussed as a family until the day my sweet Michael passed away," Sophie stated. "The children carry this tradition on to this very day with their families and I have not missed one day of devotional time in all my 84 years!"

"I just don't have the time to sit down and read like that," I stammered. "There's barely enough time to do the things that have to get done in a day's time."

Sophie leaned forward, grabbed my hand and with a very firm voice said:

"You've got to *make* the time to spend with God and your family. Child, if you'll go over there and buy yourself three big candles and take them home tonight and light them, you'll soon see what I mean by the 'caring in the candles' being brought out."

"But why three candles?" I questioned.

"My Mama explained that the three candles represented the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. She was taught that by lighting three candles together and by joining a family around them, that the care, the love and the hope that was promised and fulfilled by the birth and death of Jesus Christ, is warmed into the hearts of those around them," Sophie related.

"I guess I could give it a try," I said skeptically. "I do thank you for your time and for the lovely story. I had better get my shopping done and be on my way back home."

I helped Sophie up from the booth and, as she stood, she gave me a big hug. I felt myself relax a bit and I realized that this small, caring woman was, in some way, a small present to me for this holiday season. She walked away and disappeared into the shopping center.

The worry lifted ... and I truly saw love

I purchased three tall pillar candles and upon unloading my shopping bags at home, placed them in the middle of the dining room table. I watched the clock for the time that David and the two kids would return from their day at school and the baby-sitter. I was skeptical, but I was also excited at the prospects of some genuine time together.

David, Jeremy and April bounded through the door carrying a rag-tag Christmas tree.

"Don't be mad Mom, it was only \$5 at the back of the lot," Jeremy stated.

"It's beautiful," I exclaimed. "Let's put it up after supper."

David noticed the candles and came up behind me at the stove.

"What's the occasion? Sure you want the kids to eat with us?" he asked, wrapping his arms around my waist. I

could tell he was curious about my sudden good mood.

"I want the kids to eat with us and I want you to read a Bible devotional to us after we eat," I said. "I'm willing to try a family devotional time at the *end* of each day, if you'll help me a little more each morning."

"Done deal!" David said excitedly. "Jan, you won't be sorry. You'll see, everything is going to be okay with us and our future."

That night, we dined by candlelight.

David relaxed. Jeremy finished his plate and stayed seated without us begging him to sit down. April never squirmed and even got us to laughing with her babbling and "interesting" style of eating mashed potatoes.

The worry lifted from my eyes and I truly saw love in the eyes of my family. They had been worried about me and had been afraid to tell me. They had all been walking around on eggshells around me, fearing that they would push me further away by trying to reach out to me. I had been totally self-absorbed and selfish for petty, material things. I had been blaming God for not understanding my fears and needs and had been feeling like everything was up to me.

David fittingly chose two passages from our Bible to read to us that night. He read "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you," from 1 Peter 5:7 and "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and will not faint." from Isaiah 40: 28-31.

That night, we made a promise to each other to always love, trust, talk and listen to each other and to follow God's word in our lives. And, as I tucked my children in bed that night, I don't think I'll ever forget the feel of April's sweet baby kiss on my cheek or Jeremy's sweet words of "Don't cry Mommy...I'll love you forever!" as he wiped away my tears.

I held David as I prayed that night. I thanked Him for blessing me with such a wonderful husband, two beautiful - and wanted - children and for the love we shared. This promised to be a joyous Christmas and I thanked the Lord for Sophie, her sweet Mama and those three candles. I surrendered my heart and found my way back to Him and the things that mattered most through three simple candles that burned love, hope and promise into my heart.

Yes, thank you dear Lord, for the caring in the candles!



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Texico council denies mobile home park variance; city purchases bus company building, land

The Texico City Council on Tuesday denied a request from Pete Fuentes to place a mobile home park at 622 State St.

Ten letters were sent to nearby property owners. Three were returned, all opposed. So the council voted to deny it.

But a variance for the property may be sought to place just one more mobile home there.

In other business, the council:

-- Heard that Duncan Disposal has transported two loads of bottom ash to Texico for alley repairs from the SPS Tolk plant.

-- Went over the 1997-88 audit with CPA Sandra Rush. Four "findings" (areas where improvement were needed), and will be addressed.

Texico has had four city clerks during the past 1 1/2 years, leading to some confusion.

-- Heard city employee Darrell Hampton say he will suggest at the next council

meeting that dog license fees be raised.

-- Allowed the old chairs from the community center to be moved to the fire department. The Texico Chamber of Commerce recently bought 200 new chairs for the community center.

-- Held a lengthy discussion in public for the purchase of the To and From Bus Company property (across from the Town & Country convenience store) for use as the new city barn.

The council then voted 3-0 to approve the purchase. In favor were councilmen Eddie Dunsworth and Oran Jay Autrey and Mayor Marie Christian.

Councilman Rick Queener abstained, since he owns the bus company.

Councilman Dean Henninger, who works for the bus company, was absent.

The city bought the bus company building and 8 lots for \$79,200 -- the appraised value of the property.

All the details of the purchase were hammered out at the public meeting.

Queener agreed to pay for

the survey, while the city will pay for the closing costs and for title insurance.

Queener will have his equipment out of the building by Feb. 1. He plans to move into a new building behind the Phillips 66 service station.

Earlier this year, Queener and the city had discussed a land swap as part of the deal, but this didn't occur.

City officials had looked at having a new city barn built, but costs for a 50'x100' ft. building ranged from \$96,000 to \$116,000, and the city didn't have that much money available, they said

Queener's building is 65' x 72', he said.

-- Discussed three state grants for street projects:

1) The \$49,000 grant to upgrade Avenue F and some other streets is okay and the work will be done by the county this spring.

2) A \$33,425 grant to upgrade various other streets also will be done next spring.

3) But a \$45,661 grant to upgrade various streets may be lost. The deadline for doing the work is Dec. 31.

Texico was alerted by the state two weeks ago about the deadline, or it will lose the grant money.

Earlier information from the state about this grant came during the period this year when different city clerks were involved, said Mrs. Christian.

Temperatures have to be at least 40 degrees day or night before such street work can be done so it appears this grant money will be lost. The city may do the work itself next year and pay for it out of city funds.

Referendums pass

It's a pretty good bet that the boll weevil referendum for the zone including Parmer County will pass by a goodly margin in March.

Referendums have been voted on by the two zones closest to us and both have been approved by large margins.

Parmer, Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith and Lamb counties comprise the proposed Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Gin plans move along

The proposed member cooperative cotton gin for the region is very close to becoming a reality, according to Mark Williams and Kendall Devault.

At a Wednesday meeting at the Farwell Community Center, they brought interested cotton growers up to date on the decisions made and status of the proposed gin.

A video featuring the Lummus 170 Gin Stand was shown to the group. This is the brand of cotton ginning equipment that has been decided upon for purchase. The Lummus is a 4 less 2 setup that will allow for start up with two gin stands and allow for two additional slots for gin stands as needed.

The Lummus can gin 30 bales an hour on two stands and features: Three stage drying, an automatic bale tie system, a system to keep track of the cotton from start to finish - call in to final bale roll out and a system to monitor trash and moisture content. This will enable the gin to bypass certain pieces of

equipment and ensures better quality and less lint loss.

The Cherokee Company has also been selected to build the gin facility. The company is the leading cotton gin construction company in the nation, building the majority of cotton gins in the U.S. over the last three decades.

Construction on the gin will begin after air permit has been approved. This approval process will take over 60 days.

The reality of the gin meets a growing need for cotton gins in the region and will directly benefit the growers that will bring their cotton to the gin and participate in the co-op. There is no charge or fees for joining the co-op. Upon processing the first bale of cotton, growers become members of the co-op gin.

It is not too late to become a First Preferred Stockholder in the gin. If you are interested or need more information about the gin, contact Williams at (806) 825-2444 or Devault at (806) 825-2828.

Obituaries

Alma Hendrix

Services for Alma Hendrix, 80, of Texico, were Monday at Steed-Todd Chapel with the Rev. Clifton Miller officiating.

Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

She died Dec. 18 at the Farwell Convalescent Center. She was born Dec. 28, 1917, in Cheyenne, Okla. She had been a Texico resident since 1960. She was a member of Hamlin United Methodist Church.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Sharon Dean, of Reno, Nev., and Debbie Ryan, of Clovis; a son, Ricky, of Texico; a granddaughter; 3 sisters, Goldie Scott, of San Bernardino, Calif.; Elaine Cross and Pat Cross, both of San Antonio; and 3 brothers, James Miller, of Amarillo; R.C. Miller, of Nara Visa, N.M., and Gary Miller, of Roswell, N.M.

Her husband, Elmore, died in 1973.

Pallbearers were Truman Kittrell, Bob Spears, Bill Guild, Jerry Johnson, Oran J. Autrey and Lewis Cooper.

Fire calls listed

The Parmer County Commissioners on Tuesday received the list of fire calls the county's volunteer fire departments have gone on during the past 12 months.

They were: Rhea, 10; Bovina, 15; Farwell, 11; Friona, 44; and Lazbuddie, 15.

A breakdown on these calls will be carried in a future Tribune issue.

In other business, the commissioners approved having Kirkland, Kirkland & Co. CPA handle the 1998 audit.

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BOVINA -- Just listed: nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick home with 2-car garage, new kitchen cabinets and appliances. Owner says sell!

TEXICO -- 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, double wide home on 1 1/2 acres with city water, 2 car carport, some pipe corrals, good location.

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home with 2 car garage in south Farwell. Motivated seller. Possible lease purchase.

Nice commercial brick building on the highway in Farwell. Has refrigerated cooler.

160 acres dryland with 2-year-old double-wide mobile home, some cattle pens, on highway. Priced to Sell!

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath, with single car garage. Good neighborhood in south Farwell.

3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home with one car garage, fenced yard, good location near school.

Texico, 28'x75' double wide, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large garage/shop. VERY NICE!

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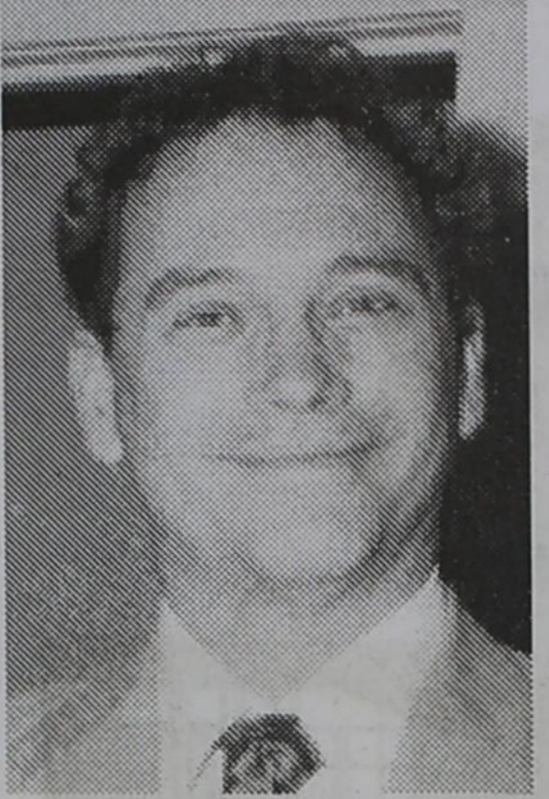
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Marriage Licenses
 The Parmer County clerk's office issued three marriage licenses last week:
 Donald Garland and Sandi Roberts, Vicente Munoz and Mikaela Tavora, and T.H. Lancaster and Diana Downing.

FOR SALE: Bricks and 2 lane matching rocker recliners. Call 482-9414.

FOR RENT: Newly remodeled 2-bedroom house in Farwell. \$325 a month. Water & sewer paid. Call 482-9414.



Tim Hutson

Hutson heads nursing home

Tim Hutson is the new interim administrator at the Farwell Convalescent Center. Hutson, 42, was born in Stuttgart, Ark and graduated from the University of Arkansas. He joined the Good Samaritan Society, which operates the center, five years ago. He and his wife, Margaret, have three children: Adrie, 15; Abraham, 13, and Parker, 2. For the present, they were still livin in Hot Springs Village, Ark., where Hutson was last assigned.

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. Please bring me a bike a talking parrot and that's all. Also please bring lots of toys and candy for all of my friends.
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Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. Please bring me a chalk board to play school, a play house, some new colors and some stickers. Also bring my mom a car, and a boat for my dad.
 Iris Rutiaga

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. Please bring me some small soldiers, some cars, a bike and some clothes. Also bring my dad some boots and a hat, and a dress for my mom.
 Shawn Mykel Salguero

Longhorns stop Hart

Varsity Girls
 The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns ran into a tough Hart team last Friday, losing in overtime, 65-59. It was a tough loss in that the Lady 'Horns fought back from a 6-point deficit going into the final quarter to send the game into OT. Top scorers were Laura Jo Via, 15; Kia Morris, 11, and Holly Engelking, 10. The Lady 'Horns are now 12-2 on the season.



60th anniversary

A 60th wedding anniversary reception will be held for Jessie and Lois Stancell from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, sponsored by their children and grandchildren. All are invited; no gifts, please.

Varsity Boys
 The Longhorns improved their record to 10-4 with a 52-43 win over Hart last Friday. Top scorers were Cade Morris, with 16, and Bryce Ronek, with 10.

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FARWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	August 31, 1998	August 31, 1997
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 881,681	\$ 47,504	\$ 133,501	\$ 1,062,686	\$ 1,080,111
State Program Revenues	2,552,656	64,598	--	2,617,254	2,495,239
Federal Program Revenues	--	258,055	--	258,055	236,206
Total Revenues	\$ 3,434,337	\$ 370,157	\$ 133,501	\$ 3,937,995	\$ 3,811,556
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Instruction & Instructional Related Services	\$ 2,059,104	\$ 180,921	\$ --	\$ 2,240,025	\$ 2,088,824
Instructional and School Leadership	193,141	4,380	--	197,521	230,204
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	348,174	185,646	--	533,820	504,463
Administrative Support Services	182,292	--	--	182,292	205,358
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	340,706	--	--	340,706	338,703
Debt Service	15,268	5,573	--	20,841	127,213
Intergovernmental Charges	40,499	--	129,435	144,703	--
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,179,184	\$ 376,520	\$ 129,435	\$ 3,685,139	\$ 3,494,765
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 255,153	\$ (6,363)	\$ 4,066	\$ 252,856	\$ 316,791
Other Resources (Uses)	--	6,363	--	6,363	65,219
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 248,790	\$ --	\$ 4,066	\$ 252,856	\$ 322,541
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,257,832	--	24,582	1,282,414	1,099,445
Prior Period Adjustment (Note 17)	137,788	--	1,784	139,572	--
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,644,410	\$ --	\$ 30,432	\$ 1,674,842	\$ 1,421,986

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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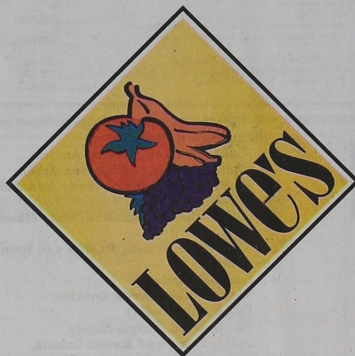
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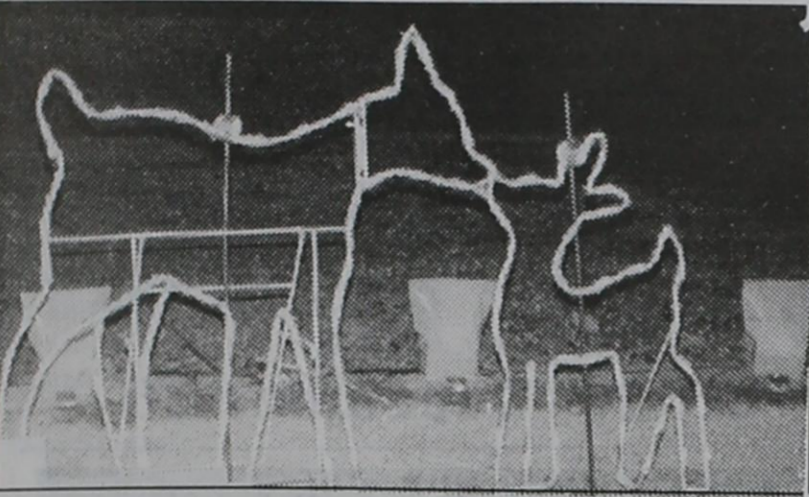


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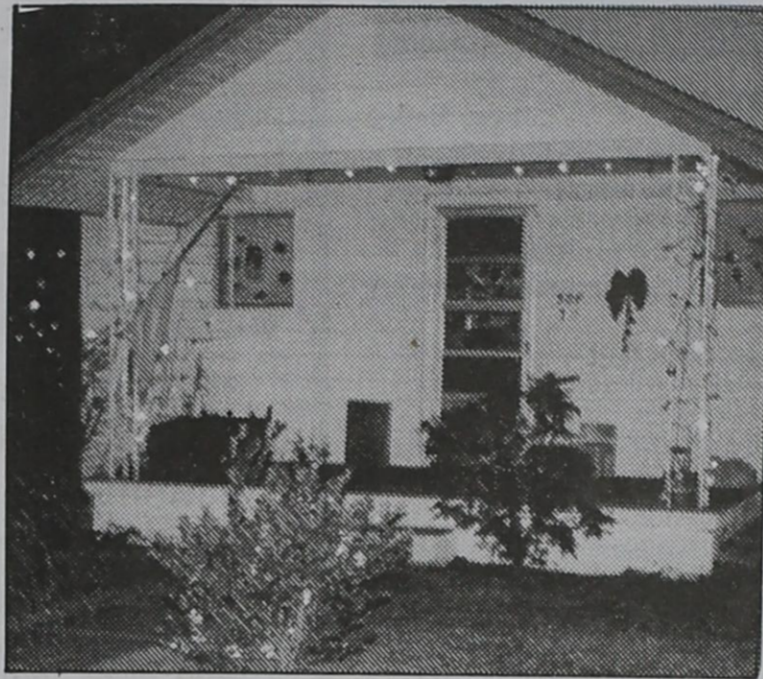
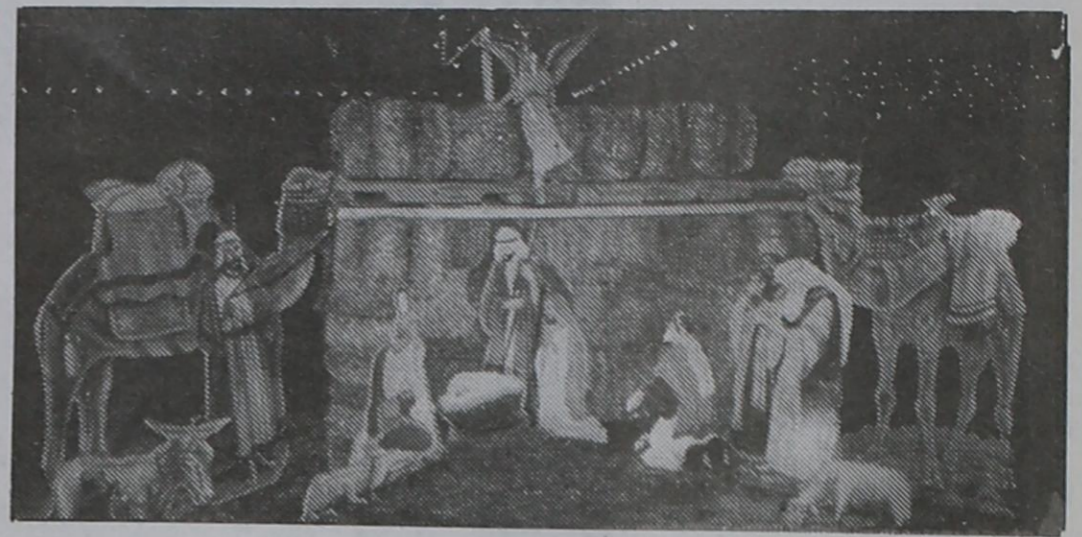
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Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 18, Butch Cady, 50, of Clarendon, Texas, was charged by the sheriff's office with public intoxication.

On Dec. 19, seven hunters were charged by the sheriff's office with criminal trespass.

Yerger said a rancher called the sheriff's office to

protest the hunting on his property. The hunters, whose guns were taken, argued that no "no hunting" signs were posted, said the sheriff.

Charged were: Donnie Gustin, 40, Austin; Charles Westbrook, 35, Austin; Bob Spiegel, 45, Temple; Ken Naizer, 40, Holland; Phil Palczer, 46, Austin; Richard Long, 35, Temple, and Tim Counts, 39, Little River.

Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa:

Last weekend, someone broke out four plate glass windows at Farwell High School, plus a car window in

the 800 block of 3rd Street and a window at city hall.

Also, charges have been filed with the county attorney concerning a disorderly conduct case dating from Nov. 13 that occurred in the 800 block of 3rd Street.

Marshal's Report

Texico Marshal Kelley Brophy reports a highly successful roadblock was held in Texico on Saturday night.

The roadblock was publicly announced in the Tribune before it was held.

In all, 60 citations were issues including 5 for DWI and

2 for driving on a suspended license.

Last Friday, three persons were charged with battery in a domestic dispute -- Maria Romera, 47; Rachel Dominguez, 28, and Sam Romero, 47, all of Texico.

The Latest

Clovis Community College held its 9th commencement convocation on Dec. 11 and these area students participated:

Twilla Thomas, liberal arts, associate of arts degree with honors.

Weldon Kube, business administration, associate of science degree.

Kimberly Barnes and Esperanza Martinez, practical nursing, certificates of completion.

Justin Mahaney, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration, associate of applied science degree, with honors.

Laura Chavez, criminal justice, associate of applied science degree, with honors.

Margarita Gomez, medical secretary, associate of applied science degree, with

honors.

Summer Johnson and Donna Meyer, nursing, associate of applied science degree, with honors.

Farwell's Holly Kirkland may appear on the Maury Povich TV show sometime after Christmas.

The show has planned a topic on identical twins and Holly and her sister fit that bill. Also, Holly has two sons who are identical twins, Daniel and Dillon.

Farwell firemen put out a blaze Monday morning at a home in the 200 block of 3rd Street owned by Jimmy Meeks.

Nobody was home at the time and no injuries were reported.

Basketball League Scheduled

The Friona Youth Commission will sponsor a Men's Sunday Afternoon Basketball League from Jan. 24 through March 14.

Teams will be limited to 10 per team at \$300 a team. Signups must be in by Friday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m.

All participants will receive a t-shirt. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded after the tournament. All other participants will receive medallions.

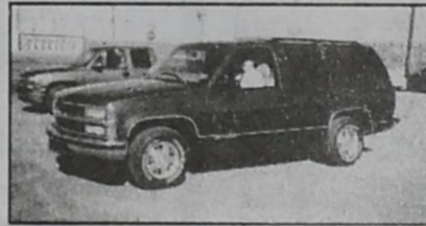
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Farwell varsity teams beat Elida

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue hiked their record to 10-6 on Friday with a 70-41 pasting of Elida in an away game.

Scoring were Megan Miller, 8; Ashley Crawford, 15; Kacey Gast, 4; Britney Hunt, 7; Nicole Stout, 7; Chelsi Kaltwasser, 17; Ramsey Bennett, 2; Kinzi Woods, 2, and Lisa Herington, 4.

Farwell won all four quarters en route to an easy victory.

Varsity Boys

Farwell's Steers also has an easy time over Elida on Friday, winning 71-44.

Farwell is now 9-4.

Scoring were Tyler Chadwick, 13; Spencer Ketcherside, 8; Ryan Roberts, 7; Jourdan Nichols, 11; Jason Crawford, 12, and Clint Corn and Brett Curtis, 10 each.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls lost to Elida, 50-46.

Scoring were Brandi Bailey, 4; Tara Cargile, 12; Cristie Tabb, 8; Chrystal Wolven, 2; Kenzie Gabriel, 3, and Jessica Chandler, 17.

9th Boys

Farwell's freshman boys turned back Texico in overtime on Friday, 45-43.

Scoring for Farwell were Jeff Delgado and Fidel Ruiz, 4 each; Landon Meeks, 5; Taylor Nichols, 8; Tucker Crawford, 9, and Thomas Ortiz, 15.

Scoring were Ryan Autrey, 8; Tim Peabody and Jake Williams, 4 each; Jacob Alderse-Baes, Michael Rivera and Chris Sena, 6 each; Jason Foust, 7, and Marcos Loera, 2.

Fire Calls

Farwell firemen were called to a grass fire on Dec. 18 at FM 3333.

Lady Wolverines slaughter Grady

Varsity Girls

The Texico Lady Wolverines are now 7-2 after slaughtering Grady, 88-54, on Saturday.

Scoring were Bobbi Williams and LaMicah Drager, 4 each; Jennifer Roberts, 19; Elizabeth Richards, 21; Callie Rucker, 2; Kristen Roberts, 15; Krysta Morris, 12; Shayna Lewis, 5; and Kara Jenkins and Brittany Bradley, 3 each.

Kristen Roberts had 7 assists and Lewis 5. Morris had 11 steals and Kristen Roberts 10. Elizabeth Richards led in rebounds with 11.

JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls put away Grady, 68-23. Grady never scored more than 9 points in a quarter.

Texico is now 6-1 on the season.

Scoring were Bobbi Williams and Tara Lockmiller, 8 each; Jenni Williams, 1; Callie Rucker, 17; Kelsi Cain, 6; Pam Schjang, 7; Kara Jenkins, 12; Brittany Bradley, 6, and LaMicah Drager, 3.

Rucker led in assists with 5. Jenkins had 7 steals and Drager had 6. Schjang led in boards with 9, and Cain had 8.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys knocked off Grady, 57-47, on Friday.

Coach Dolittle reported that Jason Foust led with 18 points.

"Our kids played hard. And Anthony Askew played very well," said the coach.

Texico's 9th grade boys' report is included in the Farwell hoop roundup.



65th anniversary

A reception is planned for Frank and Lovonne Hinkson on their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church's fellowship hall. All are invited.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were issued in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:
 Sherry White/David White est. - Robert Koehn, NW 1/4, Sec. 7, T14S;R3E Synd.
 Edward Allen - David Keith, lot 1, Blk. 10, Staley Add, Friona.
 Melvin Morris -- Melvin Morris Inc. - SE 1/4, Sec. 23, Doud & Keefer.
 Kent Lloyd - Jacob Thompson, lot 13, Blk. 4, Mimo Add, Farwell.

We would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful things the people of our community did for us.

Thank you for the prayers, food, kind words and a special thanks to Rev. Beth Herrington and the ladies of our church for the wonderful meal.

God bless all of you and we hope your holiday season will be a happy one.

The family of Royce Menning

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

The Farwell Independent School District is soliciting bids for heating and air conditioning units renovation in all district buildings. Bids will be accepted until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 1999, at which time they will be opened by the Board of Trustees.

If you are interested in placing a bid, contact Larry Gregory, superintendent, Farwell I.S.D., Box F, Farwell, Texas 79325. You may call (806) 481-3371 for a specification list.

The Farwell I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

Larry Gregory
Superintendent

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Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me some clothes, toys, candy, books and new coloring books. Also bring my mom some clothes a stereo for my dad and clothes for my brother.

Joshua Trujillo

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a TV for our new room, a drum game, a new necklace and a real Christmas tree. Also bring my sister two front teeth, and I don't know what mom and dad want.

Niki Wallin

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a train, a TV, lots of toys and some real drums. My mom and dad don't want anything for Christmas.

Colton Williams

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a bike, some candy, some new clothes and a cowboy hat. Also bring some new clothes and a little tricycle for my brother Mat.

Stephen Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Barbie, a bike, some new dresses and a puzzle. Also bring a bike and some games for my brothers.

Tiffany Brown

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a remote control car, some pants and shirts and socks. Also bring a dress for my mom, some shoes for my dad.

Jorge Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a My Size Barbie, a regular Barbie, a Barbie car, and something for my teacher for Christmas. Also please bring my family something. A blow dryer for mom, for my Aunt, Miky Salas and also something for my cousin for Christmas.

Victoria Castillo

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a bike, some new crayons, a coloring book and a Barbie for Christmas. Also please bring some stickers, candy and coloring books for my brothers and sister.

Candace Longoria

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a remote control car, a guitar, a sled and a big robot. Also, bring my baby brother a bike, my dad a pair of dress shoes, and my mom a denim shirt.

Dathan McWhorter

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Dodge Ram, a Corvette, small soldiers, Godzilla with access, side winder, Monster truck with remote. Also please bring my brother a tricycle, some beanie babies for my sister and a tool box for my dad and a new vacuum for mom.

T.J. Serna

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a baby that sings, a dream garden doll, a ball and a Barbie. Also, please bring my mom some jewelry and a cup with a bear for Grandma.

Melanea Nieto

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a dog, coloring book, a play house and a jump rope. Also bring a new car for mom, a toy for my brother and a purse for my sister.

Destanee Sena

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a doll, a car, a baby doll, clothes for my dolls and a pool for the dolls. Also bring a tape recorder for my mom, a car for my dad and a baby doll for my sister Claudia Irene.

Dulce Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a new bed, a remote control car, a slinky and some shoes and clothes. Also bring a new dress for my mom and a ring, a new truck and shoes for my dad.

Lucas Walthers

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Barbie motor home, new shoes, clothes an electronic talking hot potato. Also bring some clothes for my mom, rings for grandma and shirt for grandpa.

Stormy Horner

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Nintendo 64, some games for it too, and the Super Mario's game and a jet star game. Also bring a diamond ring for mom, and some new shoes for my dad.

Garrett Foote

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me video games and a race car, and dolls for my sisters. Also bring my dad a game for his computer and jewelry for my mom.

Rustin Harris

Dear Santa,
I am 5 1/2 years old. Please bring me an Angelica watch

(Rugrat), a jumping rope, a medium elephant and a girl's bike. Also bring my mom a pot with flowers and a Barbie for my sister.

Opal Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Gameboy, Nintendo 64, a book, playing cards, and Power Rangers. Also bring my mom a ring, new boots for my dad and a baby doll for my sister. Thank you.

Tyler Kelley

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me some CD's of The Backstreet Boys, Hanson and Aerosmith, a Barbie phone, Come to me Baby Crawl and the Happy Meal Doll. Also bring shoes and clothes for my sister, jewelry for mom and new boots for dad.

Bethany Heaton

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a play skater, a remote control car and a little toy batman. Also bring a little dump truck for my brother, a dress for mom and new pants for my dad.

Kolten Miller

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me roller blades, a Teddy bear and a Furby. Also bring my mom a diamond ring, new socks for dad and please bring some toys for Micah and McKenzie. PS, I'll leave you a muffin.

Morgan Mayfield

I am 5 years old. Please bring me dolls with bottles, pencils and paper books, clothes and some shoes. Also bring my dad a car, new dishes for mom and lots of toys for my brother and sister.

Nora Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a blue basketball, an army suite with helmet and gun, Legos, a farm set, tractors and houses. Also bring some new shoes for mom, new boots for my dad and clothes for my brothers and sisters.

Randy Reeser

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me some spurs and some boots, a cowboy hat and a gun and a denim jacket. Also, bring a box of tools for my dad, a new dress and boots for my mom.

Andrew Power

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Barney, a coat, some shoes and a turtle. Also

bring my mom a lamp and a hat for my dad.

Ariana Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am 6 1/2 years old. Please bring me just a Sega and a little bit of clothes and some shoes. Also bring my mom some nice gold rings and my dad some nice boots, toys for all of my brothers.

Mojo Woods

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Barbie Cool Skipper, Vtech Computer and a real baby. Also bring daddy some skies and a saw, a bike for my sister, Britni and 4 bowls for my mommy and new furniture.

Cortni Foreman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a web copter, Spiderman, remote control car for my dad so we can play together.

Mason Apodaca

Dear Santa,
I want a white bunny rabbit (a real one). Can you make my brother like kisses because he doesn't like them. Our house is brick and white at the top with a chimney. Oh -- please bring me a puppy, too.

Keeley Dunnam

Dear Santa,
I want a little teddy bear for my brother; the movies Armageddon and Dr. Dolittle, a frog tank that you put water in and a thing for the frog to get on, a little puppy and a puzzle. How do you fly, Santa?

Raymond Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I want a baby brother for Christmas. I also want a Beanie Baby, a computer, the new Lion King movie and a giant Godzilla. What does Mrs. Claus look like?

Landry Actkinson

Dear Santa,
I want a Happy Meal doll, Cds of Selena and Spice Girls, a microphone to sing with, some play dough, a Barbie that's a Spice Girl, a little mermaid.

Crystal Reyes

Dear Santa,
Power up the reindeer! Please bring my a construction crane and a Nintendo 64 for football games, and a computer.

Caleb Christian

Dear Santa,
Please bring my the Dunn cutting horse, with calf. Our Nintendo broke - bring me a new one with football games. I need a computer with a desk and a train set, also.

Russell Schilling

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a stroller, a baby doll and a little swing set for my baby doll.

Laney Christian

Dear Santa,
I always try to build stuff with my big brother Taylor, so maybe you could bring me some Lego's or some Duplo blocks of my very own? Thank you Santa!

Tanner Mesman

Dear Santa,

I want a water bottle holder and a Red Ryder and a Godzilla and a hamper and a toy brown moy sand hours.

Brittany Prucey

Dear Santa,
I want a McDonald doll and a CD tape player and a Synk tape, a Sparks tape and a Selina tape.

I want to see Rudolph and your elves.

Lucia Mikaela Cenicerros

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Hot Wheels Up Town Down Town and a Fire Station. I have been really good. Also could you bring my sister Kia a button to open her car and my brother Cade a Nintendo 64. They have kind of been good. I will leave you some cookies by my fireplace.

Kolten Morris

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year. Please bring me a blonde hair baby doll and a real kitty in my stocking. Please bring my baby sister Kenica a little tree and some baby toys. Would you also bring my mom a diamond necklace and my dad a 4-wheeler. Santa, we will blow out the fireplace so you won't burn your bottom and we will leave you some cookies and chocolate milk.

Chandler Barnes

Upcoming Sports

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Farwell JV and varsity boys and girls play at Springlake at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31

Lazbuddie boys and girls varsity begin play in the Sun-down Tournament.

Friday, Jan. 1

Farwell varsity boys begin play in the Grady Invitational Tournament.

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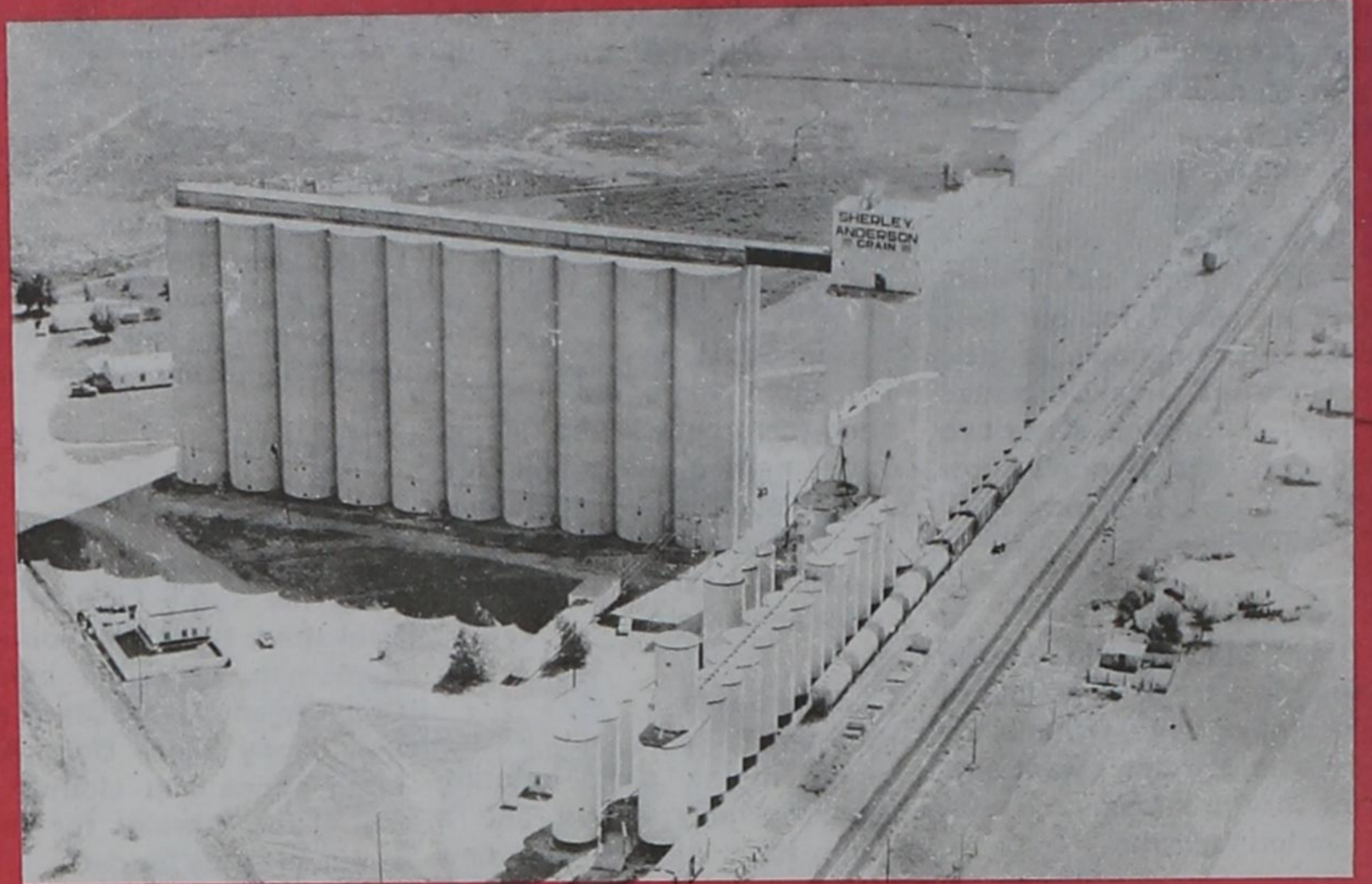
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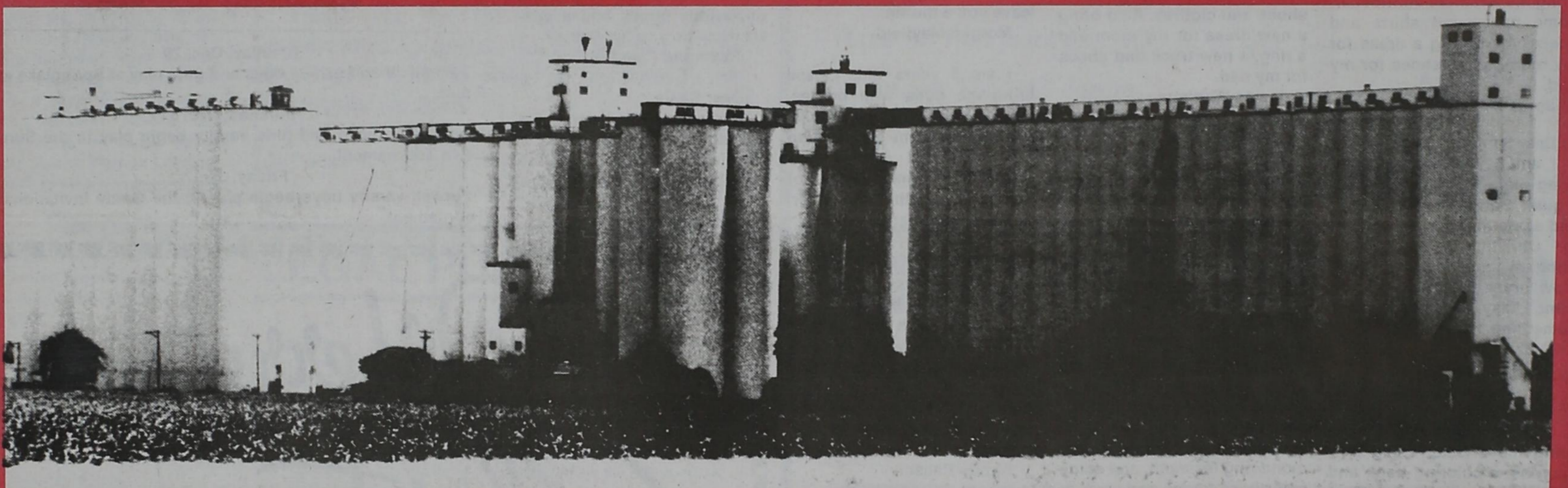
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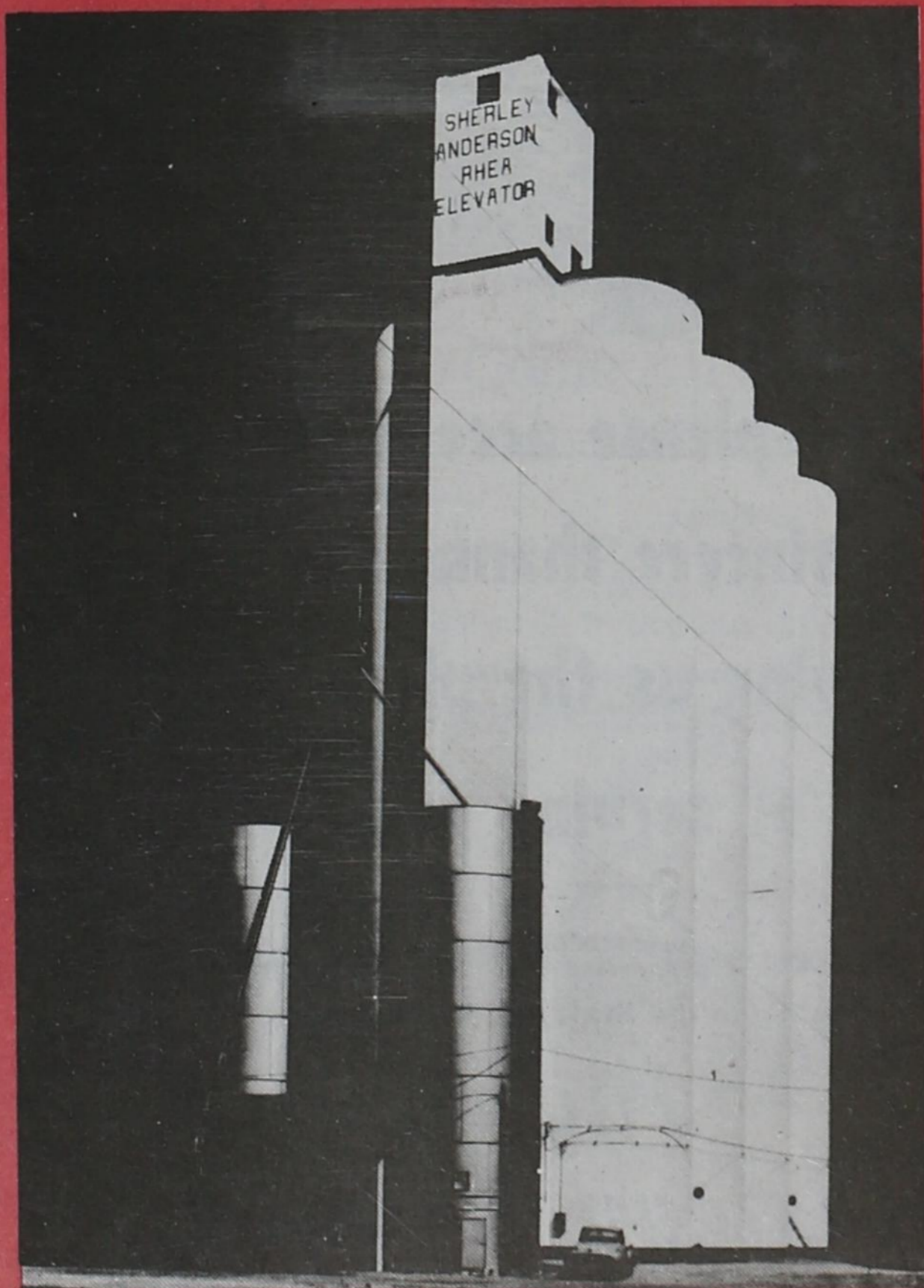
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1. The contest is divided into three age divisions: 4 to 6 years of age, 7 to 9 years of age, and 10 to 12 years of age. First and second prizes will be awarded.
2. The pictures shown below on this page are to be colored. The pictures must be submitted at the same time with the completed entry blank just below this.
3. Entries must be received at the State Line Tribune by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29 1998. They must be mailed or brought to the State Line Tribune. Address entries to: Coloring Contest, State Line Tribune, Box 255, Farwell, Texas 79325. Entries received after the Dec. 29 deadline will be disqualified.
4. Entries will be judged by the newspaper staff on the basis of originality and neatness. The contest is open to all area children within the specified age limits.
6. Winners will be announced in the State Line Tribune in January.

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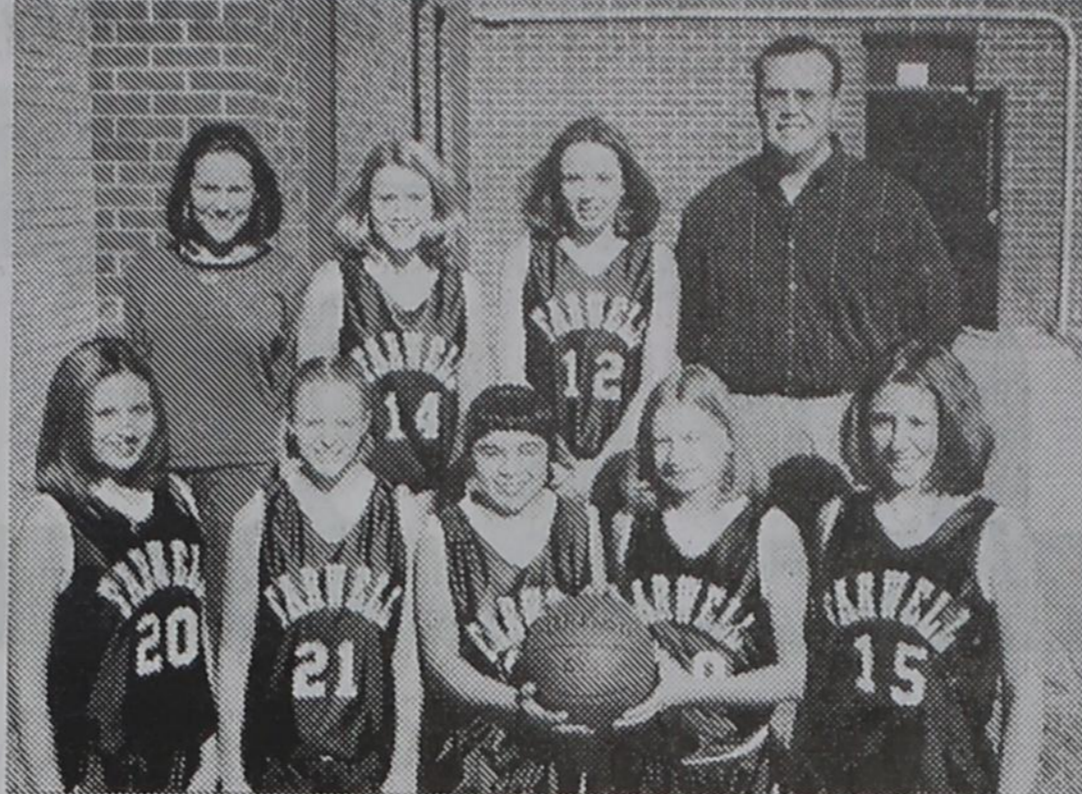
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Farwell 7th girls

In the back row from left are Chelsi Meyer, Ashley Hartog, Marisela Rivera, Baleigh Hager, coach Bryan Goldsmith; middle row, Nikki Gober, Jaimie Diaz, Jenny Rodriguez, Khallie Foster, Mindi Roberts; front row, Tara Sanchez, Hailey Grimes, Tara Schilling, Kyra Christian.



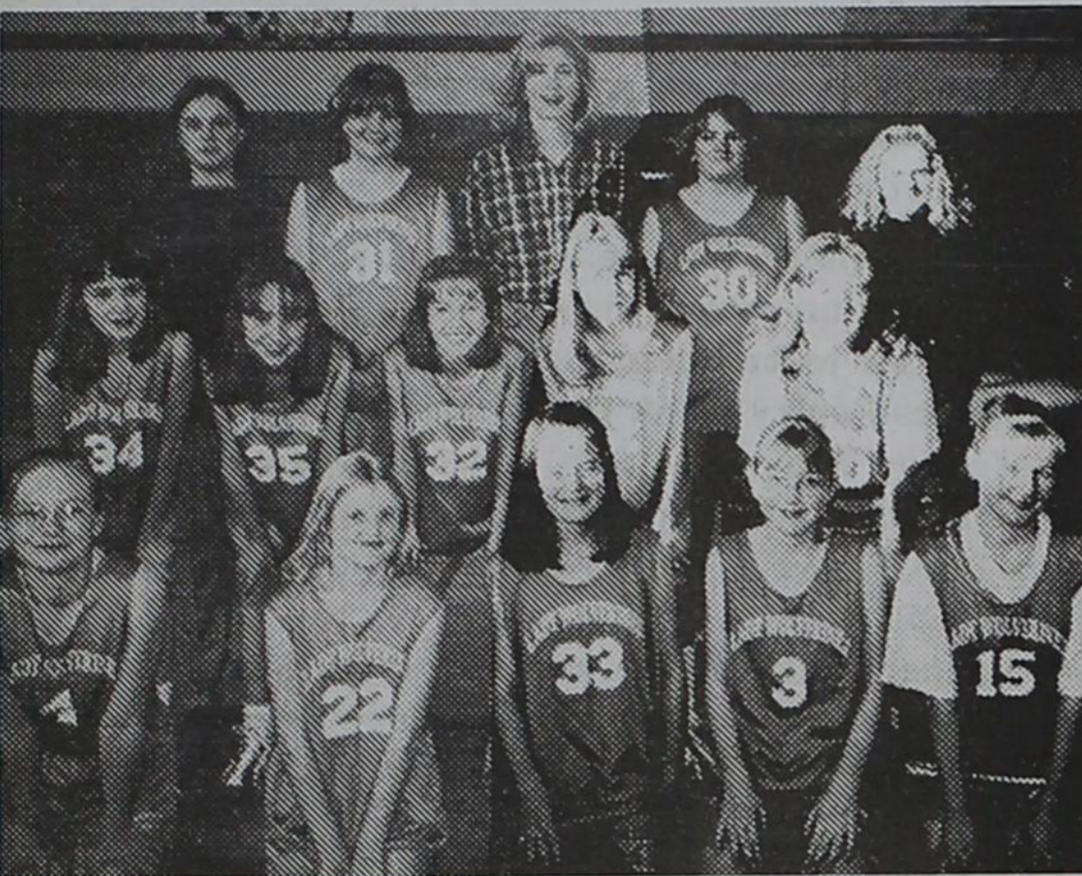
Farwell 8th girls

In the front row from left are Carrie Stevenson, Meagan Norton, Yvette Favila, Kim Taylor, Keeley Rich; back row, Amanda Kyle, Lacey Atkinson, Tifani Pitcock, coach Bryan Goldsmith.



Lazbuddie JV Girls

In back from left are Savannah Black, Candace Randolph, Kelsey Jones; middle row, Kati Mimms, Stephanie Sharp, Kendra Gallman and Jodie Coker; in front, Tristen Thorn, Mayra Hernandez, Kayla Kimbrough.



Texico 7th Girls

In back from left are Joann Hopingardner, Kehley Merrill, Coach Amy Kelley, Jessa Winegeart, Tasha Cain; middle row, Shelly Smith, Brittany Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Lakin Hatcher, Sherry Stone; front row, Jayme Kushman, Ashley Spearman, Crystal Abernathy, Dana Dunnahoe, Amber Dalton.



Farwell 7th boys

In the back row from left are coach Jacob Thompson, Daniel Kaltwasser, Tyler Myers, Trevor Thurman; front row, Jason Johnson, Cale Stevenson, Anthony Herrera, Grant Gregory.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2011



Vitoria (Tori) Ortiz is a kindergartener at Farwell Schools. Her birthday is January 23.

Her parents are Leticia Ortiz and Ruben Galvan. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anculeto Ortiz Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Galvan.

She likes to paint and draw. Her favorite foods are tacos and pizza. Her favorite color is pink. She dislikes sharing the TV remote.

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From the employees and directors of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Here are some Parmer County award-winning recipes

Here are some recipes that took top honors at the Parmer County food show:

Beef 'n Cheese Wraps
 4 flour tortilla (10 inches)
 1 carton (8 oz.) onion and chive cream cheese spread
 1 cup shredded carrots
 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 1 pd. thinly sliced cooked roast beef
 Leaf lettuce

Spread one side of each tortilla with cream cheese; top with carrots and Monterey Jack cheese. Layer with beef and lettuce. Roll up tightly and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Cut into 1 inch slices. Serves 4.

From Kacee Millsap, first place, Junior 2 division, main dish:
Cheesy Chicken Bake
 1 3/4 cups cooked chicken
 3/4 cup shredded cheese
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 can (8 oz.) crescent rolls
 1 cup milk
 1/2 cup chopped green chiles
 Paprika/Italian seasonings
 Cooking spray (optional)

Combine chicken, 1/4 cup cheese and green chiles. Separate crescents and put 2 tablespoons chicken, cheese and green chile mixture on each one. Roll up starting

with short side. In sauce pan, mix soup, milk and 1/4 cup cheese. Cook until cheese melts. Put 1/2 to 3/4 of mixture in baking dish that's been lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Arrange crescents on mixture and bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 or 10 minutes longer until cheese melts, then add rest of soup mixture. Garnish with paprika or Italian seasonings. Return to the oven for 3 to 5 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees. Serves 4-6.

From Shelby Christian, first place, Junior 1 division, main dish:
E-Z enchiladas
 2 dozen corn tortillas
 1/2 medium onion (chopped)
 2 (15 oz.) can chili (no beans)
 1 pd. processed America cheese spread, grated
 1/2 pd. mild cheddar cheese, grated.

Heat chili. Add 1 1/2 cans of water to chili and bring to a boil. Soak a few tortillas at a time in the chili to soften, just a few seconds. Remove them and put about 2 tablespoons of cheese (some of each) and onion in each tortilla and roll. Pour remaining chili over top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and onion on top. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly. Serves 8.

From Alice Wauson, first place, Junior 1 division, fruits and vegetables.
Frog Eye Salad
 1 cup sugar
 2 tbslp. flour
 2 1/2 tbslp. salt
 1 3/4 cups pineapple juice
 2 eggs, beaten
 1 tbslp. lemon juice
 3 qts. water
 1 tbslp. cooking oil
 1 pkg. (16-oz.) acini de pepe
 3 cans (11 oz. ea.) mandarin oranges, drained
 2 cans (20 oz. ea.), pineapple chunks, drained
 1 can (20 oz.) non dairy whipped topping
 1 cup miniature marshmallows, optional
 1 cup coconut, optional

Combine sugar, flour and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Gradually stir in pineapple juice and eggs. Cook over moderate heat, stirring until thickened. Add lemon juice. Cool mixture to room temperature. Bring water, remaining two teaspoons salt and oil to boil. Add acini de pepe. Cook at rolling boil until acini de pepe is done. Drain acini de pepe, rinse with water, drain again and cool in room temperature. Combine egg mixture and acini de pepe. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Refrigerate overnight in airtight container. Add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Refrigerate until chilled in airtight container. Salad may be refrigerated for as long as a week in airtight container. It also may be frozen, though freezing alters

the texture. Makes 25 servings.

 From Brittany Bridges, first place, Junior 1 division, nutritious snacks:
Chicken Salad
 3 cups cubed cooked chicken
 1 1/2 cups diced celery
 3 hard boiled eggs, quartered
 3 sweet pickles, chopped
 1 teaspoon salt
 In large bowl, place all ingredients. Add just enough mayonnaise or salad dressings to moisten. Mix together. This may be served on lettuce leaves, served with crackers or may be made into a sandwich. Serves 4.

 From Ginger Sides, first place, senior division, bread and cereals.
Harvest Chocolate Bread
 2 cups flour
 1 tbslp. baking power
 1 teasp. ground cinnamon
 1/2 teasp. baking soda
 1/2 teasp. ground ginger
 1/4 teasp. salt
 1/4 teasp. ground cloves
 2 eggs
 2/3 cup sugar
 1 8-oz. can sweet potatoes, mashed or 1 cup cooked mashed sweet potatoes.

1/2 cup vegetable oil
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teasp. vanilla
 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts, pecans or walnuts
 2 squares (2 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled
 1 to 2 teasp. hot water
 1 square (1 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled
 1 recipe Powdered Sugar Glaze (see below)


in a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, soda, ginger, salt, and cloves. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, sweet potatoes, sugar, oil, milk and vanilla. Add flour mixture and nuts, mixing well. (Batter will be stiff)

Stir the 2 oz. melted chocolate into 1 cup of the batter. Place half of the remaining batter in a greased and floured 9x5x3 inch loaf pan or two 7 1/2x3 1/2x2 inch loaf pans. Spoon chocolate batter down the center of the plain batter. Top with remaining plain batter.


Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Allow 40 minutes for 7 1/2x3 1/2x2 inch loaf pans.

Cool loaf in pan for 10 minutes. Remove and cool on wire rack. When cool, if desired, pipe or drizzel about half the powdered sugar glaze over the loaf. To remaining glaze, stir in the 1 oz. melted chocolate, add enough hot water to make glaze drizzling consistency. Pipe chocolate glaze aside the powdered sugar glaze. Garnish with chocolate dipped walnuts or pecans. Makes 1 loaf (about 12 slices).

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Santa, please give mom some contacts'

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer. I would like a N64 games. Santa how are you getting in my house because I don't have a chimney? Santa I will put out some chocolate chip cookies. All of my brothers have been very good except my big brother, he has been bad. I can't wait until Christmas. I hope you don't get cold on the way. Have a nice Christmas.
Osvaldo Munoz

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine. How is Mrs. Claus? Santa I wish you could bring me My Size Angel Barbie and could bring me Baby Slurp. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Cassandra Delgado

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you? I want a Nintendo 64 and the game W.W./Nwo Revenge. I also want some new skates and I want some new Hot Wheels. I also want a new TV, a new bike, and a dog. I also want a new house and \$8,000,000.
Kevin Miller

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? I hope they are fine. I want to tell you a few things that I want for Christmas. First I want a basketball goal. Second, I want a soccer ball. Third, I want a doll. Fourth I want a computer. Last I want my family to have a Merry Christmas. So Santa, you be careful on Christmas Eve. God Bless Santa.
Markita Askew

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you bring me a dirt bike and can you bring me a dog too? Can you bring me a computer too? How are your deer? Can you bring me a bike for Christmas? Can you bring me a cat too?
Jordan Shivers

Dear Santa,
How are your deer? I'm going to put some food on the table. I want a computer and Nintendo, remote control to the Atari.
Zachary Balli

Dear Santa,
I want shoes for me and

my brother. How are you? How is your wife? Do you go to house to house? The cookies will be on the table. You are cool. I am not bad.
Alexia Aguilar

Dear Santa,
May I please have a computer and a CD player. My mom wants a microwave. My dad wants some clothes. Colton wants a TV for his room and a new bed. I like Christmas so much. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Stevie Jo Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a new swimming pool please and a smoochie poochie pup too. And another friend to play with and \$10,000 to spend on Sandra's birthday party.
Delilah Blake

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen and Rudolph the red nose reindeer?

I do, I know the whole song. Do you know all of the songs about the reindeers? I think I know all the Christmas songs. Santa will you bring me a TV, and a radio for Christmas.
Jerrica Reid

Dear Santa,
I wish Santa Claus would bring me a bike. Santa Claus lives in the North Pole, Santa Claus goes to every house. I love Santa Claus. He just gives presents to boys and girls that are nice. He comes on December 25, 1998. I wish that I was his helper. And I will be one of his friends.
Mark

Dear Santa,
Can I have a bird? I love birds. They are nice to me, so I like them. And can I have a \$100,000 and my mom and dad get back together and be happy, I love them.
Deryck Autrey

Dear Santa,
I hope the elves are doing good. I hope I get the present I want, it is called Bop It, for Christmas. I am being good. P.S. I want the present My Size Barbie.
Danielle Bentley

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Is it cold at the North Pole? I



want a Nintendo 64, and I want a Game Boy. My sister wants a Spice Girl Barbie. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? I want one more thing a Real Talking Bubba. I like him.
Levi Richards

Dear Santa,
How's Mrs. Claus? May I have a Play Station and a motor for a go-cart? How are your reindeer? Hope you have a very good Christmas. I want a Ford 4x4 diesel truck. I am leaving you two cookies and milk. Is it cold in the North Pole?
Caiden Thomas

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose very bright? May I have Dean's 22. Can I have my two front teeth? My I have a NWO red and black T-shirt? Can I have a picture of your reindeer and a Ballzader for Christmas. Can I have a dirt bike? I will leave you cookies and milk. Can I have a Stone Cold Steve Austin T-shirt? May I have a remote control race car?
Chance Bussey

Dear Santa,
Pick me up at CR7, please take me to the North Pole. Would you show me Rudolph and Mrs. Santa Claus? By the way how is she doing? She is probably doing good. How are the reindeer. I bet you are getting your sleigh all ready. My sister wants a Tommy shirt, I want a Play Station.
Rio Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a Goldberg shirt. My brother

wants a toy race car track. My mom wants a Tigger shirt and my sister wants a bunk bed for Christmas. My dad wants a Ford truck and I want a Rudolph pillow, a Diamond Dallas Page poster, and a Stone Cold Steve Austin poster and a Undertaker poster. My cousin and I want a play gun.
Aaron Parks

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? May I have a go-cart and a little Goldberg shirt for my brother and a real talking Bubba. Can I have a big bear and can I have a NWO shirt and a remote control car? How are you doing Santa and Mrs. Claus? I'm going to leave cookies and some milk for you.
Jonathon Montano

Dear Santa,
I want some Nike tennis shoes for Christmas and my sister wants a teddy bear. How is Rudolph? I hope he is doing good. How are all the other reindeer? I hope they are doing good too. How is the North Pole? Is it cold up at the North Pole? How are your elves? I'm going to leave you some cookies and milk and maybe even a letter. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Tanner Allen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good in school. How is Rudolph and Prancer and Mrs. Claus? May I have some roller skates and a real talking Bubba. I also want a skateboard and a CD player. I also want a Lava Lamp and a V ck. I will make you some cookies and milk. I will be in the kitchen.
Courtney Bell

Dear Santa,
My brother wants a Ford truck. I want 12 bears. My mom will leave a lot of cookies. I want a Barbie for my cousin. I want three Pooh shirts. Santa. mv cousin

wants a Nintendo. Bring my cousin a baby horse. Bring my brother a train and a Ford truck. Bring Edgar anything you want.
Diana Chavina

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? May I have a go-cart and a little Goldberg shirt for my brother and a real talking Bubba. Can I have a big bear and can I have a NWO shirt and a remote control car? How are you doing Santa and Mrs. Claus? I'm going to leave cookies and some milk for you.
Jonathon Montano

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64, a Mario cart, an Air Bud. I have been a good boy this

year. I love you.
Laramie Fulcher

Dear Santa,
I saw you at the Mall today. I would like to have a teddy bear, a scooter and a monster truck.
Alan Michael

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom some contacts, my dad some cologne, Angela a radio, Jose some glasses and the Rugrats movie for me.
Mikaela Cenicerros

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a ring, my dad some cologne, my brother a pair of skates, my sister a baby doll and a basketball for me.
Lupita Andrade

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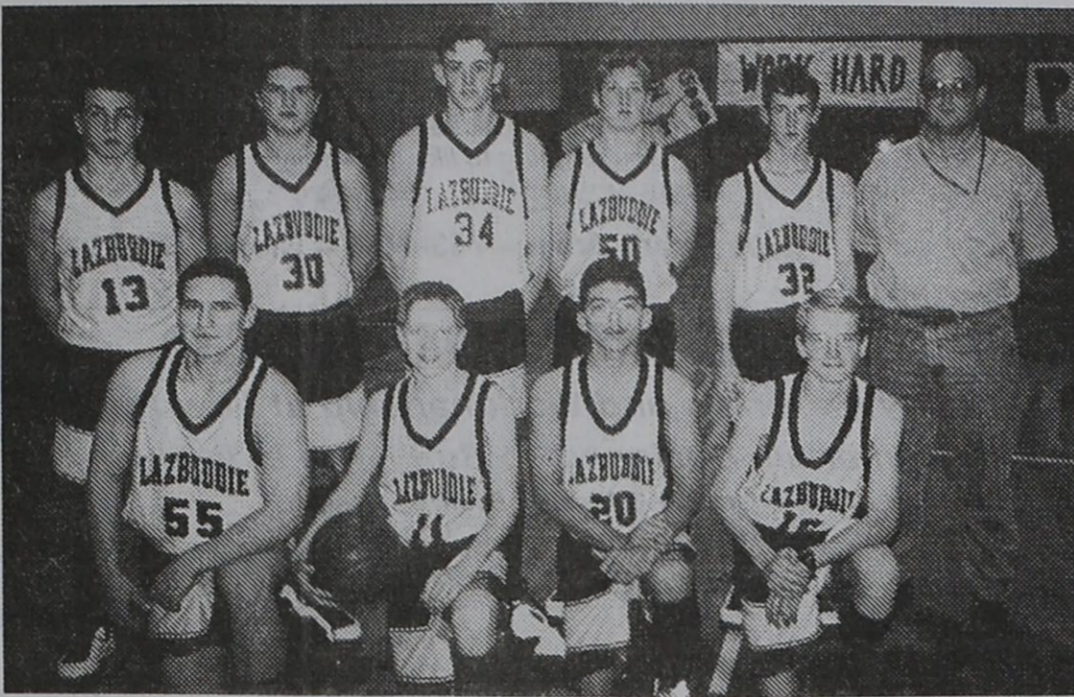
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In back from left are Landon Parham, Jeffrey Phillips, Laramie Wood, Jake Loudder, Tray Thorn, coach Ralph Welker; front row, Michael Martinez, Shannon Redwine, Gabriel Juarez and Trevor Gartin.



**Texico
Varsity Girls**

In back from left are coach Roy King, Kristen Roberts, Mindy Hall, Amy Maxwell, LaMicah Drager, coach Buddy Little; middle row, Tanya Cain, Elizabeth Richards, Britany Bradley, Pam Schjang, Shayna Lewis, Jennifer Roberts; front row, Krysta Morris, Callie Rucker, Kara Jenkins, Bobbi Williams.

'My sister wants a slumber party'

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a car, my sister new shoes and a baby, Chris a toy plane, and for me, a baby doll.
Crystal Magallanes

Dear Santa,
Please give Gilbert a truck, Liz a present, Nana a doll, Nancy twins, and for me, dolls.
Maria Granado

Dear Santa,
Please give Matt a dog, Rowdy a 22, mom some clothes, dad a truck, and a 22 for me.
Bo Mitchell

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a pink jacket, dad a new pair of boots, Garrett a pair of pants, Casey a cowboy hat and for me, a cowgirl hat.
Amanda Myers

Dear Santa,
Please give Bo a cowboy rope, Drew a turkey, Nina a dress, Taylor a 4 wheeler, and for me, a Nintendo.
Trevor Owen

Dear Santa,
Please give Destiny a giga pet, Regina a pooh bear, Rainy some toys, Jon Paul a dog, and for me, a bike.
Brittany Pucey

Dear Santa,
Please give Ruben a toy car, Brittany a puppy, Rachel a kitten. Bo a tov. and for me,

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Dear Santa,
Please give Nina a cat, Tevor a gun, Ben a ball, Britany a dress, and for me, my own room.
Sarah Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please give Ray a car, mom a skillet, Dustin a basketball, Bobby a power washer, and for me a car that holds little cars.
Landon White

Dear Santa,
I like you. You are very special because you give me toys. I want a horse. My brother wants a combine. I will leave you cookies and milk. I love you. You love me.
Lacy Russell

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a rose, dad new glasses, Lucia a trampoline, Juanito a teddy bear, and a radio for me.
Aneette Torres

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a pretty ring, Myra roller skates, my grandma a teddy bear, and a bike for me.
Adriana Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is it cold up there? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a sled for Christmas. I like Christmas. How are your elves? My sister wants a slumber party. My mom want's a perfume, I want a dog and my mom wants some clothes. Santa Claus, I will leave some cookies for you.
Jazmine Ortiz



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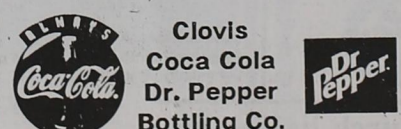
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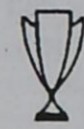
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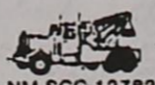
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Dear Santa,
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Jayson Dixon

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until you come! Can you please bring me a jeep and clothes for my Barbie.
Laura Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the game you gave me. I want a puppy for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk on my table.
Heber Garza

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the dog you gave me last year. He died. Will you bring me a new puppy?
Andrew Orozco

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Clemente Mesa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a reindeer and a bicycle.
Mason Howard

Dear Santa,
I would like a new CD game to play in my Play Station, a new remote control airplane and for you to finish my dad's arena in the middle of the night so me and my dad can

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Tyler Cullison

Dear Santa,
I wish we have a white Christmas so you can slide on the snow. If you get stuck, we will help you get out my pulling you with my horse. I ask for some Legos and chaps, to ride my horse and have fun. I will leave you some cookies. Yum, yum.
Pueblito Andrade

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I want a doll for Christmas and a Giga pet.
Ana

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a breakable baby and a play horse. I have been very good.
Cambry Devault

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dallas Cowboys cheerleading suit.
Kaylin Smallwood

Dear Santa,
I want a red 4-wheeler and a helmet to go with it, some clothes and a blanket for my horse, Trigger.
Kyle Jennings

Dear Santa,
I want a new Jurassic Park toy. Bring Bronwyn a new baby. I want my mom to have some jewelry and dad to get a new watch.
Ean Guthals

Dear Santa,
I would like a walkie talkie and a Jeff Gordon phone. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Aaron Warren

Dear Santa,
Since I've been good this year, could you bring me a guitar, a Barbie boombox and a Notebook Talking Wizard. For my sisters, some dolls and a new bike for Gentry. I



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Natasha Moseley

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear with a bow, a teletubbie t-shirt, skates and a doll with a tea set and a game.
Keegan Langford

Dear Santa,
Would you please give me some shoes and a necklace. I would like a Betty spaghetti doll.
Breneer Lavery

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I want a new bike, a new Barbie and a new pair of clothes.
Danae

Dear Santa,
I would like a Jurassic Park toy and a Nintendo 64. I like you Santa.
Raul Pereda

Dear Santa,
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Miguel Vega

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and some clothes.
Gabrielle Vidaurri

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun and some carmel. Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas.
Jake Ware

Dear Santa, I would like a big bike, baby bed, trampoline, clubhouse and a tea set.
Tabitha Attaway

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I want a cruisin' world, up-town downtown, Ninja fortress, Team Challenge aircraft carrier military cargo jet, combat carrier F14, Bret Favre football goal set.
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Dear Santa,
Please get me a Nintendo 64. Thank you. I have been a good boy.
Colton Christian

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me one stuffed bear and one sky lube dress. These are all.
Benda Delgado

Quiero Santa,

Quire que me Batman toys. Gracias.
Cristian Favela

Dear Santa,
I love you and hope to see you soon. I would like a toy Clydesdale mare and colt.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want one toy. clothes, football, a Nintendo and some shoes.
Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffani. I am 6 years old. I want a big doll and a baby doll.
Tiffani Jones

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a puppy, my dad a new horse, Chanel a video game, Julie a trampoline and a nail designer for me.
Sarah Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ring, my dad a weight machine, Jourdon a pair of overalls, my grandpa a suit,

and three pocket knife for me.
Cameron Kirkland

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a pretty necklace, dad a new nerf ball, sis a dress, a bone for our dogs, and a computer for me.
Alex Dunnam

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a rose dress, dad a lamp, Zach a CD, Morgon a watch, and the movie "Waterboy" for me.
Jackson Bickel

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a ring, dad a candy cane, Laura a safe trip to Farwell, Kyle a good All Star game, and a horse for me.
Rachel Doyle

Dear Santa,
I want some presents. I've been good. I want to go to the North Pole with you in your sleigh! I want a Batman and the new movie "Batman and Robin." It has Mr. Freeze and Batman, Robin, and Batgirl in it. I hope it snows because I want to play in it. I love you.
Bradley Lennon

Meet Texico's Class of 2011

Colton Williams is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is Dec. 8. Parents are Stuart and Cathy Williams. He has a sister, Stevie Jo. Grandparents are Roy and Dorothy Lovelacy, and Nora Autrey. He likes to color, watch TV and ride his bike. He likes to eat hamburgers. He likes the colors blue and green. He dislikes green beans.

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The Farwell Dental Clinic Staff

Anna dreams in English for the first time

by Greg Qualls

Anna Botelho is visiting Texico this year from São Paulo, Brazil. She is a senior at Texico High School.

Anna went from Sao Paulo to Miami where she had an eight hour delay. Then, she went from Miami to Dallas where she had a two hour delay. She said that she nearly got lost at the Dallas airport and when she found where her plane was going to be at she had a communications breakdown with the lady at the desk. Well, she finally got on her plane and flew the final leg of her journey to Lubbock.

She said that she is liking Texico so far. The school is easier, but she is having trouble with her English. She doesn't know the language that well and has trouble writing and reading. She is getting better though. She said that the other night was the first night that she dreamed in English. She said that that is a sign that you are really getting a grip on a language when you start having dreams in that language.

She says that Texico is smaller than she thought it would be. But she has seen some smaller places around Brazil. She says that she likes it this way though, because she doesn't think that she could have made it if she would have been put in a large school.

Anna said that where she lives in really big. She described it as about the same size as a suburb of New York.

Anna says that her family does about the same things as we do for Christmas. But on the New Year she goes to the beach with her friends. Since the seasons are reversed in Brazil she can do that. That would feel kind of weird for me having summer during Christmas.

Anna said that Brazil is like America in the sense that there are nice green and forested areas and that there are dry places. The main difference is that the seasons are switched. When we are in winter they are in summer and when we are in summer they are in winter.

Anna loves to go to the beach. She spends a lot of time there. She said that she is going to miss her summer. If she was in Brazil they get out of school for summer in November and go back to school in February.

School for her in Brazil started at 7:30 in the morning and goes to 3 p.m. and that they don't get lunch until 1 p.m. She said that she had 12 classes and that she didn't get to pick them.

Anna has one sister who is 19 and one brother who is 18. She is the youngest of her home. She isn't the first one of the family to be a foreign exchange student. Her sister went to Maine and her brother went to Montana before she got to go this year. Right now Anna is staying with Jerry and Sherre Lot in Clovis.

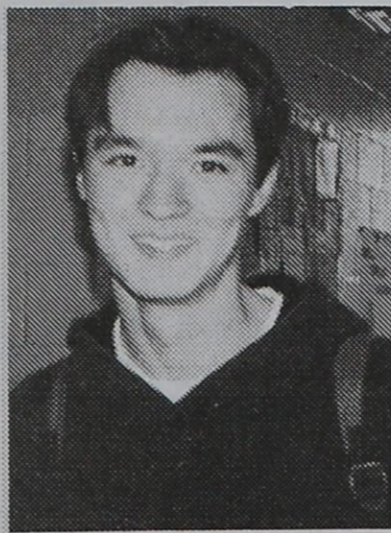
Anna said that in Brazil she used to travel to small towns and watch rodeos. She said that cowboys here are different from cowboys in Brazil. "Cowboys are cowboys here," she said.

Anna said that in Brazil she likes to ride horses, go to parades, play handball, travel, and spend a lot of time with friends.

Anna said that she tried to play volleyball here, but she had



Anna Botelho



Karl Huss

a problem with her ankle and wasn't able to play. Anna said that she is going to try to throw the discus or shot during track season if she can.

She said that she is looking for a job. She wants to get a job baby sitting or something along those lines.

Anna said that in Brazil you must be 18 to get your drivers license. She has no plans of getting a license while she is here.

Anna said she really enjoys Texico and is having a ball here.

Texico a tad smaller than Karl's home town

by Greg Qualls

Karl Huss is Texico High School's foreign exchange student from Germany. The senior comes from Bonn, in the North Rhine Westphalia region of Germany.

Karl says that the biggest difference for him here in America is the change from his big home town to our small farming and ranching community.

Karl's home town has two to three million people living there. It was the capital city of West Germany after World War II, then was replaced by Berlin after the two Germany's were unified.

He says that he has never lived in a small community. He lived in Tokyo for six years and its population is 15 million. So, I would say that is one big difference.

Karl's trip to Texico wasn't an easy one. First, he went from Frankfurt to New York. Then, he had to wait for four hours in New York for his next plane to Houston. Then, he had to wait in Houston for seven hours for the next plane. Well, that flight was canceled and he had to stay overnight for the next plane. The next day, he flew from Houston to Lubbock where he arrived a day late. But better late than never in this case.

Karl said that his school in Germany had 1,000 students in it. He didn't even know all the guys in his grade. Now, he knows practically everyone in his entire school by first name.

School is a big change also. In Germany, he had 15 subjects, German, English, French, Latin, Math, Physics, Politics, History, Sports, Biology, Government, Religion, Music, Chemistry, and Art were the classes that he was taking for his

sophomore year in high school. He said that these were his mandatory classes for his sophomore year. After that year got to choose some of his classes.

He didn't take all the classes on the same day though. He took seven classes one day and eight the next day.

Karl now knows five languages: German, English, French, Latin, and Japanese. He is now learning his sixth, Spanish. He says Spanish is easy because it is similar to Latin.

Karl says that they do pretty much the same things as we do in America for Christmas. One thing, they do differently is that Germans don't go out and buy a Christmas tree. They just go into their yard and chop down one of the trees that they have growing there.

Also for Christmas, since most of the family plays instruments, they get together and play music for the holiday.

Karl has one brother who is 14 years old and two sisters who are 8 and 6. Karl says that he misses his sisters, but says that he is kind of happy that he doesn't have to see his brother. He jokingly said that his brother is really happy that he is gone, because Karl's brother now gets to have his room.

Karl said that he gets letters every two weeks from his sisters so that makes him feel a little better.

Karl is spending his time here in America with the Lockmiller family. "They're pretty fun," he said, "busy, and kind of wild, like my family." He said that he is really enjoying staying with them.

Karl says that the clothes styles here are pretty much the same as in Germany. One major difference is the price. In Germany a pair of Tommy Jeans are \$100. He says that Tommy isn't that big over there though.

He also said that sports brands are big there like Fila and Nike. Karl says that one thing that is really worn a lot in Germany is the NBA jerseys. Karl said that they go for \$80 a pop and are hard to get. You have to special order them.

I asked Karl what some of his hobbies were in Germany. He said he liked to play basketball, table tennis, soccer, karate, Kendo (a type of martial arts with swords), play the violin, go mountain biking, and to read books.

He said in Germany it is much colder and rains more often. So it is greener there and he said that there are a lot of forests.

In Germany the laws are different for driving. You must be 18 to get your license. Karl said that it doesn't matter that much though, because there is so much public transportation. Karl says that he rides his motor bike around a lot. "You can go anywhere on a motor bike."

The laws are different for smoking and drinking there also. You can drink, enter bars, and smoke legally at the age of 16.

Overall, Karl said that he really likes America to the point where he likes it more than Germany. I hope that he enjoys the rest of the stay.

'Rudolph is a good reindeer'

Dear Santa,
I know all the reindeer. I especially love Rudolph. Just because he has a red nose doesn't mean he is the dumbest reindeer. He is a good reindeer. I want to give my

baby sister a Barney T-shirt and my brother a Dumes Day Duel and my mom a diamond ring and my dad a Texico hat and me a dress.
Katlin Luscombe



GREETINGS

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!



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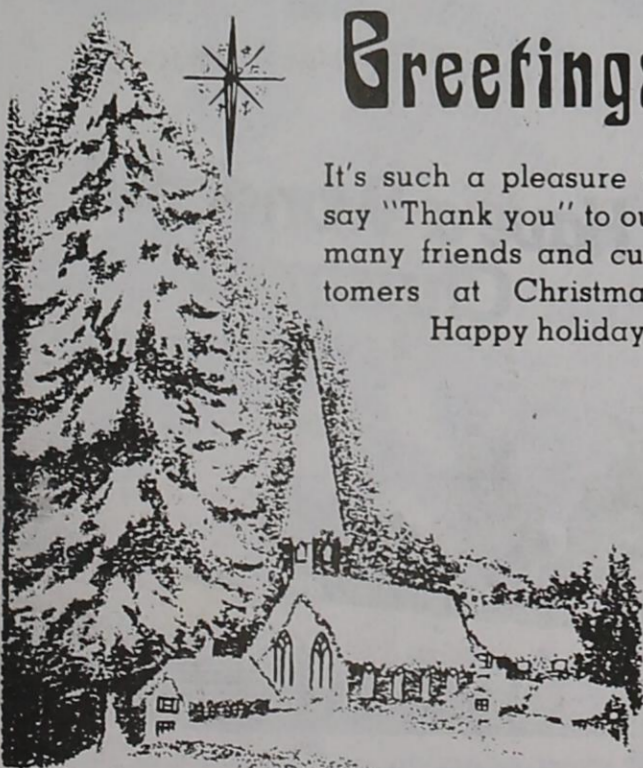
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- ☆ Turn off tree lights overnight or when you're away from home.
- ☆ Keep paper decorations and tinsel away from hot light.

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



Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association

'Santa, my favorite reindeer is Prancer'

Dear Santa,
Please give dad a day off work, mom a puppy, Taylor a horse, Ryan a football suit, and a dozer and rainbow six for me.
Harrison Fillpot

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and an Eye Lashes Love Baby Kiss and my brother wants a train and a Cowboy hat. I want to go to my Grandma's house for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you gave us.
Rachael DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I love you and Rudolph. I want a Uble Barbie and I will give you some milk and cookies. Everybody will be sleeping then. I have been good. How have you been? I have a cold and my brother has a cold too.
Erin Hagler

Dear Santa,
How is your wife doing? My favorite reindeer is Prancer. My sister and I love you very much. I would like a Beannie Baby for Christmas. His name is Tracker. I've been good in school and at home. I love Christmas very much.
Devanee Cherry

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I love you Santa. Please bring me a water baby doll for Christmas and a real piano. I'm going to leave out some cookies and milk for Santa. I am seven and I live in Texico. I go to school in Texico. Merry Christmas Santa.
Brittnee Roybal

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa? How is Rudolph? How is Frosty the Snow Man? I have been good and so has my sister McKenzie. I want Wrangler Jeans so I can work at the feed yard so I can help my dad. Please bring me a computer. I want a new Nintendo not like the Nintendo that I have. I love you Santa.
Joshua Bruton

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. How is your wife? I believe in your wife and you. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Please, will you bring me a Elmo CD Rom for my computer. I will be good. I live in Texico, New Mexico. I want a

kitten too; any color.
Shelby Cockerham

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I've been good. Levi has been good also. I am six years old and I go to school in Texico. Please bring me an American doll. How is it at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Santa and you? I will leave cookies and milk.
Victoria Richards

Dear Santa,
My brother and I have been good at home and school. Are you doing good at the North Pole? I want a trampoline for Christmas. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Brenda Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like reindeer. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like a puppy for Christmas. My sister would like a swimming pool. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have been good.
Jade Liggins

Dear Santa,
I am good Santa. My brother is a little good. Please give me a gun that looks like a rifle, it is a 30-06. I want another gun. Jarron wants a pistol and Jarron is going to get another gun that is a rifle. I am getting another gun and it is a pistol.
Jonathon Hill

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I help my mom at home. I help my mom clean the house. Please bring me a Barbie doll. Please bring my baby brother a toy rattle so he can play with it in the house. I love you a lot.
Eliza Longoria

Dear Santa,



I have been good and I will go to sleep at night. I will give you milk and cookies. I want a computer and a Gameboy. Is it cold at the North Pole? I live in Texico, New Mexico. I love you Santa.
Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been good at school and my house. Please will you bring me a computer and bring me a doll. Please bring my little sister a doll too. I will leave some cookies for you.
Karina Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a safe and a computer. How are you doing Santa and Mrs. Claus? I have been good so has my big brother. Please bring my big brother a Marine ring. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. How is Rudolph and Frosty? I love you Santa.
Garrett Garrison

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa but I miss my best friend. I know that you can bring her back. Please bring me a real girl puppy Dalmatian and a computer and dresses for my Barbies. I'll leave you cookies and milk.
Jennifer Campos

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I like

you Santa. How are your reindeer doing? Please bring me a remote control car and a car set. I try to be good. I do by best at school. I love you Santa.
Cody Cash

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus doing at the North Pole? How are your reindeers and how did you name them? Please bring me a Barbie doll and new shoes. Please give my sister a new dress and my brother new Legos and a tractor.
Jennifer McGown

Dear Santa,
How are you doing there by your house? I love your reindeers a lot. I see the snow flakes a lot. Please bring me a Barbie doll and for my sister a real puppy. I will leave you some cookies and some milk.
Yesenia Garcia

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a computer and a Hound Puppy. Colton and I will leave you some cookies. I work hard at school. Colton makes messes. How are you doing Mister Santa? I want a Santa toy that walk.
Kegan Hollis

Dear Santa,
His is Rudolph? Rudolph is my favorite reindeer of all. Please will you bring me three

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baby puppies for Christmas and a baby cat. I want a pretty doll and a tutu for ballet. I am giving you cookies and a coke. I have been good Santa.
Carlie Tharp

Dear Santa,
I try really had to be a good boy and my sister is trying to be good, too. Mommy is being good. I want a remote control flipping car, Chuck my talkin' truck, Hot Wheels volcano blowout, remote control airplane and an electric train set. We will have cookies and milk for you. I hope you have a safe trip.
Tait Cooper

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a nice safe trip with your reindeer from the North Pole. I hope you are feeling fine and that Mrs. Claus is feeling good, too. I am trying to be a good girl and hope you will come see me. Please bring me a baby doll, horse and a Barbie phone. I will go to bed early and leave you some milk and cookies.
Tory Cooper

Dear Santa,
I want a sword, a horse thing and Cowboys and Indians. Also a bowhunting hat, a big gun and a big holster.

Thank you Santa!
Kale, 3

Dear Santa,
I really want a Crazy Curly doll. Santa, I really can't think what else big kids have. Thank you Santa for the stuff that you have given me...everything, Thank you Santa so much!
Kaitlen, 7

Dear Santa,
I miss my daddy. I miss my Grandma Arce. My mommy is nice. I want a tractor. My sister wants a Barbie. Frankie wants a toy. I want a bell from the reindeer to ring. Santa, you're nice.
Pablo Arce

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Christmas. I will leave some cookies on the table for you. Also, I'll leave some milk. It's getting Christmas time, so I want a Talking Bubba.
Kiera Hudson

Dear Santa,
I'd like a BB gun for Christmas. My sister wants a BB gun. How is Rudolph? Do all the other reindeer make fun of him? I think that they aren't treating Rudolph the way they want to be treated.
Matthew Bryant

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John 3:16

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Have a Wonderful Christmas

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Dear Santa,
I would like a pretend gun with pretend soft bullets and an airplane that has a remote control that you can make the shooting sound. Please bring my brother a pretend gun with balls. I also want my mom to have a pink glass that holds water. And I want my daddy to have a new, real gun.

Zacarey Stancell



of the elves make all the presents for you? I would like the Robin Hood thing that goes with the castle and western. Please bring my little sister some Barbie dolls.

Ray White

Dear Santa,
I want Power Rangers in Space and a mandor, a drum, a lion, and a doll for my little sister. I would like a brush for my big sister, a new big, real gun for my dad, and new gloves for my mom. Where do you live? I would also like a new wallet for my big brother.

Isaac Soto

Dear Santa,
Where do you live? How are all your reindeer? I would like to have a play-reindeer and some shirts and pants and socks. Have a safe trip.

Gabby Rivera

Dear Santa,
I will leave cookies for you on the table in the kitchen. Please bring my family some clothes and a game. I would like a Nintendo 64.

Rudy Delacruz

Dear Santa,
Bailli is my friend and she

lets me sit with her. Lauren plays with me and is my best buddy. Please bring them puppies. I want a Barbie Angel with a set of angel things. I wish you would let me have an apple tree. Please take care of your reindeers and I wish it would snow one day. I love you.

Michelle Wauson

Dear Santa,
I would like a big blue Dodge truck, and a video game. Our family wants a TV and some clothes. We will leave cake and cookies for you on the kitchen table. And I will leave some grass for the reindeer.

Garrett Coate

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play house for my Christmas gift. My sister would like a cat. My mom wants a play fish.

Karen Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My sister is sick, so please buy her medicine. I would like a Spice Girl movie and an easy-bake oven. My teacher, Mrs. Bennett is my friend, so please bring her a puppy. When you come visit me, can I ride Rudolph? And can you bring my mom a pillowcase.

Khiara Loera

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie car and my own bed. My sister Cassie had to get braces, and Sharron doesn't feel good, so please bring them something special too. We have a kitten, so please bring her a fun toy

too. I love you Santa.
Darla Jo Street

Dear Santa,
Please be careful so that you don't get hurt. Take care of the reindeer. I like you a lot. Please make some more food for everyone to eat. Please bring a real house for my dad, and a big table for my mom and dad. I also want you to bring my brother and sister a surprise. I hope to have fun on Santa Claus Day.

Angel Navarrete

Dear Santa,
How do you fly I would like a tractor, a green car, a play house, a drum for my dad, and a train for my mom. How do your reindeer fly? it's been cool here. Take care.

Heinrich Loepky

Dear Santa,
Our weather got cold, be sure to wrap up warm. I want

a tractor to pick up dirt. My little sister wants a baby doll. Hugs to you, Santa Claus.

Manuel Servin

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. I want a big table for my mom and dad, and a purse for my mom. My sisters want a Barbie and I want a car. Can you bring me a Hot Wheel? Can you bring all of your toys and give them to me? Don't forget to come.

Esteban Graxiola

Dear Santa,
Hi! What are you doing? Please bring me some toys for me and my sister. Where do you live? When are you going to come? Please bring my mom some new shorts. Please be nice to your elves. I love you.

Evelyn Delgado

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll with

curls, a Teddy bear, a Barbie doll, some earrings and a Teddy bear for my brother. How do you make those toys with the elves? How do you deliver all those presents in one bag? How do you fly?

Laurn Meyer

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. I had a girl dog named Mooch and she died, so I would like you to bring me another dog. I like Ms. Bennett's daughter because she's nice to me and I want to thank you for her. I would also like a kitten and a toy reindeer like Rudolph. I hope you are careful with your sled and reindeer.

Lauren Bain

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy and a skateboard. My sister, Allie wants a doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Colton Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want a little Spin-out motorcycle, and please bring my sisters a Barbie and Barbie cars. I want my mom to get a microwave, and my dad to get tools. I would also like a balloon punching ball, 2 movies for my mom, and another motorcycle for my friend Heinrich.

Tony Dyck

Dear Santa,
I want to give Bailli a new bike and my mom a new necklace. Please give my daddy a Harley hat and my mom and dad a Selena tape. Please bring me a bike with training wheels and Ramsey and new necklace. I want a necklace too, and bring my cousin Nina some new shoes. Please bring my dogs a new house.

Tori Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Please bring my family a new car, and I want a dinosaur. Please bring my sister some dolls, my mom a refrigerator and dad a table.

Jose Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Spice Girls movie. Please be careful on your sleigh in the dark, because I have coyotes. And be careful at the North Pole. I also would like Lion King II and a Barbie with stickers on it. Please bring Tori a new bike. I also want a lot of presents for my friends and family.

Bailli Provence

Dear Santa,
I would like a car, and presents for my sisters. Please bring my mom a television and my daddy some tools and I hope you come and visit me.

Luis Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want to know how your elves grew their antlers? How do you make toys? How do all

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For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, 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.

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By wise men of His age.

But God who is our Father,
With his great Father-heart,
Sent Jesus as a baby
That He might thus impart
His perfect loving message
Heard that first Christmas morn,
It holds all hope, all promise,
"To you a Child is born."

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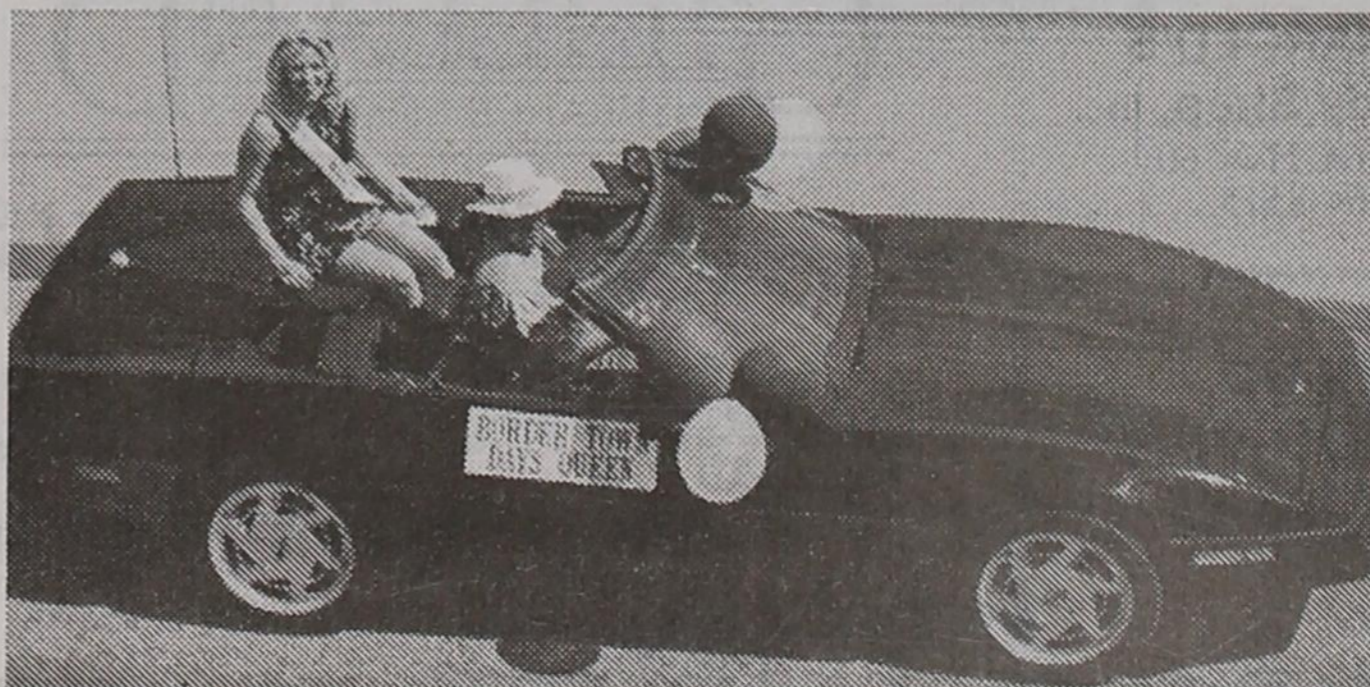
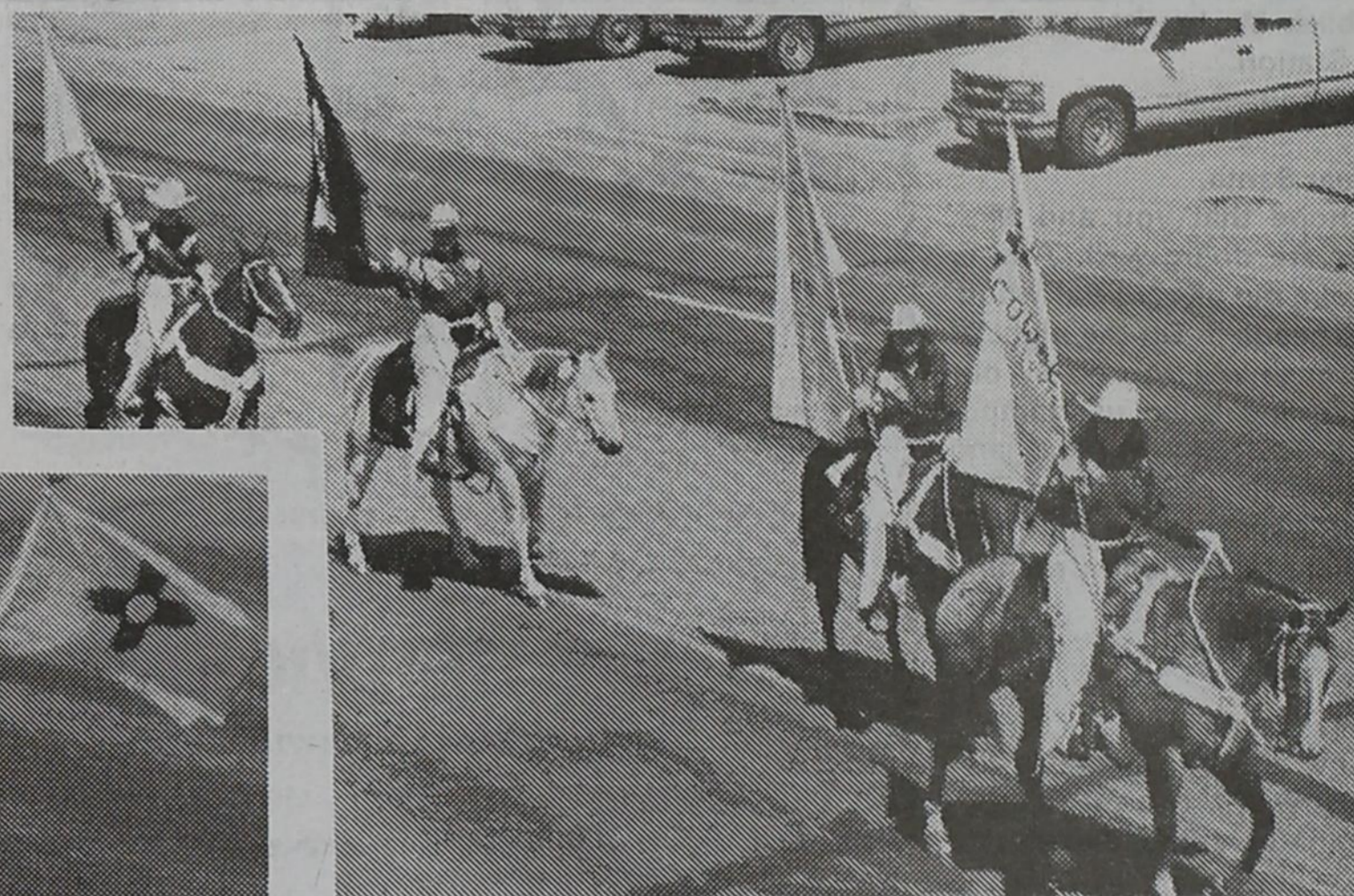
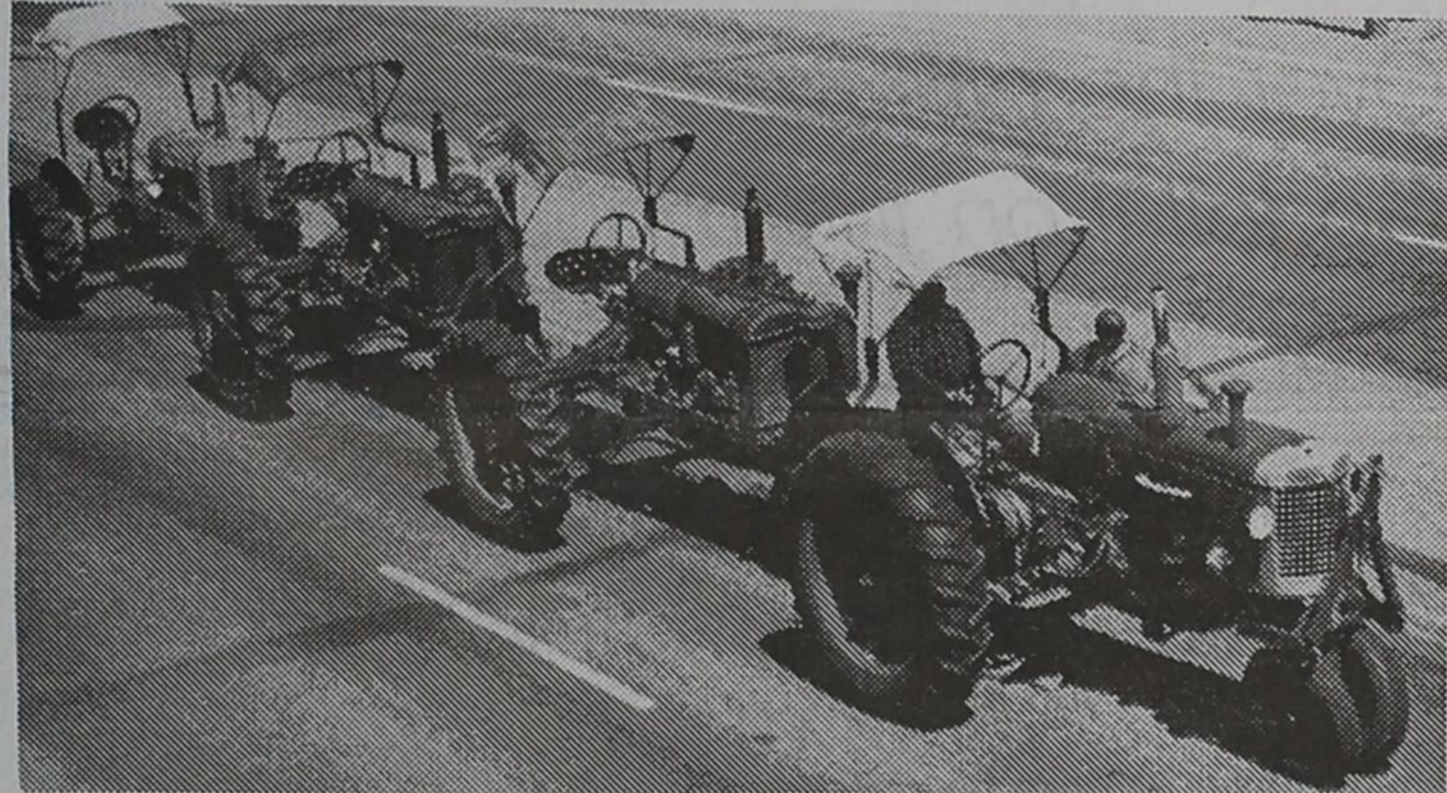
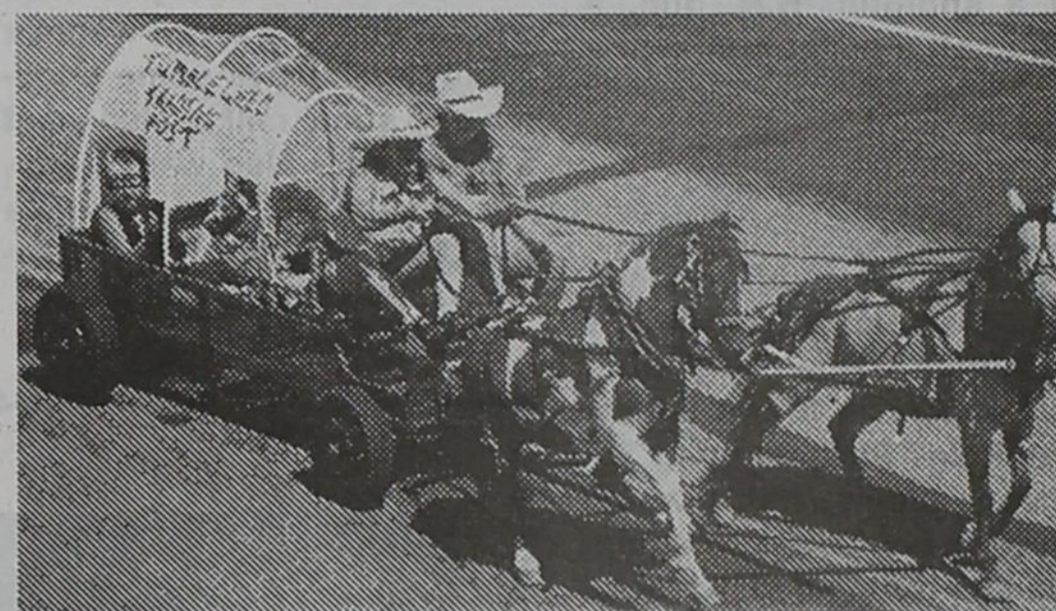
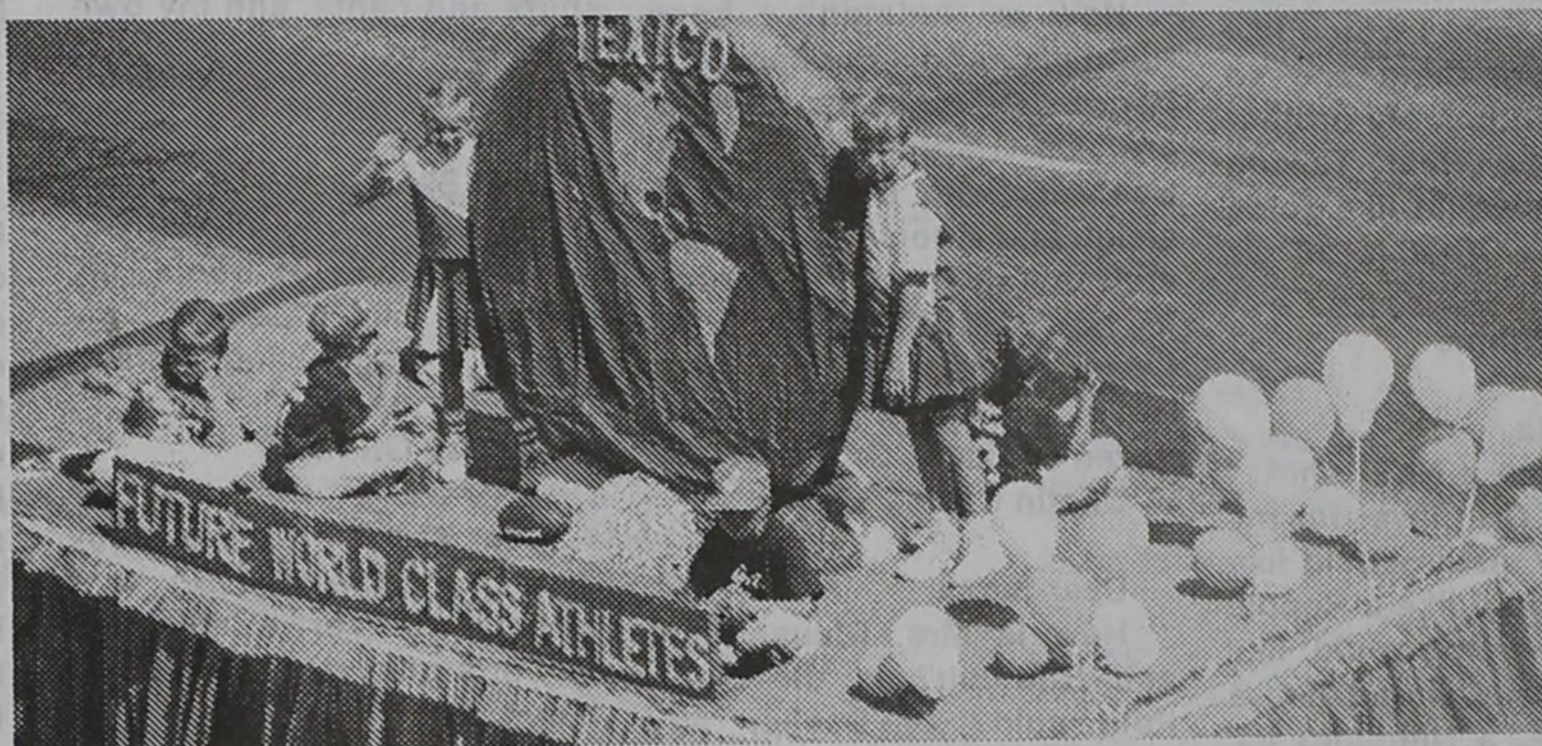
We will be closed Friday, Dec. 25th



A bird's-eye view of Border Town Days parade!



J.R. Ivins took these photos from atop a building, giving a neat perspective of the 1998 Border Town Days parade.



'How do you get down the chimney, Santa?'

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Braeden Hadley. I want to know how Mrs. Claus is? Is Rudolph doing OK? Thank you for the CD player last year. I want some CD's. One is Spice Girls. My sister wants a go-cart. One other thing I want is roller blades. Can my mom have a necklace? My dad wants a belt. I might put some milk and cookies out. One more thing, I've been really good this year.
Braeden Hadley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo. I think my brother would like a teddy bear. That is all I would like. How are your reindeer doing and Mrs. Claus? I hope they are doing good. I will ask my mom if we can leave some cookies and milk. I would like just one more thing and so would my brother. My brother would like a Real Talking Bubba and I would like some more clothes. That is all we would like.
Jordan Broome

Dear Santa,
I would like a NMO shirt. I would like a CD player for my dad, and my sister would like a dress. I would like a Reptile wagon. My mom would like some clothes. I would like a TV, a phone, a Nintendo 64, and a shotgun, B.B. gun, a sling shot, a pellet gun, and a ZZ.
Dean Cleare

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Amanda Bass. How is it up at the North Pole? How is Dasher and Dancer? Is it cold at the North Pole? Pick me up at 320 Manson, Clovis, NM. I would like to have football equipment and for my dad, weights. Please give my mom a new car and I'll leave cookies and milk. I also want a bike and a dirt-bike. My brother wants a Play Station.
Amanda Bass

Dear Santa,
I hope that you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. This is sort of a big gift but our whole class needs it. On the night of Christmas will you go by our homes and bring us trampolines? How is Rudolph and your reindeer? I want a Diamond Dallas Page shirt and an Undertaker Bone Crushing Buddy.
Jordan Jones

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph well? I want a new dress and some shoes that

have high heels. For a toy I want a teddy bear. My sister wants a doll that has pampers and that has a bottle. My brother wants a Ballzaday and a truck that uses batteries. My little brother wants a truck. I'm going to leave you some cookies and milk.
Laura Maldonado

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I want a Play Station and a Ballzader. I want a race car track. Rudolph I want a reindeer and some roller skates. Mr. Claus I want a robot for Christmas. I also want a reptile wagon. I want a Bone Crushing Buddy. I want a Tommy shirt.
Adrian

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I hope Rudolph and Dasher and Dancer and all of the reindeer are OK. Could I have a Ballzader with 8 balls and a sleigh and a horse and a lot of stuff that goes with the horse. My house is at 3121 State Rd. I want spurs and boots. I will leave a glass of milk and a dozen cookies.
Dustin Cash

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing and Rudolph? Is the North Pole cold? Is Dasher and Prancer OK? I hope you have a good time. My sister wants a robot. I will leave some cookies and some milk. I also want a diamond. I also want a reptile wagon. I also want a necklace and bracelet. My sister wants a Barbie and a doll.
Tabitha Wallin



Dear Santa,
Please give Bo a girl friend, Landon a go cart, Brittany a boy friend, my mom a ring, and a go cart for me.
Johnathan Edwards

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a new sweatshirt, Tori a ring set, Eric a little car, my brother shirts and pants, and my own room for me.
Nina Galvan

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a DC, my dad a pair of boots, my sister a pair of socks, my cousin a tigger, and a trampoline for me.
Broday Grimes

Dear Santa, Please give my mom a computer, Bo a 4 wheeler, Trevor a new car, Taylor a gun, and I would like a gun, too.
Drew Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please give Timmy 300 jeeps, China 300 cars, Mrs. Guthals a dress, Bo a car truck, and for me, 300 car trucks.
Marion Lane

Dear Santa,
Please give Ashlei a ty Beanie, Amanda an alien toy, Matthew a beanie horse, grandma M. a doll, and ty beanies for me.
Amberli Martin

Dear Santa,
Please give Tanner a big poo bear, mom a cow that moos, Drew a spray rig, dad a pickup and Legos for me.
Taylor Mesman

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a yo-yo if that's OK with you. I would like a CD player. I would like If Wishes Were Horses, Glitter and Sparkles a Medical doll, some Pound puppies a U.S.A. map, a nail center, and a keyboard. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Jaryse Harris

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a happy Christmas. How are the reindeer? I need to ask you some questions how do you get down the chimney? What if there isn't a chimney? Do you ever get cold? Well Santa I hope you can carry some of my presents because I want a lot this year like a Barbie and Barbie clothes, a Barbie house, clothes for me, a big bouncy ball, a bopit, a Clue Jr. and much more. Have a happy wonderful Christmas.
Shelby Queener

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I want lots of presents. and a Baby cow. I would like a VCR too and I don't want my mom to fuss at my baby sister and me. I hope I get a swing set too.
Luis Estrada

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a new job, dad a new truck, my sister a new bike and a new house for me.
Bobbie Jo Fuller

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a dress, dad a car, mom a ring, long

hair and a good life, and for me, a new bike.
Mariah Brooks

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a new dress, my dad a new truck, Ashley a swimming pool, Cody a skateboard and a new bike for me.
Kayla Sanders

Dear Santa,
Please give Bo a football, Beth a basketball, Brittany a notebook, Sarah a My Size Barbie, and a basketball for me.
Melinda Castillo

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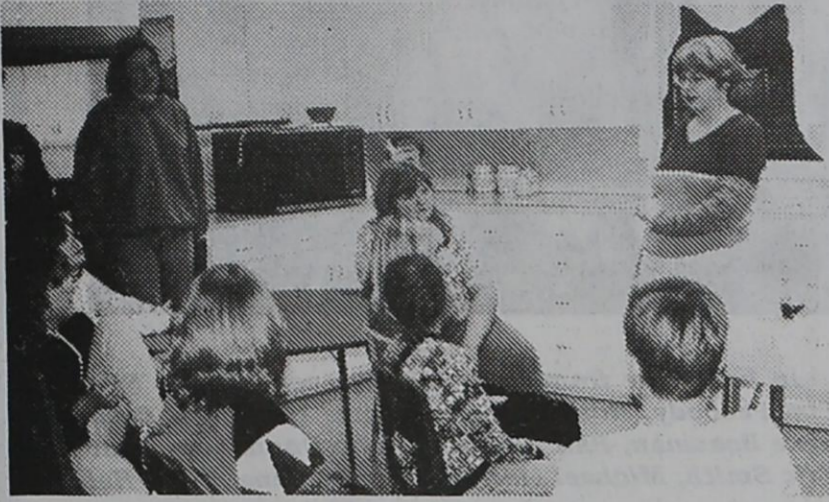


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Sacking cookies to take to the nursing home.



At the cookie workshop.

The Farwell/Oklahoma Lane 4-H Club food and nutrition project is a time of learning and fun.

This project gives members the opportunity to learn about the food pyramid, how nutrients help our bodies, and the importance of exercise, as well as cooking simple recipes.

As a special project, a "Sugar or Sugar-Free" cookie workshop was held. Members made regular

cookies and sugar-free cookies.

Jade Mahaney presented a display and talk of different types of sugar and sugar substitutes.

Ginger Sides talked about diabetes and their special diets.

The cookies were then taken to the Farwell Convalescent Center for the residents.

Parmer County Food Show winners were:

Junior 1 -- Alisha Wauson, fruit and vegetables; Shelby Christian, main dish; Brittany Bridges, nutritious snacks.

Junior 2 -- Kacee Millsap, main dish.

Senior -- Ginger Sides, bread and cereals; Jade Mahaney, nutritious snacks.

These winners received recognition awards for competing in the District 2 food show.

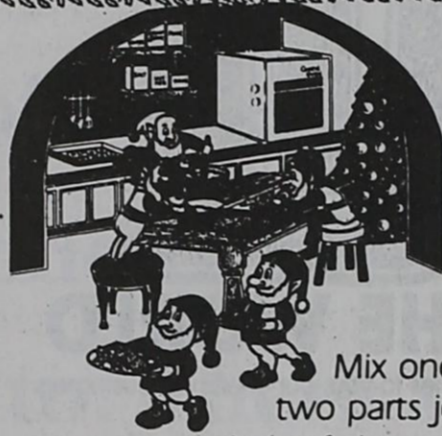
Jade Mahaney presented a display entitled "Farwell/Oklahoma Lane Food and Nutrition Project" at the district show.



Making sugar-free cookies



Making cookies with sugar.

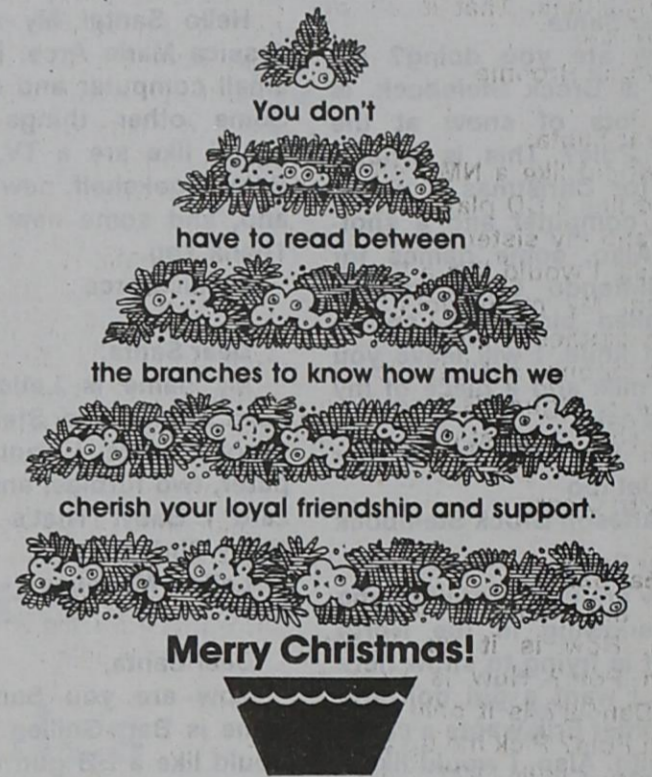


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**Lazbuddie
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In back from left are Maria DeLeon, Laura Jo Via, Kia Morris, Scottie Brown and coach Carey Sudduth; in front, Leah Turner, Holly Engelking, Staci Foster and Rachel Rodriguez.



**Texico
Varsity Boys**

In back row from left, Shay Norvell, Justin Steward, Tim Peabody, Ross Burford; middle row, Josh Boazman, Jake Boazman, Phil Peabody, Cody Dunnahoe; front row, Eric Smith, Michael Marlow, Johnny Sena, Chris Hall.

'...and a piece of my mom's cake'

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? My name is Brock Steinbock. Is there lots of snow at the North Pole? This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a computer and a shotgun. Also, some games for my Nintendo 64, a remote controlled air plane, and a pocket knife. I will leave you some milk and a piece of my Mom's cake.

P.S. I would like a Star Wars Jet too.

Charleson Brock Steinbock

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I hope it is snowing in the North Pole. It is trying to show here today. I want a girl doll and my brother Erik wants a car to play with. Also, I would like a baby blanket for my baby, so I can keep her warm. I can't wait for Christmas.

Alejandra Estrada

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! My name is Jessica Marie Arce. I want a small computer and a Furby. Some other things that I would like are a TV, Beanie Baby, bookshelf, new bed, piano, and some new clothes. Thank You.

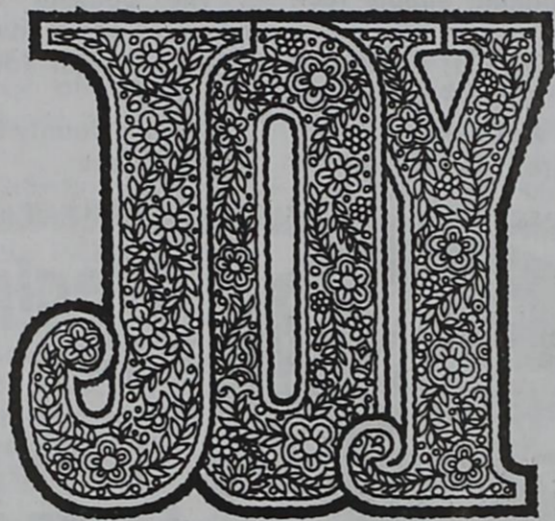
Jessica Arce

Dear Santa,
My name is Leticia Mendoza. I am in Mrs. Steinbock's second grade. I want a computer, two furbies, and a Wizard I Baby. That's all and Merry Christmas.

Leticia Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? My name is Bart Guillen. Santa I would like a BB gun or a go-cart. I also like computers and GI Joes. You can bring me anything that you would like. I do like Beanie Babies and even maybe a game boy.

Juan Guillen (Bart)



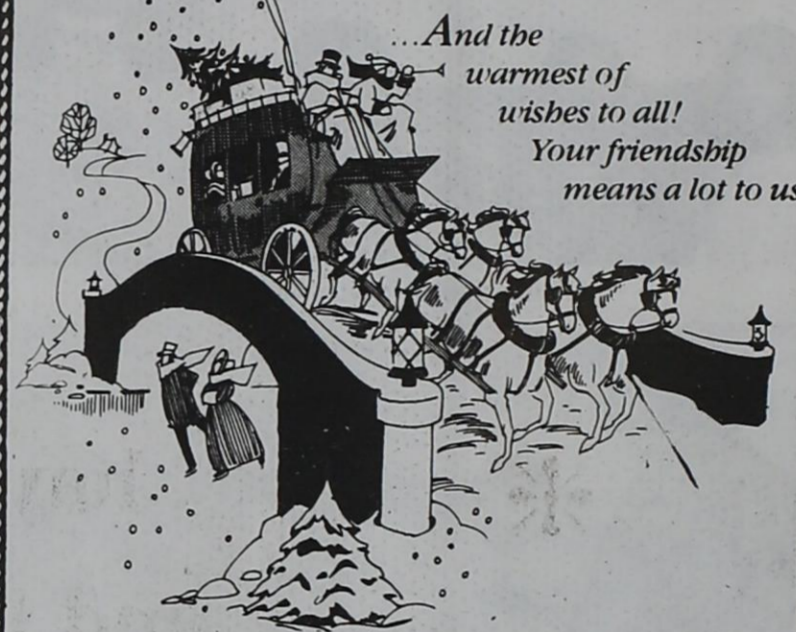
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celebrate Christmas with our own families early,

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

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

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Texico JV Boys

In above photo, back row from left, Justin Mitchell, Jay Ben Ashley, Bill Wanzor; middle row, Nago Estrada, Jason Zaikowski, Josh Scioli; front row, Josh Johnson, Mark Foust, Anthony Askew, Mark Torres. In bottom photo, in back from left, Jake Williams, Jacob Alderse-Baes, Chris Sena; middle row, Tyrell Garrett, Marcos Lopera, Karl Huss, Justin Foust; front row, Cody White, Shane Mayfield, Tanner White, Michael Rivera.



'A stuffed cow, please, Santa'

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a remote controlled race car, another Beanie baby and a cow stuffed animal -- a big one!

Matt Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like a new Star Wars movie, Lego Ninjas, a Bulls and Blood stereo set

and some new goggles.
Luke Carpenter.

Dear Santa,
I want a gorilla slide, a big truck (not too big), a batman with a jet pack that shoots, a new Robin with an eagle on his stomach, a Spiderman that changes into a spider, and all the boy toys that are cool. How old are you Santa?

Joshua Olivas

'Santa, how do reindeer fly?'

Dear Santa,
I want the Titanic bracelet and earrings, a new microphone to sing, some Nike sandals with Nike on it in white and a Baby Dill, too.

Tasha Meeks

Dear Santa,
I want a big giant Godzilla, a Beanie Baby, a new pack of crayons, a Godzilla microphone, a Godzilla eraser, new markers and an N-Sync CD. I would like to sit on your lap.

Ryan DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want the old cartoon Batman toys, the movie Spiderman, the Cartoon Network tape, the real Batman car from Taco Bell, the toys of Green Lantern and Mystic Night with the dragon, and the remote controlled Godzilla that you can make walk by itself. How do your reindeer fly?

Rane Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I want a remote controlled car, some Nike sandals that glow, a Bible, a football, a computer with the race car game that you drive, a little motorcycle, a Silver Power Ranger and the Morphin Animal (white one), a Reptar watch that puts fire out.

Julian Cuevas

Dear Santa,
I want a microphone head-phone set and walkie talkies and an army shift to go with my army pants. What do your elves do?

Zach Bridges

Dear Santa,
I want a race car with remote control, a Sega, a golf kit, big trains, little trains, fast trains, slow trains, a cat and a dog.

Colton Longley

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, a doll house, a gym suit for my little sister, a red Tele-Tubby, a teddy bear and any kind of Barbie. I also want a baby brother.

Pamela Lara

Dear Santa,
I would like a Godzilla, a remote control, some hot wheels, a gun. Santa, look for the orange brick house, and the bricks are broke off. Will you please bring me some bricks for my house?

Eric Galvan

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie house CD player, and Barbie dolls. Santa, do you have a map to get to my house?

Ashlee Howard

Dear Santa,
I would like a Godzilla train, and a horse trailer with

some horses. I live in a white house and have a blue car in front in Farwell.

Alfredo Huicochea

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, a play horse, play buffalo, play Longhorn cow, and a play bull. Bring Cassidy a gym suit. Get Cambry a breakable doll to decorate her room. My chaprs are too little so bring me larger ones.

Lincoln Devault

Dear Santa,
I want an ice-cream maker and a red Tele-Tubby. Brock will tell you what he wants. Bailey wants a new gym suit. I want a tweety bird pillow.

Brittney Williams

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having fun. I want a baby doll with swing set, and a baby dog.

Alexa Grissom

JOY TO ALL

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

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GREETINGS

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BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON



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GOD BLESS EVERYONE!

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

Folks, we'd like to take this joyous occasion to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our business on our 22 years here in the Texico-Farwell area.

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

The Texico-Farwell community has been just super toward us. From the first, we were treated as good members of the community, as neighbors. And we sincerely appreciate that welcome of 22 years ago. It meant a lot and we've tried to be good neighbors.

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

Well, it's been 22 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 22nd birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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'Santa, I want a bedroom of my own'

Dear Santa,
Please give Bo a shotgun, Trevor a girl friend, Taylor a wagon, Johnathan a bulldog and for me, a stunt bike.
Houston Coate

Dear Santa,
Please give Broday a trampoline, Martha a Barbie doll, Sarah a puppy, Brittany a bunny, and a movie for me.
Ben Rivera

Dear Santa,
Please give Amanda a makeover, Brittany a pair of new earrings, mom a nice bedroom set, Nina a piece of candy, and a makeover for me.
Amber Dryer

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad a real fishing rod, my mom a hat, Mike a pair of shoes, my sisters a TV and a puppy for me.
Emilio Loera

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad a pair of pants, my mom some clothes, Lady collars for Sam and Stumpy, bracelets for Karissa and Khalie, and a suit and coat for me.
Kade Foster

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a Happy Thanksgiving, dad a car, my cats a cat toy, my dogs a squeaky, and a Fashion Barbie for me.
Alicia Porter

Dear Santa,
Please give Chance a bike, dad a bed, mom a flower, Stetane a trike and a watch for me.
Dustin Jacobs

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a dress, dad a socket wrench, Julian a psycho remote car, Edgar a nitro dozer, and a football for me.
Nathan Cuevas

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a home, sister Kayla a little bike, and a camera for me.
Kasandra Aarstad

Dear Santa,
Please give dad a toy aircraft carrier, mom a cow, my sister a Cabbage Patch kid, and a train for me.
Joshua Johnson

Dear Santa,
I like reindeer. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like a football, a soccerball, and a baseball bat and glove for Christmas.
Jose

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus and how are the elves? Have they made any toys yet for Christmas? I want some swords. I'll fix you some gingerbread men for a snack

on Christmas Eve.
Trevor Black

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your elves, are they making toys? For Christmas I want a bedroom of my own and a set of fingernail polish. Also I would like a 4-wheeler. I will leave you a snack on Christmas Eve.
Summer Price

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? How do the elves make toys? How is Frosty the snow man? For Christmas I want a remote control car and a car with a motor, and a game. Bring my brother a game too. I'll leave you some cookies.
Dionna McWhorter

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Is it good? Is it snowing? Where is Rudolph? Is his nose shining? For Christmas I want a Barbie Jeep and Barbie doll. How is Mrs. Claus? We bought a Genius Book of World Records for my brother. I don't know what my brothers want for Christmas.
Jennifer Shirley

Dear Santa,
I like you. How is Rudolph? Is he good? Because I like him? I want a sleigh. And I like the other reindeer too. I want a rocking chair with a bear. Is it cold up there? I know all the reindeer that Santa Claus has.



Kambrie Reid

Dear Santa,
I like you. Is it cold up there? I want a big bike and clothes for Christmas. How is Rudolph? How are your elves? I like Christmas? It is the best time. My sisters want a bike too. I like Rudolph because he has a red nose. My brother wants clothes. I'm going to give you milk and cookies.
Elizabeth Vidal

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a basketball goal, a big bike, some clothes and a remote control car, that's all? Are you making good toys this year? What is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she helping the elves? I hope she is OK. I hope the elves are OK too. They are good and cute. How are comet and cupid? Have they been good?
Marques Pena

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer doing? I am doing fine. For Christmas I want some shorts a doll house a slinky and a bird house. Also I

want a stuffed animal puppy. Thank you very much.
Alysia Urioste

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Is there going to be snow for Christmas? How are the elves? Are they making neat toys? Have they made any paint ball guns? I want a paint ball gun for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I hope you like my cookies. I love

you Santa. Thanks for everything.
Rhett Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Is there going to be snow? Is Mrs. Claus all right? Are the elves making toys? Are they making clothes? How is Frosty the Snowman? For Christmas I want two books so I can read and a bed and

clothes. My big brother wants a game my little brother wants a game too.
Monique

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? Don't worry because I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a bike, a sled, roller blades and a paint ball gun. How is Mrs. Claus. I love you Santa Claus.
Jeremy Woodard



Texico JV Girls

In back from left are coach Roy King, Mindi Hall, Tanya Cain, Brittany Bradley, Kresta Crow, Amy Maxwell, Coach Buddy Little; middle row, Jenni Williams, Shiloh Thornton, Pam Schjang, LaMicah Drager, Kara Jenkins; front row, Tara Lockmiller, Callie Rucker, Kelsi Cain, Shelly Parks, Bobbi Williams

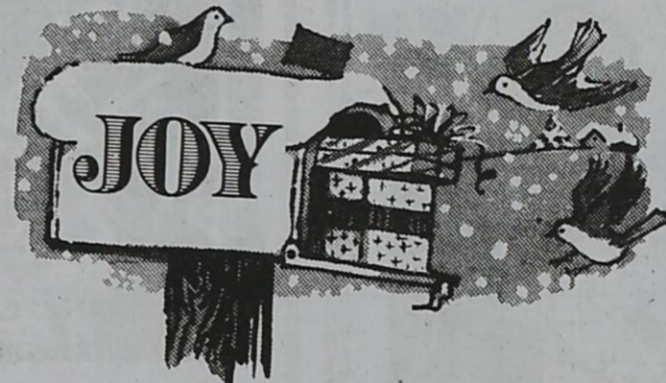
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'Santa I want a doll that will play with me'

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I am Stefanie Welker. I need a Beanie Baby polar bear and a Furby. I would also like a TV. You can get me a Dream Catcher if you like!
Stefanie Welker

Dear Santa,
How are you? This is Morgan Smith. I want a TV and a hammock. I want a Beanie Baby Erin or Princess Diana. Also, I want a Furby and easy bake oven cake mix. Hope you are doing well. I will try to leave you some cookies and milk.
Morgan Smith

Dear Santa,
I am Trevor Coker. I am in the second grade at Lazbuddie school. I want a Tyco RC car and a go-cart. I would like a dream catcher to get my bad dreams. My sister wants a pair of earrings.
P.S. I would also like a Matchbox Mega-a Rig.
Trevor Don Coker

Dear Santa,
My name is David Jacob Schacher. I go to Lazbuddie school. I want a go-cart and a Dreamcatcher. I would also

like a Nintendo 64. That is all I want. My little brother Justin likes planes and cars.
Jacob Schacher

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? My name is Ryan Mason. I would like a paint gun, space jet, and a monster from Star Wars. Some other things I would like are a GI Joe, a pocket-knife, and a Furby. I would also like a pair of Dr. Martin shoes, two of the X file toys, and the Beanie Baby elephant named Peanuts, and a dart gun. That is all that I want.
Merry Christmas.
Ryan Mason

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas day! I hope it snows on Christmas day. For Christmas, I want a small computer and a Nintendo 64. You can bring me your favorite game for it. Also, I would like the movie "George of the Jungle." Oh, this is Richie Aguilar from Lazbuddie, Texas. Merry Christmas.
Richie Aguilar

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is RaJon Thorn and I am in the second

grade. I am glad Christmas is here. For Christmas, I want a doll that will play with me. Also, I like to watch movies, so bring me your favorite movie. Don't forget not to eat to much, because I will have a snack and some milk out for you.
RaJon Thorn

Dear Santa,
How are you today? My name is Alexandra Ballenger. May I have a twelve foot swimming pool? My brother Issac wants a Blues Clue and Zack wants a Nerf gun. Nickolas wants a Nintendo 64. I want roses for my mom and my dad would like a car. Do the best you can.
Xandra Ballenger

Dear Santa,
My name is Jose Cervantes. This is what I would like for Christmas. I need a remote controlled car and a computer. I would like a Nintendo 64 with some games. Hope you are ready for Christmas.
Jose Cervantes

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good Christmas. Please bring

me a remote control car and a new pair of shoes. I hope everyone has a happy Christmas.
Riley Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you? How many reindeer do you have and what do they eat? Please bring me a Godzilla toy and a new bicycle. I wish that my Grandpa's leg would get well.
Dylan, Haney
Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? And how is Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a Barbie (water) and a Barbie watch. I hope everyone feels well at Christmas.
Mayra Cervantes

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. What would you like for Christmas? Please bring me a pair of pants that go under my feet and the book "Mr. Bumpy." I wish that everyone in this whole wide world would have a Merry Christmas.
Kinzi Schacher

Dear Santa,
How are you? And how are your reindeer? Have they been practicing flying? Please

bring me a TV for my room and a Hair-Do Make Believe Playdough. Please help Shelby get better.
Jackie Bryant

Dear Santa,
I want a new Amazing Amy,

a new TV, a little flash-shaver, the game Operation I, a new VCR, the nre Rugrat movie, a Santa Claus toy and an oopsie daisy doll. Can I see your reindeer?
Ashley Sanders



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



Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year

From All The
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Foreign exchange student discovers 'mobile homes'

by Teresa Mesman

Dorothea Schulz has big plans for her life and is making great strides in accomplishing many of the items on her list of goals. One of the items she can now mark off is living in America.

As a foreign exchange student, Dorothea, 16, is enjoying living in Farwell and soaking in the life of small town America and school.

She comes to America from Kaulsdorf, Germany. Her hometown is located in the eastern part of Germany halfway between Munich and Berlin. She is the daughter of Haus-Christoph and Hilda-Maria Schulz. Her sisters are Magdalena, 18, and Johanna, 15. Her father is a Lutheran minister at the Agydien Church, a beautiful church built up on the Agydien mountain that overlooks Kaulsdorf. Her sister Magdalena is also studying to be a minister.

Dorothea enjoys a variety of activities that include playing the flute, acting in school and church plays and athletics.

"I am in athletics here at Farwell because I want to be, but in my school in Germany, everyone must participate in athletics," said Dorothea.

She enjoys listening to all kinds of music, from alternative to classic. She has learned to like some of the modern country music, but doesn't really care for the old-style country music. In Germany, she is a soprano in both school and church choirs.

She thoroughly enjoys going to school and here in Farwell, her favorite subject is Spanish.

"I never took the language before, but I had four years of Latin before coming here, so that has helped me to catch on to the language pretty quickly!" stated Dorothea.

She would like to continue her studies in Spanish by going to Argentina or Brazil, so that she can learn the language even better. She would even like to study English and Spanish languages at the university level.

"I'm open to where I attend college because I want to go to the best place that offers the degree program I want," said Dorothea. "I have also dreamed of living in London, England for a time because I love that city! I've also considered being a historical tour guide in a German city. I like history and think it would be very interesting and educational for me to do something like this."

Dorothea has also been looking into a flight attendant program that is offered by a German flight system. She thinks she might like to do this for about a year, before she goes on to college or places beyond.

Farwell and the surrounding area have been a lessons in geography and change for Dorothea. She is constantly amazed at how flat the area is and how people live so differently than around her home town in Germany. For instance, Dorothea had never seen or heard of a "mobile home."



Dorothea Schulz

"I miss the mountains that surround my town in Germany," said Dorothea. "I hope that I get to see some mountains here in America, before I return to Germany."

When asked how her American school experience compares to her schooling in Germany, Dorothea is very quick to explain that they are very different.

"Here in Farwell, the school day tends to be longer and on different schedules. We go to school from 7 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Germany," she stated. "The schools here are also more strict on things like tardies and absences."

One distinct difference that Dorothea has noticed is in the ways that students are tested on their subjects.

The tests here are shorter in length and tend to be very easy, as long as you have reasoning skills and a general, overview type of knowledge. The tests in Germany are very long and require very specific answers to test questions.

"I had never heard of a 'true-false' or 'multiple choice' test before I came here," explained Dorothea.

There are also more tests given throughout the months and the year here in America whereas, German students may only take a few, long tests a year.

Dorothea is living with Mike and Pam Haseloff and their daughter, Shawna Edwards. The two teenage girls get along very well and enjoy going out together with friends and to meet new people. She is also earning a little spending money by babysitting and cleaning houses.

"I love children and I need to do things to keep me busy," said Dorothea. "I don't want to get bored or have a chance to get homesick! My mother calls me on a regular basis, so I get to stay in-touch with my family...and I know she misses me too!"

Dorothea doesn't plan on missing a thing in life. If everything goes right for Dorothea, her plans will take her to many interesting and exciting places. But for now, she very happy to be here in America and experiencing a new way of life.

"The people here in Farwell are very nice and I've had a good time getting to know many people and families here," she said.

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Farwell

Chamber of Commerce

'Is the cotton on your clothes soft, Santa?'

Dear Santa,
I like presents. I want roller skaters. My brother wants a Taz. How is Mrs. Claus? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? I like chocolate cookies.
Rodrigo Mata

Dear Santa,
My brother wants a cotton stripper. He has been wanting one for a long time. My brother's name is Ryley. I want 1, Giga-pet and 10 Beanie Babies - cat, dog, lobster, seal, and some different ones. How is the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? I love you.
Keeley Burris

Dear Santa,
I love you much. I want a Barbie. Would you bring my mom a new house? I'll give you butter candy.
Joseline Garcia

Dear Santa,
I really love you much. I wish I could have a real horse to ride on like a cowgirl. I love you because you always bring children lots of toys. I like the birds when they land on trees and I like you too. When the birds get cold, they find a new home. I like my teacher. I like my friends. I love you.
Cristina Imery

Dear Santa,
I want you come to my house to bring toys. We have a tree at our house. I want a cheerleader doll. My brother wants a football doll.
Andrea Solano

Dear Santa,
I want a blue bike and a new folder. I want you to give my mom a ring. I want you to get Pat a green car. It has to be a collector one. I want you to give my Grammy something special.
Jordan Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like you because you are so nice to give me presents. I hope you bring your elves so they can play in my room. I want you to bring me a real BB gun and pocket knife. Audrey wants a Barbie with a jeep and a baby doll that changes different color hair. I love you.
Logan Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want a car that moves with a control. Haley wants a Barbie. I want you to tell me about the Jingle Bells that hand on the reindeer. I like the Jingle Bells. I love Santa.
Tanner Beasley

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer because they have bells on them that ring. Thank you for the presents because we have fun

with them. I hope you do it this month. I will get up because I want to see what I got. I will play with it when everyone gets up. I want a Barbie Angel with a scarf so she can play in the snow.
Brooke Lennon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a box with toys for everyone, including Christmas sweets. Please give something for Christmas to all the small children around the world.
Paola Estrada

Dear Santa,
I like you because you bring presents. I want one of your reindeer. I want to fly to the North Pole. I want you to bring a motorcycle for me. My mom likes clothes. My dad likes to go hiking and hunt deer. I like you.
Mariah Steinbock

Dear Santa,



My momma likes clothes. It is snowing here. I want a horse Beanie Baby. I will leave you chocolate milk.
Court Crawford

Dear Santa,
I want you to put presents under my tree. I'm going to open them when I get home. When I open my presents, I eat cereal. I want a Barbie house. I'm going to play with my Barbies in it. When it's supper time, my mom tells me to come to the table and I do it. When I eat, I eat spaghetti.
Tasha Barnes

Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite elf? What do they do all the time?



Farwell JV Girls

In back from left are Kinzie Gabriel, Jessica Chandler, Linda Armstrong, Cassie Street, Christie Tabb; front row, Leesa Patterson, Chrystal Wolven, Brandi Bailey, Tara Cargile.



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Lydia Campas

Dear Santa,
Is it windy at the North Pole? Is the cotton on your clothes soft? Please bring me Delta Megazord and a blue and white Cowboy shirt that has long sleeves, like I used to have. I wish my Granna Jo could come for Christmas.
Darlin Ivy

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I hope you are feeling good. Please bring me a Godzilla toy and a Berenstain Bears "Bad Dreams" book. I hope JoAnn comes for Christmas.
Frankie Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have now? And how many elves help you. Please bring me a big Teddy Bear and a new CD player. I wish that I could see my Aunt Sylvia and my Grandpa.
Beth Hudson

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? Thanks for the Game Boy last year. How many elves do you have. Please bring me 3-D Grandfather Clock puzzle and a flat top computer. I wish my Grandpa would come home safely.
Kayle Jesko

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are

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any of the elves sick? Do you have doctors at the North Pole? Please bring me a hunting vest and a Go-Cart that you pedal. I wish my Pa-Paw would stop smoking.
Kyler Steinbock

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the present last year. I hope you have a warm jacket cause its real cold. Please bring me a Hot Wheels and the track that goes with them. I wish my mom would get a new house.
Logan Mason

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling good. I like your reindeer. How is Rudolph. Please bring me a "My Down Baby" and a Tweety Gig-a Pet. I wish Louie and Marta lived in Lazbuddie.
Monica Vera

Dear Santa,
This is Cassie Steinbock. For Christmas, I want a big diaper bag and a Talking Bubba. Also, I want a white

Furby and another one that is black. In my stocking, I want the movie Parent Trap, the CD Backstreet Boys, and the Dixy Chicks. Santa don't forget my brother Ross and Austyn. They have been good too. I love you Santa and the elves.
Cassie Breann Steinbock

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you still have Rudolph leading your team of reindeers? You must have Rudolph so he can show the way. This is what I would like for Christmas. I want a Bat mobile and a Batman and Robin. For my sister, she wishes for a computer and my brother a Megasurus. Also, I would like a shirt that is the colors black and red.
Filiberto Derma

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a cat, a dog and a Teddy Bear. Also bring some toys for my sister and a bear for my mom.
Manuela Vasquez



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Teresa finds she has a 'taste' for mink

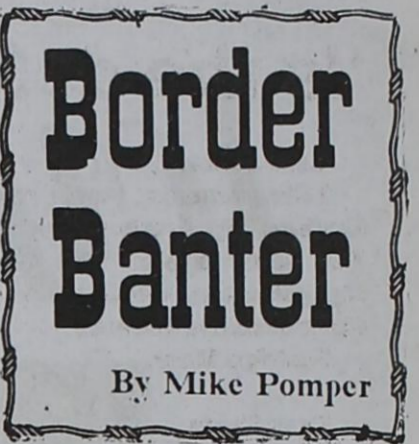
From Teresa Mesman:
I recently returned from a weekend trip that involved an airline flight. I love to fly and almost look forward to short layovers at the airports so that I can get in a little "people-watching."
Human beings are curious animals and airports, shopping malls and hotel lobbies always bring out a wide range of our species and some of the most peculiar behavior patterns.
I had some time to kill in the Austin airport. Believe me, this was a microcosm of the entire spectrum of human behavior and dress code. I am particularly amused by the absolute insistence that some travelers have in carrying "everything" they have onto the plane.
The rules are posted everywhere about not "being a bin hog," yet there is always a

handful that will attest to the fact that their backpacks are actually body parts and that a certain style of roller luggage is really a purse that contains important paperwork to be done on the plane.
Since when does the crossword puzzle in "People" magazine constitute important paperwork?
I learned my lesson once about trying to carry too much onto the plane when I was in high school.
I had a duffle bag crammed packed with enough clothes to outfit a small nation. (I didn't know what the weather was going to be like over the weekend.)
And, because I was going to be in close proximity to a tennis court, I brought along my tennis racquet.
The racquet was jammed into my sports bag along with all the other things that one

might need for a two day trip to your cousin's house. I did draw the line at the river raft and air-pump/compressor unit, however.
I felt that it was unnecessary to check my bags at the airport. I rationalized this with the fact that I was "only going away for the weekend."
I boarded the plane and began my walk down the aisle. I felt a tug at my shoulder as my bag had apparently glanced off one of the seat backs. I pulled it back onto my shoulder and tried to take a step. It was snagged on something and that "something" was gasping.
You see, my tennis racquet handle was now firmly lodged against the throat of a previously boarded elderly woman.
She was holding the racquet handle and trying to dislodge herself.
But with every tug I made at the bag handles, more air escaped with pathetic

squeaks from my victim.
Needless to say, the speech therapy was a complete success and I've never picked up a tennis racquet since.
I am also amused at how people fall asleep on the airplane. Unless I am on a long international flight, I fight sleep with a vengeance. This I feel, is due to a very embarrassing experience I had in snuggling up to a mink coat.
It was my junior year in college and mid-term exams had taken their toll on me. I was exhausted and boarded a plane bound for home at Spring Break. I had chosen the proverbial "red-eye" flight out of Lubbock. This only added to my sleepy state.
I grabbed a window seat and was soon joined by a very kind, stately couple that were on their way to Houston to see their son. They were from Arkansas and had been in Lubbock to see the Tech-Arkansas basketball playoff

game.
The woman was wearing a beautiful mink coat that she kept on due to the refrigerator-like temperature on the airplane.
I chatted with them briefly and then told them that I might not be able to stay awake once the plane took off. They nodded and said they understood. Perhaps the glazed look and black circles under my eyes emphasized the point?
I did okay on the hop over to Dallas. My head rolled and bobbed and I hit the window once or twice. But after taking off en-route to Houston, I fell into a deep sleep.
The next thing I remember is opening my eyes to a sea of soft mink fur. I had rolled my head over onto the lady's shoulder and nestled myself into her coat. I think I was even petting her lapel as I slept. I slurped, gulped and



By Mike Pomper

wiped my mouth in the hopes that I hadn't drooled on her coat.
After a barrage of apologies, offers of cleaning, first-born children and the like, this sweet woman patted my face and said, "Oh honey, you're so tired. You just laid your head right over here and relaxed. I didn't mind a bit!"
I exited the plane, red faced and looking for the nearest exit. Yet, I was extremely rested. I feel that I am one of the few that has a "real taste" for mink coats as a result of the experience.

'For Christmas, I want a Jeep'

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing? How is the North Pole? Are the elves busy making toys? Have the elves made any Barbie Jeeps or chalk boards. That's what I want for Christmas. I also want a doll. I'll save you some milk and cookies.
Courtney Payton

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is it cold up in the mountains? For Christmas I want a big bike and a Barbie and I want a little bike for my brother. My brother wants a football with the helmet and my cousin Amy Jo wants a Barbie Blanke and a Barbie. I am leaving milk and cookies for you.
Jessica Price

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeer doing and how are your elfs? For

Christmas I want a Jeep and a set of cars. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Zayne Meeks

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it cold up there? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Are your elves good? Are you making some toys for Christmas? What I want for Christmas is a remote car to play with and my brother wants a football and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Edgardo Meza

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the North Pole? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Have the elves made any Barbie Jeeps and plain chalk? My brother wants a stereo for Christmas. I want a Spice Girls tape and some CD's. Thank you for the presents you bring me. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Christy Herrington

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