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A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS—Happy, expectant children enjoyed singing songs and visiting with Santa Claus during a pre-

Christmas appearance by the Jolly Old Elf at the Courthouse gazebo in downtown Haskell Saturday afternoon.

December sales tax receipts show decline

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1998, a total of \$176,396,918 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 7 percent increase over the \$164.7 million allocated to cities and counties in December 1997.

December's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1998 topped \$2.3 billion and were 9.7 percent higher than total rebates for 1997, as the Texas economy continues its steady upward

swing," Sharp said. Total allocation to all local taxing entities for 1998 exceeded \$3.3 billion.

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$161.9 million to Texas cities, 7.4 percent higher than last December's payments of \$150.6 million. Rebates of \$14.4 million to Texas counties were up 2.8 percent from the \$14 million paid in December 1997. Another \$5.1 million went to 37 special purpose districts around the state.

Haskell County had a 7.40 percent decrease for December,

1998 of \$21,525.23 in comparison to \$23,247.07 for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$355,771.18 reflect a 5.07 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$338,583.61.

The City of Haskell had a 6.68 percent decrease for December, 1998 of \$20,189.62 in comparison to \$21,636.99 for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$327,307.72 reflect a 6.75 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$306,592.02.

O'Brien had a 70.99 percent decrease for December, 1998 of \$38.67 in comparison to \$133.31

for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$1,732.13 reflect a 48.90 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$3,390.05.

Rochester had a 5.13 percent increase for December, 1998 of \$391.40 in comparison to \$372.37 for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$8,597.04 reflect a 12.67 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$7,630.01.

Rule had a 22.47 percent decrease for December, 1998 of \$820.28 in comparison to \$1,058.14 for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$16,112.29 reflect a 13.63 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$18,656.14.

Weinert had a 84.11 percent increase for December, 1998 of \$85.17 in comparison to \$46.26 for December, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$2,022.00 reflect a 12.67 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$2,315.39.

Profile of Rochester ISD lists many recognitions

Rochester Independent School District consists of one Prekindergarten-12 campus. Enrollment has been approximately 170 students for the last two years.

Although it is a small school district, the school has gained recognition in Academic UIL, FFA, and FHA. Its athletic teams are currently the 1998 District volleyball champions and the 1998 Bi-District football champions in Class A. Rochester is very proud to be home to the "Biggest Little Band in the Big Country," the only school of its size to have a marching band.

Located in Rural Haskell County, this agricultural community is in the center of the Lubbock, Abilene, and Wichita

Falls triangle. Rochester considers itself to be a community of people with high integrity and loyal friendships, who strongly support the school. This is best illustrated by a 99% tax collection rate.

Rochester I.S.D. is an accredited district which has been rated as a Recognized District for the years 1994-97. It was honored to receive the rating of Exemplary District for the 1997-98 school year. Much of the school's success and improvement is attributed to the dedication of a supportive school board and a highly qualified faculty and staff, (many of whom are former students of Rochester School).

In 1998 RISD was awarded the TIF Grant, enabling the school to install networked computers with Internet access capability in every classroom, a five-computer library, and a 21 computer main lab, where PC to TV conversion is done to two large wall mounted monitors.

RISD has been a Tech Prep school since the inception of West Central Texas Tech Prep. Each year, graduating seniors take college credit with them to their respective colleges.

Although the school and community have strong ties to the past and are geographically isolated, they believe they are prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

Nine winners named in Sat. jackpot drawing

Nine lucky winners in the second Jackpot Drawing Saturday afternoon took home gift certificates totaling \$1,500.00 given by local merchants and businesses.

Winning \$100.00 certificates were Alvin Bredthauer of Sagerton, from Bill Wilson Motor Co., Gracie Griffis of Weinert, from M System Grocery, Rev. Luther S. Hollowell, from Modern Way Food

Store, and Susan Skinner, from Levis and Lace.

Winning \$200.00 were Winfred Address, from Boggs and Johnson, Gayla Nanny, from M. System Grocery, Gracie Griffis, from Rodriguez Inn, and Hamilton, from Idalou, from Boggs and Johnson.

Bill Shaw of Haskell won \$300.00 from M System Grocery.

The final drawing will be on Tues., Dec. 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Haskell Chamber names lighting contest winners

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of the 1998 Christmas lighting contest. The citizens of Haskell have done a wonderful job of making Haskell Alive with the many festive lights all over town.

We would like to thank the out of town judges for taking their time at this busy season to come to Haskell and judge the many homes and businesses. This year was not an easy task because there were so many great jobs of decorating. The citizens of Haskell are to be commended for their time and effort.

We congratulate the following winners:

Business Winners: 1. Conner Nursery & Floral, 2. Haskell Healthcare Center, 3. Personality/Slipper Shoppe, Honorable Mention, The Health Center; Childrens Favorite, Boggs and Johnson; and Most Original, Texas Department of Transportation.

Residential Winners: 1. Tony Burson, 2. Danny Kierepka, 3. Jimmy Lisle, Honorable Mention, Craig McCormick; Childrens Favorite, Allie Belle Smith; and Most Original, Elbert Johnson.

Rule Chamber announces lighting, poster winners

The Rule Chamber of Commerce have announced the winners in the Home and Yard Lighting Contest.

First place: the Bill Jones home; second place: the Liz Westmoreland home; and third place: the Lisa Paponon home.

These homes and others in Rule are very attractive and the Rule Chamber invites you to come see them. Thanks to those who called to enter their home in the contest.

Winners of the Children's Christmas Poster Contest held each year for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade were as follows: Kindergarten: first place: Donna Thomas; second place: Stephanie Threet; and third place: Rodney

Johnson.

First Grade: first place: Joseph Turner; second place: Kayce Wilcox; and third place: Sonya Camacho.

Second Grade: first place: Zeb Petty; second place: Lacey Stephens; and third place: Molly Dudensing.

Third Grade: no entries

Fourth Grade: first place: Cory Flores; second place: Cassidy Cooper; and third place: Mathew Turner.

Fifth Grade: first place: Jordan Baitz; second place: Tie-Tully Brown and Carlos Aguinaga; and third place: Tie-Luke Hisey and MacKenzie Miller.

Basketball games

Haskell
V-G, V-B at
Hawley Tournament
Dec. 28-30 at Hawley

Calendar

Early deadline for
New Year's edition

Deadline for the Dec. 31st
edition will be Mon., Dec. 28 at
noon.

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Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

Anonymous \$25
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FINAL DRAWING—Braving the cold, dozens of local people gathered at the Courthouse gazebo Saturday afternoon for the second Jackpot drawing for gift certificates given by local businesses.

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Paint Creek Basketball scores

Paint Creek Boys
Dec. 15.
Paint Creek 67, Lueders-Avoca 64.
Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek: 23, 10, 20, 14. Lueders-Avoca: 7, 21, 19, 17.
Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Hegan Lamb 2; Blayne Davis 20; Eric Hearne 12; Wayne Briggs 3; Jodie Reel 30. ***

Dec. 18.
Knox City 71, Paint Creek 65 (OT)
Scores by quarters: Paint Creek

17, 15, 16, 10, 7. Knox City: 12, 16, 19, 11, 13.
Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Lamb 15; Wes Harrison 2; Davis 17; Hearne 19; Briggs 2; Reel 8; Chris Hobbs 2. ***

Paint Creek Girls
Dec. 15.
Lueders-Avoca 48, Paint Creek 23.
Scores by quarters: Paint Creek: 0, 9, 8, 6. Lueders-Avoca: 11, 10, 15, 12.

Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Ashley Medford 6; Delinda Strickland 1; Jackie Davis 2; Selina Salinas 2; Heidi Hope 2; Bridgett Silvas 2; Brandy Gardner 2; April Terrell 1; Heather Hobbs 5. ***

Dec. 18
Knox City 64, Paint Creek 19.
Scores by quarters: Knox City: 14, 16, 13, 21. Paint Creek: 6, 3, 6, 4.

Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 4; Halee Walton 4; Davis 2; Salinas 5; Silvas 2; Terrell 2.

Merry Christmas

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Obituaries

Freddie J. Brewer

Funeral services for Freddie J. Brewer, 67, of Odessa were held Thurs., Dec. 17 at Crescent Park Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Johnny Dickerson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brewer died Mon., Dec. 14 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.
Born Oct. 4, 1931 in Haskell, she married A. C. Brewer Aug. 4, 1950 in Haskell. They moved to Odessa from Abilene in 1953. She worked as a secretary for M & N

Metals for 15 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Crescent Park Baptist Church.
Survivors include her husband, A. C. Brewer of Odessa; two daughters, Debbie Bates and her husband, Mark, of Odessa and Leisa Brewer of Dallas; one granddaughter, Jessica Bates; her mother, Pauline Kendrick of Palo Pinto and one brother, J. M. (Skip) Kendrick of Vega.

Memorials may be made to Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. 'N' St., Midland, Texas 79701.

Martha Ann Reeves

Funeral services for Martha Ann Reeves, 68, of Haskell were held Fri., Dec. 18 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reeves died Mon., Dec. 14 at Rice Spring Care Home.
Born June 29, 1930 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Al Jordan and Juanita Maxwell. She married George Truett Reeves June 29, 1947 in Arlington. She lived in Casper, Wyoming for 18 years, moving back to Haskell

in 1993. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Jordan.
Survivors include her husband, George, of Haskell; one son, Matthew George Reeves of Houston; one daughter, Janet Susan Reeves of Arlington; and one sister, Barbara Witten of Kerrville.

Pallbearers were Jeff Gordan, Harold Foster, Ray Williams, Bill Perry, W. S. 'Bud' Pogue and Wallace Cox, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Business Mens Bible Class.

James Wendell Faught

Funeral services for James Wendell Faught, 69, of Abilene were held Fri., Dec. 18 at First United Methodist Church in Abilene with Rev. Tom Thomson officiating. Burial was in Deming, N.M. directed by Girdner Funeral Home.

Mr. Faught died Wed., Dec. 16 at an Abilene hospital.
Born in Eldorado, Okla. where he attended school, he attended the University of Oklahoma and served in the U. S. Army. He was editor of the *Deming Headlight* in Deming, N.M. for 25 years. He was editor of *The Haskell Free Press* from 1985-95. He married Betty Ellis in 1989 in Fort Worth. He moved to Abilene in 1989 and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Abilene; four daughters, Rhonda Martinez of Deming, N.M., Kim Horther of Austin, Terry Robinson of Spring Hill, Fla., and Anne Polansky of Cagnes su Mer, France; two sons, James Wendell Faught II of Toledo, Ohio and Skip Gregory of Houston; three sisters, Jane McCullough of Birmingham, Ala., Lena Ferris of College Station and Pauline Reynolds of Quanah; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Dr., Abilene, Texas 79605 or First United Methodist Church, 1318 S. 2nd, Abilene, 79602.

H. D. 'Durward' Caffey

Graveside services for H. D. 'Durward' Caffey, 75, of Abilene were held Fri., Dec. 18 in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Dr. Jeff Reid officiating. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Caffey died Wed., Dec. 16 at an Abilene hospital.

Born in Avoca, he graduated from high school in Stamford. He moved to Abilene from Stamford in 1950 and worked in the furniture business as a warehouse manager before his retirement. He married Vera Williams in Abilene Jan. 2, 1998. A U. S. Army veteran, he was a member of

VFW Post 2012 in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Vera, of Abilene; one son, Harold Caffey, Jr. of Abilene; one stepson, Roy Smith of Arkansas; three daughters, Ann Shirley Young of Haskell, Linda Joy Fulgham of Abilene and Mildred Diane Momic of Alta Loma, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Judy Hines of Arkansas and Tonya Smith of Abilene; two brothers, Nolan Caffey of Abilene and Don Caffey of Stamford; one sister, Modell Cannon of Azle; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Ruth Marie Moore

Funeral services for Ruth Marie Moore, 82, of formerly of Rule were held Fri., Dec. 18 at the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson officiating. Burial was held Sat. at Arbala Cemetery near Sulphur Spring with arrangements under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Moore died Tues., Dec. 15 at an Abilene care home.

Born Feb. 22, 1916 in Idabell, Okla., she was one of ten children. She married William Travis Moore Oct. 27, 1937 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1978 after 49 years of marriage. She had previ-

ously lived in Abilene and Eula for 25 years. A professional seamstress, she worked at Aillens in Abilene and Lane-Felker in Haskell. She worked as a caregiver and was a member of the Rule Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Kenzie Powell Moore of Rule; one daughter and son-in-law, Bettie Lou and John A. McQuinn, Jr. of Abilene; one brother, Eual Fincher of Carson, Calif.; two sisters, Oleta Barnett of Hawthorne, Calif. and Margaret Wix of Westmoreland, Tenn.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bula Lott

Funeral services for Bula Lott, 96, of Conroe were held Thurs., Dec. 17 at Cashner Colonial Chapel with Bob Pulliam and W. R. Jones officiating. Graveside services were held Fri., Dec. 18 at Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lott died Dec. 14 in Montgomery.

Born Aug. 5, 1902 in Haskell Co., she was a member of Woodland Hills Church of Christ. She was preceded

in death by her twin, Eula Reeves in 1983.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Eula and Ray Perkins of Montgomery; one sister, Margaret Reeves of Victoria; grandchildren, Marilyn and Douglas Hultquist of Washington, Ill., Barbara and Milton Jones of Seattle, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Jill, Adam and Alex Hultquist and Patrick and Jeremy Jones.

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Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

The robins of North America are different than those of Europe. I read this inspiring Christmas legend from across the Atlantic and I wanted to pass it on to you.

A long time ago on the night of Christ's birth, a fire kept the manger warm while the child slept. Up high in the rafters where no one had looked, a bird of brown had flown in from the cold.

It gazed on the scene below and saw that the fire was losing its glow. So it fluttered down, with its wings extended, the bird beat them swiftly back and forth until, once again, the flames were strong.

Time and again the bird tended the fire...the colorful flames reflected on its breast.

For the bird's devotion, God decided to mark the bird with a fiery glow. This is how that plain brown bird came to be the robin redbreast.

Since it's close to Christmas, have you thought how beautiful flowers really are.

A flower arrangement being the only art form that can be created quickly and easily, allows us to

enjoy seasonable changes indoors and keeps our lives constantly refreshed and inspired.

Now is the time to fertilize our beds and set out pecan trees. Put out bulbs with bonemeal beneath each bulb. Plant cool weather annuals like pansies, vialas stocks, snapdragons and dianthus for winter and spring color. Chill tulips and hyacinths 6 or 8 weeks in the lowest part of your refrigerator.

During good weather, dig holes for roses and fruit trees to be planted in January and February. Mix one third organic matter and some manure or commercial fertilizer in the holes to weather until the new plants arrive.

Mulch around chrysanthemums and poppies at the base to aid survival during rapid weather changes.

To prolong holiday gift plants, keep them away from heat vents and keep drainage holes open.

Salad greens can be planted now to add zest to winter and spring salads.

Cut back fall blooming

perennials as soon as their tops have frozen.

Christmas is a happy time especially for the children. Happiness is a by-product that comes from living at one's best when we think of Christmas.

Happiness is not in working at what you like, but in liking your work; not in doing what you want, but in wanting what you do.

Let's remember Jesus is the reason for the season. God gave His son as a gift to us when He died on the cross.

Christmas is just such a wonderful time for everyone. The happiest people are those who seem to think least often of themselves and always of others.

Happy people are unselfish people. If you can make a flower arrangement, just a simple one, not elaborate, and give it to a person who needs a lift or encouragement, that's a good reason to grow flowers and make someone happy.

I wish for everyone a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year in 1999.

Cornelius receives Golden Trowel Award

Fort Griffin Lodge No. 489 of Throckmorton, awarded J. N. Cornelius of Rule a Golden Trowel Award Sat., Dec. 12, following a Fellowship Meal hosted by the lodge.

The Golden Trowel is a lodge's formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his lodge. The Golden Trowel Award is designated as the highest award a lodge can bestow upon an individual member.

Cornelius is a retiree from Getty Oil Company with 36 years

service. A resident of Rule for 36 years, he served on Rule City Council from 1990-93. A member of Rule First United Methodist Church, he has served in various offices.

He is a member of Rule Lodge No. 954 where he is presently serving as Worshipful Master for the 4th time and is a dual member of Fort Griffin Lodge No. 489. A 32 Degree KCCH of Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory where he serves as Degree Master of the 17th Degree Team. He served as 91st District Deputy of the Grand Lodge

of Texas A.M. & A.F. in 1983 and 1991. He has served in offices of the 91st District and of the Brazos River Scottish Rite Club.

A member of Rule Chapter 989 Order of the Eastern Star, he is serving as Worthy Patron for the 12th time. He participates in Haskell School BUDDIES Program (Building Up Dreams & Desires in Elementary Students).

He and his wife, Oleta, are parents of three sons. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golf and gardening.

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COSC 1301 (Introduction to Computers)	8-9:15 a.m. TTH	Terri Racher
From WTC (Night):		
MATH 1314 (College Algebra)	7-9:50 p.m. Wed.	Stephanie Ducheneaux \$8 Lab Fee
GEOG 1303	6:30-9:20 p.m. Thurs.	Jim Palmer
From Stamford (Day):		
ENGL 1302 (Composition II)	1:30-2:20 p.m. MWF	Markay Rister \$8 Lab Fee
ENGL 2322 (English Literature)	9-9:50 a.m. MWF	Markay Rister
From Stamford (Night):		
ENGL 2322 (English Literature)	6:30-9:20 p.m. Tues.	Markay Rister

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Your writer and all residents of our little community wish all our readers a very Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good cheer, good health and much happiness. We really hope for more rain than we had in 1998 and look forward to being with all of your during 1999.

Corene Lowack's name was omitted from the list of guests in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark last week. How could we skip the life of any party?

The Friendship Club met Thurs. at noon for its regular monthly luncheon and fellowship at Faith Lutheran Church. Frances Clark

and Alvin and Ev Ulmer furnished the turkeys for the meal and Joyce LeFevre and Mary Neinast were the cooks. Ladies of the community brought all the trimmings for a sumptuous meal enjoyed by Nancy, Jacob and Michael Perez, Sylvia Crowe of Hillsboro, Lynn and Renee Dudensing, Pauline Dick of Haskell, Meta Kupatt, Corene Lowack, Cato Macias, Jr., Leona Schonerstedt, Andrea Kittley, Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell, Louis and Adeline Spitzer of Old Glory, Minnie Monse, Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont, Frieda Knippling, Dorothy and J. B. Toney, Odene Dudensing, Mary Neinast, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Jack and Peggy Tabor, John L. Brooks, Cato Macias, Gus Vahlenkamp of Old Glory, Ed Fouts, Michelle, Tara, Clay and Megan Toney, Marchel and Barbara Nauert of Aspermont, Doris Lehrmann of Rule, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre and Joe and Dorothy Clark. The Happy Birthday son was sun for Renee Dudensing, Delbert LeFevre, Sylvia Crowe, Pauline Dick, Meta Kupatt, Cato Macias, Jr. and Marie Zell.

As the year ends I want to extend my thanks to all the people of the community for sharing their news, parties, etc. with me and all the readers of the paper. Time and again I receive calls from out-of-towners and former residents who say they look forward each week to reading the happenings in our little town. Some say they would not subscribe to the papers if it weren't for the "local" news. Pardon the mistakes and keep the news coming in. Merry Christmas to all!!!

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Erma Liles of Weinert took Paris and Fannie Mae Barton of Haskell and Lee and Rosemary Caudill of Abilene to Rochester for lunch on Thursday. Then all went to Erma's house for exchange of gifts and a visit.

Visiting last weekend with Howard and Estelynn Liles were their son and wife, Blake and Deanna Liles, from Tyler. They also visited her parents, Howard and Frances Scheets and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Liles.

Joyce Hawkins had her family Christmas party Sat., Dec. 19 at the Haskell National Bank community building. There were 59 in attendance. They were James and Shirley Hawkins, Jack, Deana, Justin and Jeffery Rhems and Tom and Lana Brewster of Wichita Falls. Garry and Yvonne Huffines of Dimmit, Russell, Keri, Blake, Trey, Taylor and Ty Magby of Lubbock. Jody and Shelly Kruger and four children of Burnet, Alanzo, Christy and Andrea Jimenez of San Saba, Glendon Hawkins of Irving, Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville and Johnny, Cathy and Ashley Hawkins and Morgan Emilie and Ty Blockman of Jarrell. Phillip,

Floradean and Jimmy Cockerell of Early and from Haskell Billy, Margaret, Creora Tatum, Jonathan, Candis, Aubree and Caden Tatum, Christopher, Melissa, Zachery and Garet Tatum, Gary and Vickie Hawkins, Sammy, Peggy and Michael Hawkins. Joyce and Clayton Hawkins and Penny, James and Shawn Jeans and Bobby Scheets. All had a great time and lots of food and lots of fun playing Chinaman Christmas the letter being S.

Joyce will be leaving on Mon. the 21st with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Huffines, to go to Germany to visit the Huffines youngest daughter and family who are in the military there. They will return on Jan. 6th.

So if you have news either drop it by the Free Press office or call Lisa and tell her. Thanks and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank White went to Jacksboro on Sun. to visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White. He is the son of Frank and Joyce White and she is the daughter of Joe and Joyce Davis. They all attended church with their children.

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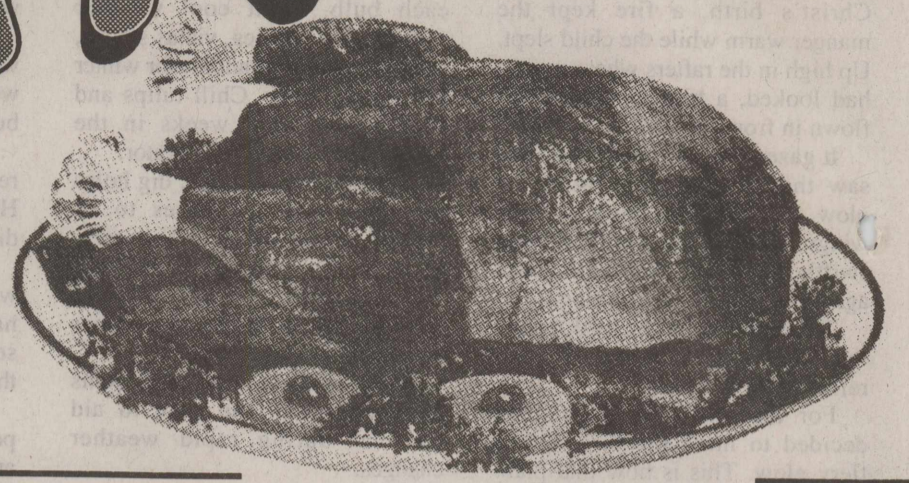
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Child support collections should, for the next two years, remain the responsibility of the attorney general's office, the state Sunset Advisory Commission recommended last week.

Attorney General-elect John Cornyn, who described the agency's collections record as "dismal," will succeed Attorney General Dan Morales in January.

"We want to give the new attorney general time to come in and decide what needs to be done," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, chairman of the commission that reviews the operation of state agencies.

Morales' management of the child support division has been criticized for alleged failure to collect and distribute court-ordered support payments.

The Legislature last year asked the Sunset Advisory Commission to study and make a recommendation whether child support enforcement should be stripped from the attorney general's office's array of duties and placed under the purview of a separate agency.

Texas had 1.1 million child support cases for which the state collected \$757 million in child support payments in 1997-98, according to the attorney general's office.

Cornyn Wants Tobacco Suit Info
Attorney General-elect Cornyn wants some answers about the deal private lawyers struck to represent the state in its tobacco lawsuit.

Cornyn said he thinks more than \$3 billion is an unreasonable amount of money to be paid. Cigarette makers have agreed to a settlement with the state for an estimated \$17 billion dollars.

Cornyn also said he'll take a close look at an agreement Attorney General Morales made with Houston lawyer Marc Murr, whose role in the settlement, Morales said, is worth more than \$1 million.

Recycling Info Site Opens

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission recently launched an online interactive system for mapping data on recycling in Texas.

The agency's Recycling Markets Information System (RMIS) allows buyers, sellers and researchers to display recycling data they select on a map and/or in tabular form on this web site:

<http://arroyo.geo.swt.edu>

Comment from the public is encouraged by the agency, with the goal of finding more uses for recyclable material while reducing waste that would otherwise be tossed into landfills.

Other Highlights

■ State Farm Insurance, the biggest auto insurance company in Texas, has filed lawsuits seeking \$14 million in damages from nine people accused of staging accidents across the state between 1992 and 1997.

■ To compete in the technological marketplace, Texas needs more "flagship" universities to augment the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University. Last week, six Texas university chancellors said the Legislature should do what it takes to make more schools emerge as top-tier research institutions.

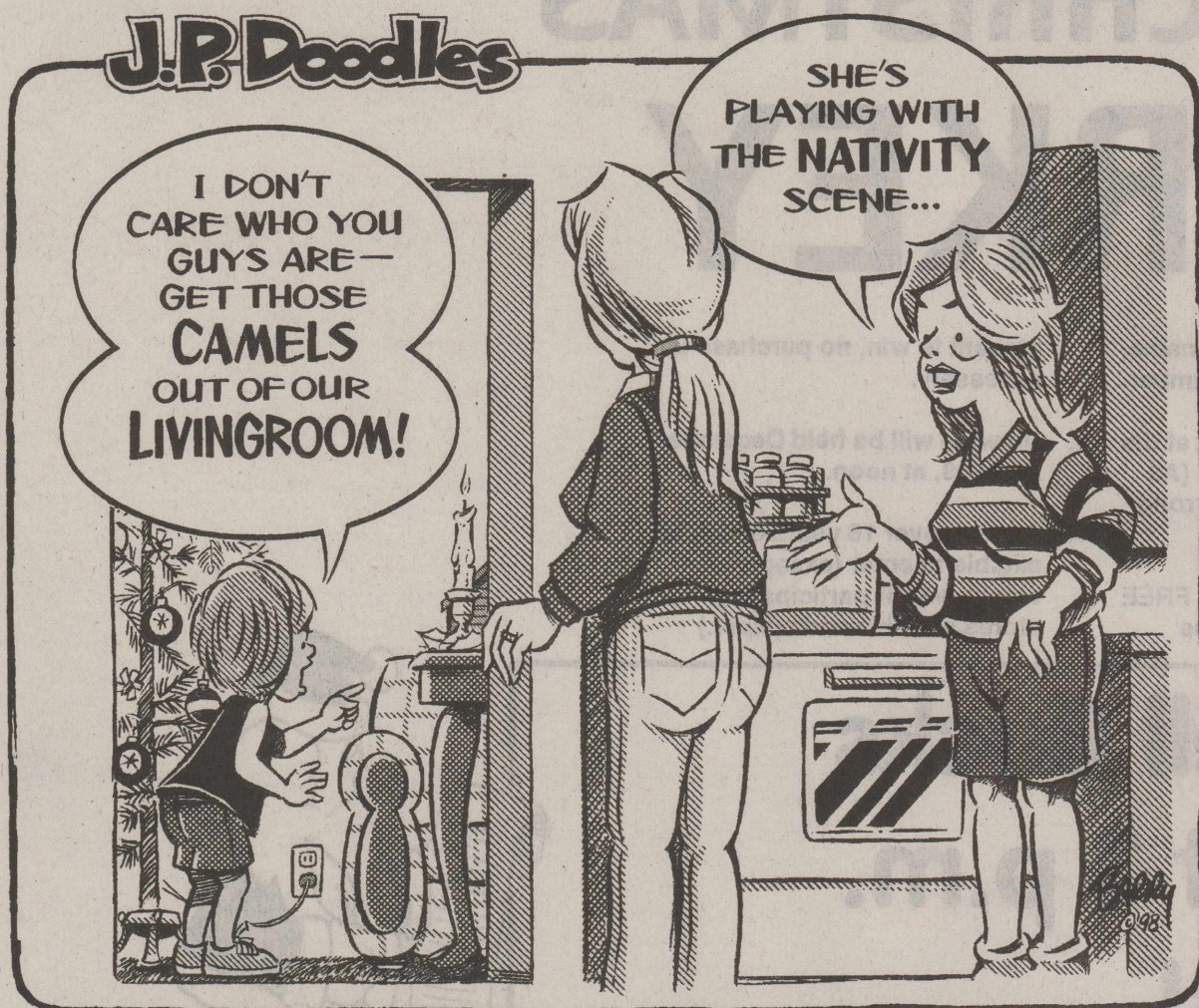
■ The Federal Emergency Management Agency has closed or is closing disaster relief centers in cities including San Antonio, New Braunfels, Wharton, Gonzales and Seguin. FEMA accepted almost 23,000 requests for emergency housing aid in the past two months and approved \$21 million in grants to flood victims.

■ State officials announced last week the launching of the toll free, 24-hour Texas Youth Hotline (1-800-210-2278) for teens and families to call for counseling and referrals in times of domestic crises.

■ University of Texas regent Tom Hicks and his business partner Charles Tate last week revealed themselves as the donors of a manuscript to UT. The memoir by Jose Enrique de la Peña alleges Davy Crockett was executed after the fall of the Alamo.

■ Last week, guards combed all 80 state prisons, 26 drug-treatment centers and state jails in a Texas prison systemwide lockdown. A perceived increase in contraband, weapons and gang activity, coupled with the recent escape — but subsequent death — of a death row inmate, prompted the intensive, pre-holiday search.

■ An internal investigation by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has concluded that Martin Gurule had no help from the inside during his breakout from death row last month. Gurule was found dead of drowning near the TDCJ's Ellis Unit in Huntsville.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

The Noah Project-North Committee's Christmas-red blossoms brought to us as a gift prior to the Tour of Homes, is a gorgeous reminder to me of how much I love poinsettias.

Displayed in mass, or in one single 15 inch diameter blossom, to me they are the most unbelievably beautiful flowers ever developed. The way their green leaves turn to red fascinates me.

Even the history of this traditional symbol of our yuletide cheer, which comes from the pre-Christian, Aztec civilization of Mexico, is intriguing.

Considered by the Aztecs to be a symbol of purity, the flower was a favorite of King Montezuma, and the Aztecs made a rich red dye from its blossoms, using its milky latex as a medicine to reduce fever.

It was unknown to Europeans until the seventeenth century, when Franciscan priests in Mexico began to incorporate the winter-blooming plant into their nativity processions during Christmas celebrations. They called the plant Flores de Noche Buena, "flowers of the holy night."

The name poinsettia comes from the United States first minister to Mexico, Joel Roberts Poinsett, who brought the plant to America.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1776, into an affluent family, Poinsett was educated in the country's finest schools.

Although his parents envisioned a career for him in law or medicine, Poinsett was interested in a more immediate and direct sort of service career.

He devoted his life to public service, always wanting to find a way to make a contribution to his world, and a name for himself in history.

However, an unsuccessful attempt in 1808 to secure a military appointment just before the war with Great Britain, and his failure as a special agent in Chile during that country's revolution, set the pattern for the remainder of his public career.

He served four years in the South Carolina Legislature, two years on the South Carolina Board of Public Works, five years as a member of the United States House of Representatives, and four years as the first American minister in Mexico. Poinsett began each job with ambition and enthusiasm, but never stuck with any one position long enough to make a serious impact. He left Mexico at the urging of both the Mexicans and his own government.

After Mexico, Poinsett did achieve a degree of success as Secretary of War under President Van Buren. Yet, this was a small, obscure claim to fame for one who wanted to achieve something that would guarantee his place in history.

Joel Roberts Poinsett died in 1851, perhaps believing that he had failed in his lifelong quest for achievement and importance. But if Joel Poinsett failed, it was in not recognizing his most lasting and wonderful achievement.

Besides being a diplomat and statesman, Poinsett was an avid amateur botanist. While in Mexico, he often relaxed by working in his gardens. When he returned to the United States, he brought with him a favorite plant; a beautiful subtropical specimen of the euphorbia family, with brilliant red leaves unlike anything seen before in the United States.

Back in Charleston, Poinsett cultivated his Mexican plant, which was eventually named poinsettia in his honor.

It is ironic that this man, who was so obsessed with war and politics, should owe his fame to a single plant; this unusual flower that makes such a spectacular appearance in American life each December.

That the name of the man who wanted to fight wars in the service of his country lives on in the name of the plant that symbolizes joy and peace, is a reminder that we can't always understand the meaning and significance of our life, and that honor and accomplishment and service can come from even our simplest and most private activities.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 29, 1988

Abe and Ruby Turner hosted a coffee open house for the benefit of the Noah Project.

Lions Club Goodfellows delivered 55 boxes of food and toys to needy families for Christmas.

20 Years Ago December 28, 1978

Ladies of the Young Adult Dept. of the East Side Baptist Church held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Sue McGee. Gifts were exchanged, games were played and everyone enjoyed a delicious salad supper. 23 were present.

Catherine Ann Kimbrough received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Texas Women's University.

30 Years Ago December 26, 1968

Haskell Business and Professional Women's Club and West Texas Utilities sponsored a Christmas Home Lighting Contest. First place winner in the window lighting division is Lee Anne Frierson; first place in the door division is Mrs. John Larned; first place in the yard division is Ervin Lehde.

Charles Lott, of Rule, has been named to the Abilene Reporter-News Class "B" all area team. Lott is a senior at Rule High School.

40 Years Ago December 25, 1958

County Judge and Mrs. Alfred Turnbow were in Tulia last week where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estle Gilleland, former residents.

Mrs. F. L. Peavy was hostess for the Rainbow Sewing Club's annual Christmas party.

The Neighbors Hobby Club met in the home of Mrs. Donna Thomas. Officers were elected for the new year. The group sang Christmas hymns and exchanged gifts.

50 Years Ago December 23, 1948

Ganell Dippel, a student in nurses training at Parkland Hospital

in Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rueffer.

The home of Mrs. Rice Alvis was the scene for the regular meeting of the Fannie Smith HD Club. Mrs. Calloway, club president, called the meeting to order and roll call was answered with "My Favorite Christmas Carol."

80 Years Ago December 28, 1918

The U. S. Employment Service has called upon all employers of labor to make every effort to provide jobs for the returning servicemen.

Food for thought

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." John 4:14

He who is a believer in Jesus finds enough in his Lord to satisfy him now and to content him for evermore. The believer is not the man whose days are weary for want of comfort and whose nights are long from absence of heart-cheering thought, for he finds in religion such a spring of joy, such a fountain of consolation, that he is content and happy. Put him in a dungeon and he will find good company; place him in a barren wilderness, he will eat the bread of heaven; drive him away from friendship, he will meet the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Blast all his gourds and he will find shadow beneath the Rock of Ages; sap the foundation of his earthly hopes, but his heart will still be fixed, trusting in the Lord. The heart is as insatiable as the grave till Jesus enters it and then it is a cup full to overflowing. There is such a fullness in Christ that he alone is the believer's all.

The true saint is so completely satisfied with the all-sufficiency of Jesus that he thirsts no more—except it be for deeper draughts of the living fountain. In that sweet manner, believer, shalt thou thirst; it shall not be a thirst of pain, but of loving desire; thou wilt find it a sweet thing to be panting after a fuller enjoyment of Jesus' love. One in days of yore said, "I have been sinking my bucket down into the well full often, but now my thirst after Jesus has become so insatiable, that I long to put the well itself to my lips and drink right on."

Is this the feeling of thine heart now, believer? Dost thou feel that all thy desires are satisfied in Jesus and that thou has no want now, but to know more of him and to have closer fellowship with him? Then come continually to the fountain and take of the water of life freely. Jesus will never think you take too much, but will ever welcome you, saying, "Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."

Letters to the editor

Dear Santa:

Just a reminder to check your sleigh and reindeer before you begin your long Christmas journey.

Rudolph's nose should be shining bright to guide your sleigh through different types of weather. Be sure Donner and Blitzen and all the other reindeer have plenty of feed before the trip and their hooves are in good shape for all the landings and takeoffs they will have during the night.

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Santa, may your journey be as safe as we wish for all who travel during the holidays.

Sincerely,
Earl Proctor
Supervisor
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*Have someone hold the ladder when hanging or taking down decorations on trees or the house.
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the base of the Christmas tree regularly, and check all lights often.

*Keep decorations and potentially dangerous toys away from toddlers.

*Don't drink and drive.

A little extra time and effort, being careful will make this a joyous holiday season.

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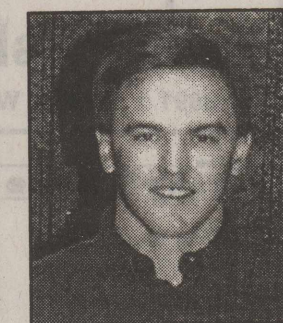
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FFA leadership teams enter area competitions

Seven out of nine Haskell Future Farmers of America agriculture leadership teams advanced to the Area II FFA competitions held at Howard College in Big Spring.

The district competition was held in Anson.

In the FFA Quiz category, the Haskell team, consisting of Audra Arendall, Melissa Buerger, Casey Moeller, Dain Walker, and Kevin Wallace, placed second at district and seventh at area.

In Greenhand Skills, the team of Cliff McGuire, Zac McGuire, and B. J. Opsahl placed second in district and third in area. Daniel Mendoza and Loren Cole participated in Greenhand Speaking. Mendoza placed second at district and third at the area meeting.

Senior Skills participants, Brittany Bartley, Reena Harris, and Jodi Thigpen placed first at district and second in area.

Amy Aycock, Angela Aycock, Joseph Clem, Mindy Howard, and Conrad Palacios placed second at district and seventh at area in Ag Issues Forum.

Senior Creed Speaking participants, Kira Poteet and Kim Hammes, placed second at district and third in area.

The FFA Radio team of Bree Burgess, Missy Teague, and Evan Everett placed second at district and fourth in area.

At the area competitions in Big Spring, Haskell teams took home the second place sweepstakes award with 85 points.

In reporting the results of the competitions, FFA chapter reporter, Conrad Palacios, expressed thanks to all of the Haskell High School faculty for their help and support at these contests.



AG TEAM AWARDS—Haskell High FFA leadership teams placed in several contests at the area and district competitions in Anson and Big Spring. Back row, left, are Melissa Buerger, Zach Collins, B. J. Opsahl, Cliff McGuire, Mindy Howard, Brittany Bartley, Reena Harris, and Jodie Thigpen. Middle row, left, are Audra Arendall, Dain Walker, Lori McDermett, Savannah Foster, Whitney Crane, Missy Teague, Joseph Clem and Katy McDaniels. Front row, left, are Kevin Wallace, Loren Cole, Amy Aycock, Angela Aycock, Kira Poteet, Evan Everett, Kim Hammes, and Conrad Palacios.

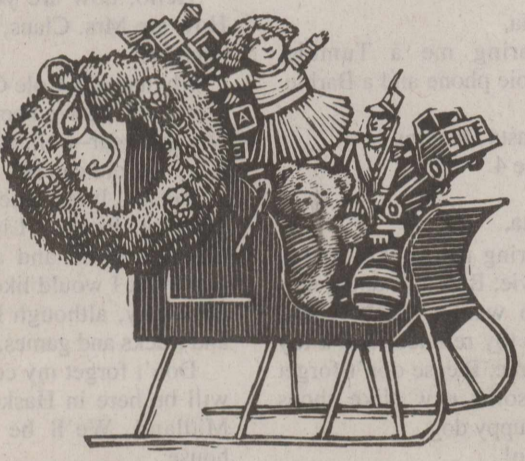
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Love, Mario Gonzales, age 5
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Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a remote control car. There will be cookies and milk when you come. I hope you will eat them. Thanks!
Michael Buerger, age 6
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a play t.v. I would also like some blocks and some clothes. I want a stuffed animal bear. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Austin Green, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want an easy bake oven and glitter glue. I also want a heart cookie cutter and some different kinds of paper and candy canes. I will leave you cookies and milk and thank you for Christmas!
Love, Codi Beth Foster, age 6
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, teddie bear and pens. I think I would like a dress and papers and crayons. I have been good and that is all!
Love, Clarissa Walker, age 6
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll! And a choo-choo train. I want to see you, Santa, because I love you very much. I promise to be very good. So I want some paint. I will leave cookies on the counter!
Love, Brittany Baldwin, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a cook and bake oven and some glitter paint. I want a long skirt. I would really like to have my own room! I want to give you a ring that says "best!" Oh, I also want an art center!
Love, Miranda Gutierrez, age 6
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me Tommie's brother and get me some books and some coloring ones. Please put some candies in my stocking. I have been nice and will let you have some cookies!
Love, Mona Cuellar, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class


Dear Santa,
I want one of those cars with the remote control. I also want a little robot toy and a teddy bear toy. I need some number toys. I have been good at my house!
Love, Nathen Moreno, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
When I was born and just a baby. I wanted a Santa Claus game. Could you bring me that now? I also want a train toy and a tractor. I will leave you milk and cookies at my grandma's.
Love, Trey Gardner, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer! I like when you give presents to us. I also like your elves! Would you bring me a race car that goes by itself? I like you, Santa!
Love, JR Rodriguez, age 5
Mrs. Burson's class

Dear Santa,
I want a new stroller and a little bear. I also want an Easter basket and new coloring book. I want a new heart pillow and a stuffed deer that can stand up! I've been good and I will leave you a note!
Love, Ashlee Short, age 6
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Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and I want two big puppies. I want a motorcycle when I get bigger. I want a choo choo train with tracks and I want a little baby puppy so then I can have three puppies. I am going to call my first one Blue and my baby one Sparkles. Do you like Sparkles!
Love, Koby Foster
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a target Archer leader of the Gorganites. (It's at Wal-Mart.) I think it's pretty huge, but I'll have to tell you I want this thing that goes around and it has these handles that you pull. I also want a new bike. I want Psycho, the radio controlled, battery powered and a puppy that I haven't thought of a name for him yet.

Bring a lot of stuff for my baby. That's all!
Love, Brady Leach
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a trampoline, a swing and a puppy.
Love, Taylor Burson
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Jim. I want a computer and I want a movie. It is called Barney. Even I want this, Archa and a Beauty and the Beast puzzle. That's all!

I forgot, I want a puppy and actually I want a trampoline.
Love, Jim Young
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamie and I want a bike and a play motorcycle. That's it.
Love, Jamie Boyd
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me something I really like that is really special to me. It is a baby rocking horse that I can ride and I want a calendar to hang in my room. My brother wants a red bike for Christmas. I don't know what my Mom and Dad want.

I have been good for a couple of weeks. I have been bad a little of the time, but it's okay. Santa, I won't be bad anymore. If you don't bring me my stuff, I'll understand. You can bring it next Christmas.
Love, Katie Bosnjak
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a telephone for Christmas.
Love, Cheyanne Hill
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
Please give me a trampoline and a bike.
Love, Veronica Robledo
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a tie dye Barbie and I want numbers like Mrs. White's and a *Good Morning Cathey Cook* book, a book, a computer like Mrs. White's and a Santa Claus book for Christmas.
Love, Kelsey Smith
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a Barbie doll.
Love, Lora Wright
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me the Barbie dance and the Barbie with her babies?
Love, Kathleen Rivera
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman for Christmas.
Love, Mason Braswell
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline, a bicycle, a toy, books, a computer and a Christmas tree.
Love, Priscilla Casarez
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a four wheeler.
Love, Kiefer Gonzales
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a puppy dog, a kitty cat, a choo choo train and a new backpack. I also want a big present with a pretty doll, a bike and a purple jacket.
Love, Lynna Billington
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates, a black puppy dog, a big ball, a bike without training wheels and one kitty cat. I also forgot to ask you for the Small Soldier movie.
Love, Andrew Rodriguez
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tumble Baby, a Barbie phone and a Barbie house.
Love, Shasta Dockins
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Archer toy and the movie, Bug toys and a new T.V. I also want a Santa Claus outfit and a toy reindeer and a toy Christmas tree. Please don't forget to get me some new Nike shoes and a cute puppy dog.
I love you!
Love, Colton Kimmel
Pre-K, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie telephone, a Barbie car, a Barbie doll, a mermaid and a new Barbie bike for Christmas because my other one is messed up.
Love, Sonya Rodriguez
Pre-K, age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Waggon and I am 3 years old. I have been really good this year. In fact, my timeout bench is getting kind of dusty.

Would you please bring a Christmas train with an engine, black cowboy boots, a green cowboy hat with a bandana, a power gun, a hammer, a combine, a big truck and some games to my house this year.

Please bring something for Mother and Dad, Grandad, Nana and Gramps and my aunts and uncles. Some of my cousins will be in different places this year so please don't forget any of them.

We will have a plate with cookies on the cobbler and a Dr. Pepper for you. We will have hay in the front yard for your reindeer.
Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you? I'm fine. How are Mrs. Claus, the elves and reindeer?

My name is Cole Casey and I'm 3 yrs. old. I have been a very good boy this year--well, at least as good as a 3 yr. old can be!

Please bring me Emilio the Talking Robot, Lion King II Simba's Pride and anything else you think I would like to have. I'm not picky, although I do like cars and trucks and games, too!

Don't forget my cousin Spencer will be here in Haskell instead of Midland. We'll be at Granny's house.

Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Cole Casey

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Dear Santa,
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Love, Kelli Ozuna, age 4
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
My name is Tori and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good girl this year and for Christmas I would like lots of toys. I love you and Merry Christmas.

Love, Tori Baker, age 3
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
I would like a candy cane and some red toys and a truck and a Christmas surprise. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.

Love, Carlos Gonzalez, age 3
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want the best surprise of all!! A robot with a remote control, a talking doll and a talking Elmo that my little brother and I can play with. My brother wants a red bicycle. I have been a good girl this year and I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.

Love, Katie Bosnjak, age 5
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a new parachute, some ice skates and a new train. I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.

Love, Zachary Shields, age 4
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Dear Santa,
I would like a radio and lots of toys. I will leave you milk and cookies. I have been a good girl this year and I love you. Merry Christmas.

Love, Lory Vaughn, age 3
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want the "Bugs Life" movie, a new purse, a Barbie car, a doll house, a play kitchen and a bear. My list was much too long, so I thought I should stop now. Merry Christmas, Santa and I love you.

Love, Sasha Walker, age 4
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big bike for Christmas and another bike and a watch and a pet. I love you, Santa and I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!

Love, Myles Diaz, age 5
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want toys! Also, a new bike, a new ball, a bear, some new shirts and a book. Please bring my mama a Star Trek watch and my daddy a basketball and a shirt. I have been a good boy this year and I love you. Merry Christmas.

Love, Isaiah Llewellyn, age 3
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
I love you! My name is Breanna and I am 4 years old. For Christmas I want a toy bear, Big Time Bubba and a "Don't Wake Up Daddy" game and a new shirt. I have been a very good girl this year and Merry Christmas.

Love, Breanna Baldwin, age 4
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. Will you please bring me a bike and some shoes and my mama wants a bracelet and my daddy wants a ring. Please bring all my sisters and brothers something special, too. I have been a good girl this year. I love you and Merry Christmas.

Love, Sidney Cassidy, age 4
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
My name is Payten Vaughn. I live in Haskell, Texas in a trailer house. It has a white door and inside there is a brown door.

I have been a good boy. I help my mom with our baby. I would like a dump truck like we have at school, but it needs a key thing to make it start. I would also like farm animals to play with.

For my mom, please bring her a trophy angel.
Payten Vaughn, age 5
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Sting doll for my dad and for my mom I want a Stone Cold doll. For me, I want a red dump truck and a Nintendo Spawn. My sister Breanna, please bring her a new dress. I want a Batman cover. I need a new house. I also want a dinosaur.

Brandon Munoz, age 4
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
I love you so very much; you are so very nice because you give us presents. I want a new bike, a coloring shirt, and I hope this Christmas you will have cookies and milk. I also would like a new Oopsy-Daisy doll. Please bring my sister a new Barbie and my brother a toy car. I live in Haskell, Texas and I have been a very good girl this year. I love you, Santa. Merry Christmas and Merry Christmas from my sister and brother.

Love, Halley Myers, age 5
Haskell Headstart

Dear Santa,
My name is James Williams and I am 6 yrs. old. I have tried really hard this year to be good. For Christmas I would like some new clothes, Nike shoes, WCW Bashin Blowers man, WWF Wrestling ring, WCW-WWF figure men, WCW-WWF play station game. I also want for my new baby brother or sister to be here for Christmas. Please!

Also bring my Daddy and Mommy something special and if you have time please go by and visit all my cousins, especially Baby Dawn and Baby Xavier. This is their first Christmas. I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies, okay!

I love you, Santa.
James Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Stephanie and I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me an Oopsy Daisy doll, a doll that rides a tricycle, some blocks to build with, a doll that I can change her diaper and a Basketball Barbie. I love you Santa and I will leave you some milk and cookies. Will you please bring my mama a diamond necklace and my daddy some new boots. They have been good this year, too. Have a safe trip and I love you.

Love, Stephanie Threect, age 5
Rule Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year and have been looking forward to your arrival for several months. Each night after praying to God, I like to talk to you as well. Following are a list of things I would like you to bring me.

First of all, I really want power wheels for Christmas this year. Please be sure it has a phone in it and some gas. I would also like a Sesame Street train that goes. And if it snows, I'd like some snow shoes, a sled and some ice skates to skate on the ice.

Will have cookies waiting on you when you get here. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

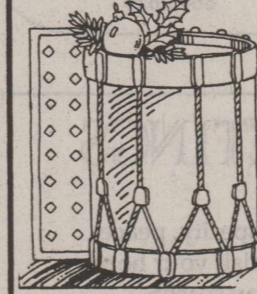
Love, Shelton Toliver

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a dirt bike with 20 inch wheels and a Nerf-Pulsator with yellow balls.

Love, Ethan Frierson, age 7

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a pink bicycle, a computer and a jeep like Ethan's. I have been a good girl.

Love, Morgan Frierson, age 3



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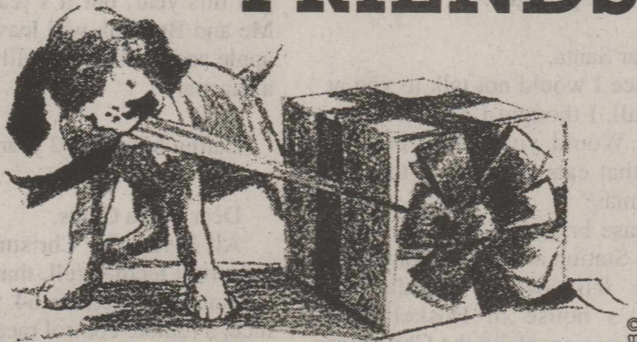
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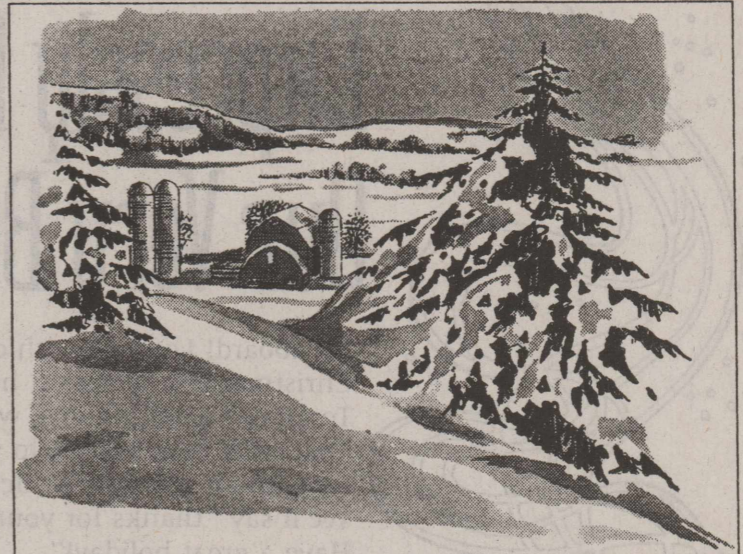
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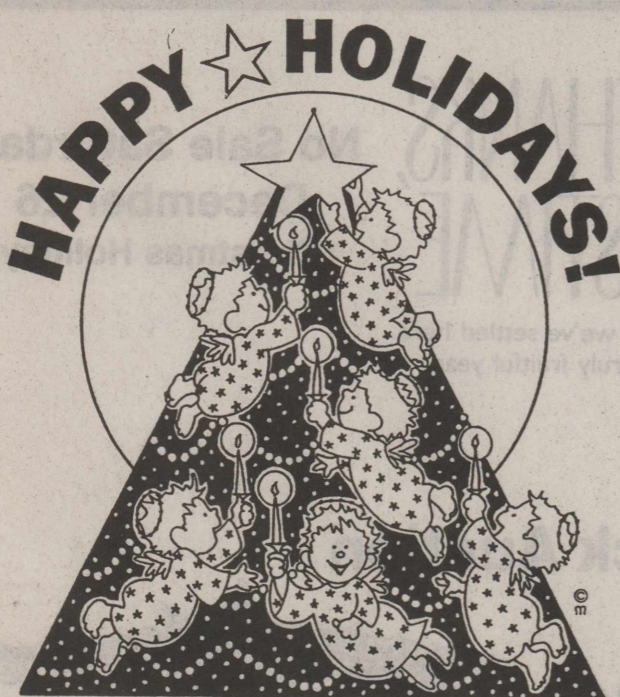
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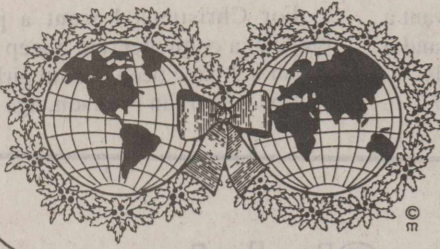
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Dear Santa, please bring me a . . .

Dear Santa,
This is Sara Weise. I live in Haskell, Texas. I really was glad to see you yesterday, even if "Bubba" wasn't. Please remember, I would like a basketball goal, a basketball and a Basketball Barbie. Max just wants "toys." We've been good this year. Max tell Mama, "I not mean, I Boy!" We all agree.

Please be careful and have a safe trip. We will remember to leave you a yummy snack. Please also, remember the little boys and girls in Africa.

Love, Sara "Belle," age 6 and Max, age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Austin Green and I'm 5 1/2 years old. I will turn 6 years old on Christmas Eve. Santa, I have tried to be a good boy this year. But please bring me some gifts, OK? These are some things I would like for Christmas. Well, first of all I would like some clothes and I would also like NWO wolf pack shirt and WCW string doll to fight with and a WCW car.

I would also like NASCAR items but they have to be of Jeff Gordon. And please bring me a N. 64. Well, as for Mommy, bring her some clothes and for Rick bring him gameday 99. For my daddy Heath, can you tell God to watch over him. And for my two grandmothers, bring them anything you want. And please send all my cousins a toy. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love you, Santa.
Austin Green
P. S. Can you go to heaven and give my Papa a gift?

Dear Santa,
Since I would not talk to you at the mall, I thought I'd write you a letter. Would you please bring a baby that eats and a doll, too, for Christmas?

Please bring my brother, Todd, a Play Station and a Blitz game.

We will be at Grand and MaMa's house in Haskell. I'll leave you a snack by the Christmas tree.

Love, Kaylee Scheffel
3 years old

Dear Santa,
How have you been? My name is Ross Wittenborn and I am 5 years old. I would like for Christmas a flip-car, walkie-talkie ear set, a football like Michael's, drums, a scooter and a computer.

Oh and Santa, could you please make sure all the kids on the "angel tree" in the mall get their presents? And please don't forget Brandie, "Sister," "Tipper" and "Shalla."

Thank you.
Ross Wittenborn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys that you gave me last Christmas. I've enjoyed them. Can you please bring me a go cart, robot and a game for my playstoin, the Rug rats.

Don't forget my dog Sky and my cats Preches and Pug.

Love, Megan Bailey

Dear Santa,
Please could I have a Nitro-Dozer, 2XV Racers, XV Racer Track and a Air Hog? Be careful when you're coming to Haskell and have a nice trip. I would also like to know if I'm on the good list or bad list this year. The good list, I hope. We will leave you a snack of 2 gingerbread men.

Love your friend,
Brennan Medford, 7 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Woody doll from Toy Story, a Barbie, a new big girl nightgown, some babies and a baby bed. I've been a good girl this year, but it's really hard! Me and Brennan will leave you an apple and next time I will give you a banana.

Love,
Caitlin Medford, 2 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. Well, that's not all I want. A Nintendo 64 would be nice, a remote control race car, new comforter and sheets for my bed and a guitar.

I will leave milk and cookies for you to enjoy.

When you and your reindeer fly over my house it'll be the one with the Texas flag painted on the garage.

Love, Austin Nanny

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for all the toys you brought for me last Christmas. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like to have a Barbie with babies, roller skates and a basketball goal and ball. Please don't forget my friends at Howard's and my new baby sister Kylie and Mommy and Daddy. I would like for my Daddy to get a John Deere tractor. We'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Merry Christmas.
Ashley Adams, age 3

Dear Santa,
Mommy, Daddy and Ashley say I have been perfect for these past two months. I really don't need much this year, but my sister wants me to have baby toys. Mommy just wants something to put them in.

Merry Christmas.
Kylie Adams, 2 months

Ho, ho, ho Santa Clause
I've been a good girl. I am 7 years old.

For Christmas I want a Nail Salon, Tommy, Spike and Baby Dillon, Fantasy Face Activity Set, play tunnel, Giggie Elmo, telephone and a boom box. Please remember my cousins, Taylor, Cody and Hailey from Andrews. They'll be here Christmas eve and not at home. And don't forget my sissy Tabitha. I'll leave some milk and cookies out for you.

I love you.
Love, Andrea Anderson

Dear Santa,
Is it very cold up at the North Pole?

Now this is what I want for Christmas. I want a dog sleigh and a couple of beanie babies. I don't caur what ones I get for Christmas. I want a Jepe and my sise Barbie.

Love, Ashton

Dear Santa,
It's Julie. I thought I'd write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really like a Furby, Party Pizzaz and basketfull of schrunchies and some Ty Beanies. I will understand if you can't get me these things. But it would really be nice. Merry Christmas!

Thanks, Julie Harvey

Dear Santa,
Me and my sister have been good girls. We will be waiting for you on Christmas Eve. Here are a few things we want. We want clothes and Spice Girl dolls. I want a Baby Dilan Rugrat toy and my sister wants a Teletubby named Tinky Winky. Don't forget to bring our mom and dad a little something. We will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Breanna Jamie Villa and Christina Cierra Villa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I enjoyed seeing you at the WTU Christmas party last week. I wish you didn't have to leave so soon, but I know you had other kids to see. I can't wait until Christmas morning. I hope you will bring me my Barbie Jeep. Give Mrs. Claus a big kiss and hug for me and don't forget to feed the reindeer before you leave so they won't be hungry.

Haley Hernandez, 3 years old
P. S. My momma and daddy have been good, too!!

Dear Santa,
My sister and I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Batman and Robin with a cape and a Batgirl with no cape. I also want a Superman with a butterfly thing and an airplane that flies. Please bring Mackenzie a teddy bear and a candy cane for the new baby. Please come to the blue house and look for the sign on the front gate that says Santa Stop Here.

Love,
Trey Larned, New Braunfels
age 4

Dear Santa,
I have tried very hard to be a good little boy this year! Could you please bring me a remote control bulldozer; a set of Ban/Bams like my Daddy's and a ABC toy. I'll have cookies and milk by the tree waiting for you.

Love, Justice Lee Dever, age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Barbie, snowcone, baby, baby bed, Lucky Ducks game, Teletubbies and doll stroller.

Love, Macy Bingham, age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase Gibson and this is my first Christmas. I've been a very good boy! I would love a new cowboy hat and boots like my daddy's! Some new story books would be nice so my mommy can read to me! Of course, all cowboys need a horse, so a stick horse will be great till I'm big enough to ride a real one! Be careful coming down my chimney! Merry Christmas!

Love, Chase
P. S. Don't forget your milk and cookies!!

Dear Santa,
How are you! I am fine. I have been a good girl this year.

Please bring me a puppy, a computer, a Rugrat movie, a Barbie motorhome and a basketball. Please remember my cousins Breezy, Mattie and Emma. They have been good girls, too. Thanks, Santa. I love you.

Love, McKenzie Barrington



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Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a mirror to go on a water bottle, a remote control truck and a archer figure.
I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Zach Trussell, age 6

Dear Santa,
It's me Austin. I have been a good boy, well, I'm only 2 and Mom says I deserve a little credit. I really like Winnie the Pooh, Legos, tricycles and cars and trucks.
I will leave a Pepsi and cookies.
Love, Austin Trussell age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year, just don't ask Mom or Dad, okay? I would like a bike, some micro machines and a fishing game. I'll leave a Dr. Pepper and some cookies.
Love, Bryson Trussell, age 8
P. S. Don't forget Mom and Dad.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing? Is Rudolph the eighth or ninth reindeer?

Santa, I would love to have Beanie Babies, clothes, karcoky machine and a trampoline. I've been real good this year. Don't forget Cuddle, Kelsie and Dunney.
Love, Paige Adams
P. S. I would also like a personal CD player.

Hi Saint Nicolas!
How's Rudolph, Dancer and Prancer and every elf? How are all the rest of your reindeer?
Here's my Christmas list:
Beanie Babies (especially Glory), Karaoke Machine, trampoline, clothes and game boy.
Please remember Cuddles, Paige, Mom and Dad, Dunny and Judy.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Kelsie Adams

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary Thomas Tatum and I am almost 2 1/2 years old. I have really tried hard to be a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a big truck like Papa's, a big tractor and trailer, some new cars and a ball. Please leave me some candy, fruit and surprises in my stocking. Don't forget my little brother, Garret; he would like a toy big enough so he can't put it in his mouth. Don't forget all my cousins, aunts and uncles. Please bring mommy and daddy something, too. They have been pretty good. I will leave a light on and snacks for you and your reindeer by the tree. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Zachary Tatum, 2 1/2 years old
P. S. I would also like some new Beanie Babies. Also, bring my Grandma Hawkins a surprise and be that she has a safe trip to Germany this year for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Garret Scott Tatum and I am eleven months old. For Christmas I would like some new cars and trucks, some blocks, a Ernie Sesame Street Magic Light and some new Beanie Babies. Don't forget my big brother Zachary; he would like a Teletubbies video. Don't forget my cousins. Also, leave me some fruits, candies and surprises in my stocking. Don't forget to leave Mommy and Daddy a surprise also.
Love, Garret Scott Tatum 11 months old

Dear Santa,
My name is Caden Charles Tatum and I am 2 months old. Am having my Grannie write this letter for me. I would like some new rattlers, squeeze toys, a music box for my crib and some new bottles. I would like some surprises for my stocking. Also, don't forget my big sister, Aubrie. She would like a new doll or a purse filled with goodies. Don't forget mommy and daddy either. Don't forget my cousins, aunts and uncles. I will leave you a snack by the tree.
Love, Caden Tatum, 2 mo. old

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett and I am 4 years old. I've been pretty good this year. I'm sorry I make a little bit of a mess sometimes. I'll clean it up tomorrow and never do it again until I grow up. I want a race car track, RAD the robot and a Spiderman helicopter that shoots out webs. I love your elves, your reindeer, you mom and you, Santa. Please don't forget my little sister, Kenzie.
Thank you, Brett Shelton
P. S. I'll leave your milk and cookies on the piano.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenzie and I am big. I've been a good girl this year. I want a big dollhouse, a baby that crawls and cries named "Oop Daisy," make-up and a car for my dollhouse. Tell Rudolph and the snowman Hi for me. I'll leave milk and cookies just like Bubba. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
McKenzie Shelton, 2 years old.

Dear Santa,
I want furniture and games and a phone and a marker board and a board for my pictures and some clothes for winter and snow on Christmas Eve and some hats and a coat and jacket and some candy.
Love, Amber Bingham, age 9
P.S. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryan Richardson. I am in the 3rd grade now and I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas please bring me an N'Sync cassette, Star Fox for N64, 4 free Rugrats movie tickets, The Glove Virtual Controller for N64 and NFL Blitz for N64 and some dog biscuits for my dog, Patch.
Love, Bryan Richardson, age 8

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily Richardson and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas please bring me a Barbie Motor-home with Ken, a Baby Born doll, a basketball, some Chapstick, a Barbie Power Wheels Jeep, a real life 101 Dalmatians movie, a new blue backpack, some new paint and a 19 inch tall and 18 inch wide TV.
Love, Emily Richardson, age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Aubrie Nicole Tatum and I am 15 months old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a big car to ride in, a new baby doll with clothes and diapers, a kitchen set, table and chairs and a new Teddy Bear. Please bring my baby brother, Caden, a new rattler and some new bottles. Don't forget my cousins, aunts and uncles. Also bring Mommy something with sunflowers on it and Daddy wants a new gun. I will leave some cookies and milk for you by the tree. Also bring me some candy, fruit and surprises for my stocking. Tell Mrs. Claus hello.
Love, Aubrie Tatum 15 months old
P. S. We have just moved to Haskell and I live on the street beside my Grannie and Papa Walters. I will leave a light on so you can find my house.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mackenzie Hope Thomas and I have been a pretty good girl. Please bring me a Barbie doll house with Barbies and kids, Chicken Limbo, Peter Pan beanie babies and glow in the dark pjs.
I have a baby brother, Payton. Bring him lots of baby toys. Also, bring Daddy a ring and Mama a cup. Thank you, Santa.
Mackenzie, age 4 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have tried really hard to be a good girl this year and I think I have done OK. It is really hard being 2!!
For Christmas I want everything my big sister wants, but Dad says I need to get some different things. I really like baby dolls so a new one to play with would be great. I don't have many toys (my big sister has them all) in my room, just a play baby bed so maybe some things for me to keep in my room. A high chair to feed my babies in before I put them to bed would be neat. I would also love some new coloring books and Winnie the Pooh movies.
I am sorry I cried when we went to see you and have picture made. Please bring my cousin Mackenzie lots of toys because it is her first Christmas.

Peace on earth for everyone!!
Reagan Hadaway, 2 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves? Ronnie Webb said you were sick, but I didn't believe him. I will tell Daddy not to put a fire in the fireplace Christmas Eve so you won't get burned.
I wish you would bring me a Magic Stroller Baby and a Barbie watch and anything else you think I need.
Please remember all my friends and my cousins. This is my cousin Mackenzie's first Christmas so please make it a special one for her.

Peace on earth for everyone!!
Carson Hadaway, 4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a puppy. I would like to have 3 puppies. I would like to have a go cart. I would like to get a pillow for my mom and one for my daddy, too.
Austin Marshall


Dear Santa,
Please bring me a microphone and a basketball hoop. I really love "Little Bear" too. I'd really like a Newborn Cabbage Patch doll.
According to my Mimi and Papa

I'm a little angel, so I'm sure I've been really good this year.
I'll leave out some cookies and a Coke for you.
Love, BreAnn Gibbs, age 2

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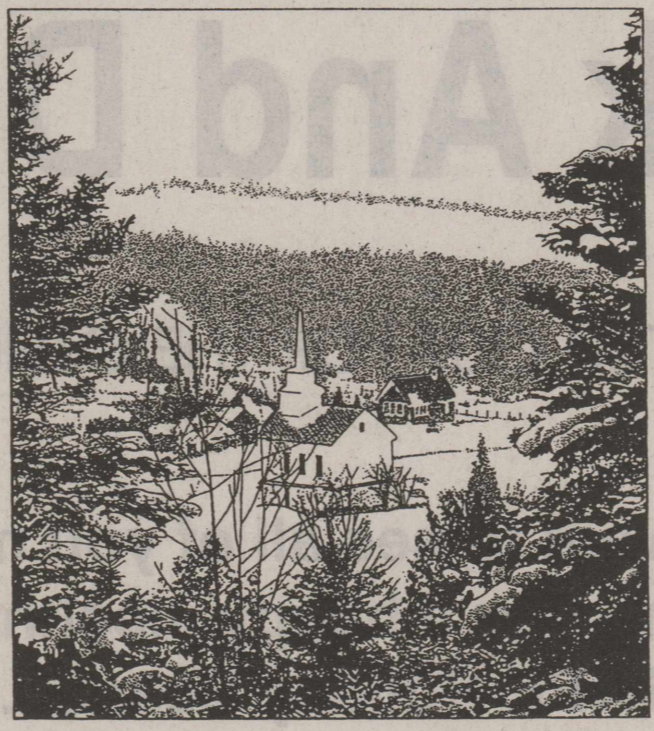
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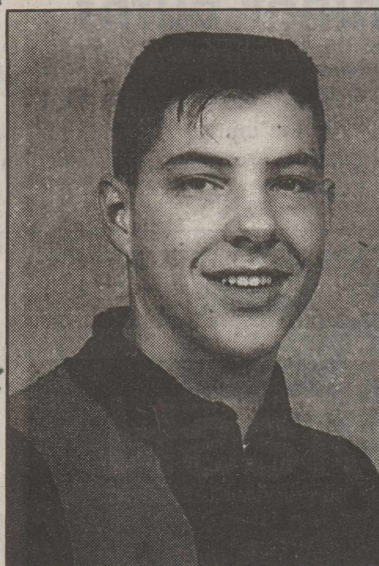
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KEVIN KIRKLAND

Kirkland ordained Dec. 13

Kevin Kirkland has been called as Youth Minister and Associate Pastor of Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo. Kevin and wife, Kimberly, have been working with the youth in the church for about a year and for the last five months Kevin had been filling in as the Youth Minister.

Kevin is a 1996 graduate of Angelo State University with a major in Communications and a minor in Broadcast Journalism. He is leaving a job with Newman Outdoor Advertising to take this position with the church.

Kimberly also graduated from ASU and is working as a Registered Nurse for a home health care agency in San Angelo. Both are excited about this new work. "Glen Meadows is one of the fastest growing Baptist churches in Texas and it is great to be in on the growth," says Kirkland.

Kevin was ordained Dec. 13 by the Glen Meadows church. His grandparents are Nell and J. R. Williams of Rule. J. R. was pastor of First Baptist Church of Rule for 20 years. He preached the ordination message and presented Kevin with the Bible that had been given him at his ordination by White River Baptist Church on April 20, 1947.

Students visit Rotary Club

Daisy Cothron, daughter of Steve and Frankie Cothron, is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Quill and Scroll, Haskell High Band, and the National Honor Society.

Winner of the Stamford Electric Speech Contest, Cothron likes to read and write in her leisure time. She is a member of the Church of Christ.

Her future plans include attending Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and later working in an advertising agency, concentrating on graphic advertising.

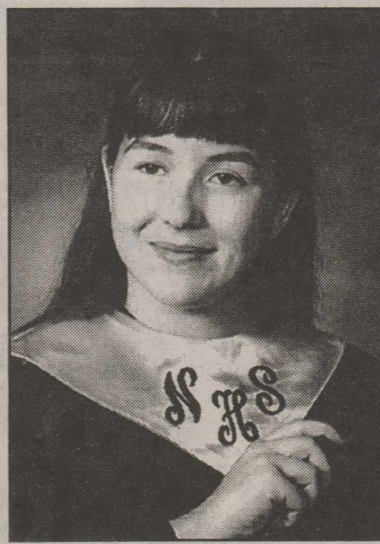
Delores (Lollie) Diaz daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Jacques of Minnesota, is active in selling Tupperware. Her favorite things to do include running or walking, cleaning house, cooking, and going riding with her husband, Luis Diaz.

She is a member of the Catholic Church.

After High School Diaz hopes to have a family with her husband. At the moment she has no plans to attend a college.



LOLLIE DIAZ



DAISY COTHRON



ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, Dec. 28

Lunch-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, apple, carrot, celery salad, peach cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, Dec. 30

11:00 a.m. Exercise by Outreach Home Health

Lunch-Steak/gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, raisin mumbles, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District 1998 Annual Report

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District was formed to help and serve producers and landowners with technical assistance. The current directors are: Kenneth Sanders, Weinert; F. A. Ulmer, Sagerton; Kenneth Newberry, Rochester; Willie Buerger, Haskell; and Dan R. Griffith of Paint Creek. The Board of Directors meet monthly on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office at 1203A South Avenue E in Haskell. All regular meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Texas State open meeting law. All programs administered by the District are on a voluntary basis and are provided without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District No. 546 Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for fiscal year ended August 31, 1998

	STATE FUND	TRUST FUND
Balance as of September 1, 1997	\$11,602.55	\$ 4,177.74
TOTAL REVENUES	\$16,437.32	\$25,499.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$15,353.20	\$25,336.91
(GAIN) LOSS 8/31/98	\$ 1,084.12	\$ 162.36
ENDING BALANCE	\$12,686.67	\$ 4,340.10

Soil Conservationist's Creed

I believe God created the earth by His divine process for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation, but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all mankind, regardless of race or creed, are entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with their own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his fields, pastures and woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest, and so shall his descendants, while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his immediate gain, shall bring grief to his land, himself, and his children's children.

Therefore, I dedicate my self to the task of helping my fellow man realize his own personality in conserving the earth for the generations which follow. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of others who use the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness therefore, but the responsibility of its stewardship is vested in man.

CONSERVATION PLANNING AND SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Active Food Security Act Plans	759 on 78,070 acres
Conservation Reserve Contracts	67 on 9,380 acres
Active Long Term Contracts	45 on 35,536 acres
Long Term Contracts developed in 1997	14 on 6,750 acres
Pasture Planting	197 acres
Brush Management	4,618 acres
Irrigation Conveyance Systems	4 on 3,220 acres

Other Activities of the Haskell SWCD

News Articles	12
Annual Report	1
Soil Stewardship special edition	1

- Supplied soil stewardship materials to churches, ministers, and kindergarten students
- Distributed book covers to the schools in the county
- Co-sponsored Annual Clear Fork Range Camp for grades 7-12

- Co-sponsored local land, range, and pasture judging contests
- Sponsored poster contest for elementary students
- Co-sponsored local scholarship/essay contest for seniors
- Co-sponsored Private Applicator Pesticide Training for producers
- Two directors attended the Rolling Plains Association of SWCD meeting

Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country - Its soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.



CELEBRATING BOOKS—With the theme of "Books Are Everywhere," the Rule School Library Media Center celebrated Book Week with guest storytellers, author autograph sessions, and bookmarks printed with the theme. Focus of the week was on the value of books being everywhere, even on the space shuttle with Senator Glenn.

Seven attend District FCE meeting

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Family Community Education (FCE) met Mon., Nov. 30 at the Archer County Activity Center, Archer City for a District FCE training meeting. The District FCE Director, Gwenna Lee Evans of Parker County, conducted the training meeting which provided training for FCE members from across the Rolling Plains. Twenty-three counties in the Rolling Plains District have County Extension Agents-Family and Consumer Sciences who provide leadership as advisors for the FCE clubs.

Family Community Education members learn leadership skills, new ways to network together to strengthen family life, support the 4-H youth program and provide community service in their communities.

Those attending from Haskell County were: Dolores Medford, Haskell County TAFCE Chairman; Jane Smith, Haskell County TAFCE Vice-Chairman; Betty Sanders, Haskell County FCE Council Chairman; Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Haskell County

FCE Council Secretary; Joetta Burnett, Haskell County FCE Council Treasurer; Lena Tidwell, Haskell County FCE Council member and Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent, Family

and Consumer Sciences.

FCE is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECCION ESPECIAL) FORMATION OF HASKELL - KNOX UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 26, 1999 (26 de Enero de 1999)

Vote for or against the referendum described below by placing an "X" in the square. (Vote por o contra el plebiscito describiendo abajo marcando una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre por o contra.)

FOR (POR) The creation of the Haskell - Knox Underground Water Conservation District and the levy of a maintenance tax at a rate not to exceed 5 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

(La Creacion de Distrito de Conservacion De Agua Subterranaga Haskell - Knox Y la recaudacion para mantener los taxes a un coeficiente que no exeder 5 centavos por cada \$100 de tasar valoracion.)

AGAINST (CONTRA)

Cool water is best first aid for minor burns

No matter what folklore you've heard about putting a pat of butter or an ice pack on a burn—cool water is the best treatment. Minor burns can often be treated

at home. For a small injury that does not break the skin, immediately hold the burned area under cool running tap water for one to two minutes or until the

pain eases. If the skin is broken, apply a mild ointment or cream.

If the injury is larger than the size of your palm, seek medical help.

Coping with grief over the holidays

Family gatherings. Tokens of thanks and gifts of joy. Food overflowing the tables. Logs crackling softly in the distance. Holidays trigger happy memories with every sight and sound.

But it is precisely at these happy times when the loss of a loved one can be felt the strongest. It is a time to remember what is missing.

In addition to clergy, many people turn to their community funeral director for information on coping with grief. Funeral directors continue their services beyond the funeral itself and are an excellent resource for books, free pamphlets, seminars and special programs around the holidays.

"At Holden-McCauley, we don't believe our responsibility to families ends once the funeral is over. We are proud to offer free pamphlets, books and personal attention as part of our commitment to helping families cope with grief."

According to Dr. Alan Wolfelt, noted author and grief educator, the holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness for many people who have experienced death, rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving.

"Since love does not end with death, holidays can renew this sense of personal grief—a feeling of loss unlike that experienced in the routine of daily living," states Dr. Wolfelt. "And, though society encourages everyone to join in the holiday spirit, it can be hard, as memories of the one who has died come rushing back with full force."

No simple guidelines exist to take away hurt, but according to Dr. Wolfelt, some things can be done to help people better cope with grief during this joyful, yet painful, time of year. Healing is a personal experience that takes time. So be tolerant and compassionate with yourself as you continue to heal.

Talk about your grief. Ignoring it won't make the pain go away. And, talking about your grief openly may make you feel better. Surround yourself with caring friends and relatives who will listen without judging you. And talk candidly about the person who was a special part of your life, including their name in your conversations and embracing your memories of them.

Be tolerant of your physical or psychological limits. It is natural to become fatigued by feelings of loss. And, well-meaning friends and family often try to prescribe what is good for you when you're grieving.



Instead of going along with their plans, respect what your body and mind are telling you and to what is right for you during the holidays.

Plan ahead for family gatherings. Anticipate holiday activities and structure your time, rather than simply reacting to what happens. Getting caught off-guard can create feelings of panic, fear and anxiety during a time when feelings of grief are already heightened. Decide ahead of time which family traditions you would like to continue and which new ones you would like to begin.

Renew your resources for living. The combination of a holiday and a loss naturally results in looking inward and assessing your individual situation. Use this time to define the positive things in life that surround you.

And finally, as you approach any holiday, birthday or special time, remember that grief is both a necessity and a privilege. It comes as a result of giving and receiving love. Don't let anyone take your grief away or try to distract yourself by "keeping busy." This will only increase your stress. Spend some special time alone, but don't isolate yourself from others. Think of your loved one often, and laugh, smile or cry with family and friends.


The staff of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors would like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you this holiday season.

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our thoughts turn gratefully to those who
have made our progress possible.
And in this spirit we say,
simply but sincerely . . .
Thank You and
Best Wishes for the
Holiday Season and
a Happy New Year.



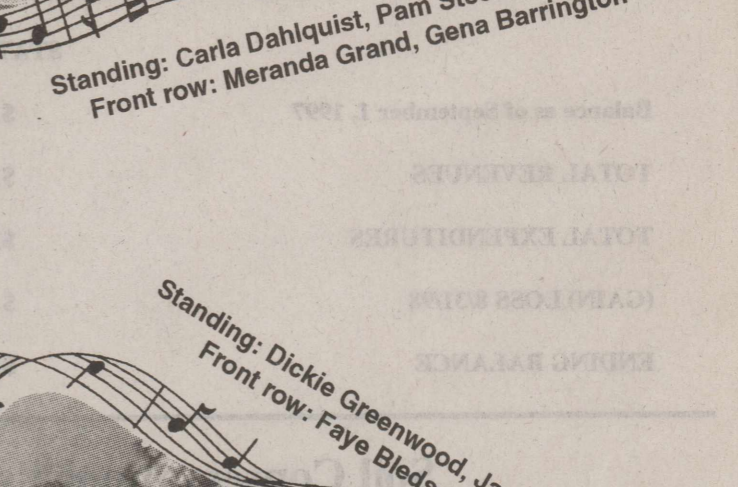
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