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## YULETIDE GREETINGS

May the Holiday Season inspire Peace and Love within all of our hearts...and the hope for Peace within the years to come. May we truly enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Comedy  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Comedy  
Lisa Shaw

Wendell Faught  
Charles Thornhill  
Mary Kennedy

Jill Jennings  
Alice Bredthauer  
Myrtle Phemister

# Santa Claus letters...

Dear Santa,  
I've been good for you this year. I would like for you to bring me some make-up, purse, purple shoes, and a dress.

Could you bring my mommy a necklace and some earrings. Bring my daddy some pants and a shirt. Kristi would like some new shoes, pants and a shirt. Casey would like some shoes and a bear. MaMa needs some earrings and necklace. Eric would like a He-Man. Nicki would like new shoes. Hugs and kisses to Mrs. Santa. See you Christmas, (maybe).

Love Your Friend,  
Cassie Flores, Age 5  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good little girl this year. I hope you can stop by my house on Christmas Eve.

Would you please bring me a new doll, a new doll buggy, some new clothes and some new hair do-dads. I like to play music so could you bring me a record player & some records.

Leon my brother has tried very hard, but he has not been a good as I have been. Anyway could you please bring him a "Big" dump truck.

My Mommy would like some new

clothes & a new car. My grandparents would like some new clothes too.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Your Friend,  
Jenny Goudeau Age 3  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

P.S. I'll leave you some goodies to eat.

Dear Santa,  
I am trying so, so very hard to be good for you. So could you please bring me some Lego's, a bow & arrow, a suction gun.

Would you please bring Mommy a sweater and my Dad a new pick-up.

My brother Matt would like a race car & my baby brother Brad a fire truck.

My Pee-Pa would like a new pick-up. Me-Maw would like new clothes.

Thanks for all the great stuff you brought last year.

My love & kisses to you & Mrs. Santa.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas.  
Love Your Friend

Jeff Blanks Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
Wow I've been so good for you. Please bring me a Four Wheeler, Stereo, Jam box, Ghostbuster stuff.

My brother Dan who is my twin wants all the same things I do.

Lyle my big brother wants an empty box? And some new clothes.

My Mom wants a necklace my Dad wants some new boots.

Please bring my Grandparents some candy.

Give my love to Mrs. Santa & the Elves & the raindeers.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas. I'll leave you bananas & milk to eat.

Love Your Friend,  
Tom Fouts Age 5  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, cookies & a doll.

My Mommy wants a new necklace and my Dad wants a new gun.

My Grandmaw needs some new socks & clothes.

My new cousin needs some new toys, a glow worm would do.

My Grandasie wants some new pants. Pa Pa wants a new gun.

I've been a real good kid, hope you don't forget me.

Have a good & safe Christmas.  
Love Your Friend,  
Savannah Foster Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I am being good just for you.

Would you please bring me a new doll, a new record player, puzzles & books. I would like some new & warm clothes too and a baby sister.

My Mommy wants a new dress and my Daddy wants a new pick-up.

My Grandparents have tried so hard to be good would you surprise them and bring them some cookies and candy.

My uncle Eddie could use a new

tie.  
Thank you for all the goodies you brought last year.  
Love & Kisses to you and Mrs. Santa and the Elves. Have a safe trip. I'll leave you chips and a coke.

Your friend,  
Katie McKnight Age 3  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa  
I've been a very good little girl this year. Even my Mommy says so.

I would like for you to bring me a new Barbie doll and a case and clothes a book, a puzzle and some money.

My sister Halee, who goes to big school, wants a Barbie, some paints and games and a new Paint Creek sweater.

My Mommy wants some make-up and a new dress and shoes. My Daddy wants a new tractor and new boots.

My Pa Pa wants new boots. My Grandmother wants a new dress. My MeMee wants a new coat.

I'll leave you Pizza and Dr. Pepper to eat. Have a safe & Merry Christmas. Huggs and kisses to you and Mrs. Santa.

Love your friend  
Hattie Walton  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Rusty.

I would please like a toy gun, a sleeping bag, a new bicycle with training wheels. Some new boots and a hat and new deer hunting gun.

My sister Mendi would like some new clothes and new doll stuff.

My Mom wants new clothes and my Daddy wants a new gun and stripper.

My Grandparents have been awfully good bring them some goodies too.

Merry Christmas. Give my love to Mrs. Santa and the Elves.

I'll leave you a hot dog & a coke.

Love Your Friend  
Rusty Howard Age 3

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good all year just for you.

Would you please bring me a truck, shirt, bulldozer, and some new spurs.

My sister Kayla would like some new pants, shoes & boots.

My Mom would like some new shoes & sweaters. My Dad would like some new boots.

Don't forget my Mammy and Pop they have been good too.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas. Give my love to Mrs. Santa & the Elves & Raindeers.

Love Your Friend,  
Jonathan Allison Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I have tried very hard to be a good kid, but you know it sure is hard sometimes.

Would you please bring me a My Kids Sister, a watch, and please bring Mommy a picture to hang on her wall.

Please bring Nanzy a duck picture. My Pa Pa needs some new boots.

My sister Tenille would like a My Child and a pink stereo.

Love your friend,  
Trac Mathis Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I am a twin and my name is Dan. Would you please bring me some tapes & a tape case & a jam box.

My brother Tom wants what I like.

My big brother Lyle wants some new clothes.

My Mom would like a new Christmas dress. My Dad wants some new Sunday Clothes.

My Grandparents have been good too. So please bring them some good surprises.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas & a happy New Year & Don't Crash.

I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Love your friend,  
Dan Fouts Age 5



Dear Santa,  
1. Snowcone Machine Walksman Piano Book Popalot Poples Barbie Ice Cream Shop Teddy Ruxpin

Love Emily

Dear Santa  
Train GI Joe

Love Jay

**Merry Christmas**

May your holidays be bright, beautiful and bountiful. We thank you for your patronage.

**Bobbie Collins**  
Tax Assessor-Collector

*A Special List for Santa*

The Oil of Mink Collection by Rose Marie  
The finest in Skin Care Available.

Exclusive Skin Care:  
Oil of Mink Concentrate  
Bath Care Gift Set  
Wesoin Gift Set  
Fluid Body Veil

**THE OIL OF MINK**  
COLLECTION BY  
*Rose Marie*

Bath Oil  
Daily Skin Care  
Touch of Youth Lift  
Also Men's Shave  
Cream and Skin Care

We have the best selections of Shoes:  
Daniel Green, Dearfoam and Isotoner houseshoes  
Plus

Accessories for that Special lady

Gift Certificates Available  
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**The Slipper Shoppe**

Joy Chapman Independent Dist. 817-864-3051 East side of square Haskell, Texas

*Mammy Grace*

*It has been a year now since she was among us. Every day we have missed her love and wise counsel. While her place in our hearts can never be filled, we are reassured by our faith that her life of love and service to others has surely earned her a place in heaven.*

*The family of Grace Montgomery*

**Greetings**

Wishing all our friends an old-fashioned wish for health, wealth and happiness. We enjoyed your patronage.

**Sherman's**  
Carpets and Draperies  
300 S. Ave E Haskell

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

In the spirit of this Christmastime we say thanks to one and all.

**Heidenheimer's**  
Haskell

**Season's Greetings**

Your friendship and support is great insurance for us! Hope your holidays are happy.

**Steele Machine**  
Hwy. 380 E • Haskell  
864-2208

**NOEL**

Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy!

From All of Us At  
**Dulaney Abstract Company**

Hope You Have a **Marvelous Christmas**

We wish love, peace and goodwill for all our friends.

**Williams**  
277 N. Paint & Body Shop  
Jim Williams and family

**NOEL**

Scent of pine, glow of lights, music and gaiety and everything nice! That's what wonderful Christmases are made of!

**Wallace's Exxon**  
Wallace Bird  
107 N. 1st • Haskell  
864-2676



### Champion Indians

The Haskell Indians won their second tournament of the season by coming in first in last week's Roscoe tournament. Team member, from left, are Coach Randy Stone, Mark Young, Michael Mendoza, Casey Reed, Dusty Meeks, Brad Bevel, James Rike, Sam Beakey, Cole Larned, Derrick Billington, Paul Harvey and Chan Guess. Not pictured is Patrick Perez.



### Haskell Maidens

The Haskell Maidens are off to a fast start. Their second-place finish in the Roscoe tournament last week followed first-place finishes in tournaments at Cisco and Wylie. Team members, from left, are Missy Davis, Teresa Unger, LeKay Gibbs, Robyn Weaver, Dala Harris, Joy McKeever, Donna Chesnut, Tiffany Moeller and Sheree Dumas. Not pictured are Vicky Chavez, Tamra Burnett and Leiza Morales.

# Basketball

## Indians win Roscoe tournament

The Haskell Indians won their second tournament of the year in Roscoe Saturday as they knocked off district rival Hawley, 64-57, to claim the boys' championship.

They had advanced to the finals with a 74-52 win over Colorado City Thursday and a 65-55 victory over Roby in Friday's semifinals.

Three Indians scored in the double figures in the finals Saturday night as the Indians upped their record to 11-3. Brad Bevel had 22 points, Dusty Meeks added 18 and James Rike pitched in 15 as the Indians took command early and moved out to a 42-32 halftime lead.

In the semifinals, Mark Young paced the scoring with 18 points, followed by Chan Guess with 12 and Meeks with 11. Haskell virtually put the game away in the first quarter, moving out to a 25-14 lead.

The opening win over Colorado City Thursday was a little different, as the Indians trailed 20-19 at the end of the first quarter, and 38-36 at halftime. But they outscored the Class 3-A Wolves 16-6 in the third period and 21-10 in the final frame to win easily. Meeks scored 21 points in that game, while Young had 13, Derrick Billington had 11 and Bevel 10.

## Maidens lose in Saturday finals

The Haskell Maidens' bid to win their third tournament championship this month fell one game short Saturday night when the locals went down in overtime, 47-43, to Roscoe in the finals of the Roscoe tournament.

They had reached the finals with a 63-55 victory over Roby Friday after opening the tournament with a 60-33 win over Colorado City Thursday.

Trailing 18-14 at halftime in the championship game, the Maidens fought back to lead 30-28 at the three-quarter mark. Roscoe outscored Haskell 15-13 in the final quarter to send the game into overtime and then scored 4 points in the extra period while the Maidens were held

scoreless. Dala Harris with 12 points and Robyn Weaver with 10 were top scorers in the championship game.

In the semifinals, the Maidens led all the way to take the victory over Roby. Missy Davis put in 15 points to top the scorers. Weaver had 14 and Tiffany Moeller scored 12.

Thursday's opening-round win over Colorado City was no contest. The Maidens led 47-16 at the end of three periods. Joy McKeever was top scorer with 15 points.

Last week's tournament games gave the Maidens a record of 12-2 for the season. They suffered their first loss of the year last Tuesday at Seymour, falling 57-54.

## Seymour, Roscoe games coming up

Haskell basketball teams were to play Seymour at Haskell Tuesday in their final games before the Christmas break.

Next Tuesday (Dec. 29), the Indians and Maidens will host Roscoe. There are no scheduled games after that until Jan. 5 when the teams open the district season against Hamlin in Haskell.

## Most valuable

Dusty Meeks of Haskell was named the most valuable player in the Roscoe tournament last week. Mark Young of the champion Indians also was named to the all-tournament team.

## HSU registration

Hardin-Simmons University's spring term registration will begin Jan. 11, with classes starting the following day. Last day to register will be Jan. 25.



## All-tournament

Missy Davis, left and Dala Harris were named to the all-tournament team at last week's Roscoe tournament.

## Obituaries

### R.C. Couch Jr.

R. C. Couch Jr., Haskell banker and longtime civic leader, died late Tuesday night (Dec. 15) at his home in Haskell. He was 68.

He was chairman of the board of Haskell National Bank.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Densman officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Buck Everett, W. R. Hager, Bill Wilson, Tom Watson, Royce Williams, Royce Adkins, Dan R. Griffith and Abe Turner.

Honorary pallbearers were Raja Hassen, Rick Perry, Rob Howard, Andy Gannaway, Larry McMillian, Mattie Felker English, Bobby Corzine, Bob Herren, Pat Hale, Adell Thomas, Elbert Johnson and J. B. Gibson.

Couch and his wife were named earlier this year by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Citizens of the Year.

A Haskell native, he was born Jan. 3, 1919, and graduated from Haskell High School in 1936. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1941 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. He was married to Jerrene Verner Sept. 4, 1943, in Rule.

He served as an officer in the 90th division during World War II and was commander of an infantry company during the D-Day invasion. He remained on active duty until 1947, and then served in the army reserve until he retired as a colonel in 1969.

He was a farmer and rancher from 1948 to 1978 and was with the United States Department of agriculture from 1936 to 1971 when he retired from civil service.

He became a stockholder and director in Haskell National Bank in 1967, and in 1972 he purchased 27 percent of the stock in the institution. He became trust officer/farm and ranch management in 1972 and was vice chairman of the board until January 1985. He became chairman of the board in 1985.

Couch was president/director of the North Central Municipal Water Authority for 22 years, a member of the Executive Council of the West Texas Council of Government the past 10 years and president of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center for the past 14 years.

He was active in numerous civic organizations, including the Rotary Club and the Haskell Industrial Foundation. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Jerre Moore of Misawa, Japan; a son, Riley C. Couch III of Dallas; two sisters, Sue Baxter and Mary Ogilvie, both of Dallas; his step-mother, Hassie Couch of Haskell; and two grandchildren, Michelle Moore and Shannon Moore of Misawa, Japan.

### Marvin Collins

Marvin Collins, 72, died Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ, with Bob Connel and Charlie Bassing officiating. Music was by the Church Singers, led by Joel Fox. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Steve Barbour, Don Collins, James Davis, Johnny Mills, John Turner and Jerry Walker.

Collins was former water superintendent of Haskell and a former dispatcher for the sheriff's office. He had lived in Haskell since 1916.

He was born June 12, 1915, in Ellis County and was a member of the Church of Christ. He was married to Zula Faye Blair March 16, 1937. She died Jan. 20, 1974. He was married to Zera Alene Rainey April 18, 1975.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Marvin Wayne Collins of Brownfield and Jerry Von Collins of Gallup, N.M.; a brother, E. C. Collins of Haskell; two sisters, Irene Howell and Ruby Fletcher, both of Temple; five grandchildren, Jerry Dell Collins of Canadian, Carissa Collins and Dwayne Collins of Brownfield, and Elizabeth Purdy and Craig Collins of Gallup, N.M.; and three great-grandchildren, Charlen Collins of Canadian and Charles Purdy and Andrew Purdy of Gallup.

## Bills pending

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen predicted Saturday that Congress will complete action in early 1988 on his bills to boost U.S. trade and provide catastrophic health insurance of older Americans.



### Beautify Haskell Council

Some of the members of the Beautify Haskell Council are shown as they met last week to plan strategy for the campaign. Shown, from left, are Olan King, Truett Parsons, Tom Watson, Greg Melton, Dickie Greenwood, Bobby Hobgood, Bill Trammell, Robert Baker, Conrad Roewe and Bud Lane. Seated are Francine Johnson, Norma Richardson and Wanda Dulaney.

## Council reports on beautification

Reports on the progress of the Beautify Haskell Council were given Dec. 16 when members met at the fire station.

Fire Chief Tom Watson is in the process of burning off vacant lots; the Rotary Club is building a bridge across the creek in the park; The Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have each adopted two miles of highway to help remove litter; the Progressive Study Club is sponsoring a slogan contest; the Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Yard of the Month selections; and the American Legion is planning to landscape the hill around its meeting hall.

Other organizations, as well as the schools and churches, are being approached to take active parts in the program.

"Our success will be due to all-

community participation," said Bobby Hobgood, chairman of the Council.

Chamber president Dickie Greenwood sang the Council's theme song, a parody written by Chamber manager Wanda Dulaney, with the words containing all the rules listed in the beautification competition.

Next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 7. This meeting will be open to the public.

Hobgood urged all citizens to complete the survey form published last week in The Free Press.

"Before we can determine solutions, we need to identify the problems," said the chairman.

The forms should be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, 112 1/2 N. Ave. E.



### Project song

The Beautify Haskell Council has a song all its own. Dickie Greenwood sang it last week as Bobby Hobgood, chairman, looked on. The song was written by Wanda Dulaney, manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

## Bell Helicopter promotes Marion

Haskell native Rex Marion has been promoted to vice president of commercial business operations at Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. in Fort Worth.

He is responsible for all United states and international helicopter contracts, including coordination of foreign military sales contracts and the business aspects of international marketing.

He is the son of Carl Marion of Carlsbad, Calif., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toliver Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Marion, all longtime Haskell residents.

Bell Helicopter, one of the largest divisions of Textron Inc. has annual sales in excess of \$1 billion. Marion joined the company in 1965 following service with the U.S. Army in the Canal Zone.

Marion began his international career as a contracts administrator in 1969 and became manager of sales administration for Bell's office in Brussels, Belgium, in 1972. He was named Model 214 program manager in 1978 and manager-International Business Operations in 1982 and director of International Business Operations in March 1985. He was appointed to his present position in November 1987.

Marion was graduated from Texas Christian University with a bachelor of business administration and master of business administration degrees.



Rex Marion

He also attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Executive Development Program.

Season's Greetings

## Slogan contest underway

In cooperation with the Beautify Haskell program in which the city is competing for the governor's award as the most beautiful town of its size in Texas, the Progressive Study Club is sponsoring a slogan contest.

Mary Martin, chairman, announced that the winning prize will be dinner for two, compliments of the club.

"The slogan must be catchy, brief and distinctively Haskell," Mrs. Martin said.

Anyone of any age who is a resident or former resident of Haskell may enter the contest.

Slogans being used by other towns include:

"Operation Clean Sweep," Muenster.

"Sprucin' and Fixin'," Forney.

"Shine '87," Lufkin.

"The Idea Is picking Up," Midland.

"Adopt a Spot, Care for It, Be Proud of It," Corpus Christi.

Deadline for entering the slogan contest is Jan. 15. Entries should be sent to the Chamber of Commerce, 112 1/2 N. Ave. E. Each entry submitted should contain the name, address and telephone of the person submitting the entry.

## Goodfellows

In loving memory of Pa, Granddad and Grandpa from Shane, Loutina and Nole Hadaway.....25.00

In loving memory of my husband, H. B. Montgomery and our Momma Grace Montgomery from Correne Montgomery.....25.00

Boggs and Johnson.....100.00

Anonymous.....100.00

Mrs. Allie Karr.....20.00

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Vaughter.....30.00

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chapman.....10.00

HHS Student Council.....100.00

Friendly Fellows Sunday School Class-Methodist Church.....25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Stewart.....25.00

Previous Total.....\$874.00

Total to date.....\$1334.00

## Fund established for Rule woman

A fund has been established at the Farmers National Bank in Rule to help defray medical expenses for Mrs. Tex (Ana Nae) Little. She is currently receiving treatment monthly in Abilene.

Contributions may be mailed to Farmers National Bank, P.O. Box 10, Rule, TX 79547, or given to any teller at the bank.

## Church plans holiday service

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its traditional candlelight worship at 11 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24. The church is located one mile east of the courthouse on US 380.

The birth of Christ will be celebrated with Christmas carols, ending with "Silent Night" by candlelight.

Everyone is invited and welcome.

### TO BE CLOSED

The Haskell Free Press will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.



HASKELL COUNTY GIN REPORT  
By Max Stapleton  
County Extension Agent  
December 21, 1987

<b>Haskell:</b>	
Farmers Co-op Gin.....	6426
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	9555
K&G Gin.....	1864
<b>Rochester:</b>	
Farmers Co-op Gin.....	5654
<b>Rule:</b>	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	9891
Denson Gin.....	6788
<b>O'Brien:</b>	
O'Brien Gin.....	9200
<b>Weinert:</b>	
Paymaster Gin.....	6300
Weinert Gin.....	6688
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>62,366</b>

# Commentary

## Gore endorsement surprises Demos

AUSTIN--Some Texans were happy, some were angry, but just about all Democrats were surprised last week when their state party chairman took sides in the presidential sweepstakes.

Democratic Party chief Bob Slagle announced his personal endorsement of Tennessee U. S. Sen. Albert Gore at a Capitol press conference with Gore.

His move delighted Gore's Texas supporters, who hope it

nation.

And the premier warhorse of Hart's former Texas team, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, said Hart's re-entry lacked "political realism."

### Mattox vs. PUC

The legal skirmishing between Attorney Gen. Jim Mattox and the Public Utility Commission escalated to the Texas Supreme Court last week.

Lawyers for the PUC told the high court that Mattox should be barred from fighting rate increase requests by utilities because he already has a constitutional duty to represent the PUC and other state agencies.

A Houston Lighting and Power Co. attorney also argued Mattox has a conflict of interest and cannot fairly and legally fight for more than one side in a utility rate dispute.

Within Mattox's agency is one division which represents ratepayers opposed to PUC-ordered rate hikes, and another division which defends the PUC orders in the courtroom.

Mattox's counsel argues that if his office is prevented from representing ratepayers, he cannot protect the state agencies which also pay \$250 million for electricity.

But a new twist was thrown in when another assistant attorney general, Steve Baron, told the justices that Mattox's duty is to defend the PUC in court, even against the interests of other state agencies. "He cannot abandon the PUC, as he's attempting to do in this case," Baron said.

### Other Highlights

- The State Board of Insurance adopted final rules to ban discrimination against homosexuals and to safeguard the privacy of persons who test positive for AIDS.

- Texas lawyers polled last month rated Chief Justice John Hill as the best on the Texas Supreme Court. Other justices were rated in the following order: Franklin Spears, Raul Gonzalez, Robert Campbell, James Wallace, Ted Robertson, William Kilgarlin, Oscar Mauzy, and C. L. Ray.

- The latest retort in the verbal shots being fired between Kilgarlin and Gov. Bill Clements came from the governor last week: "the quicker we can get him (Kilgarlin) off the court, the better."

- Clements also said the new Texas Chamber of Commerce, which will open Austin offices Jan. 1, will unify the regional chambers and make a big step toward expanding the state's economy.

- Banking regulators last week declared USBank of Denton insolvent and named a Dallas bank to take over its assets. The bank's collapse is the state's 49th failure this year.

- Texas lawmakers in 1989 will face a revenue shortfall as high as \$2 billion for the next two years, Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, the House sponsor of this year's \$5.7 billion tax package predicted Thursday. He said lawmakers would have to turn to an income tax or an expanded sales tax to pay the growing bill.

### STATE CAPITAL



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

will propel him past second-place holder Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis to catch the leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

But Slagle's move also angered the many other Democrats who support one of the six other candidates, particularly those who think Slagle as chairman should stay neutral.

His endorsement, along with that of former Gov. Mark White's campaign manager, Dwayne Holman, came the same day all candidates except late entry Gary Hart were holding an unprecedented debate in Edinburg.

### Timing Embarrassing

The timing of Slagle's endorsement was embarrassing to the other candidates, and indicated they didn't mean anything to the party's state chairman.

But Slagle has never really been one to stay neutral during his eight-year tenure, the longest anyone has ever held what used to be a temporary plum.

On several previous occasions, he has jumped into state and federal races with an endorsement well before the primary. In this case, he hasn't even waited until the filing deadline.

Slagle justified his act by explaining that Democrats are begging him to prevent another "Mondale-Ferraro" catastrophe.

Certainly that's true, but as the non-Gore Texas Democrats fume about his course of action, many are vowing it's time for him to go and take his protege, Holman, with him.

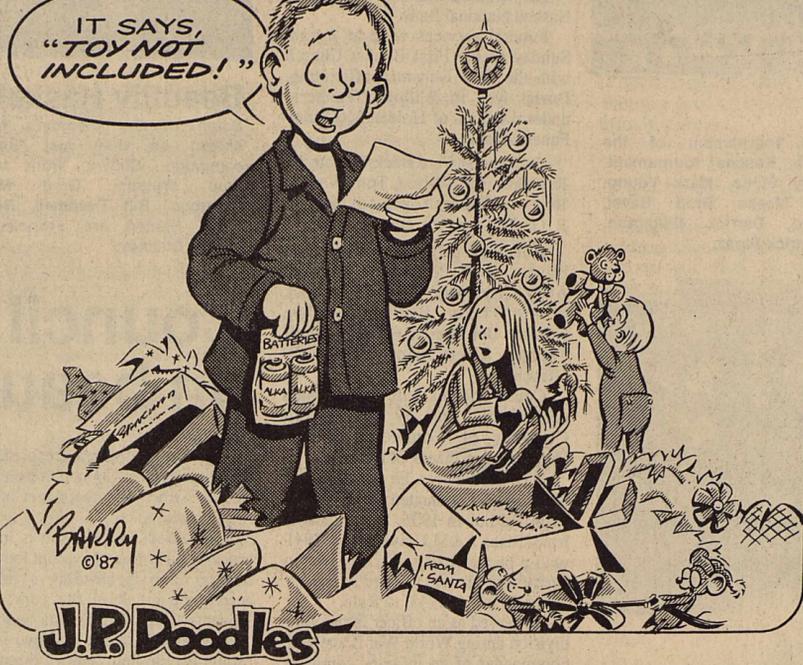
### Hart Lacks Support

Slagle wasn't at the bottom of the dog list last week, however.

Gary Hart, who had the strongest organization in Texas until his monkey business prompted him to drop out of the race, drew almost no voices of support from his former Texas team.

His re-entry was blasted, particularly by former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough who said Hart disgraced himself, the party and the

# Merry Christmas



## --From Out of the Past--

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

### 30 Years Ago Dec. 26, 1957

Donations to the Goodfellows Fund through Monday noon sent the total near the \$600 mark as the organization faced its big problem of providing Christmas baskets for unfortunate families in the community.

The following students have returned to Haskell to spend the holidays with families and friends:

Texas Tech: Johnny Darnell, Norma Mullins, Billy Blake.

Tarleton: Frankie Don Mullins, John Don Pitman, Gloria Ratliff, Beverly Renfro.

Wayland: Jeanette Robertson. Arlington State College: David Strickland.

A&M: Tom Alvis, Jim Bob Bowers, James Norman, Pat Henry, Culver Carney.

Austin College: Mary McMillin, David Duncan, Jimmy Byrd, Jan Duncan.

University of Texas: Deloris McMillin, Jim McMillin, Doug Brown, Diane Clare.

Midwestern University: Jeannie Strickland, Carol Thompson, Jonny Holt, Ken Lane.

Hardin-Simmons: Gail Smith, Sue Rhoades, Joy Berry.

Abilene Christian College: Gary Ivy.

Baylor University: Bobby Rexrode, Robert Starr, John Clifton.

North Texas State College: Tommy Robinson, Rodney Brown, Bobby Segoe, Ira Sue Bell, Sue Robertson, Don Oates, James Franklin.

Ranger College: Jerry Fancher. McMurry: Roger Cook, Glenn Kregler.

Baylor Medical School, Houston: Temple Williams.

Texas Women's University: Sandra Coburn. Stephen's College, Columbia, Mo.: Vicki Medley.

### 50 Years Ago Dec. 24, 1937

Bob Wheatley, student in Texas A&M College, is here to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wheatley.

Lewis Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, who has been working in Monahans, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Texas and Haskell Theatres, owned by Server Leon.

Deputy Sheriff Riley Lewellen, who has also been in the farm implement business here, has accepted a position with Bill Moore Implement Co. in Munday.

It's a full larder in the homes of four O'Brien citizens. During the recent cold spell J. S. Abernathy, J. T. Barnard, M. H. Wood and Paul Jones, all neighbors, butchered their hogs which had been raised to furnish their meat supply.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Williams of Paducah are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Edith English.

Twelve prisoners in the Haskell County jail will have a Christmas dinner of turkey and the trimmings, as a courtesy of Sheriff Giles Kemp.

Charges against the prisoners, in for varying periods of time, include murder, burglary, swindling, driving while drunk, assault and attempt to murder, affray and drunkenness.

### 60 Years Ago Dec. 28, 1927

Dennis P. Ratliff, Haskell attorney, has been appointed district deputy grand master of the 91st Masonic district of Texas.

Tom Clark and Ferris Morrison returned a few days ago from a successful deer hunt in South Texas. They brought back an 8-point buck, killed by Mr. Clark.

Richard Spinks of the Rose community has purchased a new Ford automobile.

L. Z. Massie of the Roberts community was in town Saturday, bringing a large candy bucket filled with high priced eggs. L. Z. is a good farmer and has a flock of laying hens that never go on strike for higher wages.

Leonard Force of Roberts has returned from Mineral Wells where he spent several days at the Vaughn School of Music.

One of the new 1928 model Ford cars, a Tudor, went on display at Haskell Motor Co Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Medford of the Howard community have returned from Sierra Blanca where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Medford's father, Dave Josselet. They were

accompanied by Guinn Medford, also of Howard.

### 80 Years Ago Dec. 21, 1907

John W. Wood of Rotan was in Haskell Thursday on a business trip. He is a brother of Mrs. N. I. McCollum.

The McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. moved this week into the new two-story building on the northeast corner of the square and will occupy most of the ground floor of the building.

J. B. Shelburne arrived here Monday from Belton with two carloads of furniture and livestock. He owns a fine tract of land southwest of town which he purchased some time ago out of the old Post Ranch.

J. R. Miller and family, who lived on Capt. W. W. Fields farm west of town this year, made and picked 30 bales of cotton besides a remnant left in the field which they sold for \$110. This crop was made without hired help.

J. A. Pierson of the Plains country is visiting the family of M. L. Perry at this place.

Misses Vera and Fay Neathery who have been visiting in Dallas, Farmersville and other points returned home Thursday.

A good deal of cotton has been sold on the Haskell market this week and our merchants have done quite a lively business.

## --Letters to the Editor--

Editor: In light of the United States government's recent sojourn into the field of surveys and studies, I felt encouraged to undertake a little scientific study of my own. I decided to pattern my study somewhat along the lines of the recently released, much advertised and publicized Hospital Mortality Study.

I recently had a mortality in my family when I ran over a stump while deer hunting and mortally wounded my new \$100 left front tire on my pickup. Thus inspired, the idea of tire mortality studies seemed very appropriate. Having two local establishments who dedicate themselves almost entirely to this endeavor as well as several smaller gas stations that pursue this at least on the side, I felt I had more than enough raw data available.

I considered the available information for relevance, and trying to pattern my study as closely after the Hospital Mortality Study, picked and chose as I desired. I tried to keep it simple.

1. I considered including whether the tire involved was bald or had tread, but this seemed irrelevant.

2. I considered including whether previous patches had been applied or if this was a first time event, again irrelevant.

3. I considered including whether the tire involved carried a Toyota or a

Mack truck, why bother!

4. How about if it died on the highway or out in the pasture bouncing over rocks and stumps? Who cares!

5. How about considering whether or not a type of tire is even sold in this area? Ludicrously unimportant.

6. Should we consider whether tires had been well cared for, rotated, balanced, etc., or if they had been abused to the point of early demise? It would certainly muddy the waters, wouldn't it?

I finally decided just to see what kinds of tires croaked, passed on, blew out, whatever.

I found interestingly the following data:

Goodyear tires: 2379 passed on to ? glory.

Safemark tires: 2268 slipped on by.

Lee tires: 873 wandered on out.

Goodrich tires: 1139 adios amigos.

General tires: 471 taps.

Bib 'O' tires: 200 Que Sara.

Michelin tires: 136 bon voyage.

Bridgestone tires: 26 Sayonara.

Big Track Swamper RT tires: 0. Not a single flat or expiration.

Now the critical non-biased evaluation of the above information can only lead to one conclusion: Buy Big Track Swamper RT's!

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BY WENDELL FAUGHT

I have no quarrel with Gary Hart's resurrection. It's going to be more interesting.

He promised new issues, and within 60 seconds, Donna Rice was "issued" back in the campaign.

And he brings new ideas, like the idea of kissing babies if they're wearing lipstick, tight jeans and spiked heels.

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If you buy a marriage license after Jan. 1, you're going to have to wait three days before you can get married.

County Clerk Woody Frazier says a new law, effective Jan. 1, requires a 72-hour waiting period between issuance of the license and the wedding ceremony.

Beginning with the effective date, Frazier said his office will be required to put the time of day on each license issued. Clergymen and others authorized to conduct weddings will be expected to check each marriage license to be certain the 72-hour waiting period has elapsed.

Under the law, weddings performed before the 72-hour wait will be voidable and subject to annulment.

There are two exceptions to the 72-hour waiting period: a member of the U. S. armed forces on active duty, and an applicant with a district court order permitting an earlier wedding.

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Have you been tempted to order some of those \$6.89-per-carton mail order cigarettes which have been advertised lately in some newspapers?

Don't.

That's what State Comptroller Bob Bullock advises. He says it's better to believe in Santa Claus than out-of-state schemes for discount cigarettes.

"Your chances are infinitely better than ol' St. Nick will stuff your Christmas stocking with smokes before these so-called bargain cigarettes will get stuffed into your mailbox," says Bullock.

He said state tax auditors are looking into offers of "wholesale prices" on cigarettes from out-of-state firms which are not paying the \$2.60-per-carton Texas tax.

Some respondents to the ads are finding out they are required to purchase a "discount coupon book" that costs nearly \$40 before they can qualify for the advertised price.

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Writing of the avalanche of advertising these days, columnist George Will says that the typical American is exposed to 3,000 commercial messages a day.

He estimates that the average American will spend a year and a half of his life just watching television commercials.

But it's not just television, newspapers, etc., he's talking about. Advertising messages appear on parking meters, ski-lift towers, bus shelters, supermarket shopping carts, on closed-circuit television in supermarkets, on giant screens at baseball parks, on mobile billboards towed by trucks through city streets, as lead-in segments on movies rented for home use, on restaurant menus, on the stall doors in restaurant restrooms, in dentists' offices, in hospitals in doctors' lounges and even doctor's scrub rooms.

He points out that scrub-room advertisements are for financial services, and then adds: "One does hope that, while scrubbing, the surgeons are thinking of things other than their stock portfolios."

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Some things I would never know if I didn't sort through some of the mail which crosses this desk every day:

Such as:

-One termite queen produces about half a billion offspring during her lifetime.

-The human body is built around a frame containing 206 bones. The whole works is linked together with 60,000 miles of blood vessels.

-To remove fat from hot soup, put an ice cube in a thin cloth and swish back and forth in the soup; the fat will collect in the cloth.

-To get Brazil nuts out of their shells unbroken, freeze them until the shells crack.

-When "The Star Spangled Banner" was first published, it bore the title "The Defense of Fort Mchenry."

-The covered wagon was first built by German farmers in Pennsylvania.

-The full name of the famous Mexican resort city on the Pacific is Acapulco de Juarez.

-Washington, D. C., has 130 telephones per 100 people.

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### Cindy Menchaca completes course

Airman 1st Class Cindy Menchaca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menchaca of Rule, has graduated with honors from the U.A. Air Force freight traffic specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base.

Graduates of the course were taught procedures for shipment of government property by military and commercial carriers. The also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is a 1982 graduate of Rule High School.



### Christmas crowd

The Christmas drawing Saturday afternoon was responsible for a large crowd of shoppers in Haskell Saturday afternoon.

## Harvest about over

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Dec. 18, 1987

The long spell of pleasant weather finally gave way to rain and snow in this area Sunday night and Monday (Dec. 13-14). The few farmers who have not finished harvesting saw further delays due to the cold, damp weather.

A small number of gins throughout the area have now completed ginning for the season, while several others are nearing completion.

Receipts are remaining high at the classing office despite these factors. Through Dec. 27, 476,391 samples had been classed in Abilene. The Abilene office classed 98,211 samples this week alone, as the three shifts continue to increase output. There is now a 60,000 sample carryover which is about a five-day backlog. This is down from a seven-day backlog a week ago.

Grades gain ran lower this week as 32 was called most frequently. Less than 24 percent was called 21 or 31, down from 33 percent one week ago. Micronaire readings continued falling to more than two points below the season average. Length was the only reading that made a gain this past week.

The market was somewhat more active this week, due in part to higher cotton futures as well as Christmas influences on selling. Higher grades were bringing seven to eight cents a pound over the loan while lower grades were bringing around 11 cents a pound over the loan.

Grade 42, 33 staple, premium mike, was reported around 58 cents a pound. In some instances, cotton with strength of 2.6 or more and with premium mike was bringing as much as two cents premium per pound.

Need a Catchall? Eldon has one for your desk, countertop or any area in your home or office. Haskell Free Press.



Russ Flanary

### Russ Flanary in 'Who's Who'

Russ Flanary, son of Cinda and Gene Flanary of Route 1, Sagerton, is included in the 21st annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1986-87*. Only five percent of all students from the nation's 22,000 high schools are recognized and honored in *Who's Who* each year.

Russ, a senior at Haskell High, has been a member of the Haskell FFA for the past three and a half years. He participated on the cotton judging team his freshman year, and the dairy judging team his sophomore and junior years. He received his Lone Star Farmer Degree at the 59th annual Texas FFA convention in Fort Worth last July.

# Christmas Greetings

To all, we extend warm and happy greetings in the spirit of this most joyous season. It's our privilege to be a part of this fine community and we sincerely hope to continue serving our friends and neighbors in every way.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

From all of us to all of you, a wish for a season that's truly joyful!

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good little girl this year.

Would you please bring me a play Porsche car, Amazing Baby Heather, Barbie and the Rockers Ice Cream set, a Barbie Rocker guitar. If you can only bring a few of these things I will understand.

My brother Matt has tried so hard to be good & he has been most of the time? Could you please bring Matt some new Boy Scout Camping Equipment.

Mommy & Daddy have been good too. So could you bring them both new sweaters.

Please be nice to my grandparents because they are so good to me all year long, they like your surprises.

Give my love to Mrs. Santa, the elves & reindeers.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas.

Love Your Friend

Amanda Perry

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I am being a very good girl, just for you.

Would you please bring me some new jeans, a sweater, a Barbie doll, a new coloring book & a checker game.

My Mommy could use some new shoes and my Daddy needs some new work clothes.

My brother Wes has tried to be good, he would like some new socks and shoes. My sister Sam would like some books for babies and a new ball.

My grandparents are always good & they like your surprises. My Me Maw Steele would like some shoes. Pe Pa Steele would like a new

sweater. My other grandparents would like some new sweaters too.

Have a good & safe Christmas.

Give my love to your helpers & Mrs. Santa.

Love Your Friend

Heather Steele

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Dear Santa,  
I am being as nice as I can just for you.

Would you please bring me a four wheeler, new black boots, a new white rope, a three wheeler, a popel, a gum machine, a new black hat, and some new T shirts

Whitney my sister sould like some new roppers and some Barbie stuff.

My Mom would like some new tennis shoes and a new car. My Dad, Jim, would like a new pick-up and a new black hat & boots.

My Pa would like a new saddle and a rope and a trailer. My Pa Pa needs some new gloves. My Grandma needs some new gloves and a new car. Johnny needs a new cap.

Thank you for all the things you brought last year. Love to you & Mrs. Santa.

Your Friend

Zach Hudson

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I am being so good for you. Would you please bring me a baby doll to play with, a new Barbie, puzzles and a new baby sister.

My Mommie and Daddy have been good too, so could you bring them new shoes and new clothes.

Please bring my cousins Ethan & Caleb some surprises. They like

clothes and any kind of toys. Ethan would like some new glasses.

I hope you have a good and safe Christmas.

Love & Kisses to you & Mrs. Santa.

Angela Brown Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
My name is Morgan and I would like a new bicycle, a baby boy, a puzzle & cooking oven.

Would you please bring Mitchell my brother a new gun. He is trying real hard to be good for you.

Please bring my Mommy some cookies. My Daddy would like some new boots and a hat.

I will leave you cookies & milk on Christmas Eve.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas. Love & Huggs to you & Mrs. Santa.

Morgan Cox Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Lindsey Watson and I've been very good, so could you bring me a new bicycle. My Daddy backed over my bicycle. I would like to have some new boots, a new Barbie & a Barbie Ice Cream Shop.

Would you please bring my sister's Debbie & Crystal some new clothes & new bicycles.

My Mommy & Daddy would like for you to bring them some new clothes and a vacation.

I hope you don't forget to stop & eat the cookies & milk I am putting out for you.

Bunches of Love to You & Mrs. Santa. Give Mrs. Santa & the Elves a hug for me. Tell you Rainteers I'll leave hay out for them.

Lindsey Watson Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good for you?? My teacher says!!

Would you please bring me a watch, some new trucks, a cotton stripper, a new play gun & a new football hat, and a new football & new football britches. Could you please bring my brother Paul a new watch and a transformer.

Please bring my Mommy a new ring & Daddy wants a new gun.

Thank you for all the things you gave me last year!

Huggs & Kisses to Mrs. Santa & your Elves.

Clifford McGuire Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

P.S. I hope your Rainteers are all well by now!!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Seth & I am being very good for you.

Would you please bring me a bicycle, an antena truck & car, skate board and a new cat and a Wheel of Fortune Game.

Will, my brother, would like a new black & red bicycle & a levi jacket. My sister Tommi would like some new clothes & dolls.

Mommy would like a new dress and my Dad would like some new pants, shirts & a new coat.

My Ma Ma would like some new pants.

I guess I better go play & get busy with my class work.

Give Mrs. Santa & the Elves a big hug for me.

I'll leave cookies & milk for you & hay for your rainteers.

Your Friend

Seth Clay

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
My name is Heath and I've been very good for you.

I would like a new jacket this year

and gloves. Could you please bring me a dump truck and a roadgrater and a new bucket, a new puzzle.

My brother Jeffery would like some new games. My Sissy would like some new clothes. My Mommy would like a new diamond ring. My Daddy would like some new boots.

Give my love to Mrs. Santa & your Elves. I'll leave you a hamburger & fries & a coke. I'll leave hay & apples for your rainteers.

Much love to you,

Your Friend,

Heath Dunnam

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hunter and I've been working very hard to be good for you.

Would you please bring me a scooter, some warm gloves, a drum, a camera and a B-B gun and some books.

Would you please bring my brother Pate the same things that I wanted.

My Mommy would like a new car & a new pen. My Daddy would like a new pick-up & a new gun & some new clothes.

I hope you & Mrs. Santa have a safe & Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

I'll leave you pizza & a coke to eat & pineapples for the rainteers.

Huggs & Kisses.

You friend

Hunter Meinzer Age 4

Benjamin, Tx

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've been good for you this year. I would like to have a Big foot, a Peoples lawnmower and a dump truck.

My mommy would like a sweater and watch. Dad would like a pair of jeans. Could you bring a bicycle for Sissy.

All my love to You & Mrs. Santa. Give the Elves a hug for me.

I will leave you cookies & milk and hay for you rainteers.

Have a safe trip & Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Love your friend,

Travis Potet Age 4

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've been sort-of-good this year, but I cleaned up my room. I would like for you to bring me a talking computer, choo choo train, Baby learning to walk, and a Santa poo.

I would like for you to bring mommy a little car, and for my daddy a low bow II and for my brother, Charlie, a black truck.

Grannie would like a new purse and Pa Pa a new shirt. I guess that's all and see you at Christmas maybe.

Love your friend,

Jennifer Smith Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

P.S. I'll leave you cookies & milk to eat & hay for the rainteers.

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait until you come on Christmas morning.

Would you please bring me a Cricket Doll and a desk for me to work at. I could use a new truck and a new necklace & ring & perfume.

Santa, my Mommy needs a new billfold & dress. Ricky would like a new black pen & new clothes.

My Daddy would like some new clothes.

My Ma Maw in Haskell would like a new dress. My Ma Maw in Rule would like a new dress too.

My Grandparents at Rule would like a new Christmas Wreath. Pa Pa would like new tools.

My uncle Danny would like a basket of golf balls.

Give my love to Mrs. Santa. Have a safe & Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,

Tabitha Coker Age 4

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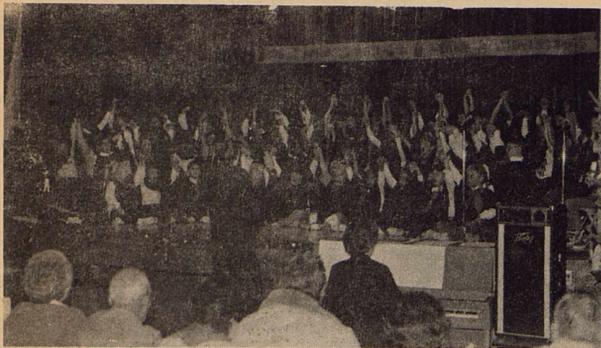
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### Christmas program

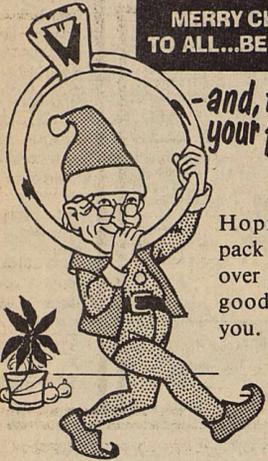
Second-graders of Haskell Elementary School presented a Christmas program for the public last Thursday.



The Moon is one million times drier than the Gobi Desert, and the only floods on the planet have been ones of molten hot lava.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL...BEST WISHES**

*-and, thanks for  
your patronage.*



Hoping Santa's pack is brimming over with lots of good things for you.

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## The Christmas spirit

An Editorial

By Rep. Rick Perry

Well, here we are again in everyone's favorite time of year, the Christmas season. At least, it's supposed to be everyone's favorite, but I suspect that if you were to take survey and get people to tell you the truth, they'd tell you that they are just as happy when Christmas is over as they are when it begins---maybe happier.

Why is it that we have lost the Christmas spirit, which is so often talked about and so seldom felt? What has happened, as expressed in one cynical poem, to make Christmas the time we hate the best?

The commercialization of Christmas is usually pointed to as the chief culprit in robbing Christmas of its joy, but whose fault is that? Surely the blame must be ours. If we have allowed the money changers to steal the meaning of the season from us, it shouldn't be too hard to retrieve it; just ask the nearest small child for some help. Try to look through their eyes for a moment.

If that's too hard, here are some practical suggestions from reclaiming a little holiday job. Think of somebody you know who lives nearby and doesn't have any family, and wrap a surprise gift for that person. Then leave it on their doorstep, anonymously. This usually works wonders for your attitude.

You say you don't have the money to be giving away extra gifts? Fine. Take a copy of the Reader's Digest, or better yet, the Bible, go to the nearest nursing home or hospital, and read to some of the people there. You say you don't read very well? If you can read at all, you're more fortunate than those who have lost their eyesight and their mobility.

Now about Christmas cards: Don't just send them to people because they sent you one, or because you feel you

have to. Try to think of an old friend you may have lost touch with, and re-establish that friendship. Write them a nice long letter about where you are and what you're doing these days. Good friends are hard to find; don't take them for granted.

There are lots of ways to recapture Christmas joy, but you'll have to go find them. As we enter these last few days before Christmas, if you've already lost the spirit of the season, you've got that much time to get it back.

Oh, by the way---Merry Christmas.

### Program on alternative crops set

A program on alternative crops for the Rolling Plains has been scheduled for Jan. 7 in Rhineland.

Sponsored by the Knox County Extension Program Council Crops Committee, the program will begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. There is a registration fee of \$7 per person, which will include lunch.

Producers interested in attending the program must pre-register by 5 p.m. Jan 4. To pre-register, send a check to the Knox County Extension Office, Box 167, Benjamin.

A diversified group of speakers for an in-depth discussion on alternative crops has been assembled for the day-long program.

Horticultural and field crop alternatives for the Rolling Plains will be emphasized. There will be reports on research on potential horticulture alternatives and discussion on identifying and evaluating potential markets and budgeting for alternative crops.



### Top salesmen

Craig Hanson, center, was the top salesman for the Haskell FFA fruit sale. Steve Quattlebaum, right, came in second and Chris Howeth, left, was third high. FFA members expressed their appreciation to all buyers who supported the successful sale.



In China it was believed drinking wine made from aster flowers would encourage longevity.

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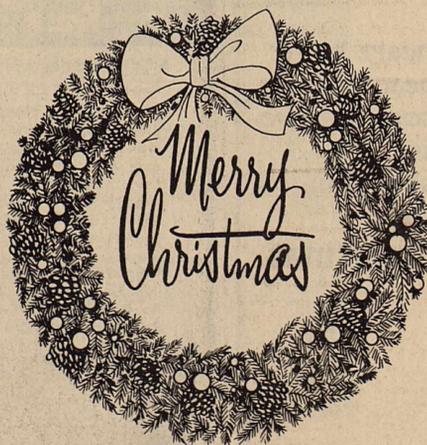
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**Lyles Jewelry Store**

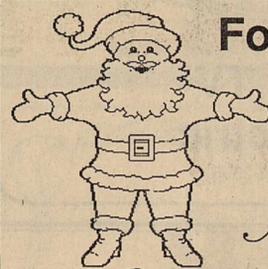
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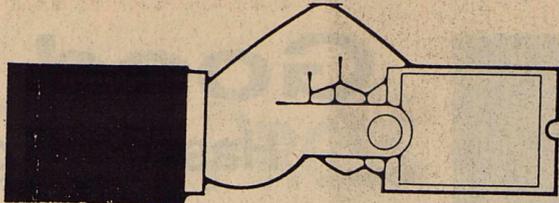


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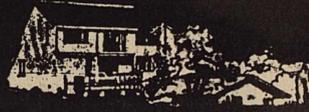
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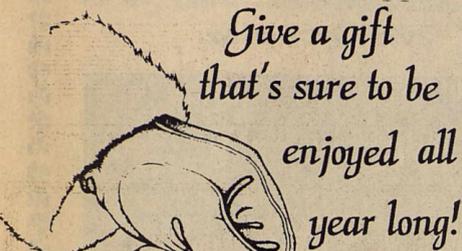
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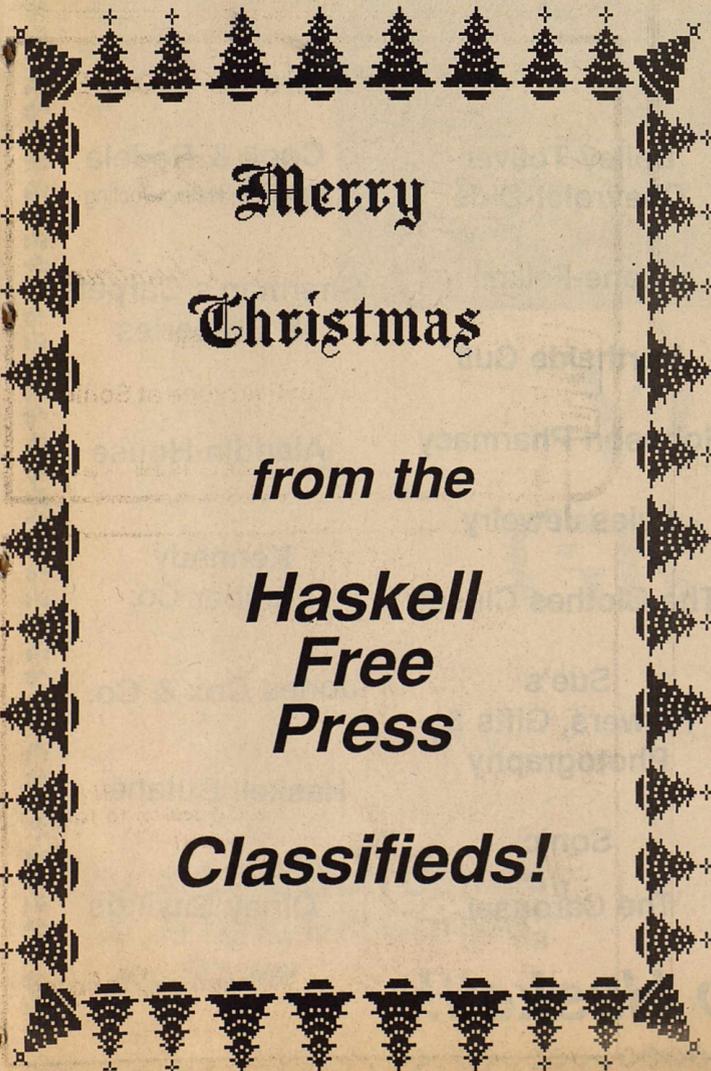
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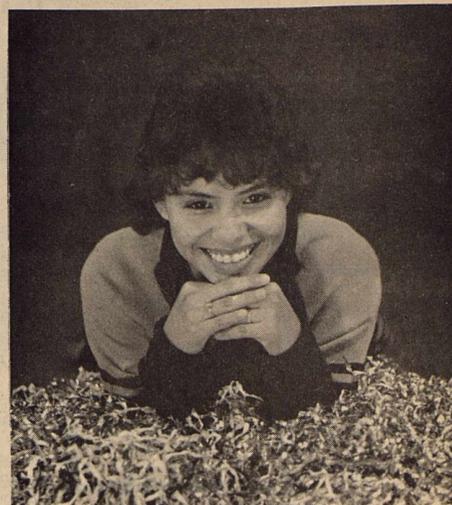


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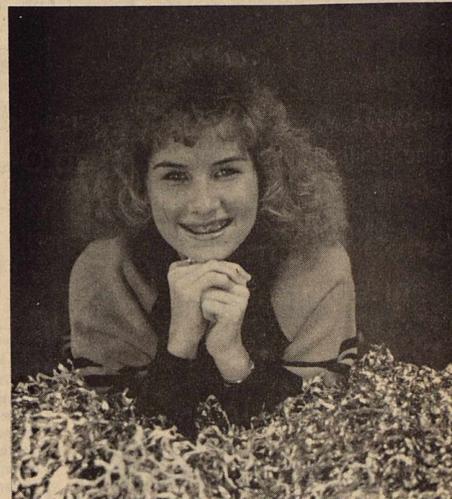
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## Letters to Santa

letters from 1947

Dear Santa:  
I would like a jig saw for Christmas, please; and a French harp and a dollar BB gun, please. Thank you for the last year's present. Goodbye, Santa.

Love,  
Waller Overton

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a Dy Dee doll with a suit case of clothes for her, also a washing machine. If you have a house coat in my size, please leave it. Bring my brothers Jerry and Jimmy something, too.

Janet Ann Hannsz

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a desk, a baby doll that has some clothes, a basket ball, a pair of skates, a doll buggy, a Donald Duck watch, and some records. Don't forget my two little brothers.

Love,  
Bettye Hester

Dearest Santa:  
I am a little boy five years old and have really tried to be good. Thanks for the big red tricycle you brought me last year and for the gun you left at Jones Cox for me last week. For Christmas I'd like to have an electric train, also some nuts and candy. And, Santa, don't forget to leave something for my little 2-months old baby brother, Kenny Wayne.

Your little friend,  
David Melvin Miller

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl three years old, and I have tried to be a good little girl.

Will you please bring me a doll with a bottle, a ring, and some mittens.

Love,  
Mollie Terrell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 9 years old. I have two brothers 10 and 8 years old. We live with our grandmother and grandfather Mullins. We have been real good children but we are not asking for much as Grandma is so good to us. We already have our

Christmas tree up and a lot of things from her, but we want you to come to see us too. Anything will please us, and be sure and remember all little boys and girls.

Myrtes, Frankie Don  
and Gene Mullins

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a rag doll and a paper doll house, a paper doll book and a sewing machine and a piano, too.

Love,  
Roberta Raynes  
P.S.—I've taken care of the babes.

letters from 1957

Dear Santa:  
All that I want is those guns, and that rifle, and it's big, real big, see, and that canteen, and a Roy Rogers guitar with real strings and some candy and nuts. Also I have a little sister and brother you can bring some toys to.

Larry Kyle Hartsfield  
age 4 1/2

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a gun and holster, record player, records and black board for Christmas.

Love you,  
Mike Guess

P.S. Remember my little brother.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. I would like for you to bring me an Army set, an old fashioned wall telephone, a desk and a cash register.

Please be good to all the other boys and girls. I will leave you something good to eat on the table. I love you.

Eddie Harris

Dear Santa:  
I know you won't forget us this year. Last year you came and we were all so happy. Please come to see us. There are 12 in our family. Also visit the other children. Please come to see us. Don't forget us. Will we see you soon? O, boy! God Bless You, Santa! Merry Christmas!

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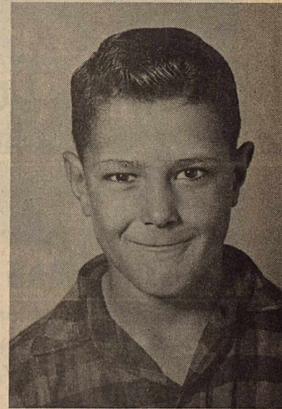
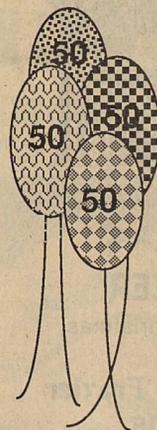
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# Santa Claus letters...

From 1957

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy this year. I would be very pleased if you would bring me a 24-inch bicycle and a "Fanner 50" holster set and an electric machine gun on tripod. Please do not forget all of my pals and friends too.  
Your pal,  
Patrick Pace

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Cinderella doll, a 10-inch monkey, a typewriter, a leash for my puppy, doll house, candy, socks and shoes for daddy and shoes and stockings for mother. Merry Christmas to you.  
Love  
Pat Harris

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a ballerina doll, a 10-inch monkey, a typewriter and a jumping rope, and jewelry, and bring shaving lotion for daddy and perfume for mother and a leash for my puppy. Merry Christmas to you.  
Love,  
Pam Harris

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I have helped mother in the house and daddy in the store. I am doing fine in kindergarten. I would like a Roy Rogers cowboy suit. Anything else you think I would enjoy will be all right. I don't want to be selfish. Barry and I have our stockings hung just inside the door. Your cookies and milk will be right under our stockings. How are your Elves doing? Barry and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.  
Bye Santa,  
Randy Jim O'Neal

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Chris Colbert. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I know your elves are working hard making toys for the girls and boys. I hope your elves are finished the night before Christmas. I want a Mighty Mike, GI Joe tank, Rock 'em Sock

'em Robots, GI Joe frogman suit, GI Joe frogman sled, Kaboom, GI Joe Motorcycle, GI Joe Marine suit, GI Joe Air Cadet suit, GI Joe foot locker, GI Joe jeep and trailer and rifle that really shoots and GI Joe searchlight, football and record player.  
Love, Chris

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lisa McBroom. For Christmas I would like a Kodak Instamatic 104 Flash-Cube Camera, a football and the 4th album of the Monkees. I would also like the game Twister. Bring my little sister, Holly, some cuddly toys. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Lisa McBroom

Dear Santa Claus,  
Sure do thank you for the things you brought me last Christmas. I am five years old now and I try to help mother and be a good girl. I'd like for you to bring me a Baby First-Step and a new baton. I have a little brother, Shawn, who is one year old. He is really the sweetest one at our house. He'd probably like 'The Farmer Says.'  
Love,  
Kim Lane

Dear Santa:  
I am 7 years old. I would like to have a Smoke rifle, a Tip-It, a Hands-Down, a (Banana) bike.  
I love you,  
Rex Pittman

Dear Santa:  
I like to talk with you on the phone and I am trying to be very good. Please think about bringing me a walking doll, tractor, skates, billfold, dump truck, boots, gun and a stand for my record player. Remember my friends, Laurie, Mark, Walter, Holly, Kendale Joe and my cousins, Bobby, Wade, David, Chris and Jim.  
Camille Klose, age 3

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 1 year old, and I am too small to write so my big sister, Cindy, is writing for me.  
Please bring me a little wagon and a big car.  
Lots of love,  
Robert Alan Ivey

Dear Santa:  
I am looking for you Christmas Eve. I will leave some cake for you and hope you leave some things for me. Here are some things I want: I want a football, a football helmet, a b.b. gun, a motorific, and a pair of cleats.  
With love,  
Eddie Medford

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me these things:  
1. Book satchel  
2. Snow cone maker  
3. Heidi's swimming pool  
I love you,  
Paggy Harris, Age 7

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade. Will you please bring me a race car set and a stick shift? Remember the other boys and girls.  
With love,  
David Tidwell

letters from 1977

Dear Santa:  
I am 6 years old and in the 1st grade. I have been a good girl, at least most all the time. Would you bring me a Baby Come Back, Barbie Beauty Center, typewriter, Koolaid Machine and some new clothes. I have two big brother's Todd and Jim. don't forget to leave them some things.  
I will leave you something to eat on the table.  
I love you,  
Dala Ann Harris

Dear Santa,  
I want a light bright, and a jaws, and a donnie and marie. my little sister, kim wants a dollie with a bottle my cousins from glen rose will be at my house this year. will you please come to my house christmas eve morning.  
thank you  
Dalyn Gilly.

Dear Santa Clause,  
I'm 3 yrs. old and try very hard to be good. Please bring these toys, a dump truck, farm set, and rifle.  
We will leave cookies for you, and please Hurry!  
Cody Stocks

Dear Santa Clause,  
My name is Michael Lane. I am six years old. I have a little brother who is 2 1/2. Mommy and Daddy say we have been good boys the past year. My little brother's name is Brad. We would like for you to bring us a trampoline. We both want BB guns, but Mommy says we're too little for real ones, so could you please bring us each a play one. We both would also like sleeping bags, toy cash registers, trail blazers, some records, books and games. Please leave us some candy and toys in our stockings. We will be waiting for you. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Michael and Brad Lane

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Paul Jon Gibson and I am Chad's little brother. I will be 2 years old on January 3rd. Please bring me a Mini Wheels, a stuffed animal, a baton, guitar, trumpet, and drum, a cowboy outfit like Chad's and some books. Please remember all the other boys and girls.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Paul Jon

Dear Santa Clause,  
I'm 4 yrs. old and have been a good boy this year. Please bring me these things:  
1. Bull dozer  
2. Watch  
3. Rifle set  
I'll leave cookies for you and

please remember everyone.  
Rusty Stocks  
P.S. Big wagon Too!

Dear Santa:  
I hope you feel very well for Christmas Eve. I try to be good.  
I would like a football suit, a ship that shoots planes, and a new football. Please bring Casey some toys, too.  
Love,  
Cole Larned

Dear Santa,  
Hope you have a safe and happy trip.  
Christmas List  
1. 40C92981 2. 40C21425F 3. 40C1652F 4. 6C2416F or 6C24124F 5. Wilson Official NFL Football 6. Letter and Numeral Kit for jerseys and helmets. 7. 40C41135F 8. 40C9467F 9. 40C76963F 10. 40C7673F 40C9407.  
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George Watson

Dear Santa,  
I am looking forward to another Merry Christmas. This is the time of year when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. All my relatives will be at my house. Hope you have a nice trip.  
Your friend,  
George

Christmas List  
1. 40C41652F.  
2. Wilson Official NFL Football  
3. T3C66252C  
4. Evel Knievel TM Miniature  
5. 2 car Custom Classic TM Race Set  
6. 7 unit Burlington Diesel  
7. NFL Pajamas  
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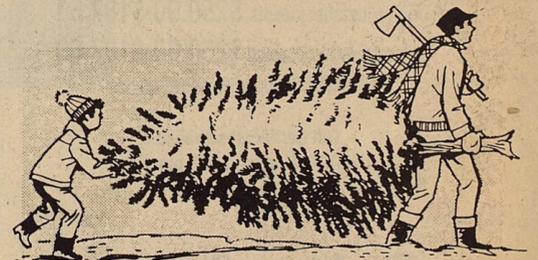
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## Greetings of the Season



May this Christmas gladden the hearts of all with the true meaning of the season. Best wishes to all our good patrons.

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To our many friends and guests—  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



May this beautiful season bloom to the fullest for you.

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Silent Night, Holy Night, filled with the wonder of His love. May you and yours be blessed with the peace of this season of joy and love!

**Haskell Nursing Center**

Season's Greetings  
from residents, staff & employees

# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelly Marie. I'm 3 years old and in Pre-school this year. I've tried to be a good girl this year. It's really hard to be good all the time but mommy says I've done pretty well. Can you bring me a My Little Pony - A Pound Purry and lots of surprises! Could you go over to my Grandma and Grandpa Ivey's and give them a hug and kiss, and Robert too. I can't wait for you to come Santa. I've been asking when you'd be here for 6 months now.

I Love you,  
Kelly Marie Fitzharris  
Aschaffenburg, W. Germany

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christopher. I'm 5 years old and in Kindergarten this year. I try to pick up my toys and mind my mommy and daddy. Could you bring me a typewriter, Battle Beasts, and anything else you think I might enjoy! Please stop by my Grandma & Grandpa Ivey's house. Also, please

remember all the American children living overseas. Thank you.

Love,  
Christopher Fitzharris  
Aschaffenburg, W. Germany

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a ninetendo, B-B gun, trampoline and Captain Powers. Merry Christmas,  
Erik Everett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy knife, a toy B-B gun, any kind of transformer, Captain Power, a real camera and a trampoline.

Merry Christmas,  
Evan Everett

Dear Santa,  
I want a back pack, red wagan and a train.

Randy McKinney  
Age 6 1/2  
Haskell, Tx.

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little two year old rascal name Jordan Lewis Goudean (Leon).

For Christmas I want a red bike. Thank you!

Love, Jordan Lewis Goudeau (Leon)

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little three year old hassle name Jenny Goudeau (Elna Virginia). But, I have tried to be nice some of the time.

For Christmas I want a stove, refrigerator, table and chairs set. Thank you!

Love,  
Jenny Goudeau (Elna Virginia)  
P.S. Milk and Cookies will be on the big table.

Weinert 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas. Please bring me a G.I. Joe and a tractor and a toy.

Love,  
Justin Gray

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a red headed doll at the Carousel. Please send Kendall a new car.

Don't forget to bring Mom and Trac something. Please send Daddy my kisses.

Love,  
Tenille Mathis  
Age 9

Dear Santa,  
Tenille wants a pretty baby doll with red hair. I want My Kid Sister and a stocking of little stuff inside of it. Please bring a picture for Momma to hang on the wall. Please send Daddy some kisses and hugs because I love Daddy and he loves me.

Merry Christmas to you, Santa.  
I love you,  
Trac Mathis  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Matthew and I like toys. I've been a good boy. My mom and dad said so. For Christmas I want some G.I. Joe stuff, a skate board, a Sleep Dart Gun, a Transformer Bull, Black Beauty and Friend's, Breyer Touch of Class, A Little Dinosaur and Batteries for all the things I have that uses them.

We have a cat now. Her name is C.C. She wants another toy mouse, a house to sleep in and a toy fish with a bell.

Please remember my Brother and Sister, Nathan and all my other cousins.

Love,  
Matthew Arendall

Dear Santa,  
I love you and Mrs. Santa. My name is Andra Arendall. My mom and dad say I have been a very good little girl. I love my mommy and

daddy. Santa I really love all the toys you brought me.

For Christmas I want Pom-Poms, Baby Heather, Heart-Beat Baby, a twin doll stroller for my twins, a big bike and some Care Bears.

For our kitten C.C. I want 3 toy balls. She's a good girl, too.

Love,  
Audra Arendall

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy. My favorite thing is dinosaur. So for Christmas I want put together Dinosaur, a Remote Control dinosaur, Tapes, Walkie Talkies, a telescope, some new games, and help my brother get well. For our C.C. please bring her some new toys and a bed.

Thank you for all the things you brought me last year when we lived out at the lake. We live in town this year. We are gona leave you some Christmas cookies and milk. Drive carefully.

Love,  
Justin Arendall

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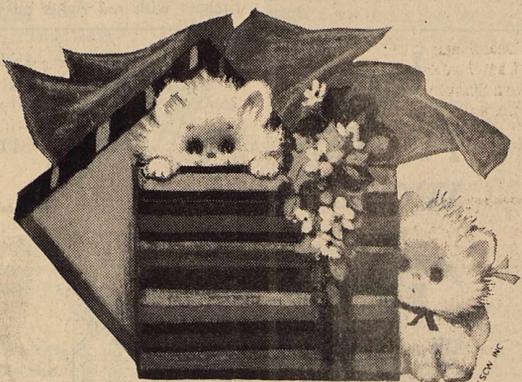
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In Haskell and adjoining Counties \$12, elsewhere in Texas \$15, Outside Texas, \$17.50.

## Merry Christmas



If we could, we'd go around a'carolling:  
"We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

**Rolling Plains Printing Co., Inc.**  
Haskell, Texas



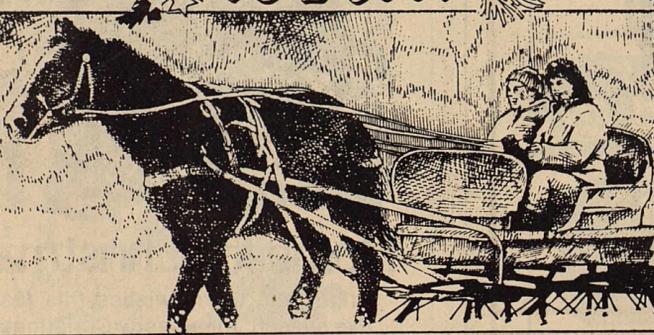
### CHRISTMAS CHEER

Be prepared for the merriest holiday ever...Fasten your seat belts and thanks.

## Hanson Paint & Body Shop

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## Merry Christmas To All!



First National Bank would like to extend warmest holiday wishes to everyone. Now is the time for family and friends to gather together in joyful celebration. To help our employees enjoy the holidays, our office hours will be altered. *Again, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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December 24 - 9:00 - 3:00  
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December 31 - 9:00 - 3:00  
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Haskell

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing all the joys of the season to you and yours this best of all times - Christmas!



## Smitty's Auto Supply

204 N. First      864-2607

# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my little brother and me a trampoline. I would also like a Cabbage Patch Baby with a bottle, a pacifier and a playpen. My little brother Casey would like a play backhoe and a cement truck.  
We have tried to be good this year but sometimes it's hard. We love you. We will leave you a snack on the bar.

Love,  
Kelli & Casey Moeller  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How's your wife doing? I have a long list. I want a Baby Heather and a scooter and a Barbie ice cream shop and a basketball goal and a lot of other gifts. I'll leave milk and cookies-Thank you.

Love,  
Vanessa Miller

Dear Santa,  
Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! I would like a bike ( a yittle pink & purple one). Please bring my granddad a big blue bike so, he won't have to

walk to Mema's and Papa's. Goodbye.  
I love you,  
Jessica Miller

Dear Santa,  
I am almost 2 and I have been a good boy. I would like a bucking bull, a football suit, and anything else you think I would like-I would like a little lariat rope like my Daddy's if you can find one.

Please remember my little cousin Jimmy from Texas City as he will be here for Christmas.

Bring my Daddy a new black hat & don't forget Aunt Dala.

I will be at Mee-Mee's & Grandad's & I will leave you something to eat.

I love you  
J.D. Harris

Dear Santa,  
I am 1 year old and I live in Texas City but I will be in Haskell for Christmas at Mee-Mee's & Granddaddy Harris'.

I would like a Farmer Says, some play blocks, a football suit & a little desk.

Remember to bring my mom a new sweater & my daddy some golf balls. Don't forget Aunt Dala and my little cousin JD.

I am looking forward to being in Haskell for Christmas.

I'll leave you some cookies & mild under the tree.

I love you,  
Jimmy Dale Harris, Jr.  
Texas City, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Julie doll. If you can't get her. I would like baby Heather. Ross would like a riding toy. We have been pretty good. We love you.

Love,  
Mary Jane & Ross Short  
P.S. Milk & cookies under Christmas tree & my report card.

Hi Santa,  
Have you been good? How is Rudolph? Have the deer been laughing at Rudolph? The deer must be good to Rudolph. You know Santa that I love you. And I love Rudolph, too. I want to have for Christmas is a G.I. Joe Space Shuttle and a G.I. Joe Buggy. I also want GhostBusters man and house.

From,  
Brent

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old and have been a very good girl. This year I would like a Baby Heather, Jill talking doll, Nintendo, Fluffy Dog, Blinkins, Sweet Secrets Am/Fm radio set and a computer.

P.S. Don't forget my little niece Ramona and my baby nephew J.R. Bring them lots of toys too! Oh! by the way I will leave you some cookies and mild.

Love you Always,  
Kristy Lee Arellano

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter, motorcycle, gun and a John Deere tractor. Mom says I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please remember the other children who have also been good. We will leave you some oreo's and milk on the table.

Merry Christmas,  
B.J. Opsahl

Dear Santa,  
I am three years old. I have been really good all year. For Christmas I want a Drum set and a football suit with Chicago Bears on it and football. Also for my brother Justin and me would you leave us two firehats with red lights on them.

That's all I want. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I will leave you a snack and a snack for the reindeers. Don't forget to bring Justin all he wants. I guess he has been good.

Love,  
Sam

P.S. Bring my moma something special too.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old now and this I have tried to be extra good. For Christmas I want a fifty five piece tool set, a ghostbusters gun zapper, and a snooker table. For me and my little brother Sam to share. I want a set of walkie talkies. Please don't forget the batteries for the gun and walkie talkies. Don't forget to bring Sam all he wants. He has been pretty good, sometimes and Santa, if you have an extra one I sure would like a firetruck with Sparkey on it. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I will leave you a snack and I'll leave a snack for the reindeers.

Love,  
Justin

P.S. Don't forget to leave something for my Mama.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please bring me a bike

in my size and a watch. I want a baby doll that crys and says "Mommie".  
Love,  
Kristi Christian  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Sherri and I am two years old for Christmas I want a baby doll and a little rocking chair. Don't forget my big brother he wants a shotgun case for his gun and a watch.  
Love,  
Sherri Ejem

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brittany L'Shae Bartley. Ive ben good I wood like Bab Heather and Tv, Purple pink white Rebocks, play weding dres, bala costoom.

Dont forget Mom and Dad.  
I wel lev cookeez and mild.  
I love Santa,  
Brittany Bartley  
Six years old

## Season's Greetings

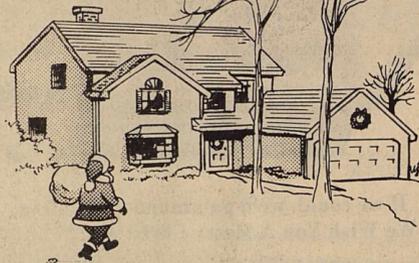


SEASON'S BEST.

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Justice of the Peace, Prec. #1

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County Treasurer

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ALL OTHER STUDENTS: 2:01 PM - 6:00 PM

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ADA	305.1	Principles of wordprocessing	TuTh	6:30pm
BADM	334.1	Business Law II	Mon	6:30pm
*CAG	403.1	Computer Aided Graphics VCAD	Wed.	5:30pm
*CAG	415.1	Graphics Programs	Mon.	5:30pm
CIS	301.2	Introduction to Computers	Tues.	6:30pm
CIS	424.1	Systems Analysis and Design	Mon.	5:30pm

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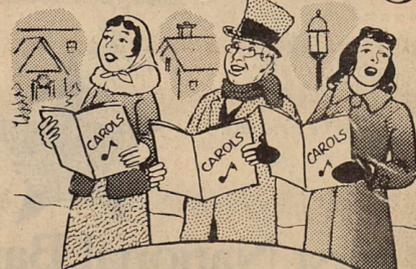


GOOD TIDINGS

We hope the Miracle of Christmas... with all its joyful manifestations... come to you and your loved ones.

Vergil & Vera Smith

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Here's hoping Christmas will be all you hope for, and more.

Johnny Mills  
Sheriff

# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tyrone. I will be four in February. Year before last I got a little trike and it broke. Last year I asked for another one, I got it and it broke again. This year I would like a little bike with training wheels, a remote control 4X4 and a toy dart gun. I also need some pants, socks, and shirts. I have tried to be good.

Thank you,  
Tyrone Billington  
Rt 1 Box 50  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a trampaline, and a ten speed, and a cake mix, and a bbgun, and a jam box, and some clothes. I want some shorts, and 40 markers, in a package, and a puzzle, and some shoes, and baby Heather, and a computer, and I want another bike too. I want a swimming pool and book about paul Bunyun. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

LOVE

Syreeta Latonya Billington

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a jam box and a computer, a remote control grasshoper, and some cloths.

Love,  
Kenneth  
Rt 1 Box 50  
Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a jambox, and a bbgun, pool table, and a

swimming pool, and a train set, 4X4, Ghost Busters, He-Man set, swigset, The Trans Formers, remote control Arm tank,

Kevin  
864-2555

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have had a great year. My name is Craig Cunningham and I am 5 years old. I have been an extra good boy this year. Would you please bring me a jambox with a microphone, a scooter with hand brakes, a denim jacket, a soccer ball pople, and a drum with drumsticks.

Please remember my sister, Kelli Kay, and all my friends. I will leave you milk and chocolate oreo cookies on the fireplace.

Love,  
Craig Cunningham

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. My name is Kelli Kay Cunningham. I have been good this year. Please bring me Tumbling shoes, Key-board, Vedio Tapes, Dancing Barbie and Rocker. And don't forget my brother and friends.

Dear Santa, I love you santa I want a big Three wheeler and I would like some red ropers and I want a red guitar and a new Backpack and a trampoline.

Please bring my sister Saphron some toys That she can Play with. She is a baby so bring baby toys.

How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolf and the other reindeers. I hope you will be my best buddy. Please be careful on Christmas Eve. I will give you a chocolate cookie

Love  
Joshua  
Royston

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys I recieved last year. I have really enjoyed them. I have been a good girl this year.

For Christmas I would like Cricket, jewelry box, an organ, typewriter, cassette player, Cheerleader suit and a Minnie Mouse watch. I'll leave you some cookies and milk Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Delinda Strickland  
Age 5

Dear Santa,  
I Want a lot of things for Christmas, but I can't get them all so the things I want best I wil put them on my list.

Bean Bag  
Sleeping Bag  
Watch and Jewelry set  
Bike  
Clothes  
Red or Gray Boots  
Talking Cabbage patch

Be sure to tell your elves I said hi! and don't work too hard, I love you Santa

MEERY CHRISTMAS  
Ebony McCulloch  
Age 8  
607 N, 6th  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, and more train track. Also Teddy Rupskin.

Love,  
Dawson Druessedow  
Dear Santa, Could I have some more electric train pieces? Could I have a remote cntrol car? And fix my antenna on the jambox, please. May I have some more fourwheeler parts? Thank you.

Love  
Harrison  
Druessedow

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a red combine and a bicycle. I will leave some milk and

cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Please don't forget my brother, Caleb.

Love,  
Casey Carver

Dear Santa Claus,  
My brother Casey and I have been good boys this year. Would you please bring me a football suit where I can play football just like Uncle Chris? I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I Love You,  
Caleb Carver

Dear Santa,  
My name is Leslie Brooke Grand. I am 3 years old.

Would you please bring me a Funtime Barbie with a watch for me. I have been a good girl and helped my Mommy clean house and my Daddy feed calves.

I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Thank you,  
Leslie

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 yrs old, and my name is Chasity. My Mom and Dad are Tricia & Matt Mitchell.

Would you please bring me a Baby Doll Cricket and a Scooter. I would like a baby Brother if you have an extra one.

If you are not too mad at my Dad for shooting your Reindeer, he would like a new pair of Boots, size 9 1/2 D. My Mom wants a new Black nightie.

I will leave you some cookies & mild. Be real quiet so don't wake my Mom & Dad.

I Love you  
Chasity Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
I thought I better write this year and tell you that I'm in Texas for Christmas and not Denmark. I've been real good & I'de like boots, hat and a pretty cow-girl. Be good to all my family in Copenhagen and Haskell.

Jeg elsker dig,  
Niels Nielsen

Dear Santa:  
Well its that time of year again I know you're very busy. For Christmas I would like a robot, a little bear that talks and some more toys. Have a safe trip.

Bucky Howeth

Dear Santa,  
I want a big bass drum with straps to hold it up like the one in the Wish Book. Also, please bring my sister DebbiBeth and me a talking Teddy Ruxpin that tells stories. And bring my momma a light bulb for our house. Also, you can bring me a ghostbuster toy. I've been a real good boy this year, so please bring me lots of toys. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls especially my friend Bergen. Have a good trip!

Love,  
Nathan Long  
Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 yrs old I go to early childhood school. I have been a good little boy this Xmas. I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Xmas. Cowboy hat, guns, swing set, clothes, car that run by battery, and a whole lots of good things. Oh yes Santa don't forget my little

nephew DeMarias bring him something too.

Merry Christmas Santa  
Marcus Johnson

Dear Santa  
We just want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and also Grandpa & Grandma Tarres, Pete Jr. Grandpa & Grandma Villa, Chris, Janie, JoAnn, Lena and Mommy and Daddy also a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Love Ya  
Lezli & Lindsey

Dear Santa  
Hi, I'm Lindsey. It really doesn't matter what I get for Christmas, cause I am only 8 months old. Whatever you bring me will be fine. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and everyone else.

Love Always  
Linsy Michelle Villa  
8 months old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lewis. I am 5 months old. Please bring me a toy I can play with.

Love,  
Lewis Lacey

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year!

**Carolyn Reynolds**  
District Clerk

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We Hope This Joyous Time Will Bring To You  
All The Goodness Of Yuletide.

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Haskell, Stamford

The Voice of the Rolling Plains

# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good Christmas this year. For Christmas I want a Computer, and some games, and the rest of my presents can be surprises. Look for you snack by the fireplace.  
Love,  
Andrea Callaway  
2nd grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Ninterdo and a new skateboard. Please come to see all the other boys and girls for Christmas, too. Thank you for everything.

Love,  
Jonathan Isbell  
age 10

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sarah SoRelle, I live at 311 Addison Dr. in Haskell, Tx. For Christmas I want a scooter with brakes. I also want a swatch watch and a skateboard and a boy Cabbage Patch doll. Last but not least I won't my own microscope.

Yours truly,  
Sarah SoRelle  
P.S. Don't forget my older sister Emily.

Dear Santa  
I have ben good this year. I am 7 years old. I wanta Dansin balarena barbie, and if you can I would like a rill uncrn horn, a picture of a uncrn and a computr, and if you can I want

a rill stallion a blak one a microscope.

I Love you santa.  
From Ashley Watson

Dear Santa  
John Ross wood like some baye toys.

I Love you Santa.  
From Jonh Ross Watson

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Suzuki four wheeler and a Ghostbuster proton pack for Christmas. I have tried to be good this year. Please be nice to the other boys and girls. Thank you, Santa.

I love ya,  
Mark Isbell  
age 4

Dear Santa,  
I wanta a kerplunk game and a little Jam box. I hope you have a nice trip and I am going to leave you a little surprise.

Love,  
Jessica Comedy

Dear Santa Claus:  
I tried to be good this year, so you could come to my house this Christmas and bring me lots of stuff. Here's what I would like for you to bring me: a fisher-price pupu playhouse, some kitchen dishes so sissy and me can have tea parties. Also I have been wanting a belt to wear with my wranglers and new boots. Santa please don't forget about sissy she has tried her best to be good.

I Love you  
Kellie Daniels 2 1/2

Dear Santa;  
My name is Maegan, but everyone calls me "sissy" I just didn't want you to miss me this Christmas. I would

like a scoot-around, and an animal sounds barn, some waffle blocks and a purse like my big sisters.

I Love You  
Sissy Daniels 14 mo.

P.S. My Daddy wants you to bring me a lot of diapers.

Dear Santa,  
First of all I would like to say that I have been a very good boy. All that I want is a new pair of ropers, 1000 pounds of pig feed, some new clippers, 1 ton of coffee beans, one hubcap (because I have already got three), a free haircut from Tommy Matthews, and a nice wash job for my pickup.

Love,  
James Bevel

P.S. I would also like to say that what goes around comes around.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandon and I am 8 years old. For Christmas I would like some G.I. Joe toys, some Transformers, a watch, and some camping gear. I have been a good boy this year. Also don't forget my sisters, Misty & Kristen.

Love,  
Brandon Rodela  
P.S. You can leave some Captain Power toys in my stocking, also.

Dear Santa,  
I want a unicycle and 160 in one electronic game. I have been pretty good this year.

Love,  
Your friend

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kristen and I am 3 years old. For Christmas this year I want a tricycle, a baby doll, a teddy bear and some new clothes. I have

tried to be real good this year.

Love,  
Kristen Rodela  
Bring me a scooter and Read & Spell. Please make our family happy. Please make it snow for Christmas. Give my Mom pretty clothes. Bring Dad some handsome clothes. I will be a good boy, Santa. Remember my brother J.

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy so I want a microscope and Jam box and don't forget my brother and cousins.

Your friend,  
J Mickler

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch for Christmas. You can bring anything else you want to.

Love,  
Lee Conner Christian  
6 yrs. old

Joshua Mickler



*Silent Night*

*may this holy season bring us lasting peace!*

We want to say "Merry Christmas" to everyone especially to our Firemen, Ladies Auxiliary and the City of Haskell.

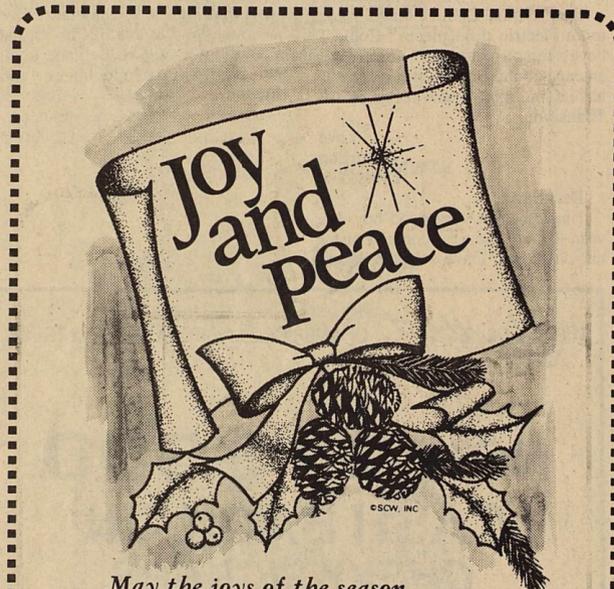
*Satch and Pearl Lusk*



**JOY TO ALL**

As the old year ends, we'd like to greet all our loyal patrons.

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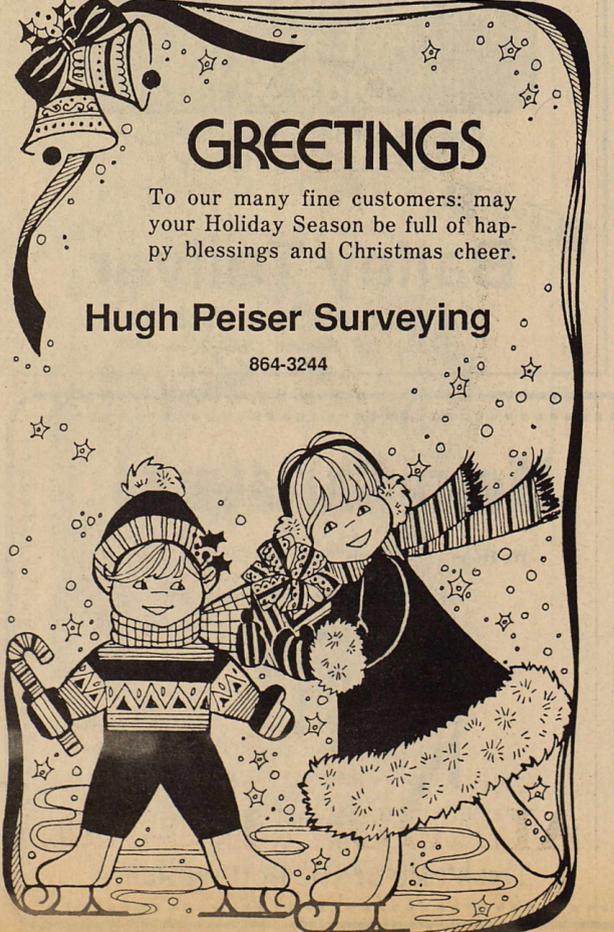
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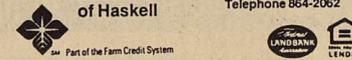
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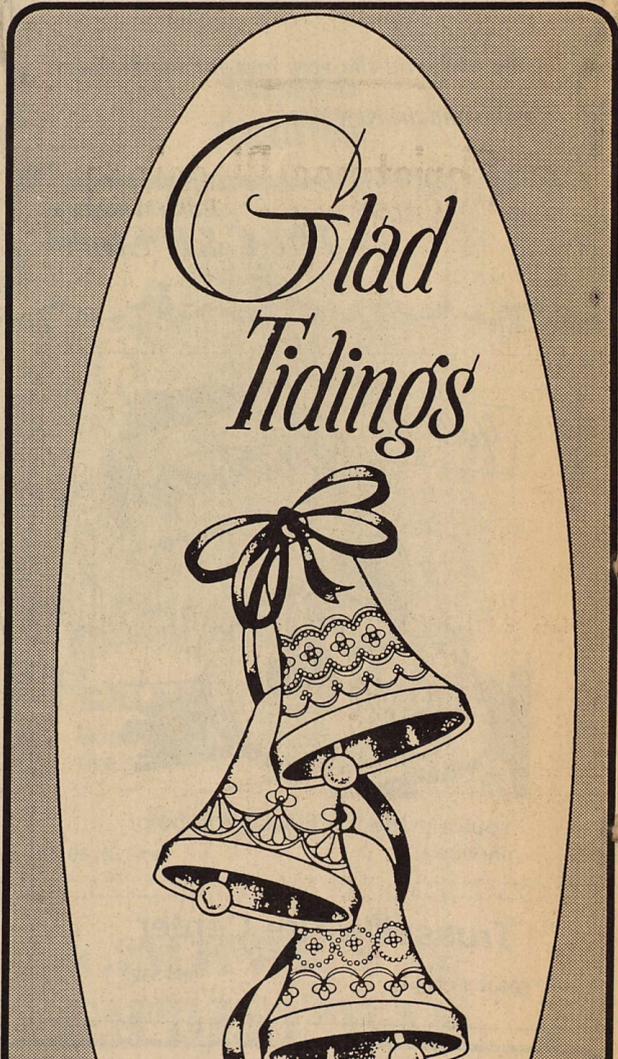


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# Santa Claus letters...

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old and am in early childhood school. I have tried to be a good little girl. Would you bring me a walking doll, stroller, tape recorder, puzzles and anything else you think I would like. I will be in Fort Worth Christmas overnight at my grannie and papa Harris house. Remember my little cousins in Fort Worth and Jake in Stamford. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love your little friend  
Judith Andress

Dear Santa  
I am a little boy 4 years old and live in Stamford. I have tried to be a good little boy. Would you bring me a tractor with a front-end loader so I can play outside next summer. You can leave me other things too that

you think I would like. Remember my little cousin Judith, who will be in Fort Worth for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love your little friend  
Jake Terrell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tifani. I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a doll, clothes, and lots of toys. Please bring my baby brothers toys too.

Love,  
Tifani Lacey

Dear Santa  
Hi, Im Lezli for Christmas I want lots of toys and clothes. But mainly I want this Christmas to be very special. And I want to wish you and everyone else a very Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year.

Love always  
Lezli Roxanne Villa  
2 years old

Dear Santa,  
My sister and I would like a cooking stove, a Barbie Doll whose gown-turns into a bag, and also I want a Red headed Washable Cabbage Patch doll and bring my sister Hattie a blonde headed Cabbage Patch so we won't get them mixed up! Sometimes we argue over who's is who's!! But besides that we have been very good little girls!

Love You  
Halee Walton, age 6  
and my sister Hattie Walton, age 3  
Paint Creek

Dear Santa,  
My mommy told me that I am supposed to write you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I'm too little to do the writing so mommy is doing it for me.

I've been a little angel this year (I

know because my Grandmas told me so!)

Please bring me a new kitty that won't get mad and hiss at me when I sit and bounce on him. "Festus" just doesn't understand that little girls need something to take out their frustrations on!

I would also like some more new teeth. Mommy keeps telling me that as soon as I get some more teeth I can eat hard candy! Yum! (You might bring a supply of candy to go with them!)

If you have room on your sleigh, please bring me my very own Christmas tree with lots & lots of pretty lights and balls on it. My mommy & daddy won't let me touch theirs.

If you can't bring me any of these things, a pretty baby doll or story book would do. I like things like that!

I'll be sleeping when you come to my house on Christmas Eve. Our

chimney doesn't work so you'll have to use the front door! I hope you like cookies!

I Love you!  
Brianna Wheatley

Dear Santa,  
I am Jeffrey Murray and I am 4 yrs old.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael. I am 1 year old. For Christmas I would like a truck, Robot, and lots of toys. Me and my brother Lewis and sister Tifani will have cookies and milk for you.

Love,  
Michael Lacey

For Christmas I would like: a soccer ball, a Silverhawk, a walkie-talkie, and some Construx, and a G.I. Joe.

I have a little sister, Jennifer, who is 7 weeks old. Would you please just leave her a few baby toys?

I have tried to be a good boy this

year. Tell Rudolph and Mrs. Santa hello.

I Love You, Santa  
Jeffrey Murray  
Rule, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I am Michael Murray. I am eight years old. I would like some converse shoes, a silver hawk, a G.I. Joe, a model airplane and some battle beast. Please say hi to everyone at the north pole.

Love  
Michael David Murray  
Rule, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a two year old girl and I have been very good this year.

Would you please bring me a popple like my sister's. Bring a trampoline too. I promise to share.

I'll leave you a snack too.  
Thank you,  
Joanne Josselet

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# Letters to Santa

Weinert Pre-Kindergarten  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Fake and Dot  
Wake the Dragon and He Men and  
\$1000 and FireBall Island and Santa  
suit. Thandercats and Momrah.

Love,  
Adam Garza  
Age almost 6

Weinert Kindergarten  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Fakere and Dot,  
wake the Dragon and He Men and a  
\$1000 and Fire Ball Island, Santa  
Claus suit, thundercat.

Lane Murphy  
Age 6  
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a talking doll and  
a little baby and a little bitty tiny  
baby.

Joanie Sherman  
Age 5  
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Karate Suit, BB  
Gun, real money, army clothes and  
gun.

David Pena  
Age 5

Weinert Kindergarten  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a motorcycle and  
a GI Joe, Bad Guy, Airplane and a  
Cobra.

Love  
Jimmy Taylor  
Age 4  
Weinert Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Choo choo train  
and track.

Love Ezequiel Estrada  
Age 5  
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas, I would like a  
Lite-Bright. I love you Santa Claus.  
And I like your reindeers. I wish you  
have a Merry Christmas bringing all  
the other kids their toys. Don't forget  
to fill my stocking. I now live in  
Cisco and I am 5 this year. I want a  
robot.

Love,  
Steven Kyle Cockerell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Me love you and me love your  
reindeers. Don't forget to fill my  
stocking. I will leave some  
marshmallows for you. Me want a  
baby, baby snoopy, fishing rod, a

flashlight, and a baby, baby remote  
control robot. My name is Jimmy  
Cockerell and me am 3. My live at  
Cisco with all my junk.

Love,  
Jimmy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want doctor Kit and a set of  
Sidhes for my Christmas Gift. I want  
to thank you for your Love for all the  
children of the world. I want to wish  
you a merry Christmas and a Happy  
new year.

Love  
Fe Anguiano

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to wish you a Merry Xmas  
and a Happy New Year and I want to  
thank you for coming around every  
Xmas. I want you to know that I love  
you for being so kind to kids. So I  
want to ask you for a Xmas Gift from

you. I'd like a set of Dishes and  
talking Doll.

Love,  
Caridad Anguiano  
605 S. 7th  
Haskell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Misty, and I am 6  
years old. For Christmas this year I  
would like a Barbie ice cream shop, a  
baby Heather, a bicycle, and some  
new clothes with leg warmers. I have  
been a good girl this year.

Love,  
Misty Rodela

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old and in  
Kindergarten this year. For Christmas  
I would like a Heart-to-Heart Bear,  
Workout Set, My Little Pony Make-  
up Shop, Forever Friends, and a  
School desk.

Santa I will leave you cookies and  
milk. I will be nice for this  
Christmas and next Christmas.

Thank you.  
Amber Futch

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old and in the 4th  
grade this year. This year I would like  
a skateboard, and a remote control car.  
From your friend,  
Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for a great Christmas last  
year. I have been pretty good this  
year.

Would you please bring me  
Transformers Deception Sixshot, a  
Strada scooter, and lots of surprises.  
Remember all my cousins and  
friends.

Merry Christmas  
Tim Dewey  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Clause,  
I hope you have a good Christmas  
Eye. I've been a good boy this year  
and I would like a star-laser gun, a  
Roller-racer, and a toy sword. Thank  
you.

Love,  
Matt Atkinson

Dear Santa Claus  
Lots toys. Love You. Wrapped  
toys. I want a truck that climbs up  
the wall.

Love,  
Jason Shaw  
Age 5

Dear Santa:  
I am a good boy 19 months old.  
Please bring me a bear that talks and  
a surprise. Please remember my big  
brother, Jason. He is a very good big  
brother and I love him. I will leave  
you a snack.

Love,  
A.J. Shaw



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Written By  
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**MEDICAL EXPENSES:** On your 1987 return they are deductible only to the extent they exceed 7.5% of your Adjusted Gross Income. If you are going to reach the 7.5% limit, maximize your deductions by paying all outstanding medical and dental bills before December 31. Have elective surgery done or get medical checkups for yourself and your whole family. If you are not going to reach the 7.5% limit, defer payment of medical expenses until next year when you may reach the limit.

**TAXES:** Pay your local, school, and country property taxes before December 31 so you may take the deduction on your 1987 return.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Make charitable contributions to churches and charities now instead of waiting until next year. Pay next year's commitments with a contribution this year.

**BUSINESS EXPENSES:** Buy new equipment and place it in service before year-end. You can deduct up to \$10,000 of the cost immediately and depreciate the balance. Have repairs and maintenance completed before the end of the year. Purchase needed supplies, prepay insurance costs, pay promotion and advertising expenses, and give employees their bonuses by December 31.

Some individuals could be affected by the Alternative Minimum Tax and should defer expenses and increase 1987 income. Consult your tax advisor to determine if you are subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax.

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old, and I have been very good this year.  
Would you please bring me a popple and a big round trampoline for me and my sister to jump on.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Josselet

P.S. I'll leave you a snack so you won't get hungry.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me a Baby Cricket and some other presents, I love you. I'll have a snack under the tree waiting for you!

Tabitha Coker  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa:  
I hope you had a nice year. I thank you for last years presents. I hope you didn't get tired last year. And this

year I hope I get a scooter and a shotgun. I have been very good. And I want boots this year. And please leave a candy cane in my bed. And leave my brother one in his bed, too. I'll leave a glass of milk and some cookies on the table for you.

Rusty Howeth

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a play Kithchen and some dishes to go with it. I also want a new cabbage patch because my old one is tore up. I want a sleeping bag, and anything else you want to bring me. We don't have a chimney so you will have to come in front door. I Love You Santa.

Rochelle McCulloch  
Age 6  
607 North 6th  
Haskelle, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I would like lots of things for Christmas, but the things I want most are a 10 speed, walkie talkie for me and my sister, sleeping bag, clothes, jewelry, and a new watch. Be careful on your trip.

Niya McCulloch  
Age 9

P.S. I also wish for peace all over the world.

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy. Could you bring me a dump truck and a big mud truck and any other toys you would like to leave under my tree.

Please bring Brent my brother another dog. Bring Mommy a new dress and Daddy a football game & a shirt.

Thank you for all the things you left for me last year.

Your friend  
Jonathan Toliver age 3  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Texas

P.S. I sure would like to have another white bear. Give Mrs. Santa & the Elves a hug for me.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Hope you are well & ready for Christmas.

Would you please bring me a backpack for my toys and an angel to play with. I sure do need a doggie & an umbrella for when it rains.

I love to look at books so please bring me lots of books.

Would you please bring my Daddy

a big new chair and my sister Christi some new P.J.'s

Give my love to Mrs. Santa!! Have a safe trip & Merry Christmas.

Love You Bunches  
Ashley Escobedo Age 3

Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Texas

P.S. Don't forget my Grandmother & Granddaddy. They have been good too!!

Dear Santa,  
I hope my letter finds you all well & ready for Christmas.

Would you please bring me a baby doll, records & a new Jacket, some books and a play puppy dog.

It would be nice of you if you could bring Daysha my sister some new clothes, Joseph my brother a new play gun & Jeffery my baby brother some new overalls.

Please bring my Mommie & Daddy some new clothes. My Mommy would like some new perfume.

Thank you for all the gifts you let last year. Give Mrs. Santa & the Elves a hug for me.

Have a safe trip. Don't forget to eat your cookies & milk. Merry Christmas.

Love & Kisses  
Deshea Pheister Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are feeling Ok & that you are not to tired to come by my house on Christmas Eve.

Would you please bring Mommy some new clothes. Daddy a new Big Chair and Casey my brother a new play gun.

Here is my list.

1. Teddy Ruxpin
2. Rainbow brite doll
3. Hi Ho Cherie Game
4. A new Clothing Bag
5. Some Big Blocks

If you can only bring a few things

I will understand.  
Thanks for everything.

Your friend  
Katie Thompson Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I've been the nicest kid in town?? So could you please bring me some dump trucks, a new blanket, a typewriter, a bunny, a play chair, a play vaccum cleaner, a triain and a play gun.

My Daddy & Mommy have been good too? My Daddy wants a new gun, a bird & a new dog. Could you please bring my Mommy a new stove, a cooker, a pillow and new clothes.

My sister Karrie has not been too good but I guess you could bring her some new dollies and new clothes.

I hope Mrs. Santa is OK & give my love to your Elves & raindeers.

Love You a bunch

Your Friend  
Loren Cole Age 3



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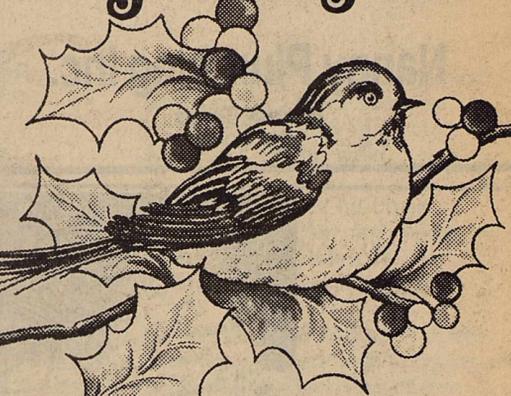


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*The Kayle*

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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# Santa Claus letters...

Dear Santa:  
Happy New Year.  
Merry Christmas.  
1 2 3 4 5  
Merry Christmas to Mrs. Claus.  
I've been a good boy this year.  
Please bring me some toys. I want a four by four, transformer, motorcycle, little big foot, a car with a bullet and the back come on, and some surprises.  
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I want a green dirt bike and G.I. Joe and army shoes and a little toy basket ball with a little toy goal.

Love,  
Dusty Yates  
1st Grade, Weinert.

Dear Santa,  
I want two toy. I want a jambox and blades. My dad wants a Pallot gun and my mom want a V.C.R.

Love,  
Timmy Perez  
Weinert 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last years toys. And this year I want a survival knife and a BB machine Gun. And all Sables stuff.

Love,  
Jeremy Harlan  
Weinert, Tx 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Will you please get me the Birbe ice cream shop. And some things for my Family. And thank you for last year it was fun. I got a lot of Presents. And I hope everybody has a good Christmas.

Love,  
Alisa Garza  
Weinert, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want three Cobras but I don't know thir names. My sister wants a keyboard it is white. I want a bone for my dog his name is Blackie.

Love,  
David Crump

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a green dirt bike and a keyboard and also a wrestling ring and men. I am going to leave the cookies in the chair.

Love,  
Heath Guess  
Weinert 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Jesus put us together. Thank you for jesus helping us. Please bring me a reindeer and sled.

Love,  
Lucasca Stillo  
Weinert 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I wish you will give me a kid sister and a pencil and a kitten. Please give me Birbe ice cream shop. Will you give me a bedspred.

Love,  
Ranee Gray

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a girl Barbie and a man Barbie.

Trisha Horan  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me toys, and candies and cookies.

Angel Castorena  
Age 5

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a ball and candy and a baseball.

A clown in Stamford. I want a balloon.

Jeremy Ruiz  
Age 4

## GOOD TIDINGS



Let happiness and goodwill abound during this most joyous of holidays.

### James Castagna

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Haskell, Texas  
Jeff Gregg CPA



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And tomorrow  
Because it's the day after Christmas  
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Perhaps we can't tell you about it  
From day to day  
For you may be far away  
Or we may be entangled  
With the things of life  
But it makes no difference.  
Our thoughts and our wishes  
Will be with you.  
Whatever joy or success comes to you,  
We shall be glad clear through the year.

Without pretense  
We wish you the spirit of Christmas.

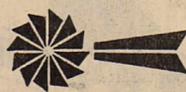


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# Santa Claus letters...

Dear Santa,  
I guess you know I really want a lot of things!!!  
Could you please bring me a new shirt & boots like my Dads, new tennis shoes and levis like my Dads.  
I need some friendship bracelet thread to make gifts for my friends.  
I really do need some "big" Kangaroo football shoes & Niki high tops and a new bill fold like my Dads.  
Santa, Brooke my sister needs some new dresses. My Dad needs loads of new clothes and so does my Mom!  
I've been very good! Could you bring it all after my nap so I could see you!

I love you & Merry Christmas  
Brandon McGuire Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx  
P.S. Give your raindeer a hug for me & Mrs. Santa too!  
Dear Santa,

I've been a very good kid so could you bring me some goastbuster toys and some new jeans. I sure would like some new black boots and socks. Oh yes! I would like some new guns & a new hat & desk and coloring books.  
Would you please bring my Mommy a new jacket & pants. My daddy some new jeans & boots.  
Would you please bring Larry a new black hat and boots.  
Bring my baby that is coming in

March a new bed, some toys and milk.  
Thank you for all the things you brought last year.  
Give my love to Mrs. Santa, the elves and raindeers.

Your friend  
Dustin Threest Age 4  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies & milk.  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very, very good little girl so I need lots of toys.  
Could you please bring me a new Barbie Car, some games and a new Barbie doll, a BB gun and some books and blocks and some chocolate Andy Candy & new red boots.  
My Mommy has been good too so could you bring her a new car she doesn't like our pick-up anymore.

Give my love to Mrs. Santa, the elves & raindeer. And here is a big hug and kiss for you.  
XO

Love You Bunches  
Your Friend,  
Laura Davis Age 2  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've tried very hard to be a good little girl this year. I started to school and it has been hard for me, but I am doing very well at my school.

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For Christmas this year I would like a new baby doll, some blocks and a new doll buggy.  
Could you please bring my Mommy some new clothes and bring Daddy some new levis.  
Thank you for all the things you brought last year.  
Give my love & kisses to all your helpers & Mrs. Santa.  
Love You bunches.

Your friend,  
Brittany Bird Age 2  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've tried so hard this year to be a good little girl.  
Could you please bring me a Fun Time Barbie, a watch, some new pink boots, games, books & records & a cowgirl hat.  
My Mommy & Daddy have tried to be good too. So could you please bring my Daddy some new jeans and Mommy some new clothes.  
I'll leave you some cookies & Milk.  
Thank you for everything.  
Huggs & Kisses

Your friend  
Leslie Grand Age 3  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good kid this year. I've tried real hard to be nice.  
Would you please bring me a "real" organ to play on. I love your surprises so please bring me anything you want to.

Would you please bring my Mom some socks and a bicycle. My Dad would like a bicycle & some new underwear and some new working shirts.  
My grandparents have tried to be good too, as much as possible? Please bring Minks some new jeans and PaPa Joe some new boots. Please bring Pa Pa some new shirts and a belt and jeans. Grandmaw Tenny would like some new sweaters and shoes.  
Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa.  
I love you.

Your Friend,  
Ross Pittman Age 5  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Tx

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good for you. So could you bring me a new Barbie doll, a Barbie icecream parlor, a cabbage patch doll, and a My Little Pony.

Your friend,  
Megan Bird  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Texas

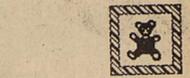
My Mommy has been good too, so could you bring her a new sweater and some shoes. My Dad would like some new tennis hoes and a flannel shirt and some new jeans.

Please bring my MaMaw Turnbow some new shoes & a sweater. My Pa Pa Turnbow would like some new househoses. My Nanny would like a pair of new shoes my Pa Pa Bird would like some tennis shoes.

Brittany my cousin would like a My Little Pony too!  
Give my love to the elves, Mrs. Santa & the reindeer.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas.  
Love Your Friend,  
Megan Bird  
Discovery World Learning Center  
Haskell, Texas

Merry Christmas



**All Good Wishes**  
May your holiday be shining with joy. To those we've served, our thanks.  
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*Twas The Day Before Christmas  
When to Mr. Jones' surprise  
He realized he had forgotten  
A present for his wife!*

*He jumped out of his chair  
And drove off through the snow  
Rushing to the Hayloft  
In hopes they weren't closed.*

*He was relieved to find it open  
And was greeted with knowing smile  
While he pondered his choice  
On which of the LATEST STYLES.*

*Christmas Day came soon after  
And Twas a Happy Day.  
Mrs. Jones modeled her new dress  
While The Children Played!*

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours, bringing you all the joys of the holy Season.

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May this holy time bring to your hearts His clear message of Christmas love.

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**MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Knowing you and your family is a year round delight! We hope to have the pleasure of continuing to serve you and extend Christmas greetings that are warm and sincere.

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**R. C. COUCH, JR.**  
1919-1987

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A Treasured Friend.  
A Valued Associate.

He will be missed,  
and always remembered.

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