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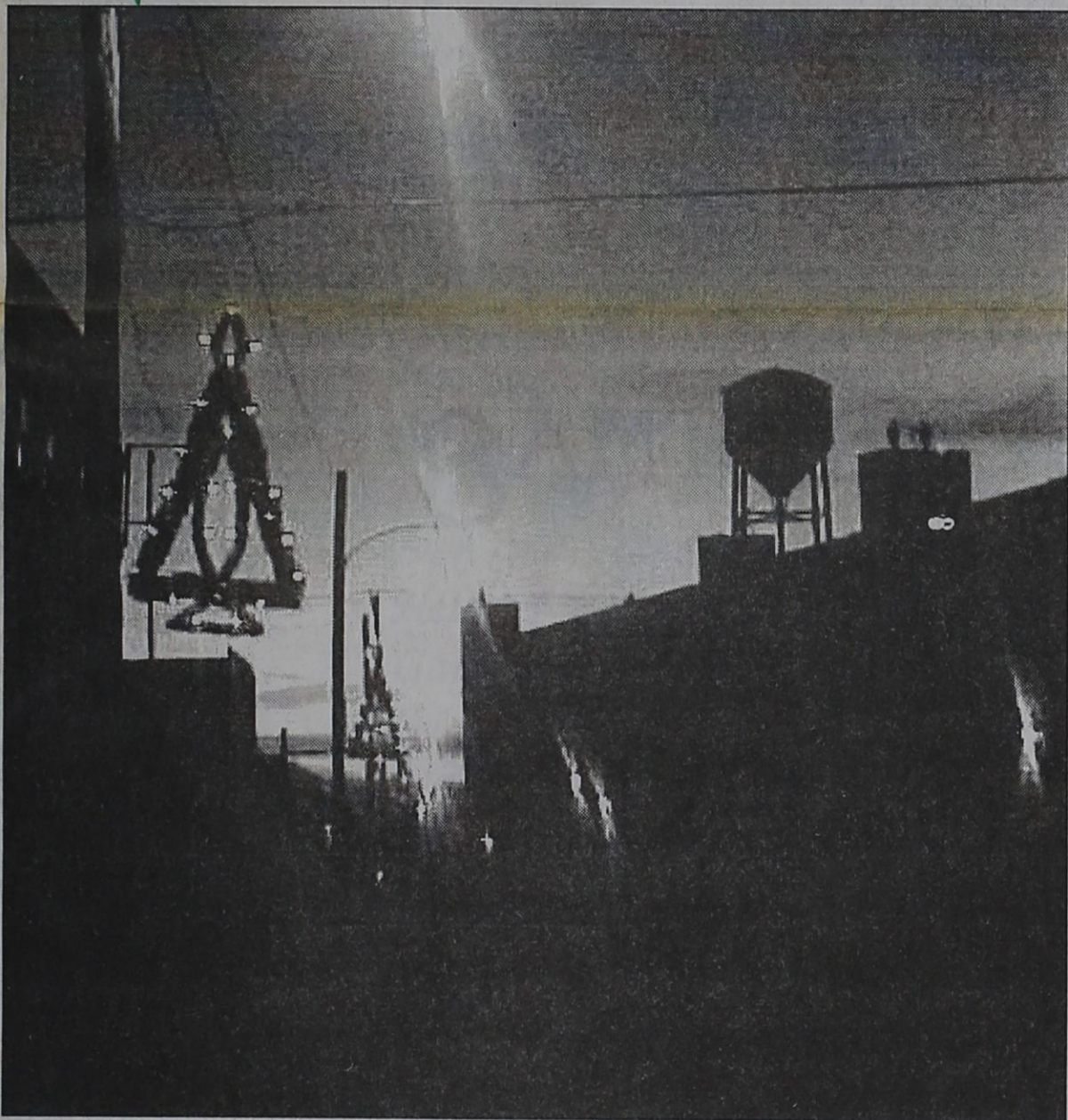
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22-29, 2000

TWO SECTIONS



MERRY CHRISTMAS & Season's Greetings From Bovina's Children

Merry Christmas



A CHRISTMAS TREE Joins The Evening Skyline of Bovina

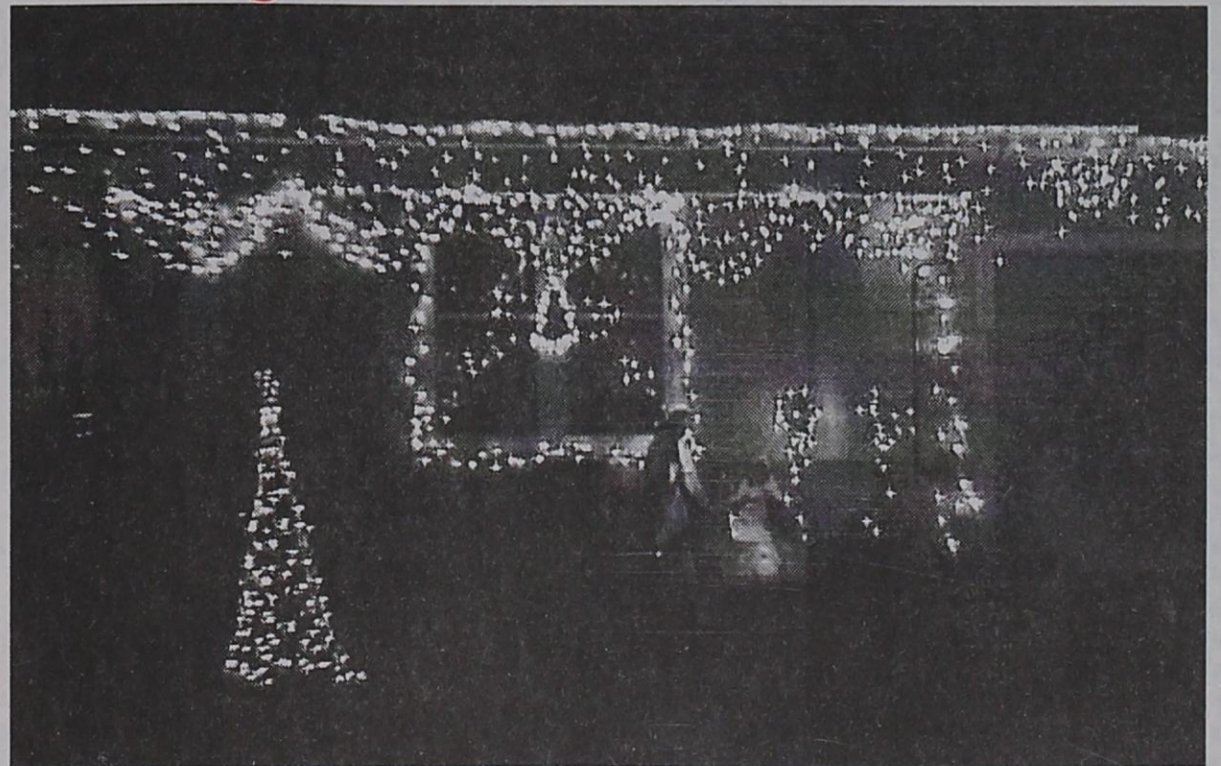


THE TREE At Bovina Schools
Signals The Joyous Season

A Dot Com Christmas

--by Billy Whitecotton
(Former Bovina Resident)

*Twas right around Christmas, all over our house,
The only thing moving was thing called a mouse.
The "TOYS" had been placed, by the window with care,
With hope that a phone line, would be installed there.
My wife snuggled up, real close to this hunk,
Of monitors and towers, and printers and junk.
When all of a sudden, she let out a wail,
Come look at this quick... I've got some e-mail.
Then clicking and sliding, that mouse all around,
Heaven only knows, what else she has found.
Santa will skip over our house tonight.
The computer is on and there's way too much light.
The kitchen is so silenet, I'm feeling some fear.
No turkey and dressing is cooking this year.
The kids are all coming and where is their Mom?
Mouse in hand, clicking ...She's ON LINE DOT COM!!!*



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Adorn This Residence Near City Park

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago--Dec. 21, 1960
 Mrs. Mark Charles is the winner of Bovina 1960 Home Christmas Decoration Contest. She will receive a \$25 award for being named the winner.
 For the third consecutive year, Bovina farmers are among the top in DeKalb's yield contest for corn and milo. Don Murphy is the top milo producer in the nation, according to J.T. Hammonds, DeKalb representative here.

35 Yrs Ago--Dec. 22, 1965
 Bovina Pump and Drilling Co. is a new business here. It is headquartered in an office building moved just west of the former Gulf station building on Pleasant Hill Farm-to-Market Road.

Approximately 250 attended the Christmas Concert presented by the Bovina School music department Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Winter weather hit here Tuesday night of last week. This was the first real "spell" of the winter season and brought with it snow and freezing temperatures. The snow, which measured some three inches, fell Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Mustang footballers Roman Ramirez and Scotty Rundell have been named to regional football honors by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

30 Yrs Ago--Dec. 23, 1970
 Another successful pheasant season ended here Sunday. Winner of the tallest contest conducted in Bovina was Don Bandy with an extra-long entry measuring 25 and 31/32 inches.

Saddles belonging to Curtis Miller and Henry Spicer were stolen from Triplett's Feed Lots sometime Saturday night, according to Marshal Ronald Mitchell. Mitchell says there were no leads in the case.

25 Yrs Ago--Dec. 24, 1975
 Steven Thomas Wiseman

of Bovina received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University at College Station in recent ceremonies there.

Bret Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten, is the first place winner in the 1975 Christmas Home Decorations Contest, sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club.

Members of the Bovina Future Homemakers of America visited the Retirement Ranch in Clovis Monday, December 15. The group sang Christmas carols and took gifts of Christmas candy and cookies and door decorations to residents there.

20 Yrs Ago--Dec. 24, 1980
 A.G. White is shown on the front page with Santa. The caption reads, "Never too old for Christmas...A.G. White, age 100, is shown talking to Santa when he visited Prairie Acres Christmas party this week."

15 Yrs Ago--Dec. 25, 1985
 Paul and Ola Lee Jones observed their 40th year recently in business in Bovina. Their station, Jones Texaco, opened 40 years ago in Bovina.

The Christmas Story came to life Saturday even as the holiday celebration approaches. Members of the Youth For Christ organization portrayed Bible characters in a nativity scene on Third Street. The characters were Joseph-Kirk Scott, Mary-Jennifer Beauchamp, the Wise Men-Christy Scott, Robbie Dyer and Leah Steelman, shepherds-Joanna Clayton, Mendy Rhodes and Kory Mitchell. The angel was Trish Fox.

10 Yrs Ago--Dec. 22, 1990
 The 1990 pheasant hunt was a little disappointing in Parmer County, according to local hunters. While the number of birds was down from previous hunts, the decent weather made the leg work a little easier. Work is continuing as

buildings are being torn down on Main Street in Bovina. These buildings had holes in the floors, the ceilings were hanging and many had holes in the roofs.

5 Yrs Ago--Dec. 23, 1995
 Dear Santa- I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me play puppy, a teacher Barbie, a B.B. gun, and a baby brother. Love, Nicki Clayton

Dear Santa- I wish you will bring a bike and a big pretz. I bin good. Frank Martinez

Santa Letters

Dear Santa
 I have been good. Merry Christmas. please give me a presnt. A skooter and don't wake daddy and hungry hungry hippo and cd. Danielle.Cockerham

Dear Santa,
 I have been good all year I have been hLping my Granma wth dishes. I want a telescope Buterfly Barbie I want you to come to my house to give me a presents. Jennifer Michelle Gaza

Dear Santa,
 dear santa. I been very good. I want a bike. I want a toy for christmas. I cant swim. I LOV you santa. I want a scooter for Christmasmas. Marco Terrones

Dear Santa,
 I help my mom. Clean my room. I am good can you bring my a scooter. sind Edwin Carrillo

Dear Santa,
 Santa I wont a white dog on Christmas. Rosae Lena Duarte

Santa i Bran Good
 Santa i Wot a Brik then i Wat.
 Santa i Wot a Mostr truk
 Santa i Wat a TPI Pay
 Santa i Wot al Phillip Murillo



ENJOYING the Christmas Open House at First Bank were Kirby Brantley and Jill Timms. Bobbie Pierson, center, welcomed customers and friends to the reception.

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These folks have joined together to wish their Bovina friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas. Proceeds from the Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service, will benefit the Bovina Ambulance Service and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Donations were received from:

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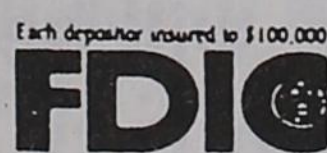
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Nelson Family Savors Memories Of Five Months In Australia

In Australia, Christmas comes in the summer. In Australia, they drive on the left, use Australian dollars and measure with the metric system.

The country of Australia is as big as the United States in land mass, but while the U. S. population is almost 300 million, Australia's population is only about 20 million.

These are some of the facts about the Land Down Under that you learn by talking to Scott Nelson, manager of Caprock Industries feedyard in Bovina.

Scott, his wife Katy, and

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, How have you been? Coud you please bring me a radio control explorer sport trac and battery pac. I have been a good boy.

Love Anthony Ortiz

Dear Santa, I want a doll that has a playhouse. I love you. I have been very good. Merry Christmas santa. Me and my brother want a pretty gift. I like your bag because it is red. I know that you are good.

Bianca Roldan

Dear Santa, I have been very good to my mom. I wish santa give me a present like a scooter and a rollerblade please. Merry Christmas

Yesenia

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. I really what a movie santa. I love you santa. But when are you giving present to boys and girls? The other present I want is a Happy Christmas santa.

Love Mikey Garner

Dear Santa, Santa I help my brother. fed the bore I help put up the Christmas three Santa I want a bear for me Santa I am very a friend to play with her.

Vivyan

Dear Santa, I been good. I clean my room. I can help my mom clean dishes Please give me a remote control car

Rolando Perez

Dear Santa, I been good all year. I try to not pout and boll. I try to keep my bedroom clene. I want a lep pad at Christmas. Mere Cismis Santa. I hlep do dogs, dishes, trash and closs. He nose wine you are asleep. Santa come to town.

Padyn Hughes

children Jacob, 8, Hanna, 7, Sarah, 5, and Leah, 3, lived in Australia from February 7 to July 26, 2000.

The family lived in southern New South Wales, in the small town of Cootamundra, population 8,000. Cootamundra, 4 1/2 hours west of Sydney, is home to the Jindalee Feed Lot, cattle population 14,000. Jindalee is owned by Cargill, Australia, parent company of Caprock Bovina and Excel Friona.

Scott was assigned by Cargill to oversee the management, accounting, operations and expansion of the Jindalee Feed Lot. He was allowed to take along his family to share the adventure.

Nelson says that Australian feedlots average about 15,000 head and that Cargill owns the second largest lot there. Japan is the largest market for Australian beef and the Japanese own two large feedlots and packing plants there.

The largest Japanese feedlot is 50,000 head. The second Japanese lot has about 40,000 head. The packing plant kills about 500 head per day.

AMH-ConAgra is the largest feeder in the country and are the largest packer with about 13% of Australia's kill.

Cargill also has two packing plants in Australia. Together they kill about 1,250 head a day. In 1998, producers in Australia exported 450,000 head to markets in Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The United States boasts 100 million head of cattle in feed lots. By comparison, Australia has only 25 million head of cattle with 650,000 lot fed and grown. The rest are range grass fed.

Nelson says the Australian producers need experience in growing feed cattle and companies such as his are providing that knowledge and experience.

He said Cootamundra was located in the heart of wheat country but they have no summer crop there. Farmers in the area raise feed wheat, barley and triticale.

Katy and the kids took advantage the time to involve themselves in the local life styles. Katy home-schooled her children and also taught in a local school a few days a week.

The kids played soccer on local teams. A real adventure, according to Katy, was grocery shopping. Australians shop more often than Americans and buy a lot of fresh foods, including meats and vegetables.

The Aussies use the metric system, so trying to buy a pound of something



SCOTT NELSON, manager at Caprock Industries in Bovina, in the countryside of New South Wales, Australia.

required a conversion of weight and money. The Australian dollar was equivalent to fifty-seven U. S. cents.

The Nelson's managed to tour a great deal of the eastern part of the country, adjusting to kilometers and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Scott said when they arrived back in the U. S. and were on their way to his parents house, 7-year-old Hanna asked, "Daddy, how many more K's to grandma's house."

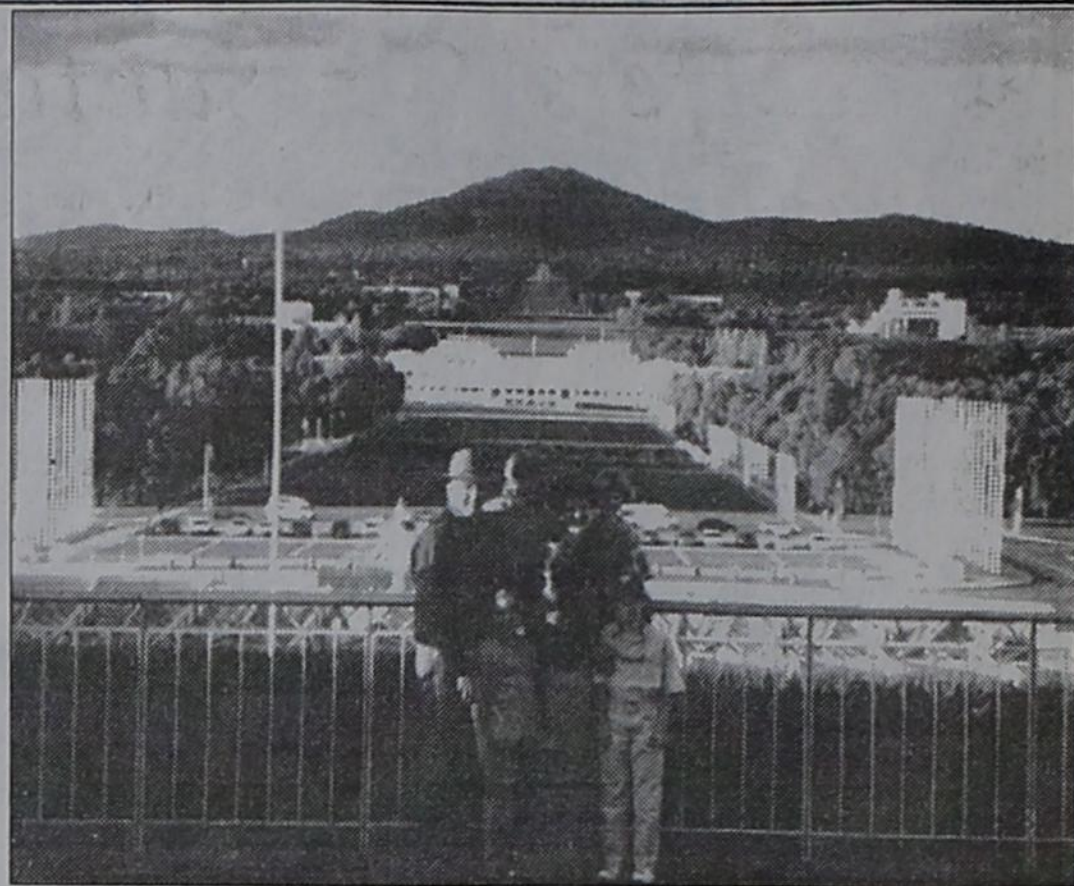
He learned a lot about people and employees and motivation while working with the Aussies. Cargill's

Happy Birthday Bovina

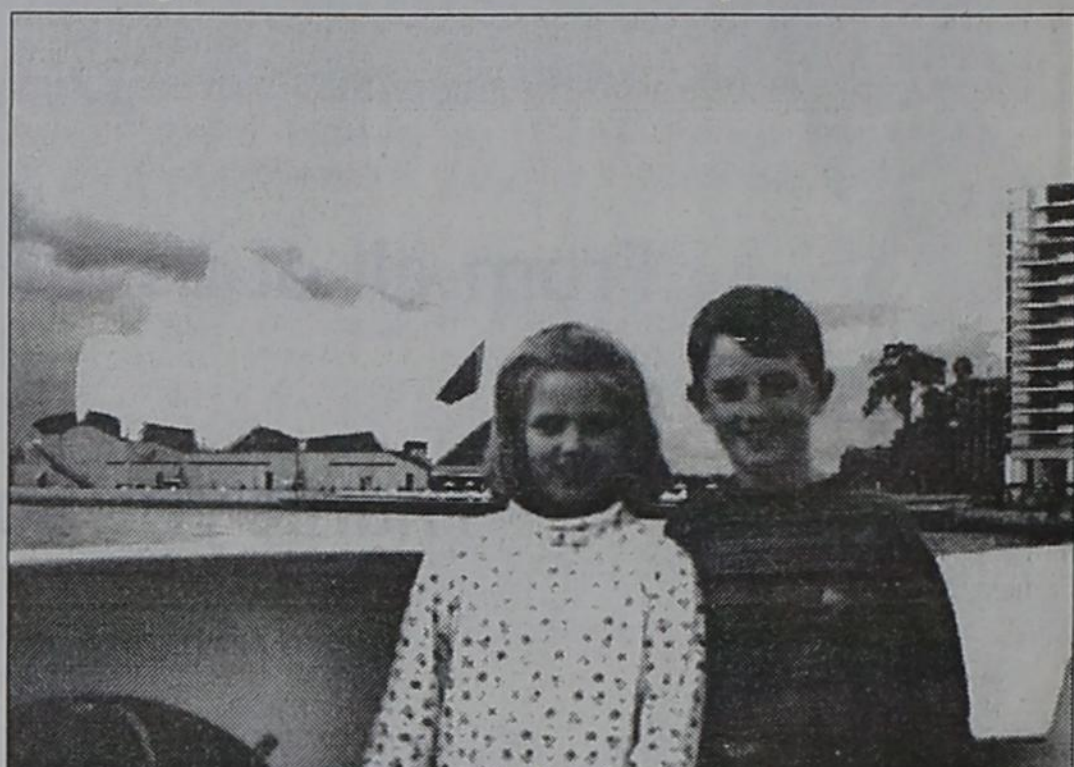
Birthdays for the period of December 24, 2000 to January 6, 2001.

- Dec 24 Nita Marshall
- Dec 25 Maria Robledo, Ethel Johnson
- Dec 26 Dean Wines
- Dec 27 Norma Villarreal, Joe Steelman
- Dec 28 Tammy Stormes, Francis Johnson
- Dec 29 Angie Riley, Scott Riley
- Dec 31 Michelle Stanberry, Joshua Parson,
- Jan 1 Jody Wilburn
- Jan 3 Jerry Ward
- Jan 4 Judy Hromas, Brad Hromas, Peter Vanegas, Sandra Cockerham, Joe Black, Sr., Brandi Ventura
- Jan 5 Nora Fuentes, Charlise Eubanks, Ricky Jamerson
- Jan 6 Don Teague

To help us out with changes, corrections, deletions or additions to our birthday list, call 251-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009. Thank you.



THE NELSON FAMILY visiting the Parliament House grounds in the Australian capital of Canberra.



HANNA & JACOB NELSON on a river cat in Sydney Harbour with the Sydney Opera house in the background.

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at the Court House in Farwell

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January 8, 2001

For audit by Texas Department of Transportation.

❄ Letters To Santa Claus ❄

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want some clothes. I want a computer. Please get my brother some Legos. Bring my sister a scooter, too.
Love, Yesenia Cervantes

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and your elves and your reindeer? Bring my mom a whitemi flop for the bathroom. And bring my dad a set of tools. Bring me the tornado twister. And bring me some power tools. And twister the hotspot. And reindeer to eat your cookies.
Love, Miguel Guerrero

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Santa can you please bring me a scooter? I thank you for bringing me the other presents. My little brother is telling my mom to buy him a Nintendo 64. Please Santa can you bring my little brother a Nintendo 64? Can you bring my big brother a Lego scooter.
Love, Carmen Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
Santa can you get me a computer and can you get my family anything they want? Can you get me a pen and a chalk board. Thank you for getting toys last year. Thank you for getting me clothes.
Love, Sergio Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing fine. Are the elves ready for Christmas? I hope so. Would you please bring me a scooter and a toy that spins? Santa please bring my sister something. I hope you come to my house on Christmas Eve night.
Love, Gustavo Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a remote control racing car with a red sticker on it. The next thing I would like a tv. The next thing I would like is a new bed. The last thing I would like is a butiful Chrmas tree. I hope have a Merry Chrmas.
Sincerely yours, Juan Narrero

Dear Santa,
This year I would like many things for Christmas. I wold like a Barbie computer. I wold buy my niece a doll house. I wold give everyone in my family a gift of love. This are my Christmas wishes.
Sincerely yours, Emilia Contreras

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a trained puppy for Christmas. I would like for my teacher to have a great Christmas. I would like a scooter for Christmas also. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Sincerely yours, Cheyenne Dutton

Dear Santa,
This year I would like no more school for two years, scooter, Dragon bAll Z toys and world peace. These are the things I want for Christmas.
A person that is good,
Corbin Holman

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a computer, a trained puppy and a Christmas tree. Make sure you bring toys for all the children. You may bring toys for good people. Santa could you bring my mom a gold wach and my dad some boots. I have been good for six weeks. I will leave you some cookies but I don't have a Christmas tree.
Sincerely yours, Monica Martinez

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a big computer. I wish it was Christmas already Santa. It's just 21 days until Christmas Eve. I wish my neighbors have a good supper. The best kids will get a good present.
Sincerely yours, Jesse Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a compuer for Christmas and I will like a disk with it. It will be a geat Christmas with my family. I wish me and my grandpa can spend sometime that what I want for Christmas. I will like this sealey for Christmas. It is hold kid rock.
Sincerely, Richard Fabela

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a scooter, a lap-top and some school supplies? Santa be careful with the reindeer. I hope you come to see me on Christmas Eve.
Love, Bianca Terrones

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things. I want a Lego scooter. I want a go-cart. My baby brother wants a passenger train. I want books for me. I want a remote controlled car and plane. How are Mrs. Claus, the elves and Rudolph?
Love, Irvin

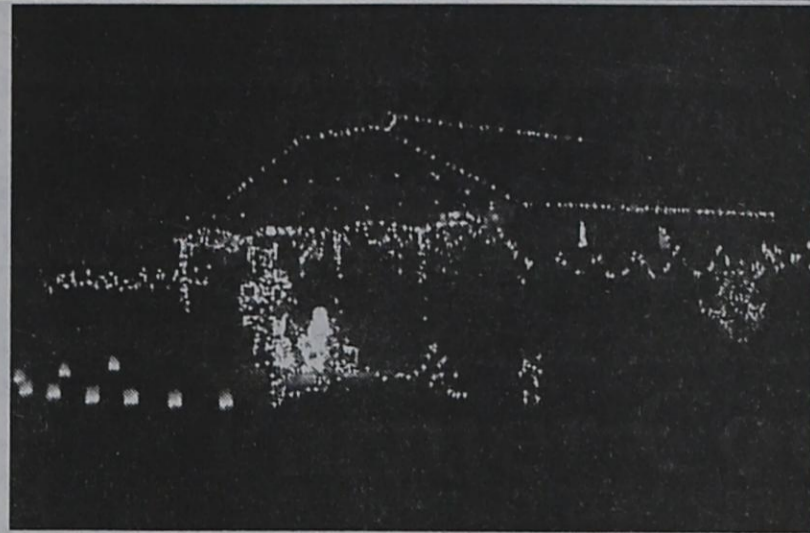
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas and a happy New Year. This is what I want. I want a lap-top and a Lego passenger train and a remote controlled plane. Please remember that my sister wants a golden wrist watch for Christmas.
Love, Zachery Ward

Dear Santa, I want you to bring us love for my mom and dad. I want a skooter. Bring a car for my sister Yuri.
Merry Christmas.
Gael Vela

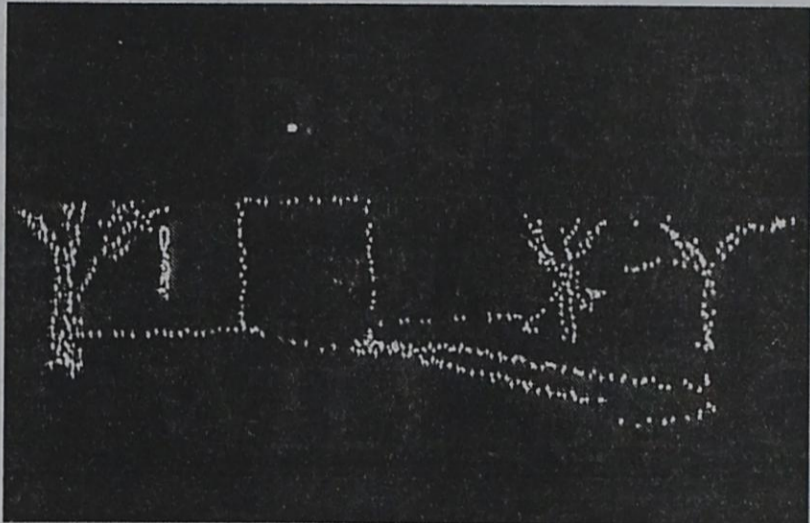
Dear Santa, I wish for you to buy my mom a car for Christmas. A bike and Play Station. My brother needs a bed. I have been a good boy.
Shag Walker

Santa, I want you to get my momm's car fixed. I want a Barbie Car. I want you to get my mom and dad love. I want a car. I want you to fix my tv.
Kelsi Barney

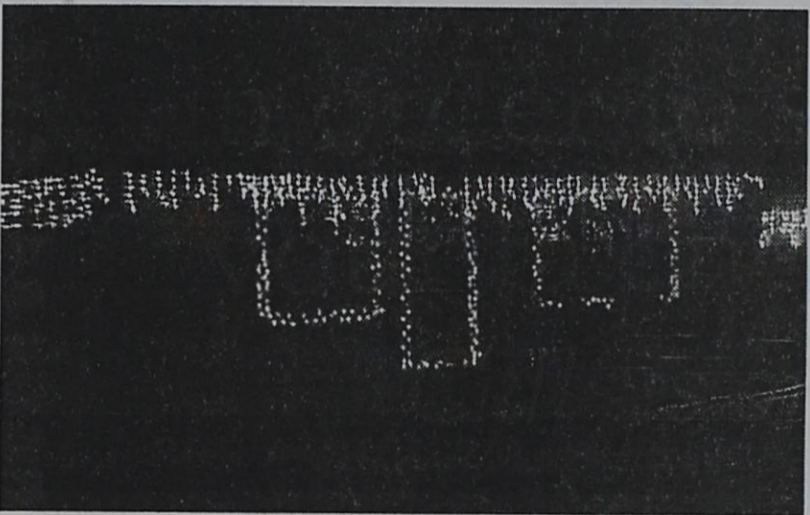
Dear Santa,
I think I have been good Santa. I wish I would have a scooter. Can you bring me a scooter? I would like a computer too. Can I have some books? Santa do not forget to give all the boys and girls the things they want. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? Are they doing good? Is Rudolph doing good?
Love, Kyla Salinas



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND.....



A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM.....



ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!!

Bovinan's Relative Buried

Leatha Ruth (Floyd) Venable, 88, of Amarillo, died Saturday, December 16, 2000.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Monday, December 18, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with David Sullins, retired minister, officiating.

Mrs. Venable was born in Wanette, Oklahoma. A homemaker and Church of Christ member, she moved to Amarillo four years ago.

Her husband, Chester Curby Venable, died in 1994. Her son, Dennis Venable also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, J.B. Venable and Darrell Venable, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Peggy Tidwell of Jasper, Alabama; a sister, Lucille Floyd of California; 21 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Venable (Floyd) grew up in Parmer County and was the sister-in-law of Elton Venable.

Bovina EMS To Train Volunteers

Larry Mitchell, Bovina EMS director, has announced the start of a training class for Basic EMT designation.

Like most other small towns, the local Emergency Medical Service is always in need of additional trained volunteers.

Mitchell says the training class will begin January 16 at 7 p.m. in the EMS building on Third Street. Classes will be held twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 7-10 p.m. and will last through April.

The cost of the class is \$150 per person. Mitchell will be the instructor.

The EMS is also offering a CPR class on January 2 and 4 at the EMS building. Class time is 7 p.m. and the cost is \$15.

To find out more about either of these two classes call Larry Mitchell at 251-1443, Donna Mitchell at 251-1167, or the Mitchell's home at 251-1678.

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Christmas

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Hypothermia Can Kill Texans Even In Years Of Record Heat

Heat waves, a prolonged drought, occasional flooding and tornadoes have dominated the weather news in Texas in recent years. Winters have been mild. However, health officials warn that even in statistically warm years, vulnerable Texans can die from cold temperatures.

Just last winter, at least 21 people died in Texas from hypothermia, or severe or prolonged loss of body heat, because of the cold. Of those 21, at least 17 (81 per cent) were age 60 or older, and many of them died unexpectedly in their own homes.

"While extreme or extended cold is dangerous to anyone, some people are more likely to suffer hypothermia in temperatures that may not seem dangerous to most healthy adults," said Sam Wilson, director of the Emergency Preparedness Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Wilson, who also is a paramedic, said that infants and small children are at risk in cold temperatures because their bodies radiate heat faster than bodies of adults. People who are sick and those taking certain prescription drugs or alcohol may lack resistance to low temperatures. Homeless people, auto or boating accident victims and others unable to find temporary shelter also are endangered during extremes of cold.

"But those people most susceptible to hypothermia," Wilson said, "are usually age 60 and older." Several factors combine to make cold weather more hazardous for people as they age. Often, an older person's metabolism is slower than that of a younger person, or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter awareness of dangerously low temperature.

People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people, since the human body's natural alarm signal—the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow—lessens with age, Wilson said. Some

Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger.

Wilson urged people to check on elderly friends and relatives, especially during cold weather. Any symptoms of hypothermia should be taken seriously.

In addition to taking precautions for the elderly, no one at any age should underestimate weather changes, Wilson said. People who have to be outside in cold weather should wear loose-fitting, layered clothing; gloves; and a face covering to block wind chill.

The term wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, but also it can cause frostbite—actual freezing of tissues. A strong wind, even in moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

Meteorologists use a table designed by the U.S. National Weather Service to calculate wind chill, using thermometer readings and wind speed. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather for themselves or others should refer to local weather media for current forecasts.

✧ Letters To Santa Claus ✧

Santa Claus, I want a playstation. My mom needs a necklace. I like you Santa Claus you are a happy Santa Claus in the world. My Brother needs a computer. Jeremy DeLaRosa

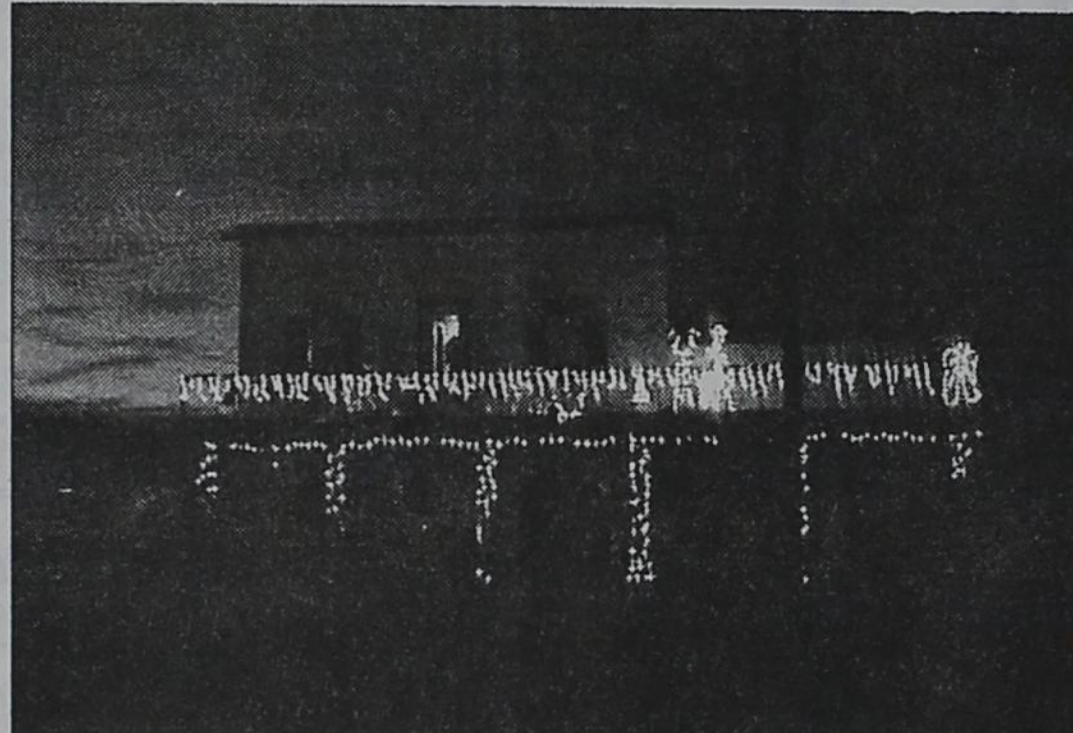
Dear Santa, I want a real computer with cd's. for my mom a ring and for my dad a car for Christmas. Judith Rodriguez.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a little kitten and a computer and a scooter for Christmas. My brother would like a real computer. I got a present for my neighbors because it is time to be giving to other people. Love, Maribeth Salazar



IT'S A BIG ONE...Austin Clayton, 16, got this 10 point buck earlier this month while hunting in the area with friends. Austin, a junior at Clovis High School, is the son of Ted and Starla Clayton and the grandson of James and Sandra Clayton, all of Bovina.



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Santa I want you to buy my sister a tweety watch. Yvette Gomez

Special Holiday Gifts Give Added Pleasure

A Gift From The Heart Can Show Others The True Meaning Of The Christmas Season

Exchanging Christmas gifts has become a highlight of the holidays. From making out a wish list to shopping for the perfect gift for that special someone, there is a feeling of anticipation throughout the season.

Buying gifts is a fine way for people to show others how much they care; the time and thought put into the selection expresses love and appreciation. However, giving a present that they made themselves can be even more meaningful.

The handmade gift is always eagerly received, and it doesn't have to be a complicated project. Baking cookies and packing them in a holiday tin or making preserves and putting them in a decorative jar is a wonderful gift that brings the flavors of Christmas to life.

For those who aren't talented in the kitchen, there are many other gifts to make. A hand-knit sweater or scarf is always well-received, as is a needlepoint pillow, an embroidered wall hanging or a handmade sachet. While these projects may seem difficult, people can use

simple patterns that are easy to create.

Even if the gift isn't homemade, the wrapping paper and card can be. Nothing will bring a smile to someone's face faster than receiving a gift wrapped with a personal touch. One way to be creative is to wrap a gift in a gift. For example, if giving presents for the kitchen, people can wrap them in fabric napkins or decorative place mats. They also can decorate plain sheets of paper in their own way.

A personalized card is the best way to show people how much they are loved. The givers can say exactly what they want to say in their own words. Whether using crayons and markers, pictures cut from magazines, or handmade bows, they can add a sense of warmth to their holiday greetings.

Another way to make Christmas-time even more special is for people to give of themselves. They can help older relatives decorate their home, work in a soup kitchen for an afternoon, organize a toy drive for needy children or deliver gifts to people in hospitals and nursing homes. This will give them a sense of joy that they may not have thought possible.

The true spirit of the season is happiness and goodwill—sharing a sense of love with others. Giving a gift from the heart this Christmas will bring a special sense of joy to those receiving the presents and to those giving them.

Did You Know?

The term "Xmas" is not an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas.

Actually, it is merely an abbreviation of the word itself. The X in Xmas is the Greek letter Chi, the first letter of Christ's name when written in that language. This simple abbreviation dates back to about the 12th century.

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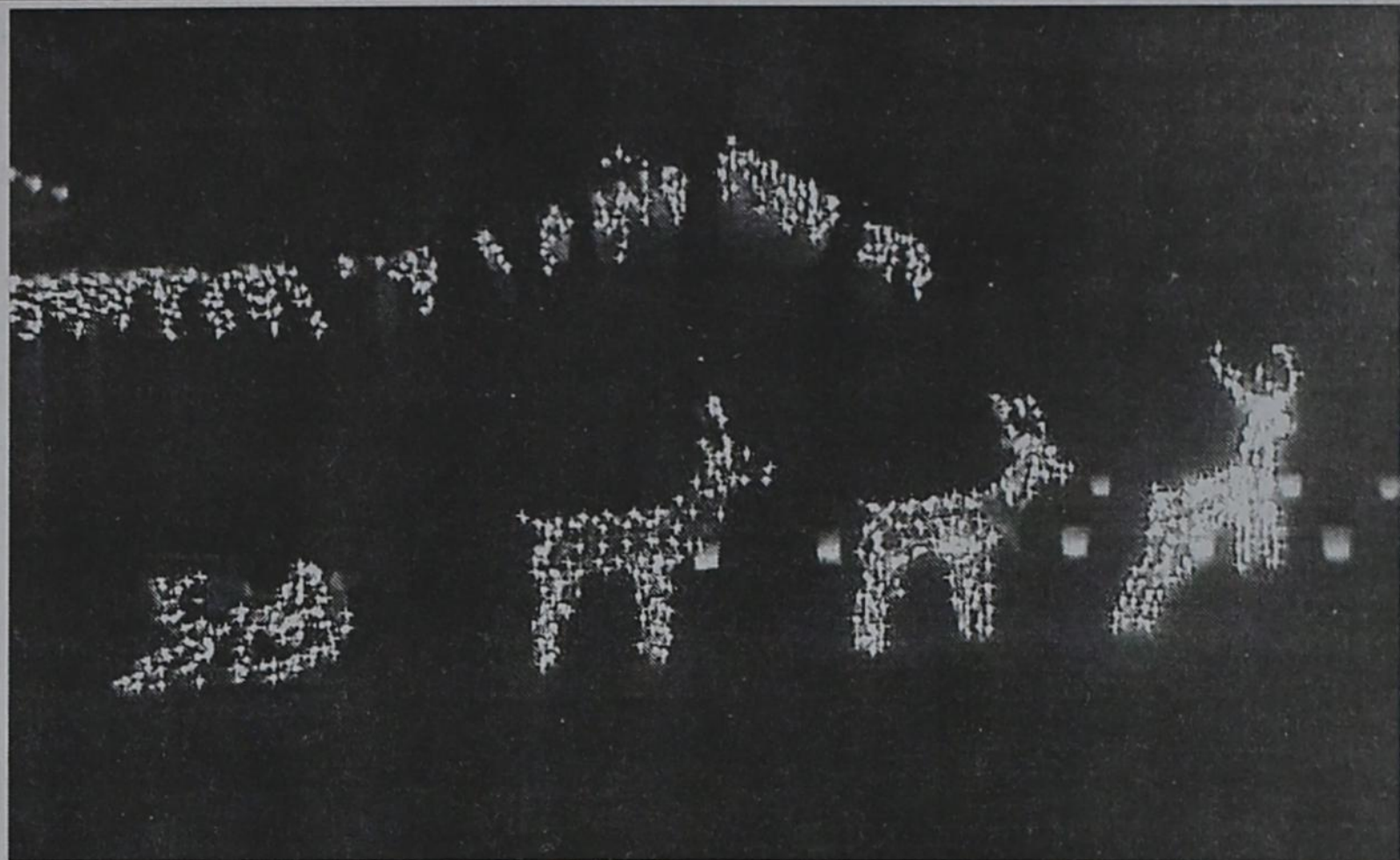
Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
Santa I have been good in school. I want a good toy. Santa I will write neatly. In christmas I will see my grandma. My mom and I wish merry christmas.
Vanessa Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl. I tred to be a god girl. Please bring me rollerblades for christmas and a scooter. On christmas I really want is rollerblades. I want a barbie.
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I take care of my mom so will you give me a Rescue Hero we have been good
Jallen Allred

Dear Santa,
I gave my brother a present last night. homework before I watch TV. Thank you for the nice letter. Instead of a skateboard I want a skeeter.
Jake Brozok



SANTA'S SLEIGH and his reindeer add to the Christmas spirit in Bovina. These lights brighten the yard at the Billy and Suezy Smith residence.
ron carr photo

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I help my mom wash dishes. I want a bike for christmas. I'm good with my mom. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Monica Tovar

Dear Santa,
I like santa. He knows when you are bad or good so if you are good he is watching you. I have been a good boy this year. I just want lots of clothes for christmas and one toy. That toy is a little ball.
Jason Avera

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I am a good first grader. Can I have a toy santa? My mom and I like santa.
Nancy Rosalez

Dear Santa,
This year I would like many new things for Christmas. I wish everone in my class would have a good Christmas. I would like to have a scooter for Christmas. I would like to wish my teacher Mrs. Deen a Merry Christmas. I wish every one a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely yours, Angelica Gallago

Dear Santa,
This year I would like many things for Christmas. I would like a golden razor scooter for Christmas. I would like a toy poodle. I would also like some cars for my little nephew at Christmas time. The most important thing I want for Christmas is for hving my family together.
Sincerely yours, Kimberly Casas

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a remote control car and I would like for everbody to have a surprise for Christmas.
Sincerely yours, Rodrigo Zapata

Dear Santa,
I like it when you are so kind. Santa, I believe in you!
Sincerely yours, Vinnie Mesza

Dear Santa,
This year I would like the movie "102 Dalmations" and the cartoon. I would like a gold watch for my mom. I would like 7 little collars for my seven puppies. I would like a little toy car for my dad. I would like some money so I can buy a horse.
Sincerely yours, Sarah Morales

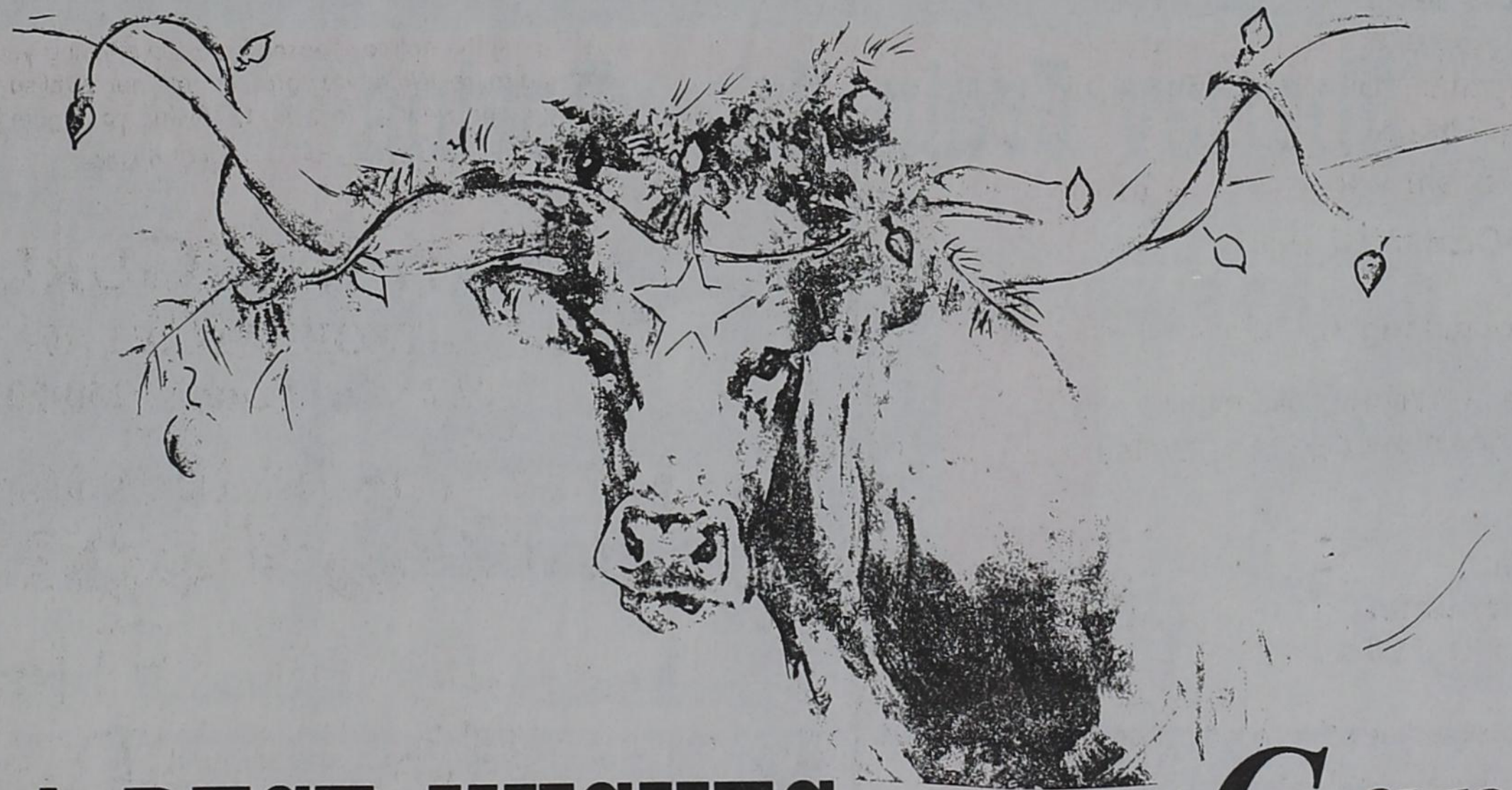
How is Mrs. Claus feeling? And how is the reindeers feeling? And how are the elves? And I want sum handcuffs. And I want ten nintendo games. And I want the Lego soccer game.
Love, Christopher Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing and the reindeer and the elves? I would like you to bring me a radio and a brother and a robot mother dog and her 5 puppies. Thank you for the presents you gave me last yar. I appreciate that.
Love, Yesenia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are fine. Are the reindeer ready? Thank you for bringing me the things you brought me last year. Could you bring me some new clothes this year. I hope that you come see me on Christmas Eve.
Love, Cecilia Salazar

Dear Santa,
I want to know if you can get me a scooter, a go-cart and new air sport shoes. Thank you for the things from last year.
Love, Justin Salazar

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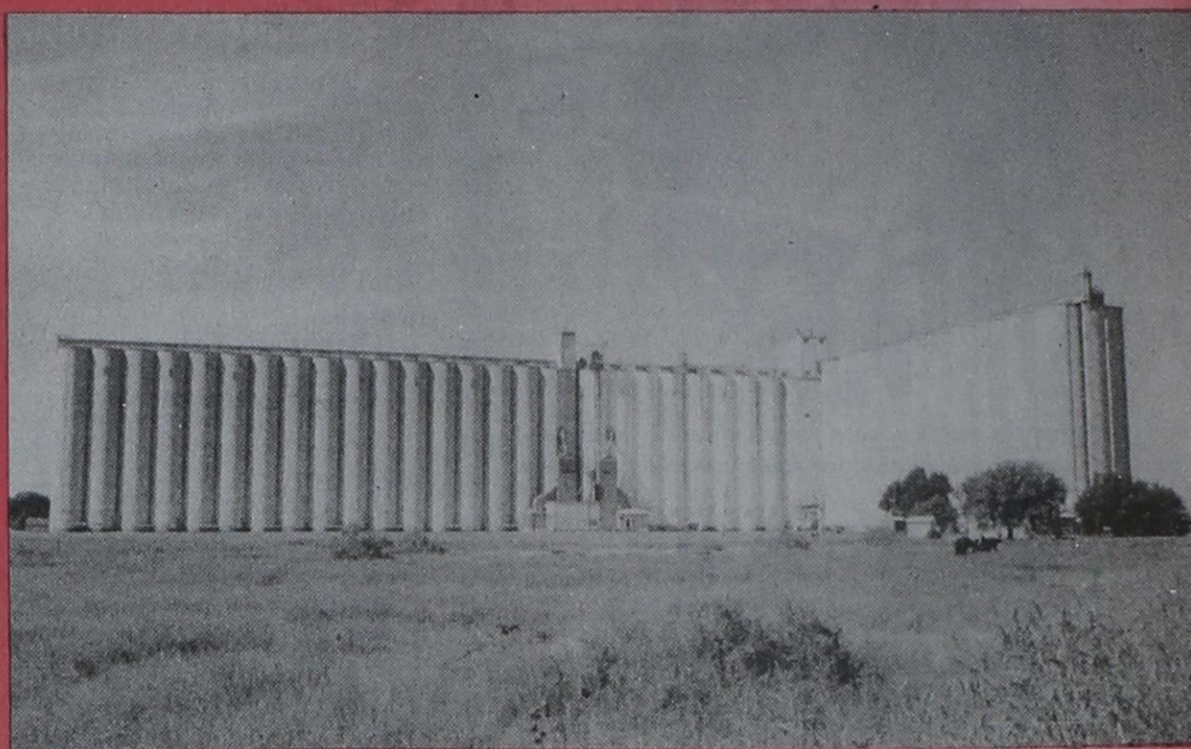
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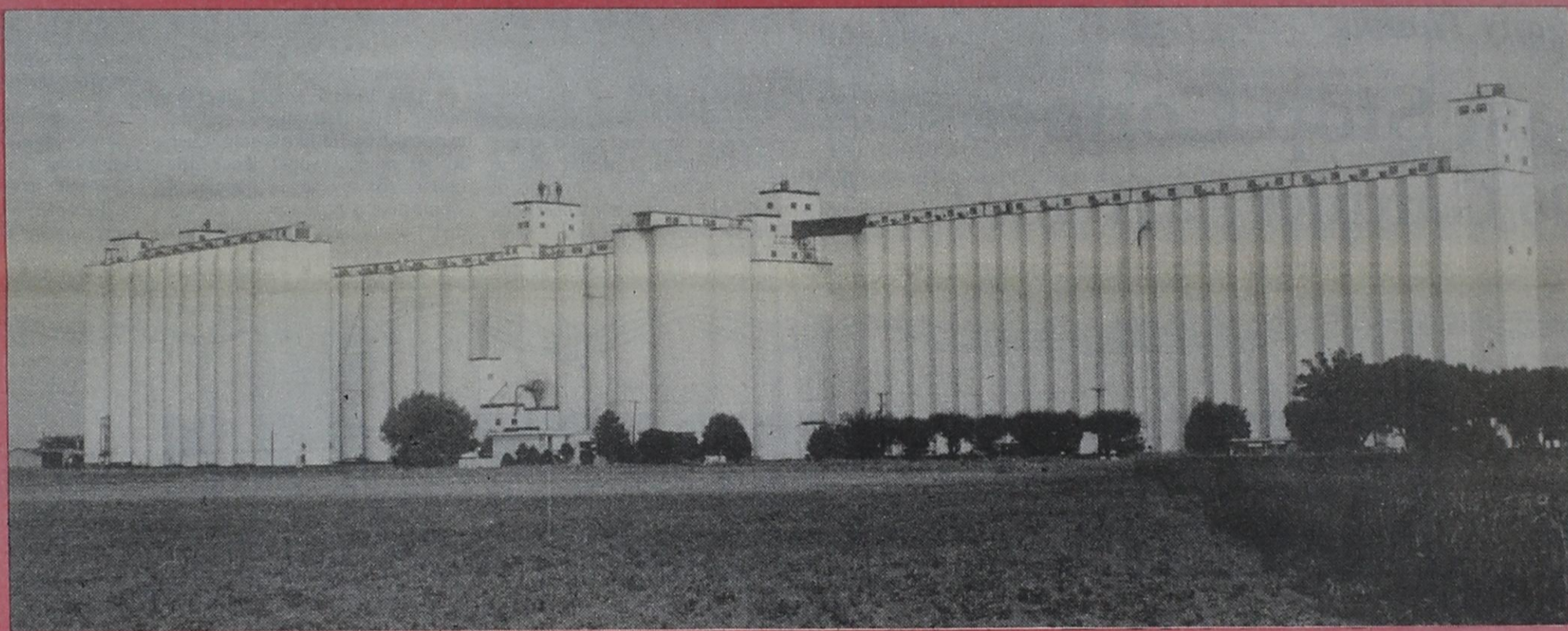


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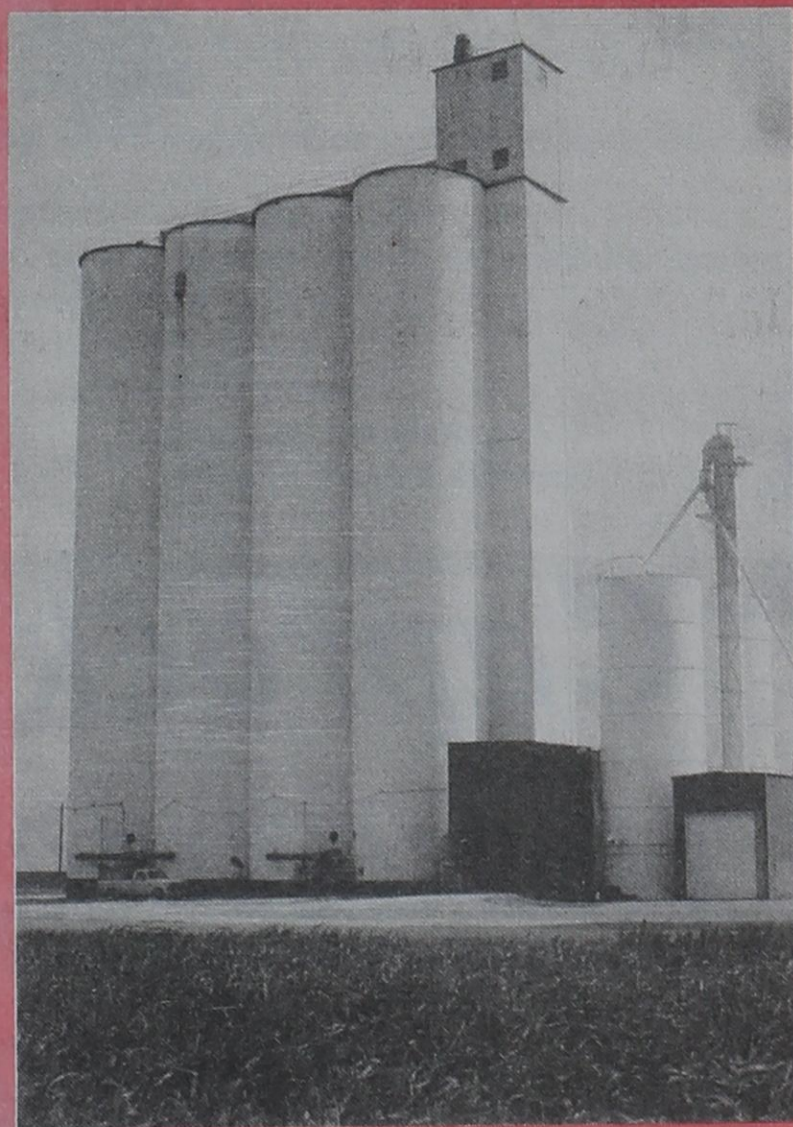
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'Diversity' Attends The Office Christmas Party

INTER-OFFICE MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director
TO: Everyone
RE: Christmas Party
DATE: December 1
 I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place on December 23, starting at noon in the banquet room at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue. No-host bar, but plenty of eggnog! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols. Feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus!

OFFICE MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director
DATE: December 2
RE: Christmas Party
 In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Chanuka is an important holiday which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party."
 The same policy applies to employees who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time. Happy now?

MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director
DATE: December 5
RE: Holiday Party
 What a diverse company we are! I had no idea that December 20 begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating and drinking during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon this time of year does not

accommodate our Muslim employees' beliefs. Perhaps Luigi's can hold off on serving your meal until the end of the party; the days are so short this time of year. Or else they could package everything for take-home in little foil swans. Will that work?
 Meanwhile I've arranged for members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert buffet and pregnant women will get the table closest to the restrooms. Did I miss anything?

MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director
DATE: December 8
RE: Holiday Party
 So December 22 marks the Winter Solstice. What do you expect me to do, a tap-dance on your heads? Fire regulations at Luigi's prohibit the burning of sage by our "earth-based Goddess-worshipping" employees, but we'll try to accommodate your shamanic drumming circle during the band's breaks. Okay???

MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis Human Resources Director
DATE: December 9
RE: Holiday Party
 People, people! Nothing sinister was intended by having our CEO dress up like Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan," there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit." It's tradition, folks, like sugar shock at Halloween or family feuds over the Thanksgiving turkey or broken hearts on Valentine's Day. Could we lighten up?

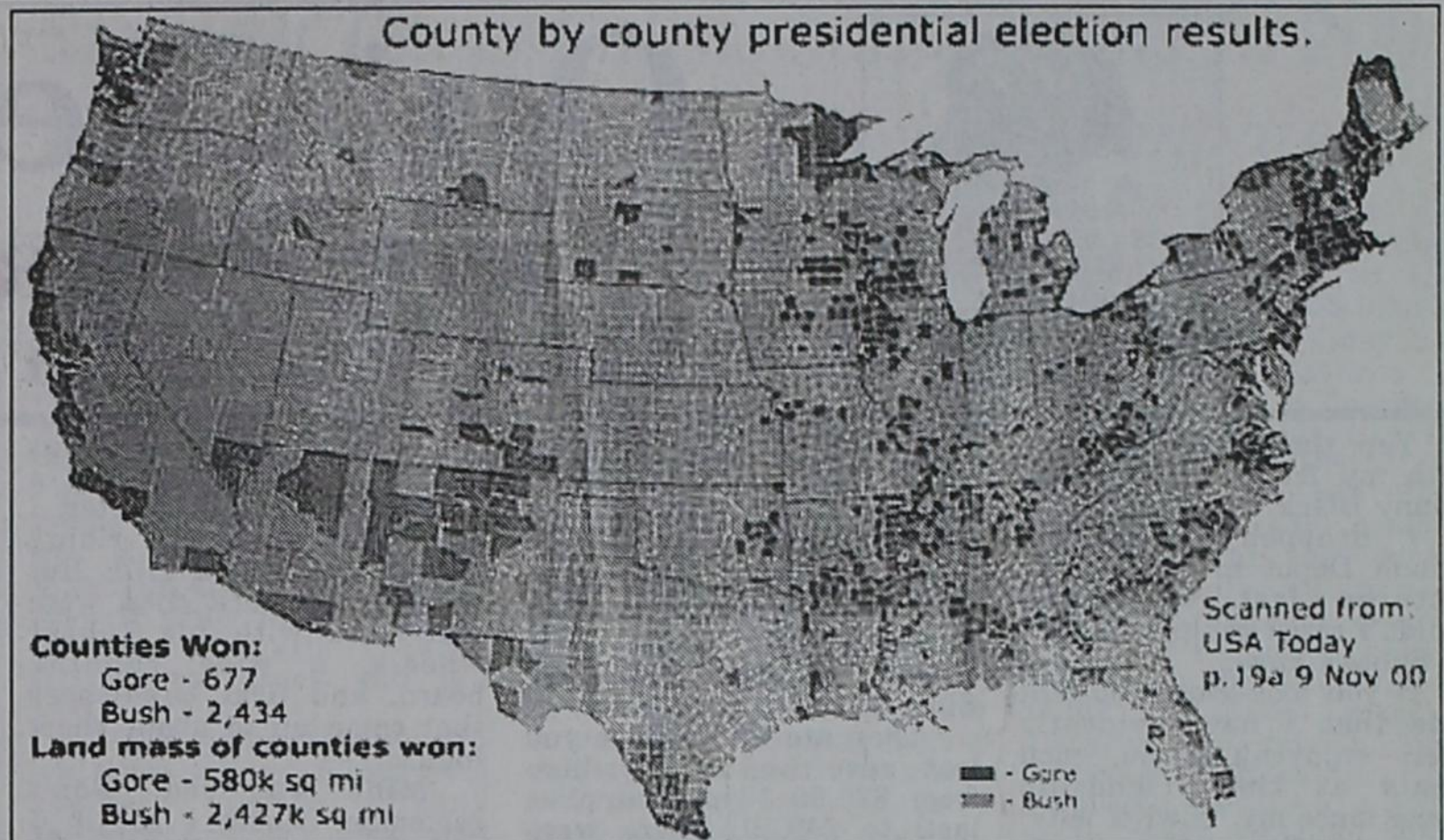
MEMO FROM:
 Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director
DATE: December 10
RE: Holiday Party

Vegetarians?!?!? I've had it with you people!!! We're going to keep this party at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table farthest from the "grill of death," as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your #\$\$&*! salad bar, including hydroponic tomatoes. But you know, they have feelings, too. Tomatoes scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them scream right now!

MEMO FROM:
 Teri Bishop, Acting Human Resources Director
DATE: December 14
RE: Pat Lewis and the Holiday Party
 I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Pat Lewis a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness and I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanitarium. In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full pay.

Season Evokes Lasting Memories

Of all special days, Christmas evokes the most memories. These dreamlike excursions into a vanished past are made of many things--the merry blinking of lights garlanded about a fragrant evergreen; the savor of cinnamon and nutmeg, ginger and all-spice adding its scent and flavor to cookies cut in festive shapes; the crackle of a yule log on a cozy fire; the razzle-dazzle of brightly colored wrappings and ribbons.
 Christmas memories are made of sounds and scenes, sights and tastes, bound together with good feelings. They reach back through the years and decades, to the earliest recalled moments of childhood and beyond, to stories told of holiday seasons long before--memories passed on by parents and grandparents--to become part of the fabric of this most magical of seasons.
 People from all over reach out to one another, and families come together to rejoice and celebrate, to recall and make memories, and their sense of an occasion celebrated in common has the power to overcome differences.
 This rebirth of the human community and family unity is the true wonder of Christmas, and infuses the season with the glow of childhood, as glorious as it is innocent. It is the stuff from which dreams--and memories--are made, and, for that, it is all the more precious.



Clip out this map and stick it up on your bulletin board. Point to the map anytime during the next four years when you hear someone say; "Well, you know George W. Bush didn't win the popular vote for the Presidency."

AN EDITORIAL

America's Heartland Now Has A President

--by Carol Ellis

The map shown above was first published in USA Today two days after the November 2000 Presidential election, and it was later carried on several websites on the internet. It looked even more impressive in color: the red area (which you see here as light grey) shows the areas of the country which voted for Bush; blue (which you see here as dark grey) were the areas which voted for Gore. Bush won 31 states. Gore won 19 states. Bush won 2,434 counties. Gore won 677 counties. Population of the counties won by Bush, 143 million. Population of the counties won by Gore, 127 million. Square miles of country won by Bush: 2,427,000. Square miles of country won by Gore: 580,000.

Following the first publication of this map, a Minnesota law professor looked up some statistics on crime and came up with some interesting figures in this regard: Average murders committed per 100,000 residents in the counties won by Bush: 2.1. Average

murders committed per 100,000 residents in the counties won by Gore: 13.2. Now, what area of this country do you want to have electing your President?
 The West coast and North-Eastern areas which voted pretty solidly for Gore are the most highly-populated urban areas of the country, known for high-crime, illegitimacy and deviancy. An over-whelming number of residents in these areas exhibit attitudes which are parasitic, interventionist and contemptuous of the principles of our founding fathers. If you took away the votes from the state of New York alone, Gov. Bush won the rest of the country by a huge margin.
 Your new President-elect was chosen by people in the great heart-land of America; Southern, Western and rural people whose characteristics are conservative, patriotic, religious, and respectful of tradition and family values. We are thought of as the "fly-over" by those so-called elitists on the East and West coasts. We've been the "silent majority" far too long. It is now time for the heartland of America to have a voice in Washington.

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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Wagons, Scooters and Skates!"

Yep, that's me over there with my friend Santa, a/k/a Danny Black.

I dropped in at the Friona Depot to take a few pictures last week and couldn't resist taking my turn on Santa's knee.

If you look close you will note that I have evidently been enjoying some good meals at the Friendship House since my "bowl of jelly" now seems bigger than Santa Danny's.

Of course folks that know Danny, knows that he has been on a diet the last couple of years and is wasting away right before our very eyes. Don't get too panicked. His knee was not all that bony.

Danny deserves a pat on the back for his years of donning the Santa suit each year for the children. The Christmas in the Park is not his only appearance as Santa. He suited up for the Fireman's banquet and often visits homes and hospitals during the season.

Thanks Danny for all you do for the community at Christmastime. Now go get something to eat before they try to make me put on the suit.

Each year at this time I get a little edgy. It is busy here at the paper, shopping centers are madhouses, and if you do go shopping, how in heck do you ever make up your mind what to buy for somebody.

There are so many toys and electronics and gadgets

and stuff, piled floor to 20-foot ceiling, I get cross-eyed just looking. Christmas is not simple anymore.

You take this year's craze: that little fold-up scooter. There was once the pet rock, the soap-on-a-rope, Tickle Me Elmo and now, the scooter.

They are everywhere you look, advertised for anywhere from \$29.99 (while supplies last) to \$99.99. There were about 4,000 of them piled up at the Wal Mart in Clovis last week. Not many people were buying them.

My kids, Zach and Megan, say they do not want one. I was surprised but glad I found out before I bought them one. They had rather have in-line skates.

I think many kids, especially boys, feel the little scooters are too weenie to be seen on. They look like they are for sissies. Those tiny wheels and short handlebars. "Not me. I ain't skating down the street on that thing."

In fact I asked a couple of sixth grade boys last week if they wanted one of the scooters for Christmas. You would have thought that I suggested ballerina slippers and tutus. They turned white and said something like "Are you stupid? No way."

The little fold-up scooters were originally designed for adults in big crowded foreign cities to weave around through traffic. You could ride the subway, unfold your scooter, zip to the office, then put it back in your briefcase.

I had wheels when I was a kid in Hillsboro. I had a scooter. Loved that scooter. I think I wore it out riding flatout down Park Hill. But the scooters back then were man-sized with big rubber wheels, a wide running board, and firm handlebars that came up to about chest high.

Mine was red. Don't remember where I got it. I rode it on sidewalks, out in the street, up and down driveways and anywhere else I could get away with.

Right foot on the scooter, left foot slapping at the sidewalk, picking up enough speed so you could put both feet on the scooter and ride a long way. Well, it seemed like a long way back then.

I had skates too. They weren't in-line though. These had four wheels that turned on lightning fast ball-bearings. We didn't have shoe skates, we had skates that clamped on your shoes. You had to have a skate key in your pocket to keep the toe clamps tight.

If you hit a hump in the sidewalk and the toe clamps came off your shoe, the skate banged your ankle bone while you hopped and tried to stop. We never thought about suing the skate key manufacturer though.

I also had a couple of Radio Flyer red wagons in my youth. Among the best wheels ever made. In fact I didn't consider it a toy. It was my personal utility vehicle.

I could haul stuff in it. I could pull a friend in it, or if you had the big red wagon, an adult could pull you and a friend in it. It also could be used as basically a four-wheeled scooter.

If you had a red wagon and a sidewalk or street, you know how to do this: right knee in the wagon, left foot on the ground, right hand on the wagon tongue for steering.

Push with left foot, steer with right hand, push faster, put both feet inside wagon, hope you don't turn over. If you do turn over, rush home crying, pulling wagon and get mercurochrome dabbed on by uncaring adult.

What? You don't know about mercurochrome? The grown-ups called it monkey blood, I guess because it was red, it burned you, and made you hop around like a monkey. Anything from a hangnail to complete amputation was treated with that monkey blood applicator.

"Hold still now. This won't hurt."

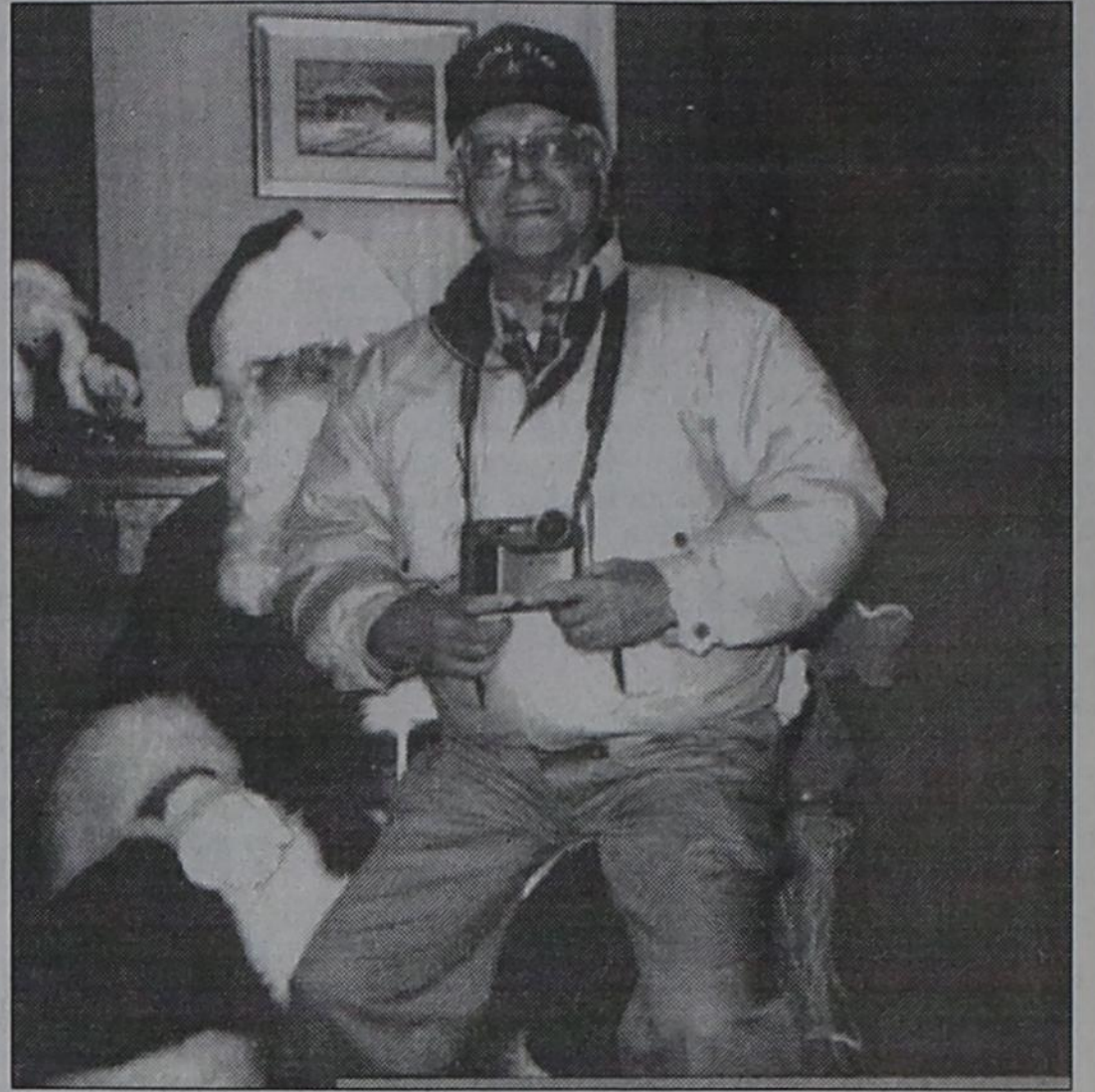
I like to remember those long ago Christmases and boyhood days during this

time of year. Christmas memories are important to all of us.

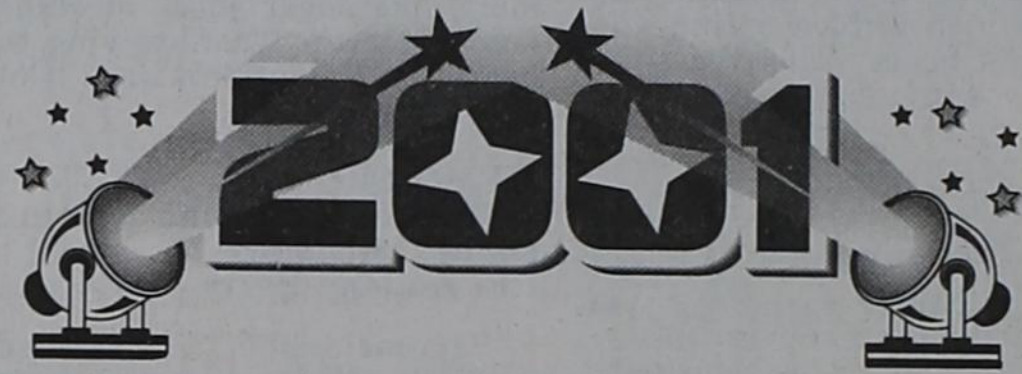
I have some remembrances of my wagons and scooters and skates that make these modern Christmases easier to get through.

Thank you all for your kind comments about this column, and just as kind criticism, throughout the past year. We are taking a week off, so I will see you right back here on January 5, 2001.

I hope you have red wagon memories this holiday season! God bless you each and God bless America.



RON CARR & SANTA



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Star/Blade Close For Holidays

The Friona Star & Bovina Blade offices will be closed the week of December 25-January 2 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

There will be no issue printed on December 29. The next publication will be January 5, 2001.

K. Blackburn Services Set

Funeral services for Kathrine Price Blackburn, 76, of Mandeville, Louisiana, are set for Friday, December 22, 2000 at Sixth Street Church of Christ with Leon Talley officiating.

Burial will follow at Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She died Monday, December 18, 2000 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Mandeville. She had lived in Mandeville for three years to be closer to her daughter and had been a resident of Friona since 1945.

Kathrine was born April 24, 1924 in Tupelo, Mississippi. She married John W. Blackburn November 15, 1944 in Columbus, Mississippi. He preceded her in death November 25, 1992.

She held a bachelors degree in home economics from Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus. She kept books for Welch Auto Supply in Friona for 27 years and worked as a teller at Friona State Bank for 10 years. She was a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Craig Howard of St. Rose, Louisiana; three sisters, Virginia Campbell of Sylacauga, Alabama, Carolyn Livingston of Buda, Texas, and Margaret Mullins of Clearwater, Florida; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



MULE DEER TROPHY....Jack Patterson, left, and Terry Widner, of the Rhea Community, pose with Jack's great-grandsons, Zack and Kord, near Memphis, Texas. The four hunters bagged a ten-point mule deer. The boys are the sons of Cara and Kevin Fisher of Memphis. Cara is the granddaughter of Ona and Jack Patterson.

Florida Court May Decide To Postpone Christmas

It has been rumored that Al Gore has subpoenaed Santa Claus over some "irregularities" that have been found on Christmas list handling procedures. After the Florida supreme court ruling ordered a third election recount, Gore has allegedly said that "making a list and checking it twice" cannot possibly discern the true

wishes of the children. Santa's list was obtained under the "Freedom of Information Act" and immediately a boiler-room call center was formed to call all children to see if items which appeared on Santa's list were, in fact, the true desire of the kids.

Several indicated that they had intended to ask for Sony Playstations, and instead had checked off Nintendo 64. Many of the children were emotionally distraught and felt that the entire Christmas letter writing experience was outdated and "hard to understand."

In reviewing the post marks of the Christmas letters, it was found by Democrat Canvassing officials that certain letters, particularly those requesting "G.I. Joe" dolls were not properly postmarked. Those letters, obviously from Republican children, were thrown out.

Democrat officials have asked that children in the counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties, each be contacted in person and have their requests reviewed for accuracy.

Santa Claus indicated that there was not possibly enough time to get to each child by December 25. Now the Florida Supreme court is considering postponement of Christmas until December 30th, to allow for a "full and accurate" list to be compiled.

(Don't get your boxers in a bind, folks. The above is just a little internet humor.)

State Of Texas Enlists Santa Claus In 2000 Annual Holiday Safe Driving Campaign

Santa Claus is warning Texas drivers: He's not the only one watching to see if they're being good or bad.

All available state troopers will be on Texas roads during Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends watching for drunk drivers. Police and sheriff's departments throughout Texas also are stepping up DWI enforcement efforts. Penalties for driving while intoxicated can include driver's license suspension, fines and jail time.

State transportation officials are joining forces with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the food and beverage industry to enlist Santa's help in the Texas Department of Transportation's annual statewide cam-

paign reminding Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,303 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas.

"If alcohol is involved in their holiday celebrations, we're reminding people not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking," said Susan Bryant, traffic safety director for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "Safe alternatives are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic crashes. In 1998, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

reported there were more than 26,000 alcohol-related crashes, resulting in 1,058 fatalities and 27,058 injuries.

The state's holiday campaign again features the slogan, "Santa Is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive." Billboards, ads atop gas pumps and TV and radio commercials echo the safe driving message. Materials are available in English and Spanish.

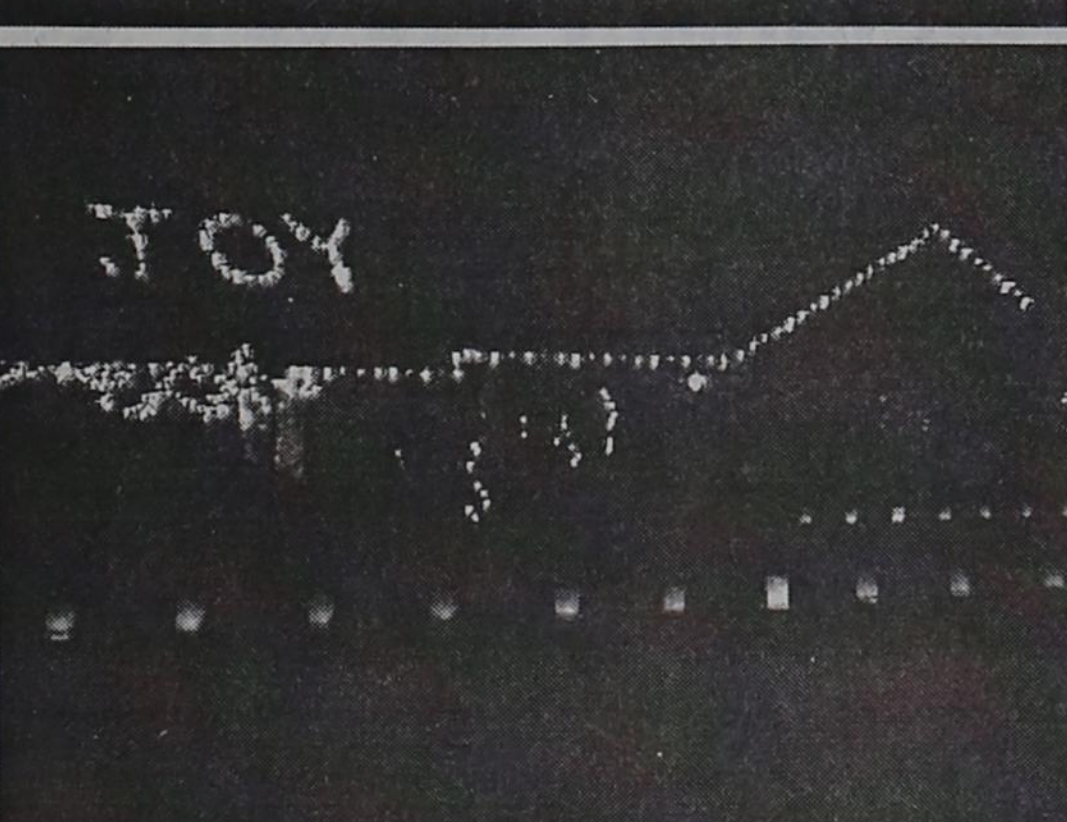
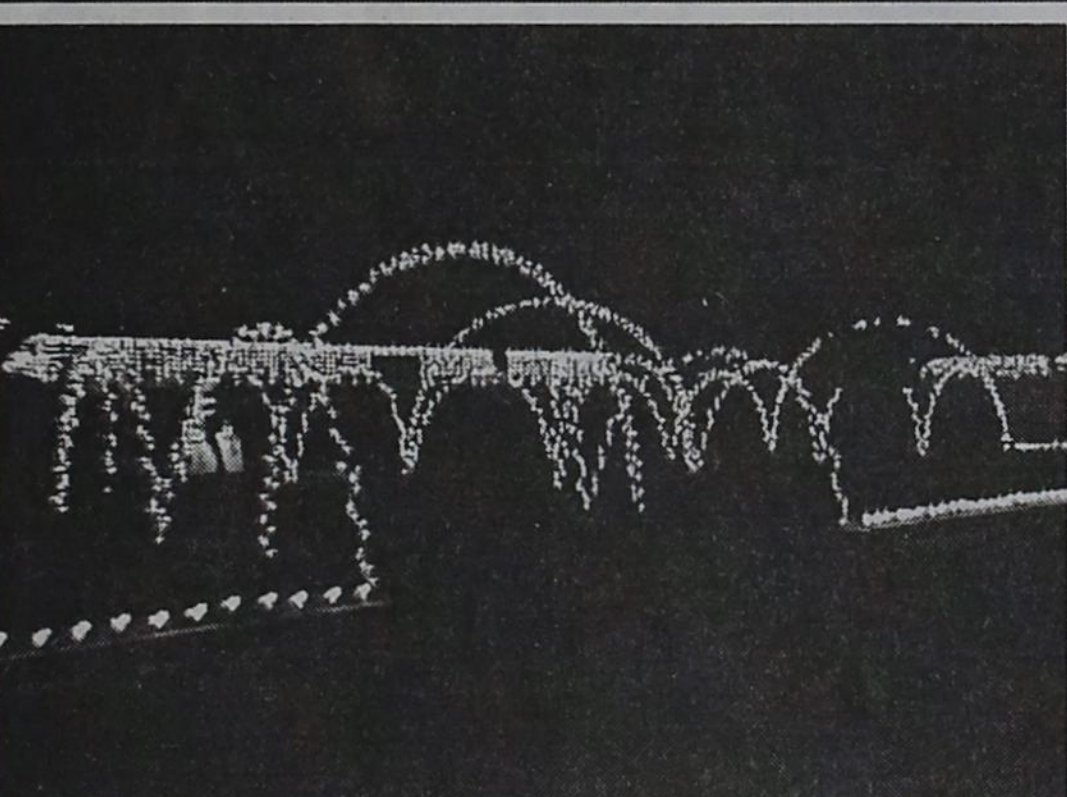
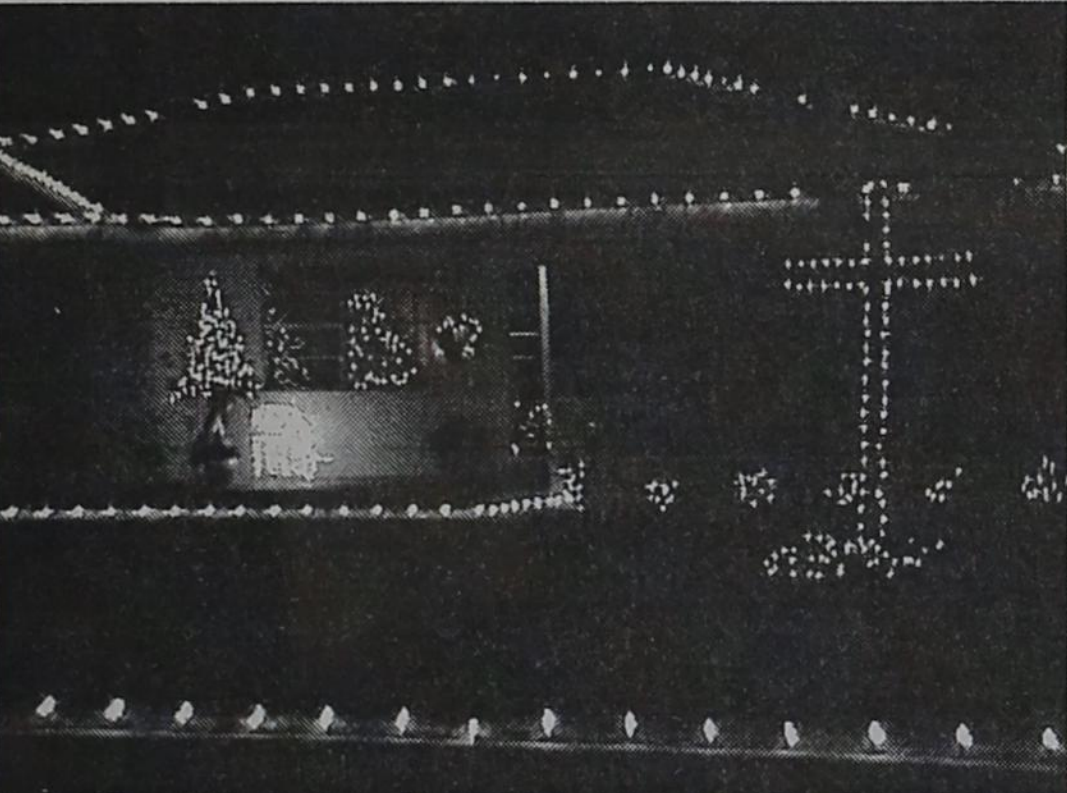
Santa's and TxDOT's helpers in the campaign include the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association, Diamond Shamrock and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

From Your County Officials!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Colleen Stover County Clerk	Sandra Warren District Clerk
Tom Ware Commissioner	Johnny Atkinson District Attorney



VISITING WEST TENTH....These photographs are just three of the many residences on West Tenth Street that are decorated for the holidays. The area along West Tenth and West Ninth are worth a visit as almost every house on the two streets is decorated.

ron carr photos

Attention

Parmer County Tax Office

at the Court House in Farwell

will be closed the week of

December 25-January 1

For end of the year closeout and inventory.

It will open on

January 2, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.

Happy Holidays!

An Open Letter To Demos

by DENNIS PRAGER

(Editor's note: Dennis Prager hosts a national daily radio show based in Los Angeles and is a director of "Empower America." He is author of "Happiness is a Serious Problem," Harper/Collins, 1998.)

You finally made a big mistake. You probably never thought you would live to see middle America and mainstream Republicans galvanized to resist your ongoing takeover of America.

But like other power-hungry groups in history, you didn't know when to hold back. Your party and its standard-bearer, Al Gore, have attempted to thwart an election not in the quiet of the night (as in 1960) but in daylight, before the cameras of the world. And finally we have begun to resist.

Most of us have never attended a political demonstration. Most of us are not particularly political, preferring work, family, sports and communal associations to political activism.

But now we are angry. By golly, even Bob Dole is angry. Republicans are actually organizing demonstrations. Such activism is so rare that "conservative activist" is an oxymoron. But for the time being, you have changed that. Call it the Chad Revolt.

In fact, it is thanks to your changing ballot-counting rules, your emphasis on hand counts in only those Florida districts you dominate, your invalidation of military ballots, your sending Jesse Jackson to rouse race-based anger and Al Dershowitz to smear Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, that many of us have decided, finally, to fight back.

We have watched in silence as you have undermined our children's schools, taking more money to pay for union members who teach our children less and less. We have watched in silence as you have taken over once-great universities, as you have substituted political correctness for pursuit of truth.

We have watched in silence as the fires of racial hatred and anger have been repeatedly stroked by "civil rights leaders" such as Al Sharpton and Kweisi Mfume.

Most recently we saw the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People run an ad on television associating George W. Bush with the lynching of James Byrd. This ad was perhaps the most venomous political ad ever shown on American television, yet no liberal or Democrat offered a condemnation.

We have watched in silence as organization after organization has been taken over by liberal and Democratic activists—from the American Bar Assn. to the League of Women Voters, to the American Library Assn., to the American Psychological Assn., and on to virtually every academic association.

We have watched in silence as you attempt to destroy the Boy Scouts, one of the few groups helping especially inner-city boys who have no other quality outlet for their energies.

We have watched in silence as you have made war on the "masculinist" culture of the military, leaving a demoralized and less effective military in the wake of your social experimentation.

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We have watched in silence as you've taken over our children's courts and the ranks of social workers. Many of these people believe that children are better off with no parents than with parents of a different race. They believe that children should almost always be given back to blood-related parents, even those who horribly abuse them.

We have watched in silence as trial lawyers take over more and more of American life, leaving citizens prey to lawsuits they cannot defend themselves against.

We watch them dominate the Democratic Party, and we watch them become judges who substitute their wills for the democratic process.

We have watched in silence as the White House and its sacred rooms have been put up for sale to Democratic party donors and Hollywood stars, as the presidency has been degraded to the point where young people could ask the president of the U.S. on national TV what type of underpants he wears. We watched Bill Clinton respond to that question.

Likewise, we watched Mr. Gore attempt to demonstrate to the nation that a prolonged and probing kiss before a large national audience somehow dignifies the office of president.

We have watched in silence as the leading news media have become indistinguishable from liberal spokespeople, to the extent that NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw actually said "we are ahead" when speaking about Democratic electoral gains on election night.

We have watched as the Democratic Party has relied on fomenting anger among Americans for its victories. The more that blacks are angry at whites, the more they vote Democrat. The more that Jews fear Christians, the more they vote Democrat. And the more women distrust men, the more they vote Democrat.

Given all this silence in the face of your attempt to control America, it is no wonder you thought you could litigate your way to the presidency—and you almost did.

But lo and behold, the rest of us are beginning to fight. Not enough yet to take back the schools or courts or the professional organizations or the news media, but enough to let you know that we are out here.

Yes, that large block of America between New York and California that in our hearts you believe to be racist, bigoted, anti-Semitic, homophobic and misogynist, is fighting back.

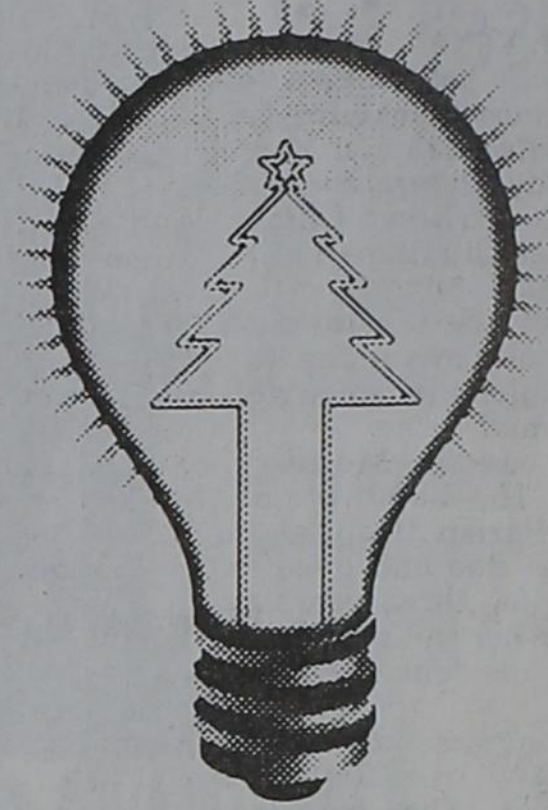
You think that way because, in your arrogance, you confuse liberal with decent. But tens of millions of us have a different view of liberal—as increasing nihilist.

And now, thanks to Mr. Gore not having the decency to do what Richard Nixon did 40 years ago, much of America might still find you frightening, but they no longer find you intimidating.

Thankfully for America, you made a big mistake.

Have a Glowing

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Duggan Rites Held Tuesday In Hereford

Funeral services for Lois Duggan, 91, Hereford, were held Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford. Burial followed at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Info Sought On Allsup's Robbery

The Allsup's store in Farwell was robbed on Tuesday night, December 12. Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg is seeking assistance from anyone with information in reference to the robbery, or if anyone has found any stolen items along Highway 86. If you know anything about the robbery contact the Friona or Bovina police department or Chief Achterberg at 481-3600.

She passed away Sunday, December 17 at Westgate Nursing Home in Hereford.

Lois was born July 24, 1909 to Elijah and Ollie Mae Perry White in Alba. She married Quayle Duggan April 2, 1927 in Abernathy. He preceded her in death September 29, 1981.

They moved to Death Smith County in 1944 moving from Abernathy. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Friona and was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Frances Suttle of Hereford, Vilma Brown of Walters, Oklahoma and Orene Smith of Arlington; one son, Willis Duggan of Hereford; twenty grandchildren; fifty-one great-grandchildren and fourteen great-great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Crown of Texas Hospice, Kings Manor or Westgate Nursing Home.



A MESSAGE from us to you. This wish for Happy Holidays is a part of the decoration at a home located near Friona High School. The season is in full swing in the area. We hope you all have the safest and best of holidays.
ron carr photo

Happy New Year

---Written by Mary Constanica Spring Corning, ca 1820 daughter of Rev. Samuel Spring DD of East Hartford, CT. Contributed by Anne Spring.

* A Happy New Year, how easy to say it
This tribute to dear ones how pleasant to pay it.
But shall we not prove that our words are sincere
By helping to give them a happy new year.

* There's no use in trying to do it alone.
I think we all know the first thing to be done
Is to ask the dear Saviour to point the way clear
And teach us to make it a happy new year.

* Oh how shall we help him to who cheerfully takes
Such burdens of labour and care for our sakes,
When home he comes weary, Oh how shall we cheer
And help to give Father a happy new year.

* And Mother, dear Mother, so full of kind care
For all but herself, has she nothing to bear,
No cares we can lighten, this burden right here
Shall we give to dear Mother a happy new year.

* All brothers and sisters, all uncles and aunts
And plenty of cousins with various wants
We wish them all happiness, don't it appear
They all must be helped to a happy new year.

* Do you say we can't do it, At least we can try
By almost forgetting the little word I,
Live chiefly for others not cherish a fear
But that it will give us a happy new year.

* Our hands must be ready and willing, our feet
With loving obedience their wishes to meet.
Many acts of kindness to those we hold dear
Will help to give everyone a happy new year.

* A smile on our faces, on our lips a kind word
Is sure to be welcome at home and abroad
For our cross looks or an ill-natured sneer
Ne'er helped to give any a happy new year.

* For others to do as by them to be done
There is no use in trying to do it alone.
Dear Saviour assist us and keep ever near
And then we shall all have a happy new year

County's Sales Tax Received

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has sent local governments their final tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties.

December's city sales tax rebates of \$191.5 million are down 6.4% compared to a year ago and county rebates are down 14%.

December's sales tax payment includes local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November. The next allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2001.

Parmer County's December payment was \$22,796 compared to \$38,793 in the same period last year. That is a decrease of -41.23%

However the payments in 2000 of \$329,483 are almost 5% more than last year.

For the month of December, Bovina received \$1,736; Farwell, \$4,254; and Friona, \$16,805.

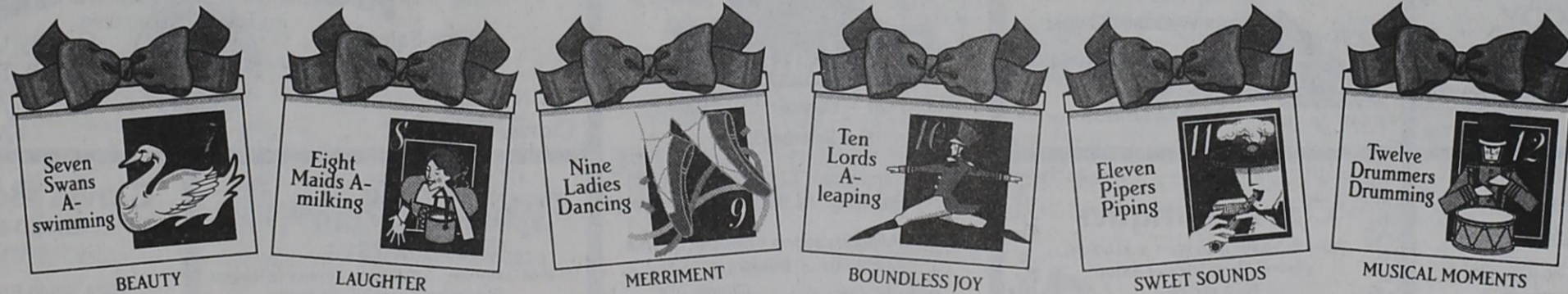


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Wind (mph)	Temperature (°F)													
	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30
0	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30
5	32	27	22	16	11	6	0	-5	-10	-15	-21	-26	-31	-36
10	22	16	10	3	-3	-9	-15	-22	-27	-34	-40	-46	-52	-58
15	16	9	2	-5	-11	-18	-25	-31	-38	-45	-51	-58	-65	-72
20	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-74	-81
25	8	1	-7	-15	-22	-29	-36	-44	-51	-59	-66	-74	-81	-88
30	6	-2	-10	-18	-25	-33	-41	-49	-56	-64	-71	-79	-86	-93
35	4	-4	-12	-20	-27	-35	-43	-52	-58	-67	-74	-82	-89	-97
40	3	-5	-13	-21	-29	-37	-45	-53	-60	-69	-76	-84	-92	-100
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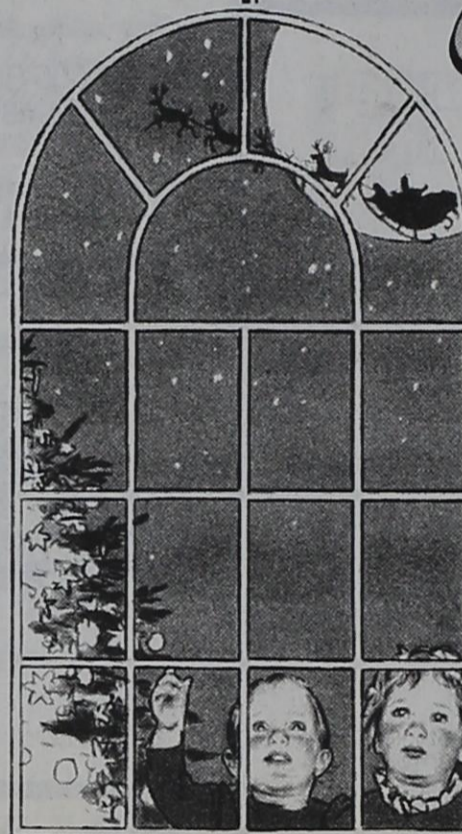
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One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked upward through the branches of the evergreen trees along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels. He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid.

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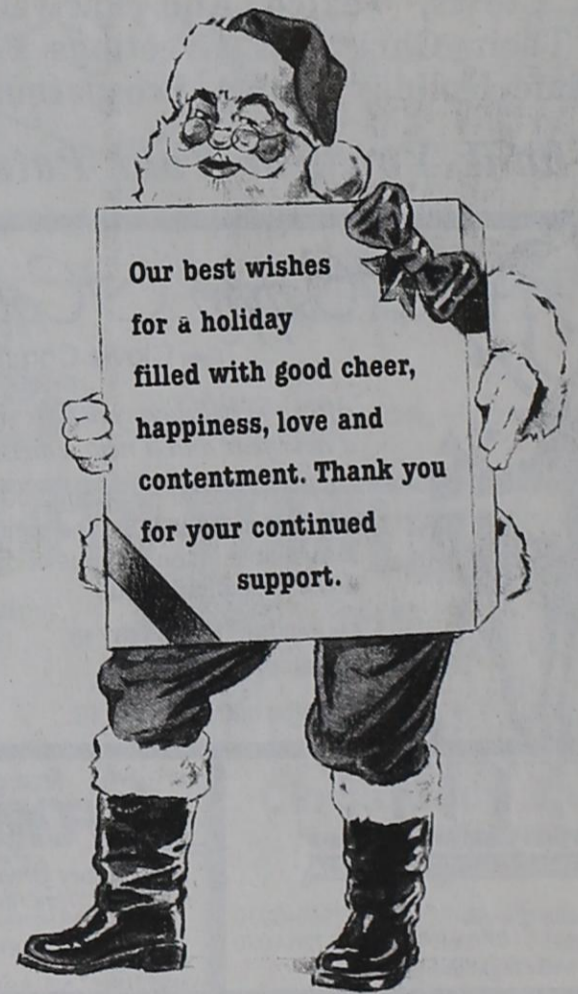
The soft sounds of sleigh bells ring through the air, while all over town children tiptoe with care.

They're hoping to find, putting gifts 'round the tree, the jolly St. Nick they've been waiting to see.

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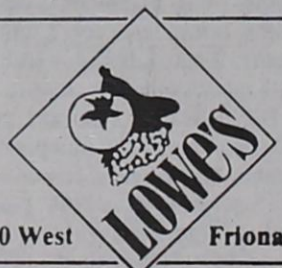
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*Large porch 3br-2bath-1cp-recent remodel.....\$37,500
*First time home buyers-3/1/1, brick.....SOLD
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NURSING AWARD WINNERS....Two recipients of top student awards at the recent pinning ceremony for associate degree nursing graduates at South Plains College are (left) Nicole Martinez of Lubbock, outstanding maternal child nursing student; and Terry Thomas of Lazbuddie, outstanding med/surg nursing student. (SPC Photo)

Lazbuddie Resident Named Outstanding Student At SPC

Terry Thomas of Lazbuddie received the outstanding medical/surgical nursing award during pinning ceremonies Thursday, December 14 for associate degree nursing graduates at South Plains College in Levelland.

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

The two year program trains students to work as registered nurses. She also coordinated the graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Thomas was so determined to complete the intense two year program that she put 95,000 miles on her car commuting from her home in Lazbuddie to nursing classes in Levelland and clinical rotations at hospitals in Lubbock. She taped lectures and listened to them during her commuting time, getting in an extra two or three hours of study a day.

"Nursing education is very rigorous, and the students know that coming in," explained Sue Ann Lopez, chairperson of the Allied Health Department and director of the associate degree nursing and vocational nursing programs at SPC. "It's a well-thought out move for them. They have a desire to help improve the health of the patients under their care. The students coming to us have that caring, nurturing background and genuine desire to help improve someone else's life."

"I had been an EMT ten years and my son had undergone major surgery," said Thomas, in explaining why she wanted to become more involved in the health profession.

A Lazbuddie resident, she and husband, Randy, manager of Lazbuddie Feeders, have two sons, Brett, 24, enrolled in the Amarillo Police Academy, and Jason, 21, a junior and general studies major at West Texas

A&M University in Canyon. Thomas and Ronnie Bailey from Sundown were the two oldest students in the nursing class. They were nicknamed Mom and Pop by their younger peers. They gave encouragement and moral support to the other students. "If they saw that Terry and I could succeed, they knew they could succeed, too," said Bailey. "You see your fellow students more than you see your own family," he added. "It's your life for two years."

In addition to lectures, Thomas and the other students did clinical rotations at Covenant Hospital Levelland, Covenant Medical Center, Covenant Lakeside and University Medical Center in Lubbock. Under the

close supervision of instructors, they had hands-on training in their field and did clinical rotations in labor and delivery, critical care, mental health and other areas.

Thomas likes it all. "I liked being with the patients and feeling like I had made a difference in someone's life," she said.

Following graduation, she and the other students can work as graduate nurses while waiting to take their state board exams to become registered nurses. Thomas had interviews Monday, December 18 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The intense two years of study to become nurses have been worth it. Thomas noted, "I could not imagine doing anything else."

Letters To The Editor

Dear Friends,
I had to do a lot of thinking before finally beginning this letter. It has almost been 18 years since I first came to know Friona and 16 since I became Friona's adopted daughter.

I had never had direct contact with this community, and I had no idea of the things it could give me. Many times we are presented or have great challenges to endure, a battle against something that is out of our control which we must fight in order to appreciate what we have at our side, in front of us, or just at the street corner.

First, I'd like to give thanks to my priest and members of St. Teresa's Catholic Church for all of their prayers in my name and all other churches who one way or another know my name although they don't know me by face. These churches have also prayed for me during my time of need.

These thanks are also extended to all of my sons' friends and their families who have been helping me gradually heal both in health and spirit. To all of my sons' teachers for being understanding when they have

gone through these "small crisis" which have been a consequence of all of these past events that I have experienced.

Thanks to all of the friends who have sent letters, cards, flowers, food and above all, thanks for your support. Thanks to all of those who have been my angels when I had to take my treatments, for being kind enough to drive me to Lubbock when I needed it.

Cancer is not an easy thing to overcome, but my battle continues. I have a large family to support me, a family that not only consists of my immediate family, but a family that extends to the larger one at the Friona Primary School.

Ever since I began my battle, they have given me the strength and support I needed to continue going. I am truly a blessed person; a person with much luck to have you all and I had just never realized that. Thank you for everything everyone has given me, especially over these past six months.

God Bless you all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you.
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Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Lab Included) 103007	BIOL 2402 807	6:30 - 9:15	Instructor: Whitaker TT
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Microsoft Networking Essentials 213104	ITNW 1333 804	6:00 - 9:50	Instructor: Huston TU
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Government of the United States 160414	GOVT 2305 014	7:00 - 9:45	Instructor: Reyna W
History of the United States II 161114	HIST 1302 014	7:00 - 9:45	Instructor: Manchee M
Intermediate Algebra 109424	MATH 0303 824	7:00 - 9:45	Instructor: Staff TH
Keyboarding and Document Formatting 179908	POFT 1329 808	7:00 - 9:45	Instructor: Staff TH
Aerobic Conditioning I 49914	PHED 1102 814	7:00 - 8:15	Instructor: Staff HYMC TT
Weight Training and Conditioning I 151217 or 151220	PHED 1113 817 PHED 1113 820	5:30 - 6:45 5:30 - 6:45	Instructor: Staff HYMC MW TT
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