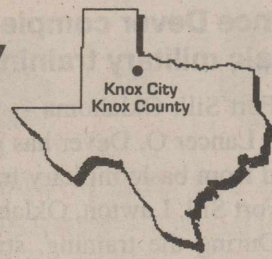


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*Special 1996 Christmas Edition ~ Filled With Warm Holiday Wishes And Letters To Santa*




The merchants and individuals placing greeting messages inside this special edition of the Knox County News wish you and yours the very best during this Christ Filled Christmas Season.

All of us here at the News Office extend a sincere wish that the true meaning of Christmas prevail, that your holiday be filled with the joy of Christ.

*Stacy, Dave & Scooter Thompson ~ Billye & Buddy Angle*






**1996  
Christmas  
Edition**

The NEWS office will close on Tuesday, December 24 and remain closed through Christmas day and on Thursday, December 26 to allow our family time to enjoy the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Friday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**



**To all  
the people  
of  
Knox  
County**

*May the feelings  
of peace among  
all mankind be  
with you during  
this holiday  
season and  
throughout the  
years to come.*

**From everyone  
at the  
Knox County  
Sheriff's Department**

**Mike Carlson, Sheriff**  
**Jan Carver, Jail Administrator**  
**Johnny Andrade, Deputy-CVLA**  
**Travis Griffith, Deputy**  
**Vonnie Ivie, Dispatcher-Jailer**  
**Stan Hammett, Dispatcher-Jailer**  
**Ted Felts - Dispatcher-Jailer**  
**Nicki Ivie - Dispatcher-Jailer**  
**Trenna Patterson - Reserve**

**Lance Dever completes basic military training**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma -- Army Pvt. Lancer O. Dever has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Dever is the grandson of Leola Eddington and Cleola Ware, both of Knox City.

He is a 1996 graduate of Knox City High School.

**Stephanie Williams named to Clarendon College list**

CLARENDON -- Stephanie Williams of Knox City has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall semester at Clarendon College.

To qualify for the dean's honor list a full-time student must maintain a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

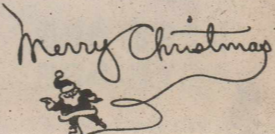
Stephanie is the daughter of Donna and Craig Williams and is a graduate of Knox City High School.

**Lila Jo Rector named to Jr. College 'Who's Who'**

SNYDER - Lila Jo Rector of Knox City has recently received academic honors at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Lila Jo, daughter of Barbara and John Rector, has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Lila Jo is a sophomore agronomy major and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



**LETTERS  
TO  
SANTA**

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? I want a Sega for Christmas, Mortal Combat Three and a present for my mom. I would also like a new pair of shoes, new glasses and a five speed bike. I love you, Santa. Thank you for the gifts last year.  
Love, Sandro

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I am fine. Am I going to get a present? Are you fine? When you come, please bring me a motor bike, a Dallas football, and some jeans with a belt and a buckle. Thank you and love,  
Kyle Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a 10-4 for Christmas. I want a 10 speed teal green bike. I want three pairs of blue jeans. I want three pairs of black jeans. I want some camouflage coveralls for Christmas.  
Joshua Tomas Fraser

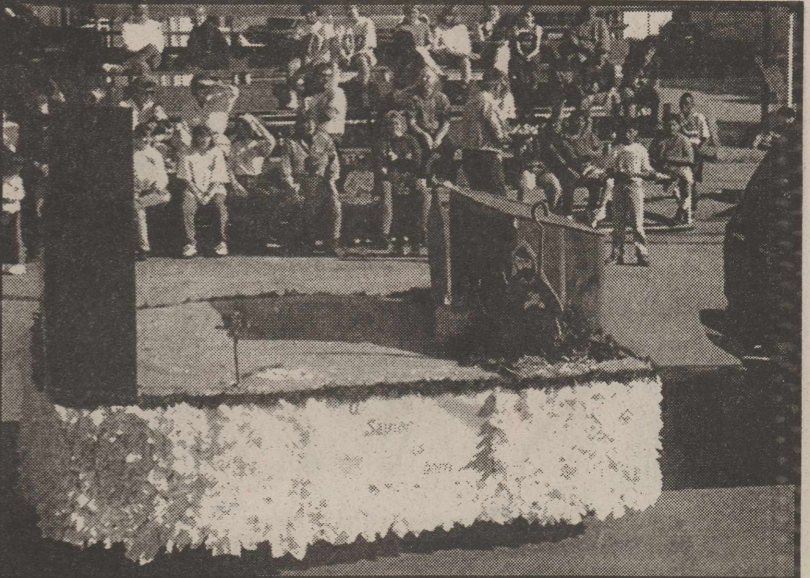
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I live in Knox City. Thank you for the toys last year. I want a basketball and a bike without training wheels.  
Your friend, Jordan

**AGING CENTER MENUS  
December 30 - January 3**

- Monday, December 30 - Meatballs with gravy, tossed salad, squash casserole, lima beans, sliced bread, brownies.
  - Tuesday, December 31 - Chicken fried steak, carrot and raisin salad, whipped potatoes, peas, angel biscuits, cake square.
  - Wednesday, January 1 - All sites will be closed for New Year's Day
  - Thursday, January 2 - Baked ham, apple celery salad, cheese potatoes, broccoli, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.
  - Friday, January 3 - Homemade vegetable soup, tuna sandwich, cheese wedge, crackers, plum cobbler.
- All menus subject to change without notice due to conditions beyond the control of Knox County Center. It is important to notify the site manager in advance so that visits will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen.*



**MAKING SURE THAT ALL KIDS HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS**, these members of the Knox City - O'Brien CISD faculty are shown here as they deliver a large box of toys to Jaunita Wilcox (shown at left) of the Knox County Child Welfare Fund. The teachers had a toy drive and those presenting the toys to Mrs. Wilcox were (left to right) Cheryl Unbanzcyk, Tammie Dillon and Kent DeVille.  
(NEWS Photo)



**EARNING A SECOND PLACE FINISH** in the Church Entry Division of the Knox City Christmas Parade, the entry from First Baptist Church is shown here. The miniature manger scene was displayed on a bed of oilfield frac sand and the float was surrounded by about 8,000 sheets of tissue paper!  
(NEWS Photo)



**EARNING A SECOND PLACE AWARD** in the Community Service Entry Division of the Knox City Christmas Parade, this entry by the Knox City Lions Club had a bright red pickup decorated with a huge pair of eyeglasses to recognize the Lions Club project of providing glasses to the less fortunate. Lions sat in the back while other Lions Club members walked the parade route as they handed out fresh donuts!  
(NEWS Photo)



**Enjoy  
the Good Times  
at  
Christmastime**

May all good things await you and yours in this wonderful season of fun, memories and magic. We hope all of your fondest wishes for happiness and success are granted during the holidays and beyond.

We appreciate your kind support and friendship throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

**PBH**  
**Oilfield Supply**

Charles Pierce ~ Don Pierce  
Michael Bartley ~ Joe Lopez  
Birdie Helton

**Let Us  
Pray  
For  
Peace  
On  
Earth**

Together we can make it work.


Merry Christmas to one and all.

**First  
United  
Methodist  
Church**  
Jim Teeter,  
Pastor



**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH A  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS!**

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**Santa's On His Merry Way...**

*Bringing Gifts Without Delay. And We'd Just Like To Stop And Say, We Wish You One Great Christmas Day!*

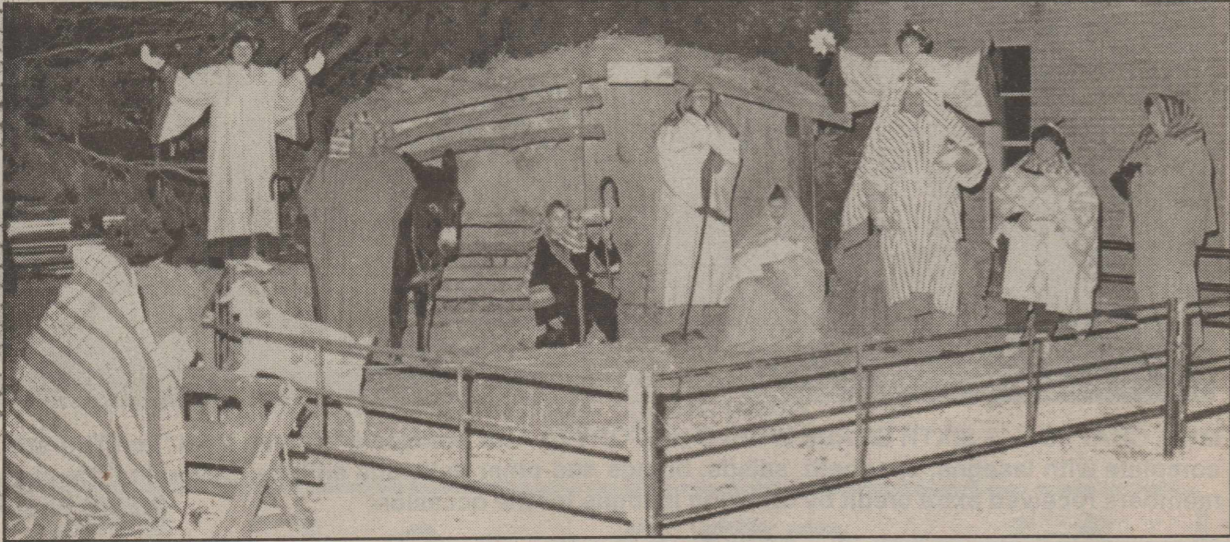
*We appreciate your ever-loyal support and patronage. Joyous Noel to you and yours.*

Anthony Logsdon      Lynnzie Logsdon

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# Despite freezing temperatures, First Baptist Church honors the spirit of Christmas with live nativity scene



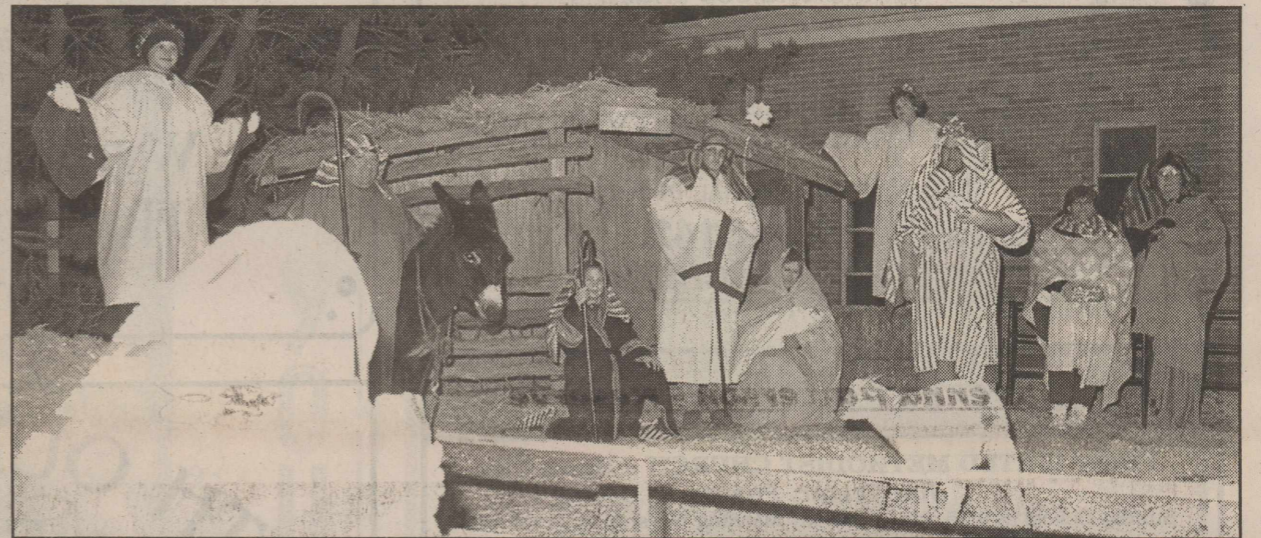
CAST MEMBERS who braved the freezing weather to spread Christmas cheer by acting out a live nativity scene on the south side of First Baptist Church on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of last week were (from left) Brian Rosencranz (kneeling with back to camera), Latisha Munsell, Roger Rosencranz, Jimmy Albus, David Leathers, Rita Rosencranz, Jessica Albus, Bob Munsell, Regina Golden and Barbara White. (NEWS Photo)



THE RIGHT SIDE of the live nativity scene at First Baptist Church last week featured (from left to right) Jimmy Albus, David Leathers, Rita Rosencranz, Bob Munsell, Jessica Albus, Regina Golden and Barbara White. (NEWS Photo)



ANOTHER CLOSER VIEW of a portion of the nativity scene shows (from left to right), Latisha Munsell, Roger Rosencranz ( and friend), Jimmy Albus, David Leathers and Rita Rosencranz. (NEWS Photo)



A CLOSER VIEW of the cast of the live nativity scene at First Baptist Church. Shown are (From Left) Latisha Munsell, Brian Rosencranz (back to camera), Roger Rosencranz, Jimmy Albus, Rita Rosencranz, Jessica Albus, Bob Munsell, Regina Golden and Barbara White. (NEWS Photo)



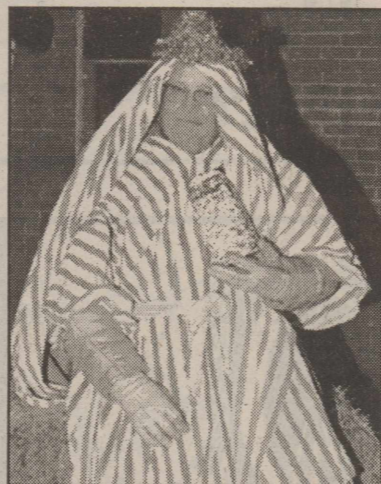
MIXING WITH THE ANIMALS, just as Joseph and the Wise Men must have done when Jesus was born in a manger, Roger Rosencranz and David Leathers are shown here with a goat and a donkey during the live nativity scene at First Baptist Church last week. (NEWS Photo)



LATISHA MUNSELL spreads her wings and poses as an angel during the live nativity scene at First Baptist Church. (NEWS Photo)



A HAPPY JOSEPH, Roger Rosencranz is shown here at the First Baptist Church live nativity scene with his new four legged friend.



BOB MUNSELL was really a 'Wise Man' when he chose to mix some modern clothing like gloves to his costume during the very coooool nativity scene! (NEWS Photo)



WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS PICTURE IS ALL ABOUT!! Maybe Roger Rosencranz was just trying to be nice and make sure the donkey would return for another appearance at a live nativity scene again next year ! David Leathers is shown in the background. (NEWS Photo)

**AT  
LAST !! !**

For all of you who have asked, **The ROADS of TEXAS** are here !!


**And just in time for Christmas, too !!**

*The perfect gift for the person who has it all !*

**The KNOX COUNTY NEWS**

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SEASONS



**Greetings From  
The Carlsons**

When your families gather near for the holiday season, take a few minutes to tell 'em how much you love them. Rejoice in all things the Lord has made possible and also thank Him for the love in your heart and guidance through life.

From our family to yours,  
Mike, Sherri, Jessie & Jenni  
The Carlson Clan

GREETINGS

This edition of the Knox County News contains Letters to Santa from our area children. In order to preserve the authenticity of the letters, we have left the spelling on some exactly as it was turned in to us. We think this adds to the letters because, they are after all, written by kids. If you disagree, please don't go jump all over our school teachers, come talk to us!

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WAY TO  
CELEBRATE  
CHRISTMAS!!**

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Someone starts buying;

When someone starts buying,  
Someone starts selling;

When someone starts selling,  
Someone starts making;

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Someone starts working;

When someone starts working,  
Someone starts earning;

When someone starts earning,  
Someone starts buying;

**—An endless chain**

*But the merchant who does not  
advertise regularly is breaking the links  
in the endless chain.*

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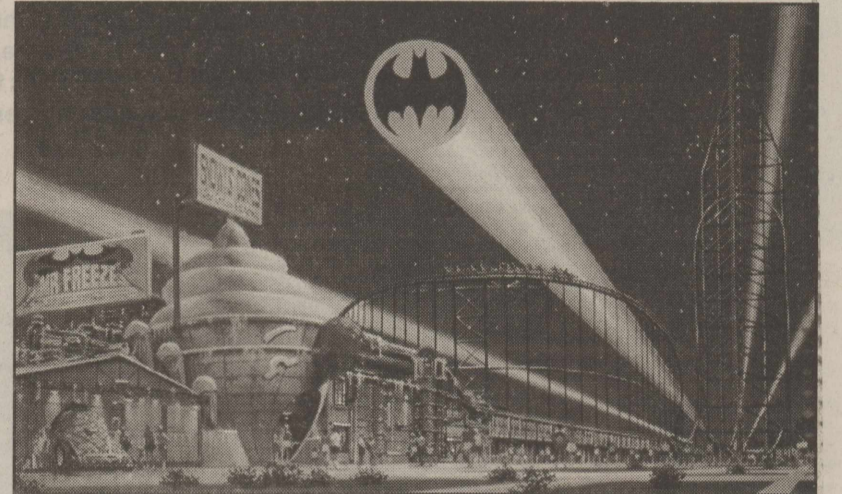
MRS. CHAPPELL'S SIXTH GRADE WORLD HISTORY CLASS enjoyed a "Roman Meal" last Thursday complete with lasagna, spaghetti, salads, breads and other delicious edibles. Several of the class members received extra credit by dressing in togas for the occasion. (NEWS Photo)



**Joy TO THE World!**

*May your dreams take wing and may your joy know no  
boundaries this holiday season.*

Wyman, Sarah,  
Hunter & Pate  
Meinzer



**SIX FLAGS to build fastest, most  
technically advanced ride in state**

ARLINGTON, TX - The most chilling and stunning roller coaster in Texas will blast into Six Flags Over Texas next spring when the park opens Mr. Freeze™ - The Coolest Coaster on the Planet, the tallest, fastest and most technologically advanced coaster in Texas, Six Flags president Steve Calloway announced Wednesday. The park's new addition will be themed after Mr. Freeze, Batman's arch rival in the DC Comics™ "Batman" series.

Chilled to perfection, the ride will launch Guests through a 190-foot tunnel, reaching speeds of 70 mph in 3.78 seconds to create a "cold-fashioned" thrill. Powered by unique linear induction motors (LIM), the ride sends Guests streaking out of the tunnel and into a totally vertical climb while twisting to enter a 180 degree inversion. Frozen with excitement, Guests then plummet back to Earth and into a wraparound turn before again rocketing 218 breath-taking feet straight up. Mr. Freeze gets his final revenge sending his victims through the entire coaster again - in reverse!

Mr. Freeze - the Coolest Coaster on the Planet is part of an unprecedented expansion by Six Flags theme parks in Texas. All

four Texas Six Flags parks, including Wet 'n Wild in Arlington, Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, and Six Flags Houston, will introduce new attractions in 1997, offering new thrills to discover throughout the state.

Six Flags Over Texas' new ride will open in the spring of 1997 and will be completely themed after Mr. Freeze, the infamous DC Comics character from the "Batman" series. According to the story line, Mr. Freeze accidentally became saturated by a freezing solution which made any temperature above 32 degrees Fahrenheit unbearable. Today, he is a menace to Batman, flaunting an Ice Gun that is capable of freezing people solid.

The roller coaster will be powered by 212 linear induction motors, sending Guests soaring at a top speed of 70 mph. The linear induction motor technology uses a principle similar to that used in super colliders. Six Flags is taking this highly scientific concept and using it for world-class entertainment. Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc. has always been an innovator in thrill ride technology - from creating the world's first flume ride to the world's first inverted coaster.

**Church Directory**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Jim Teeter, Pastor*

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Steve Pepper, Minister*

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**FOUR SQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Dan Limitone, Pastor*

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Father Kevin Fagan*

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland**  
*Father Kevin Fagan*

Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin**  
*John Gillispie, Pastor*

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin**  
*Jim Teeter, Pastor*

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

**GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**  
*Ross Anderson, Pastor*

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Benjamin**

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

**THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222**  
*W.O. Smith, Pastor*

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Mid Week, Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

**O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien**  
*Pending Name Of New Pastor*

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*David White, Pastor*

\* Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ \* Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
\* Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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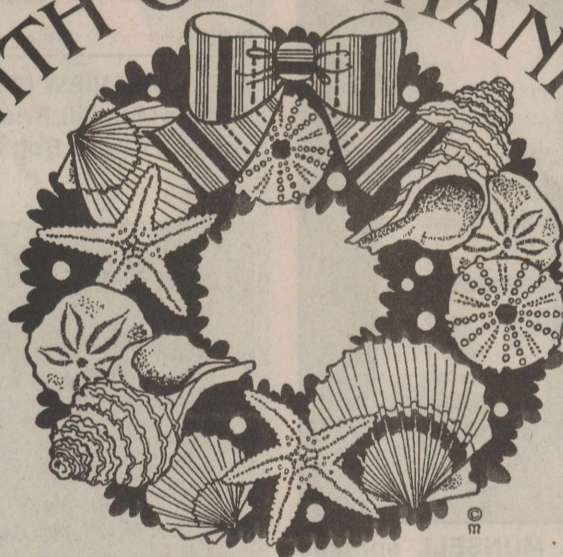
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To all our valued patrons we extend  
our warmest wishes for a very  
merry Christmas and a prosperous year.

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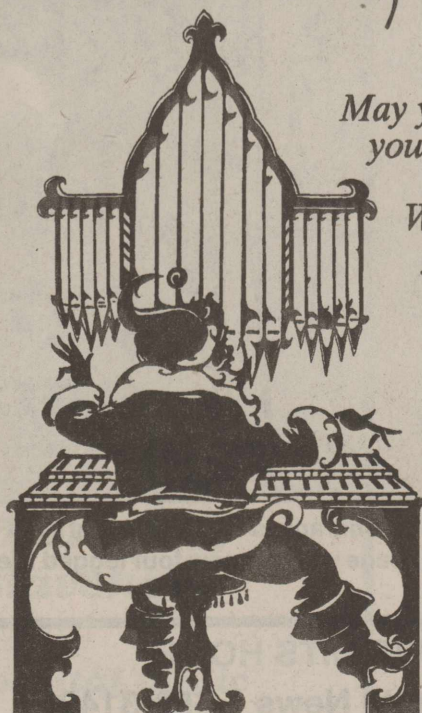
**JOY TO THE WORLD**

*May the many blessings of the season shine upon  
you and yours throughout the year.  
Peace be with you always.*

**BILL WILSON MOTOR COMPANY**  
HASKELL, TEXAS

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**Carrollers, Rejoice!**



*May you have a song in  
your heart, during this  
and every season.  
We are ever-grateful  
for your friendship  
and ever-loyal  
patronage!*

**J.C.  
Eaton  
Dozers  
658-3556**





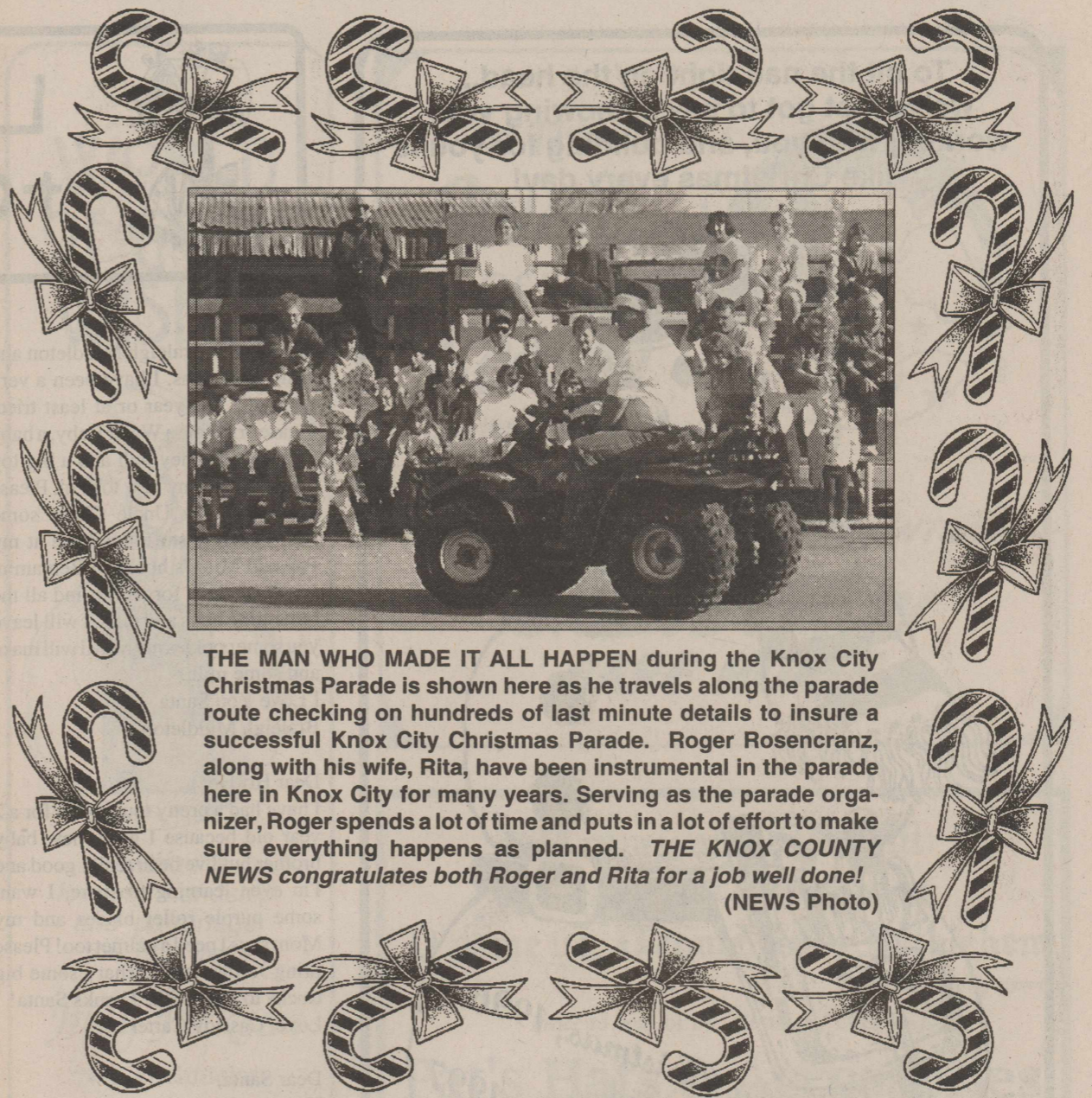
READY FOR CHRISTMAS, all these children represent the Brazos Valley Care Home employees on this float entered by BVCH. The entry won a Third Place Award in the Business Entry Division of the Knox City Christmas Parade. (NEWS Photo)



'ANTICIPATION' OF CHRISTMAS BY KIDS really fits in with the parade theme of 'Christmas Memories,' and 'ANTICIPATION' was also the theme of this float sponsored by the Supply House in the recent Knox City Christmas Parade. Riding on the float were Lakin Hedgecote and Chambray Bartley. This float won a Second Place Award in the Business Entry Division of the parade. (NEWS Photo)



KNOX CITY'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP 107 AND BROWNIE TROOP 161 JOINED TOGETHER to 'protest' Christmas on their float during the Knox City Christmas parade. Actually, the girls were going along with the parade theme of 'Christmas Memories' as they brought memories of the 70's and hippie protests. Dressed like hippies and carrying protest signs, the entry was quite a hit with the spectators. (NEWS Photo)



THE MAN WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN during the Knox City Christmas Parade is shown here as he travels along the parade route checking on hundreds of last minute details to insure a successful Knox City Christmas Parade. Roger Rosencranz, along with his wife, Rita, have been instrumental in the parade here in Knox City for many years. Serving as the parade organizer, Roger spends a lot of time and puts in a lot of effort to make sure everything happens as planned. THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS congratulates both Roger and Rita for a job well done! (NEWS Photo)



Santa says  
**THANKS**  
to everyone who  
advertised this week  
in the  
Knox County News

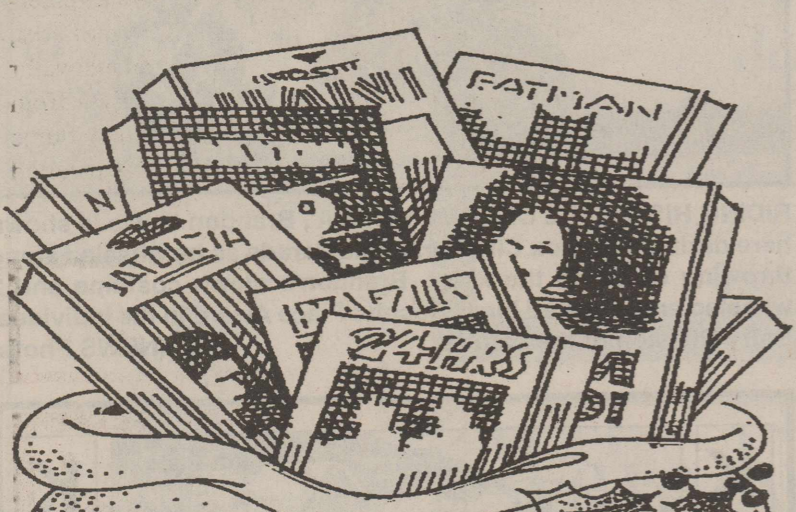
greetings at  
**christmastime**  
We'd like to deliver our best wishes for a great season!



**Lewis  
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Sterling Lewis  
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**KEEP IN TOUCH... WITH A  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS**



**Christmas  
Video Rules!**

- \* We will close at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24
- \* All Tuesday rentals will be due back by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.
- \* WE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

**We Wish You A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From All Of US At **KC VIDEO**

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**A TERRIFIC  
CHRISTMAS  
ALL AROUND**

Wishing a wonderful Christmas,  
To all of you good folks from us,  
With lots of love and laughter,  
This season and forever after!  
Thanks for coming 'round this year!

**THE  
SUPPLY  
HOUSE**



**Terry, Kelly & Chris Bartley  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL !!**

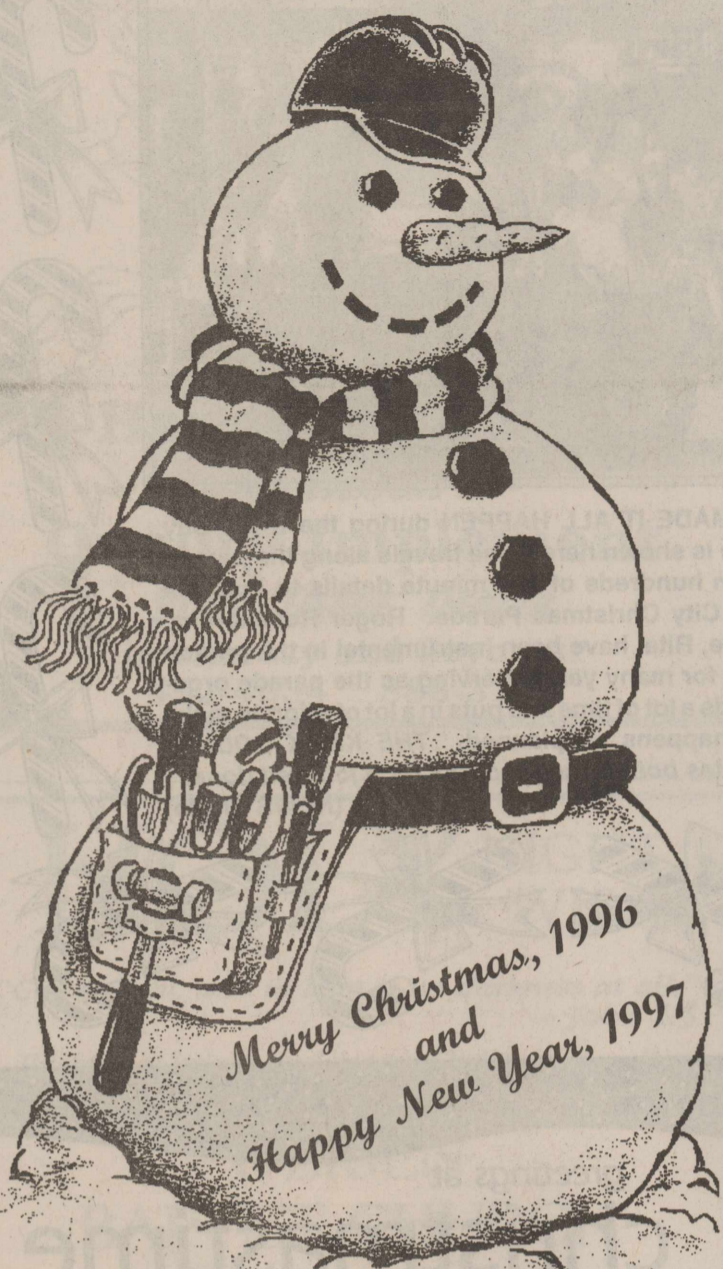
In our business, we always  
make it our 'policy' to thank  
everyone for making our year  
such a good one.

We hope you 'claim' all your  
dreams this holiday season!

FROM ALL OF US  
HERE AT  
COUNTS INSURANCE



To hit the nail right on the head... we've just got to say... knowing you, working with you, and building for you is like Christmas every day!



**TURNER  
CONSTRUCTION  
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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
My name is Braleigh Middleton and I am 19 months. I have been a very good girl this year or at least tried. Please bring me a Water Baby, a baby stroller, a Barney doll and a big toy box to put all my new toys in. Please also bring my Uncle Chase some near Cowboy stuff. I will be at my Pap and MiMi's house in Benjamin, so please don't forget me and all the other little boys and girls. I will leave you some cookies my MiMi will make and some milk.  
I Love You Santa -  
Braleigh Middleton

Dear Ho-Ho,  
I have had a pretty tough year for a 2 year old because I got a new baby brother but I've been really good and I'm even learning to share. I want some purple roller blades and my Mom says I need a helmet too! Please bring Jordan and Zachary some big trucks to play with. Thanks Santa!  
Love, Cassidy Carter

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are doing fine. I would like a Sega, my daddy at home, a computer, and a Gameboy. Please bring my friend, Sean, a Nintendo 64.  
Love, Gerald Ward

Dear Santa,  
I want this for Christmas: a small computer, a "Cabbage-Patch" doll, a "baby born" doll, "Jenga" game, a Nintendo 64, and fake fingernails.  
Love, Kursten Stafford

Dear Santa,  
I want a Taz watch, a football helmet, a racetrack with pickups, and a television. That's my Christmas list for this year.  
Thank you for the toys last year.  
Love, Cody Wainscott

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Nike hat, Goosebumps game, Sand Art and last but not least Wack Writerpainter. That's all I want.  
Love, Nikki Moss

Dear Santa,  
I would like BB gun with some BB's to go with it. I also want a Nintendo 64 with games. A computer for me and my family. I would also like an elf if you could please let me have one.  
Love, L.B.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a real horse and a baby that cries. I would also like a Caboodle and some makeup to go in it. I also want some fake finger nails.  
Love Ya, Kendra

Dear Santa,  
I would like Oliver and Company video tape. A dog, a horse and a phone for my new room. A waterbed and a wooden chair for my desk.  
Love, Sonny Parker

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a remote control truck and a Nintendo for Christmas.  
Thank you.  
Love, Tony Aguayo

Dear Santa,  
I want a real computer and 6 Super Nintendo games. I would like the games to be NBA Jam, Mortal Kombat, the Street Fighter games, and a 10 speed bike.  
Love, JJ Martinez

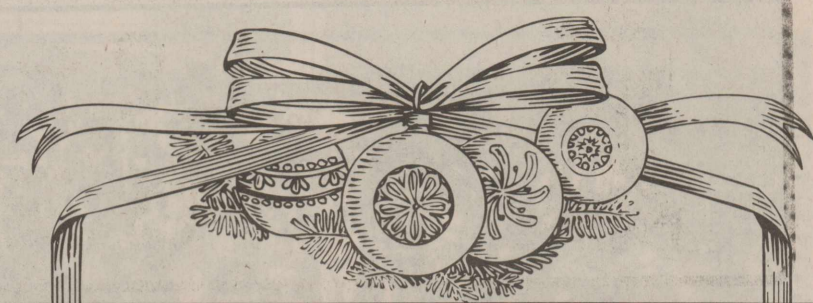
Dear Santa,  
Here is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a remote control Dagger Racer. I would also like 4 Super Nintendo games. They need to be 2 racing games and 1 NBA Jam and 1 Baseball game.  
Yours Greatly, Grant Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Shark and Twisted Metal 2. I would also like a game watch and Vector Man 2 for the Sega.  
Love, T.J.

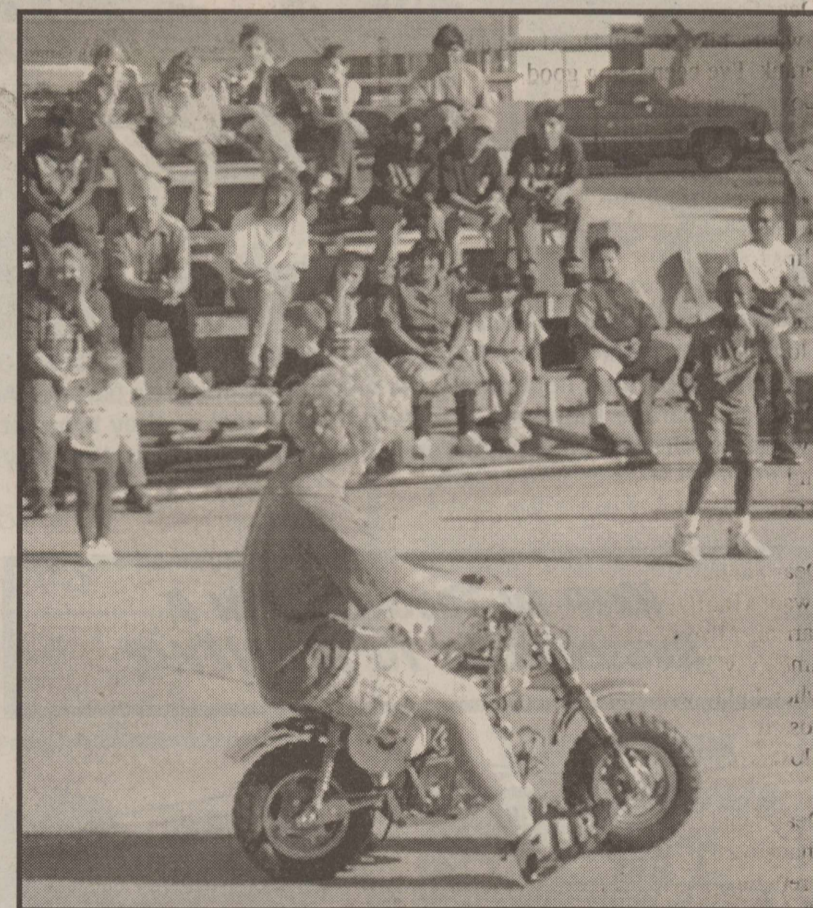
Dear Santa,  
I would like an electric steel guitar and a pick to go with it. A keyboard, some new cars, train with a track.  
Love, Lawrence

## A TRIPLE TREAT

Of peace, joy, and fun  
(with a cherry on top)  
is what you deserve.  
Hope the holidays  
are all you're hoping for.



MAKING CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR OTHERS, the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City had a toy drive to help the holiday toy drive of the Knox County Child Welfare Fund. Shown here as they unloaded quite a large amount of toys are (from left) Charlotte Patterson, Marie Auburg and Penny Winchester, Site Manager of the Aging Center. (NEWS Photo)



RIDING HIS 'LITTLE CHROME HONDA', Brandon Lewis is shown here during the Knox City Christmas Parade as he wheeled along throwing candy to the kids. Brandon's clown costume and 2 wheeled entry earned him a Second Place Award in the Individual Entry Division of the parade. (NEWS Photo)

## Our Christmas "Statement!"



We like to give credit where credit is due.  
So the first order of business  
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You've shown us your friendship  
in so many ways.  
Now it's our turn to wish you  
The very happiest of holidays!

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**Peace On Earth!**  
May the harmony of the winter landscape bring renewed hope for understanding and worldwide peace.  
Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
May I have some math flash cards, a stuffed dinosaur, a cop suit, and a Toy Story book? I'll leave some milk and cookies. Thank you for the toys last year.

Love, Joe Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a gameboy and a paintgun. A dartgun and an electric guitar. I would really like a computer.

Love, Derrick Magana

Dear Santa,  
I would like a walkman and some makeup. I would like a real horse and some fake finger nails with some finger nail polish.

Love, Akisha

Dear Happy Santa,  
Will you come to my house? I've been good. I have everything I want so whatever you want to bring me will be fine.

I will leave you chocolate cookies and some milk.

Love, Rocky Smith

Dear Santa,  
When I'm asleep, you will come. I'll open the presents when I wake up and see a skinny computer. We're going to have a party at my house. I hope you can come.

Love, Adrian Flye

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a waterbed. I would like a Greyhound dog (a real one). I would please like a play Teddy Bear. I have really been good.

I love you,  
Brittany Coop

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, Robin Hood and a big Frank. I've been being good.

Love, Taaj Ward

Dear Santa,  
I want a make-up box, a new Barbie (a cut-n-sew), and I want some new clips for my hair. I've been good and I've been doing my homework and I know how to read some.

I love you, Calina Boren

Dear Santa,  
I want a Superman, a Power Ranger, and a monster truck.

Andrew Aguayo

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, new shoes, and some earrings. I've been good, but sometimes my Daddy has to spank me when I play with things I'm not suppose to.

I love you, Jessica Ledesma

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good, Santa Claus. I want a remote control jet. I want a cat for Christmas. I want a remote control motorcycle.

Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a Doodle Bear and a jeep and some glitter. I also want a turtle. Don't forget my brothers and sisters.

I love you, Alicia

Dear Santa,  
I like you. I want one of those babies that make funny faces, the bear one that says "don't hold my mouth shut", a dog called "Wizzard" that drinks and wets and some "Cool Tools".

Love, your friend, Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I want a black doll, a Sega and a teddy bear.

Love, Tiffany McCrary

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a house, a ring, and some new shoes.

I love you, Myra Espinal

Dear Santa,  
I want a microphone just like my cousin. My cousins are bigger than me.

Santa, if you don't know where I live look for barns, lights on a fence and a dirt road and you see a grey or bluish house and a dog - that's my house. The dog's name is Peggy.

I love you, Carlie

Dear Santa,  
I want a Jurassic Park dinosaur Rex and a car race track and a game that you push the button and it turns into a desert and a command center. I have a new friend, Chance, to bring him a letter.

I love you, John Keith Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep, a Ken doll for Barbie, and I want a new playhouse. I've been being good at school and at my house and I've been good to my friends.

I love you, Lakin Hedgecoke

Dear Santa,  
Please get me some tapes. Thanks for the presents you game me last year and for saying, "ho, ho, ho".

Love, Eric Casillas

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a Barbie Beach Car one of those things babies jump in and the Barbie with the baby in the basket. And I want the baby that cries and wets and a baby bunny rabbit.

My brother Nicholas wants an army beach car.

Love, April

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a toy fish, a Scooby-Doo toy, a toy action figure, and a computer. I go to Kindergarten. We do alot of work. We make books, Christmas trees and decorations. We get stickers. I have a new baby sister this year.

Please bring her some toys.

I love you, Christopher

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline. Santa, I moved to Knox City. I want some, roller blades, a crayon book and some markers.

I love you, John

Dear Santa,  
I hope you're OK. I'd like a play phone and a jeep. That's all !!

I love you, Shelby

Dear Santa,  
My sister Larissa and I have been good. Would you bring Larissa a baby doll that hugs. I would like a kids computer and a desk to put it on. My dad has been good too. Would you bring him a play station. I love you, don't forget I'll be in Fort Worth.

Love, Coletun Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
Hi! This is my first Christmas. So just give me a baby doll I love babies.

Love, Larissa Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch and a toy horse and a power ranger suit and a toy hat. I am 5 years old.

I love you, Robert

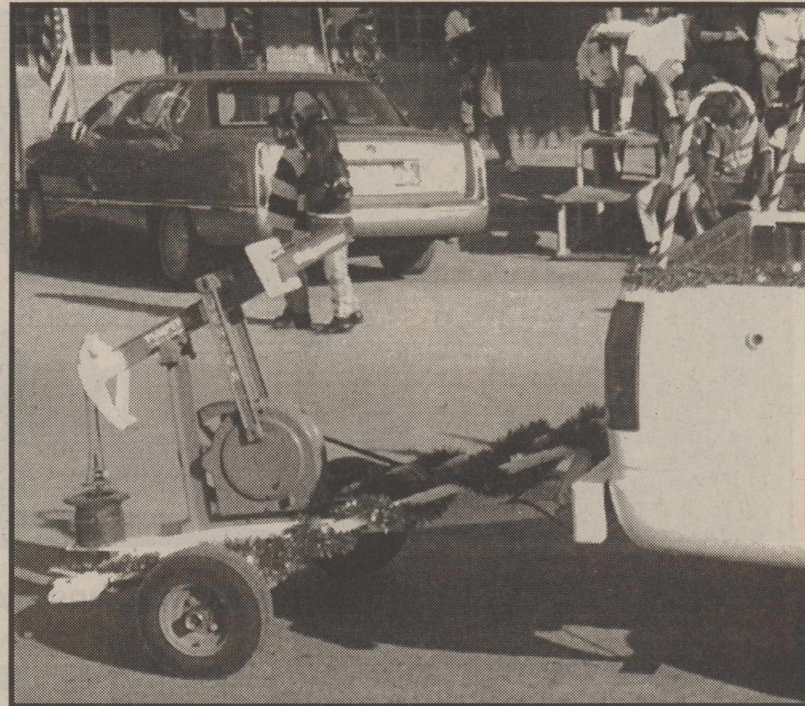
Dear Santa,  
I want a crown, earrings, dress and high heeled shoes. That's all I want. To get to my house, go to O'Brien and turn south. You will see my house with no chimney and a dog named Splash, a cat named Fluff, and a kitten named Shade.

Love, Kate Rowan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doggie for Christmas and I want a toy for my doggie. I want some clothes for Christmas. I want a toy for my baby sister, Kelsie, and some clothes for her, too.

I will leave you some toast and tea when you come to my house.

Love, Laura Vasquez



PUMPERS SUPPLY COMPANY of Knox City always delights the parade crowd with their miniature pumping unit, shown here all decked out in holiday cheer. A miniature that really works, the unit pumped up and down all the way through the parade route!

(NEWS Photo)

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

*With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our many blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more wonderful moments ahead.*

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### JERRY'S PLUMBING

## Merry Christmas

*Here's hoping your season gets off to a flying start, and brings much joy throughout!*

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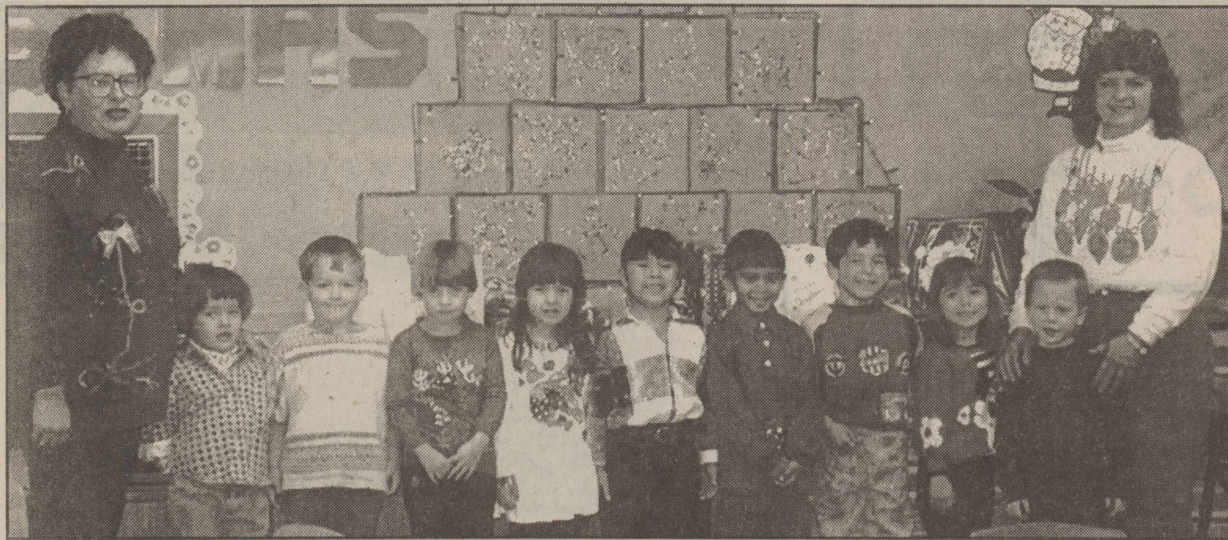
## Yuletide Greetings

*This season's treasures are so abundant. We hope you are blessed enough to partake of them all. Thank you for your ongoing patronage.*

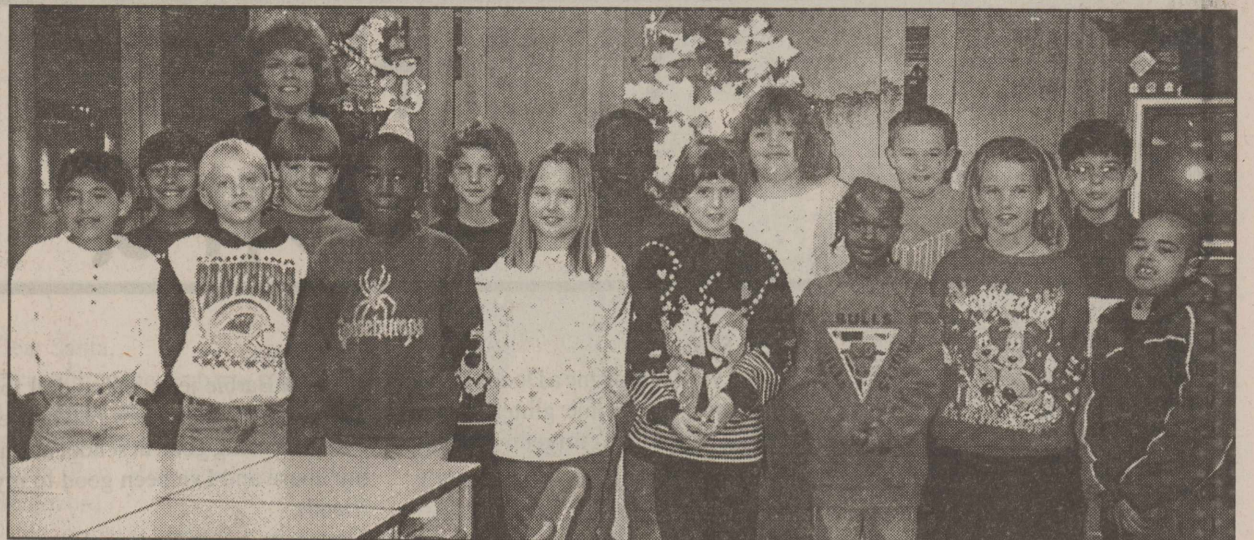
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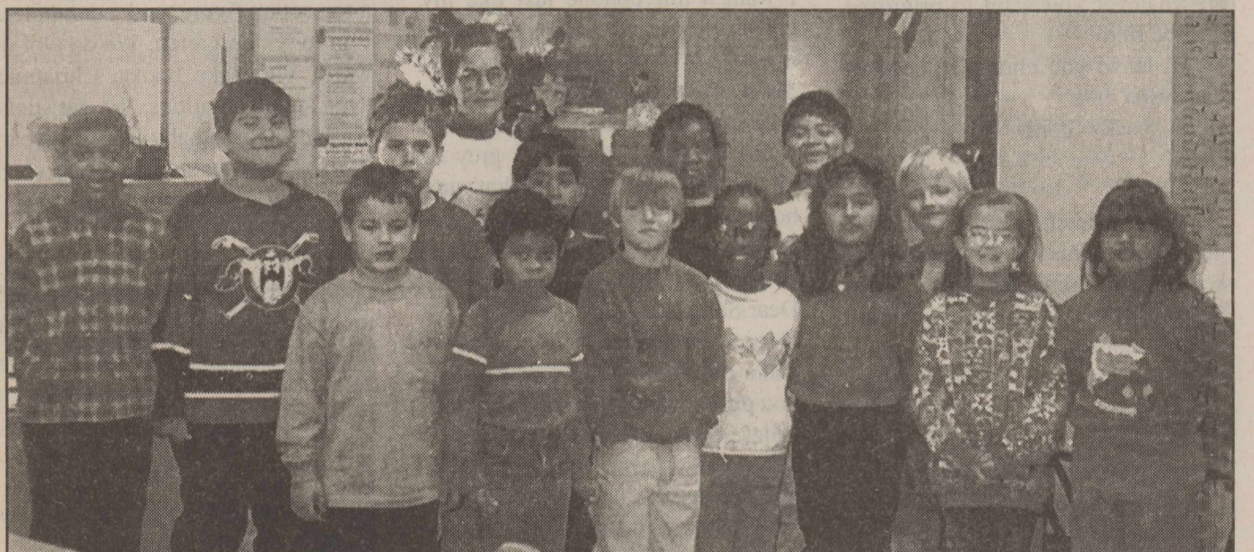
MAILING LETTERS TO SANTA ~ MRS. BOWEN, MRS. BAILIFF WITH MORNING PRE-K



MAILING LETTERS TO SANTA ~ MRS. KIGHT WITH THIRD GRADE



MAILING LETTERS TO SANTA ~ MRS. COLLINS WITH THIRD GRADE



MAILING LETTERS TO SANTA ~ MRS. AUSTIN WITH SECOND GRADE

*Glory To The Newborn King*

“...we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.”  
— Matthew 2:2

May you have many blessings bestowed upon you in this holy season.

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OF THE  
SEASON**

*When a blanket of snow embraces the land,  
The beauty we see is the work of God's hand.  
Each snowflake unique in its own special way,  
Reminds us that soon it will be Christmas day.  
So give thanks to the Lord for the birth of the Savior,  
May you always enjoy both His love and good favor.*

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# LETTERS to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby doll and a Barbie doll car. I also want a dream house. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love, Sheniqua

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a 22 and shells. I want a motorcycle. I want a computer. I want a four wheeler. I want a horse.  
Love, Donny

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want a computer and I want a horse. I also want a cat and some Barbies. I would also like some new clothes and something special for my family.  
Love, Sarah Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer. I want some games. The games are Painting Mario and Mortal Kombat. I want a game boy and games to go with it. I want a new bike. I want a Sega Saturn. I want a CD player and some CD's. I want a hole case of them. I want a horse. I want a real ca. I want lots of toys.  
Love, Orrin Myers

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a good baby doll and a soft blanket. I would also like a basketball. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Lisa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want a go cart and a computer and a helicopter that can fly.  
Derek

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Shaving Fun Ken. I want a new bicycle helmet. I want some dress up stuff. I want a Barbie car.  
Happy Christmas  
Love, Jessy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. I want a four wheeler and a motorcycle. I also want a 22 and a pellet gun.  
Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie doll house, puppy, and a computer. I want a nintendo, my own playroom and my own school. I also want a trampoline, my own big swimming pool and an ear phone radio, bean bag chair I also want a walkman. The end.  
Love, Sandra Silva

Dear Santa,  
I want 5 bucks in cash. I want a 22 dog control viper. I want a cd player with 16 cds. I want a Nintendo and a Super Nintendo. Please bring me a computer.  
Thank you, Donald Taylor

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo 64 and a Sega Saturn and a computer and a Muter and a Tickle me Elmo and Madden 97 for Super Nintendo and a stereo with speakers and the movie, The Nutty Professor and a football.  
Thank you, Tony Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Here I am again, a year older and ready for some new toys. I've worn out all the ones you brought me last year, they were great! This year I would like Check-Up Charlie, a Baby Alive, Cool at the Mall and a Medical Troley. Please bring my sister Amber the things she wants. Thanks a lot Santa.  
Love you,  
Whitney Brice Collins

Dear Santa,  
I want a brand new bike just like the one n Toys R Us it has steering brakes and it is blue green, a boxer puppy with a black mask that is brown, gameboy, sega saturn, gak, floam, smud, sand art, splat, bue lue genus who. Have a nice Christmas.  
P.S. Come to my house first. I will set out bonbons and milk.  
From Micah Lierly

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Nintendo 64 and a sega, super nintendo, a tv with a vcr and a CD player and a sega CD with a ID4 and a sega saturn.  
From Kylin Del Valle

Dar Santa,  
How are you today? Are you going to bring big toys? I want a puppy and a My Size Barbie.  
Love, BrieAnna

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Tell Rudolph I said hi. Please bring me a bike with handle bars and please bring Kyle a dump truck. Write back soon.  
Love, Laura

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck. I want a Sega or Nintendo 64. Thank you for the gifts last year.  
Love, Rico

Dear Santa,  
I want a car with a race track. I also want a computer and a Nintendo 64. I also want a Goosebumps game.  
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo 64, Sega Saturn and a Tickle Me Elmo and Muter Rebound XRC Oil Company, air devil, a stereo and a CD player.  
Pablo Sanchez Jr.

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer, puppy and a big screen TV with 46 channels. I also want a trampoline and a big swimming pool of my own. And the very best tree thing I want is a big teddy bear, stuffed Santa and a wishing wand.  
Jamilla Ward

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a go cart and a boy puppy dog and a bow and arrow and a punching bag and a black cordless phone and the movie Twister and a gator. And a 410 shotgun and a pool, and a gerble, trampoline, Shetland pony, buck knife, Indaglow watch, 100 darlar bill.  
Your friend, Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a My Size Barbie and a game. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love, Marquita

Dear Santa,  
I have been good all week long. For Christmas I want a Easy Bake oven. And also I would like to have a Sno-Cone stand. I love you very much. I will leave cookies and milk.  
My bubba wanta a Sega Saturn, he's been pretty good.  
Love, Marissa McGhee



EARNING A FIRST PLACE AWARD in the Community Service Entry Division of the Knox City Christmas Parade, this entry by the KC Circle Club drew a lot of attention as Heather Boren displayed a unique look with her robe and hair curlers while her children, Calina and Jacob rode on the float with their mother. (NEWS Photo)

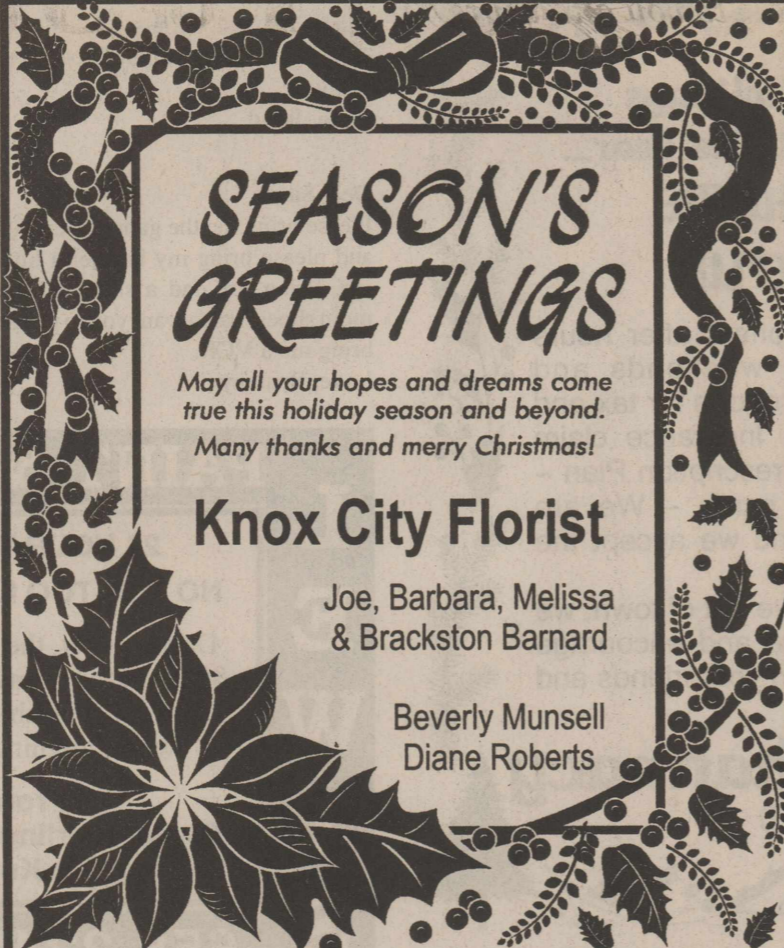


## HALLELUJAH!

At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of our Savior. May the gift of His love fill your home and heart this holiday season.

### First Baptist Church

Knox City, Texas  
David White, Pastor



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond. Many thanks and merry Christmas!

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# CHRISTMAS!


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To the many fine citizens of this community, we'd like to offer our own best wishes and heartfelt appreciation for making us feel a part of it all.

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LETTERS TO SANTA



FOLLOWING A LOT OF HARD WORK, members of O'Brien Baptist Church won a first place award in the Church Entry Division for this entry in the Knox City Christmas Parade. With a lot of the church youth decorated as Christmas packages, Trish Roberts (center of photo) sang Christmas songs as the entry made its way along the parade route. The entry received a large round of applause as it passed through the downtown reviewing area. (NEWS Photo)

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Dear Santa,  
 I don't want a lot this year. I would like a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye, the game Fraidy cats, a Green Bay Packer Running Back Bear, A Barbie Dream House. I have been a good girl this year. Remember my niece and nephews and all the other kids. There will be cookies and milk by the backdoor. Thank you.  
 Love, Katelyn Railsback

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Barney for Christmas and a new Barney tape and a Tickle Me Elmo. My sister Michelle wants a Snack Time Cabbage Patch Kid, a Bath Baby Cabbage Patch Kid and a Lunch Box Cabbage Patch Kid. We love you Santa.  
 Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
 Hi, my name is M.J. Abila. I am four years old and I live in Knox City with my dad, mom and three sisters. I have been a pretty good boy this year as good as possible, I guess. Well, Santa, I want Batman stuff, a Batman car, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat. And what ever else you might throw in there. I will leave milk and cookies out for you.  
 See ya soon.  
 Love always, M.J. Abila, age 4

Dear Santa,  
 Hello, my name is MeaLinda Abila. I am 5 years old. I live in Knox City with my parents, two sisters and one brother. I have been a real good girl this year.  
 Santa, I want some Barbie dolls and Barbie clothes, a Barbie case, clothes, shoes and last a My Size Dancing Barbie.  
 I will leave milk and cookies fo ryou, Santa. Thank you. See ya soon.  
 Love always, MeaLinda Abila

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you have a nice Christmas and I hope Mrs. Claus has a nice Christmas, too. I hope the elves have a nice Christmas, too. I hope you have a nice trip up there. Can I please have a dog, a cat, and a rabbit. I would also like a trampoline and new computer. Please let Mike and Ruby come down to see us. I love you, Santa.  
 Love, Tabitha Short

Dear Santa,  
 How are you today? I want a My Size Barbie, a stuffed cat and a doll. Hope you are fine. Thank you and love,  
 Stephanie Hambright

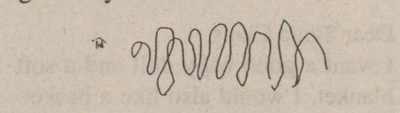
Dear Santa,  
 I want a big gun so I can play with it. I also want a Batman. I saw you at Head Start last year. You gave me a potato head.  
 Love, M.J.

Dear Santa,  
 I would like these things for Christmas, Python, the three foot toy crane, criss cross crash with a track like Kevin's, boxing gloves, sockem coppers, cross fire, mountain bike, hand walkie talkies, Emmitt Smith football, Troy poster, Super Nintendo with baseball street fighters, football and soccer Karate fighters, Spac Jam Buggs, Michael and Tweety and Space Jam watch.  
 Love, Reece Daniel

Dear Santa,  
 Hi! This is Jerod. I am 4 years old and I live in Abilene. I have been a pretty good boy this year, except when I do bad things to my brother Reece. Would you please bring me a Hot Wheels garage, Roller Blades Skates (like Reece's skates), a green Power Ranger and a blue one and a black one, Sockem' Boppers, a Crossfire game and Hungry Hippos. Please bring my brother Reece some toys to play with, too, and put some candy in our stockings. Thank you for what you brought us last year.  
 Love, Jerod

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me the game Operation and please bring my brother a little car. Bring my dad a shirt and my mom shoes. I also want you to please bring me a VCR.  
 Love, Brittany

Dear Santa,  
 I do want "my size Barbie Doll", like Nikki's, and it has a wedding dress. A Barbie car with a phone, a castle with people, and that's all. Here is a map to get to my house.



See you Christmas night!  
 Brittney Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you come to see me Christmas Eve. I will be at my G.G.'s in Memphis. I've been a good boy. I would like the Red Battlezord from Toys - or - Us. Also the animal zords, mastadon lion, phoenix, green bull. Thanks.  
 Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
 Grandma and Paw say I've been good, Mommy and Daddy say I need to behave a little better. I really will be good! Please bring me a Buzz Lightyear and Woody too. A new computer would be nice since I'm learning my ABC's now. Brandon wanta a Sega 32-X and Doom. He is always good, please bring them for him.  
 Don't forget, Ben and Seth will be here for Christmas. You can bring their toys to my house.  
 Thank you, Santa.  
 Love, Cammie Espinosa

*Celebrate the Christmas Spirit*



The word of God became blesh...  
 The Son of God became man...  
 The Lord of All became a servant...  
 The Righteous One now lives in men...  
 The Seated One is coming again!

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**have yourself a merry little christmas!**

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THE STUDENT COUNCIL FROM O'BRIEN MID SCHOOL were proud to represent their classmates as they delivered boxes of food the students had collected to help the Knox City Ministerial Alliance with their annual food drive. Accepting the food on behalf of the students was First Baptist Pastor David White, shown at left with O'Brien Coach Kent DeVille. After the students delivered food to the church, they made a trip (shown below) to the Knox County News office to deliver boxes of toys the school had collected for the Knox County Child Welfare toy drive. Our congratulations to this fine group of young people who represent our community so well. (NEWS Photo)



### Straight Talk

By Dave Thompson

This morning as I was taking pictures, I had an opportunity to think of our community and this very special time of year.

The occasion for the pictures was a gathering of kids from O'Brien Mid School bringing food and toys that they had collected all month long to be given to the less fortunate to insure that all have a good Christmas.

As I watched the kids unloading box after box of food and toys, I thought of all the other pictures that I have taken in the past few weeks, most of them appearing in this Christmas edition of the News.

Pictures of organizations, clubs, and others, all coming together to support their community during Christmas related activities. The parade, food drives, toy drives, class parties, live nativity scene and gatherings are just some of the events I have been to this past week to record on film for the paper.

As I reflected on all the good deeds, I marveled at just how well everyone was pulling together to make it all work. The cooperation I was watching everywhere I visited really speaks volumes about our small town. Wow!

Then I began to wonder how come everyone in town can't pull together like this all year long instead of just at Christmas?

Imagine how much better our community would be if everyone worked like this throughout the year. Just some food for thought.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Dave



Santa says

THANKS  
to everyone  
who advertised  
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of the  
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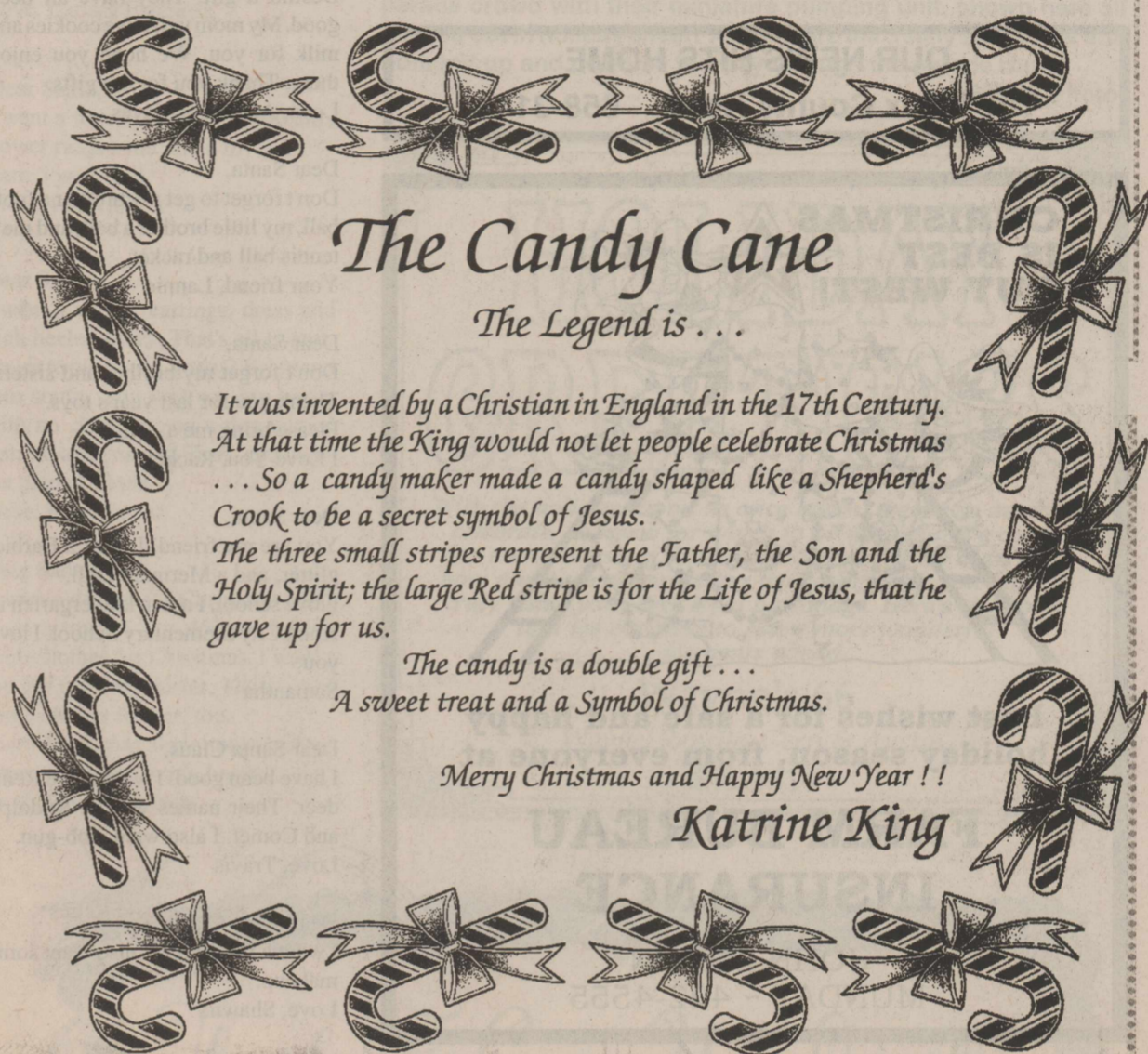
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The Ministerial Alliance of Knox City wishes to give a big thanks to the O'Brien Mid-School and Knox City High School for their contributions of food this year.

The Student Council presented the food Friday morning, December 20, at a much needed time. It is wonderful to see and feel the wonderful spirit of giving and care that our young people of this area have. This successful effort proves their heart goes out to their fellowman. May God bless all of you.

Thanks in Christ,  
The Knox City Ministerial Alliance



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### CHRISTMAS, 1996

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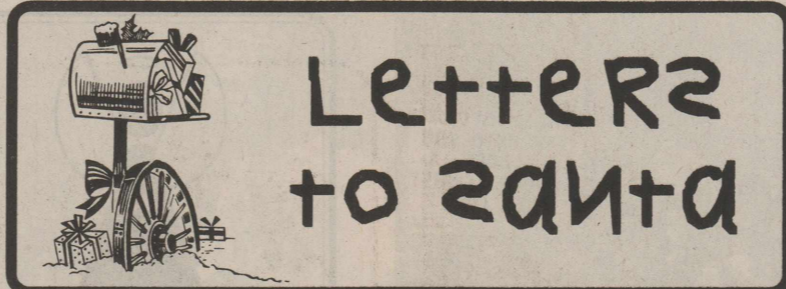


# Happy Holidays 1996

We hope everything runs smoothly, all through the season!

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Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the presents last year. May I have give computer games, five CD's, one nintendo game, one remote control boat, and a car that jumps things?  
Love, Brandon Grimsley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby Born and a Star Castle. Marqurita wants a Power Wheel and a lite. Please bring Tamiaka, Linda, Kaylie, Bridett and Destini a gift. They have all been good. My mom will have cookies and milk for you. We hope you enjoy them. Thank you for the gifts.  
Love, Adreanne Mayes

Dear Santa,  
Don't forget to get my brother a foot-ball, my little brother a ball, and me a tennis ball and racket.  
Your friend, Lannie

Dear Santa,  
Don't forget my brother and sisters. Thank you for last year's toys. Please bring me a doll.  
I Love You, Rachel

Dear Santa,  
You are my friend. I want a Barbie, glitter, and a Mermaid Doll. I love school, I am in kindergarten in Knox City Elementary School. I love you.  
Samantha

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want some Reindeer. Their names will be Rudolph and Comet. I also want a bb-gun.  
Love, Travis

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a real horse. I also want some makeup.  
Love, Shawna

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me the game Battleship, a kite and a rabbit in a box for Christmas. The game Operation Pyramids, Super Zeo Megozord and a Red Battlezord.  
Love, Andrew England

Dear Santa Claus,  
I live in a brick house in Knox City. I want a bike. I'll leave you some chicken and pork chops.  
Love, Kenyin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a rabbit and a box for my rabbit, A my size Barbie for Christmas and 3 more my size Barbies.  
I want the game Operation and bring my big brother a Game Gear. I want you to also bring him a Ninja Turtle game.  
Love, Sarah B.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a "Sonic 3D Blast", a Nintendo 64 and a grip game. I would also like a "Goosebumps - Terror in the Graveyard" game and an "Independance Day" laser game.  
Love Aaron McCrary

Dear Santa,  
I need some new clothes and a bike. Salina wants a new toy. I'll ask Mama to cook you some pork chops for supper.  
Love, Sabrina Benavides

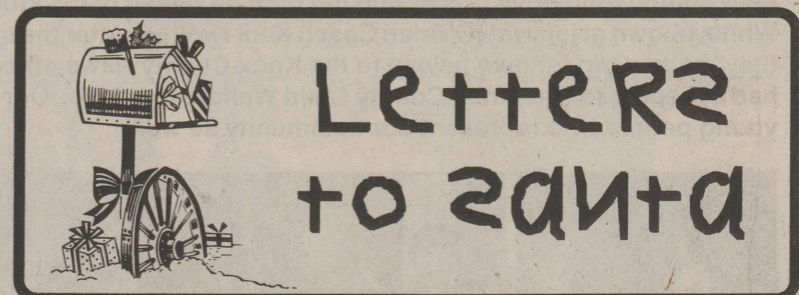
Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Thank you for the toys you left last year. For Christmas this year, I would like a baby that chews real, a camera, and some binoculars.  
Don't forget my little sister Andrea, all my friends and Granny and Pa Hewitt. I will leave you some Christmas cookies and some milk. I love you.  
Ashton Neal, Wichita Falls

Dear Santa,  
I am just 1 year old, so I don't want much. What I really, really should like is for my big sister Ashton to not bug me for awhile. I would also like to have some toys. I like things that make noise. I think I might also like a riding toy. I love you.  
Andrea Neal, Wichita Falls

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old. I live in Knox City. I want a big, a big Barbie and some clothes. I also want a Teacher Barbie. I am in Kindergarten.  
I love you, Mea



TYING FOR THIRD PLACE IN THE OILFIELD ENTRY DIVISION, this float by V & V Oilfield Service seemed to be the most relaxing way to enjoy a Christmas Parade! Riding in the rocking chair is Faby Vasquez, and 'in bed' are her children, Laura and Kelsey.  
(NEWS Photo)



Dear Santa,  
I would like a real horse.  
Thanks, Santa.  
Love, Will Gigliotti

Dear Santa Claus,  
We almost missed getting our letter off to you and had to ask the nice lady in the video store from a sheet of paper and a pen !!  
My name is Jonathan and this is the first Christmas I can really have fun. I was little bitty last time. I would like some sheets for my bed, a big Bananas in Pajamas doll, a new ball, some books for mommy to read, a football for me and Daddy to play with, a dump truck, some Whoppers, a new cap and some wooden ABC blocks.  
I'll be at home part of the time, but Nannine and Papa's in Borger later, so you can spread 'em out.  
Hugs and kisses,  
Jonathan Bufkin Rainwater

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a careful trip around the world. Are the elves helping you? Here is my Christmas list: a bike, 10 dollars, and my loose tooth out . . . please ! Also warm-ups, new rollerblades, a game called "Mouse Trap", a game called "Three Dead-end Drive", and a CD player with CDs. Also I want a trampoline, alarm bird, a new backpack, and please bring me a "Yack back".  
Love, Tiffany Wilde

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with dolphin that goes in water. I want a heart for Mom. I want more ponytails, a baby that eats and goes in your backpack, a bracelet and some jeans.  
I love my family.  
Your friend, Molly

Dear Santa,  
I would like to see reindeer fly. I would like to touch one too. Please leave me one.

I want a bicycle and I want a watch and I also want a Dalmatian puppy that is a boy. And I also want a set of pencil colors and a hand BB gun, and my brother wants one too, they are black. I want some hunting boots and a sled and the movie, Toy Story.  
I love you, Santa. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love, Colton Porter  
Benjamin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Santa. I have been good. I want a Polly Pocket, an Olson movie, and a computer that you carry around, and another little toy. Also a Dalmatian necklace and a dress.  
I will leave you some cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, Kalee Josselet  
Benjamin, Texas

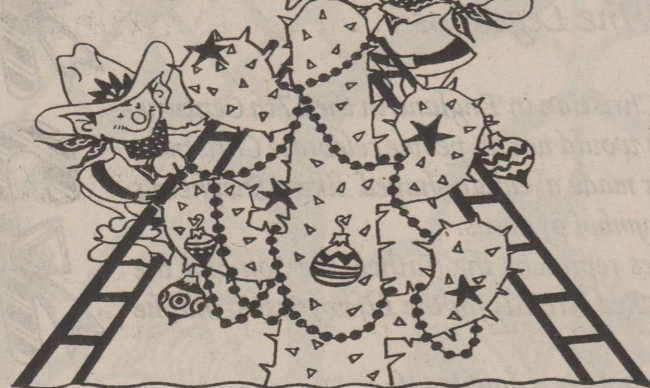
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a toy dog with batteries so he can walk and a little toy bear. That's all.  
Love, Javier Acevedo  
Benjamin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
My name is William Moorhouse and I am five years old and I live in Benjamin, Texas. I have tried to be a good boy even if my mom and dad say otherwise. For Christmas this year, I would like for you to bring me a gray cowboy hat, a Coke truck, a bean bag, a black horse and some cars. Thank you for my bicycle last year. I will leave you a Coke and some cookies.  
Love, Will Moorhouse  
Benjamin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Santa. I want a Christmas Tree with lights on it and a star on top of it and some candles. I want some presents behind the tree. A computer with CD-Rom to play games. And I want a pretty dress and a clock and a bike and a necklace and a house for toys.  
Love, Alma Solis  
Benjamin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV. I want a Super Nintendo. I want a five speed. I want a 22 and shells. I want a motorcycle. I want a computer. I want a four wheeler. I want a dog. I want a steel toed bootee. I want coveralls.  
I love you!  
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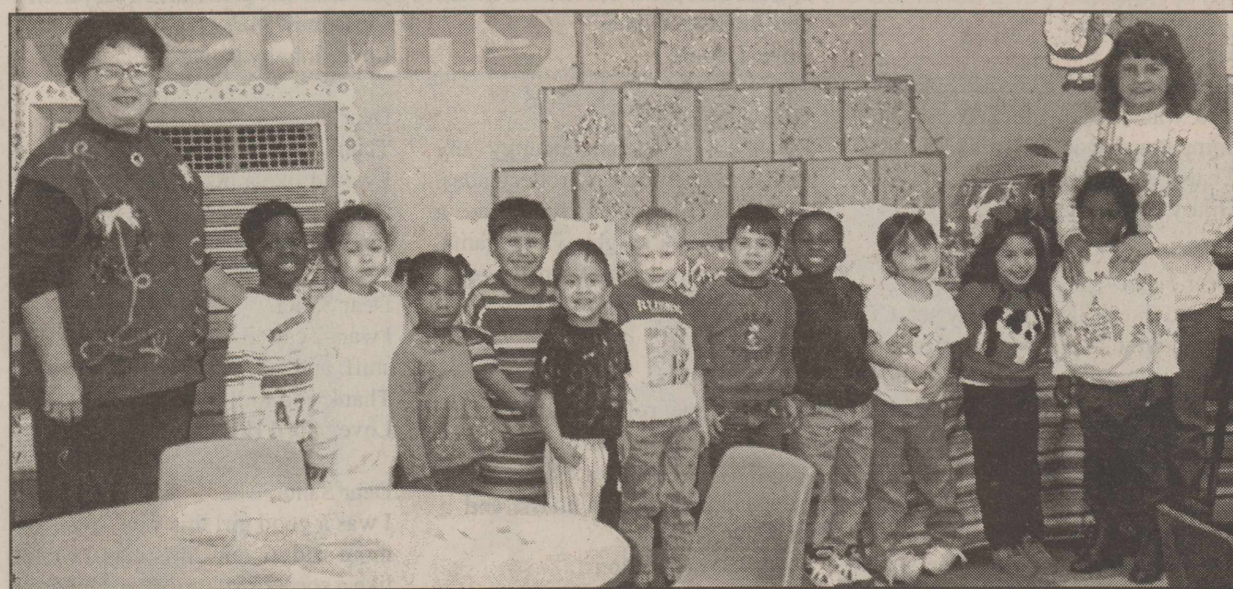
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I have been good this year. I want a bike, a Game Boy and a computer. I would also like some new clothes and new shoes.  
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
I want warriors and weapons and police with cars that run and the game Battleship. I've been in Houston and it was colder there. I've been good.  
I love you, Scotty Fisher

Dear Santa,  
I want a superman, a big bad beetle boys, and a power ranger.  
Thank you, Lee Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a wagon, a power ranger, and a bicycle. I have been good.  
Love, Ryan Casillas

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunk bed and a pencil sharpener, and a hot wheels set. I have been good.  
Your friend, Chance Ainsworth

Dear Santa,  
I want movies, clothes and a buggy to drive. I'm good.  
I love you, Adam Hollingsworth



*Happy  
Holidays*

At Christmastime, we join you in giving thanks to the Lord for his many fine creations both large and small.

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new doll house, a Barbie doll and a new real kitten. I've tried to be good.  
I Love You, Krista Limitone

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pair of roller blades and a pair of mittens. I would also like a Barbie CD, a skate board and a Dalmation tent.  
Love, Tanisha

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD and a cordless phone. I also want a Yorkshire Terrier and computer. I would also like a Sega. That is all, Santa.  
Hilary J. Chenhall

Dear Santa,  
Would like a Sand Art play set, CD Nintendo, CD player with a remote control, my own computer with all games and a big screen TV with 299 channels.  
Love, Brittany Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nintendo 64 and the game Skebob and Donkey Kong Country 3. And a computer with number munch. A pocket knife. A remote control race car. I also want hunting gear. A CD player, a CD called Colio, Mini Sega. A really expensive, not to expensive telescope.  
Tomas Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want a my size Barbie doll and a Barbie computer. My nephew would like a toy airplane. My sisters and mom and dad, remember them. I'll leave cookies.  
Love, Tenikka

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year so I want some makeup. I also want a puppy and the Barbie CD clothes set. I want new dress up clothes.  
Love, Dannie

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike and a puppy (any kind) and a new doll and roller blades, R-zone, Gameboy, pads for me, a nintendo 64, a knights video game, Sega Saturn, a simi automatic gun.  
Jessica Albus

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades and a nintendo. I also want a puppy, a bike from Toys R Us and ac computer with games and a brown mask and a walkman. The end.  
Love, Jeremy Saxton

Dear Santa,  
You must have met my cousin Brad at the mall. I hope you don't forget my house this year. I want a dog, computer, CD player, desk and an aquarium for my fish.  
Love, Noah Hedgecok

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing with your elves at the North Pole? I would like a telescope, computer, basketball goal and a nintendo.  
Love, Coby Logsdon

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year I want a Cool Tools Toy, a John Deere tractor, squad, a stuffed dinosaur and a microscope. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a very Merry Christmas.  
Love, Johnny Nevarez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents last year. I would like a bike, go-cart, tractor, football and a basketball.  
Love, Timothy Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I want 2 cats, 3 fish, a new home, nail stuff and a computer. I love you. Thank you for last year's gifts.  
Love, April Herrera

Dear Santa,  
I was a good girl this year, even my mom said so. For Christmas, I would like a soccer ball, my own camera, a pair of skates and a Fashion Designer CD-rom, a computer to go along with it. Also, a little peace and love on Earth would be nice.  
Merry Christmas! Vanessa Solis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie doll, a baby doll, gymnastic Stacy and a Teddy Bear. Thank you for the gifts last Christmas.  
Love, Ebony

Dear Santa,  
I would like a mini vortex football, a ten speed bike, Nintendo game watch, a new QomQuest Plus Printer, a desk, 6 Nike shorts, game boy and snow.  
See ya, Meagan Schur

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I would like some new clothes and some new shoes, I would also like new makeup. I would really like a CD player.  
Love, Cheyene

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. Will you give me bow and arrow with 100 arrows. A bike and a watch. I also want a computer and Nike shoes with a shirt and pants. A hat too. A horse to ride and one four wheeler.  
Love, Quentin

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NAMED AS THE FIRST PLACE WINNER in the Farm & Ranch Division of the Knox City Christmas Parade, A.P. Denton Jr. is shown here driving his entry along the parade route. With the parade theme being 'Christmas Memories,' A.P.'s entry was his 'Little Red Wagon - The Difference Between Men And Boys Is The Price Of Their Toys.' While most think that parades are for kids, A.P. showed everyone that adults can have a lot of fun in a parade too!! (NEWS Photo)

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a happy Christmas. Are the elves working hard this month? Please bring me a kitten and a puppy. Also a Yak Back, a horse, a trampoline and 10 dollars.  
Love, Kayla Stewart

Dear Santa,  
Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a portable cd cassette player with 3 Garth Brooks cds and a Mario watch. And please give me the parts and instructions to a Swiss army pen.  
Love, Ryan Harrington

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new computer and I would like a new golf cart. I would like a new VCR, a "Yack-back", a kitten, a puppy and 20 dollars.  
Love, Crystal Ramos



**"Honor All Men.  
Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the King."**

**James 2:17**

May the true message of Christmas be heard by all in this and every season.  
God bless you all.

**First Christian Church**  
Steve Pepper, Pastor

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Lindsey Villa. I am 9 years old and I live in Knox City with my mom, dad, two sisters and one brother. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Could you please leave me the following things" a Dallas Cowboy jacket, CD player, stereo and a computer. What ever else you want to send that will be O.K. I will see you some milk and cookies. See ya soon. . . Merry Christmas!  
Love Always, Lindsey Villa

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing for Christmas? I want a Super Nintendo, a skateboard, a real 22 gun, and a pocket knife.  
Love, Sam Gigliotti

Dear Santa,  
I would like Skimask, gloves, Dallas Cowboys suit and one for my brother Kyle and a 1-2-3 bike for my little brother Tanner. A remote control helicopter and warm clothes. Thank you, Santa.  
Love, Sean Wilson

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last year's gifts. Would you bring me a computer and Toy Story Toys?  
Your friend, Joey Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a car for Christmas. I also want a computer and a hot rod. I also want a limousine and a "fifty-seven Chevy". I like Santa because he brings good presents. He also brings good clothes for my Mom and Dad.  
Love, Amos Lerma

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some lipstick and a Barbie doll. Adrian wants a Power Ranger. Don't forget Lee, my mama and my daddy.  
Love, Kayla Hernandez

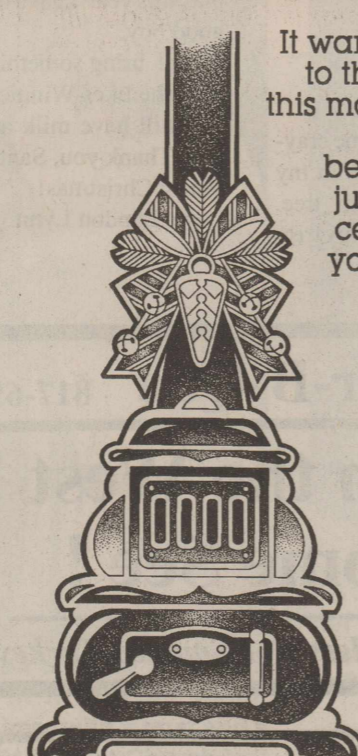
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I hope you are safe. I would like a Nintendo 64.  
Thank you for the presents last year.  
Love, Sean Stovall

Dear Santa,  
Please put a cooking baby doll in a present for me. I want a walking baby doll, too. I got my picture taken with you so you know me and where my house is.  
Love, Holly McCrary

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chase Reed and I'm five years old. My mom says I have been a pretty good boy this year, but my Dad says he's not so sure. Could I please have a Big Foot, a computer, a football suit, and some games. Please remember by Bub, Sissy, Dad, Braleigh, my horse Sonny Boy and all the other boys and girls. I love you Santa.  
Your pal, Chase

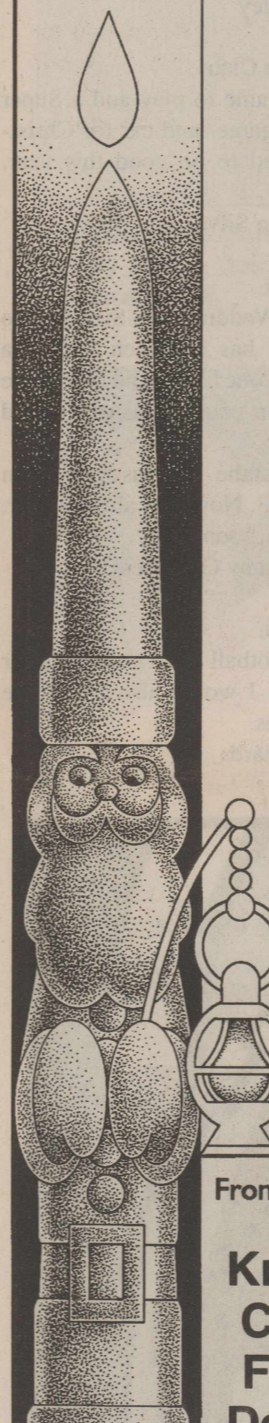
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing, Santa? Can you please bring me these things? I want a Nintendo 64 with a bunch of games, a shot gun, a computer, "Goosebumps" games, "Independence Day", the Movie, "Boyz to Men cd, a CD player, and a play race-car. I love you and will see you next year.  
Love, Zachary Stevens

### WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



It warms our heart to think of you in this most wonderful of seasons, because there's just so much to celebrate, and your friendship is one of the reasons!  
Merry, Merry Christmas!

**Bill Neal**  
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 Brad, Dustin  
 & employees**



## LETTERS to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a new born baby, Santa.  
 I want a new cradle, Santa.  
 I want a new bike, Santa.  
 Love, Rechele

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Will you please bring me a Barbie Dream House and a foot locker. A bucket for my Barbie's and some new clothes. I want a game like the old game I use to have.  
 Love, Candace

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Beast Warrior and a computer. I want a Nintendo 64 and the game Operation.  
 Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,  
 I want a computer and a pink baby doll. Please bring my mom a computer and some games to go with it.  
 Love, Ashley

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a game to play and a Super Nintendo game and car for Christmas. I tried to be good this year. Thanks.  
 Love, Adan Silva

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Wedding My Size Barbie like Nikki has and then I want a Barbie car, one I can fit in. I can drive it in the rain 'cause it has windshield wipers.  
 I saw you at the mall last year when I was still 3. Now, I'm already four. I'll see you, soon.  
 Love, Brittany Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
 I want a football and a basketball for Christmas. I would also like some new clothes.  
 Love, Richard

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Would you please get me a Big Bad Beetle Borg AV and Super Ochzord and ahoming robot. I try to be good and hope all of your reindeer and you are fine.  
 Love, J.C. Chappell

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a big Barbie house for my dolls and I want a doll that takes the kids to school. She rings the bell with her buttons.  
 I want a doll that has a blue birdie and a Ken doll with her. Then, they can marry each other. I want a doll car that can charge up I already have a jeep. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
 Love, Brittany Grindstaff

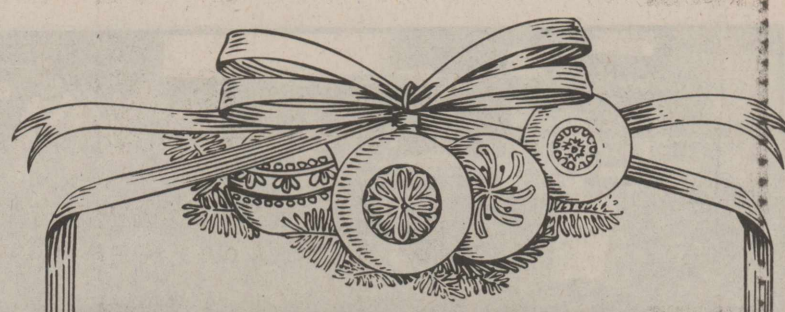
Dear Santa,  
 I want a dog that really eats food and it comes with a bed to sleep in. It's a dalmation dog. I want a Barbie that is my size. Also, a Hot Potato.  
 I saw you on TV at a parade. Come to my house in Gilliland.  
 Love, Teri Miller

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Makayla Harrington, I am almost 4 years old.  
 All I want for Christmas is roller blades and knee pads, I already have a helmet.  
 Please remember all the other kids. I really liked seeing you in the parade.  
 Love, Makayla

Dear Santa,  
 I want you to bring me a rocket and a big truck. You can come down my chimney. I live in Knox City now, not in Quitaque.  
 I'll leave you cookies and milk.  
 Love, Christian Patrick

Dear Santa,  
 Please give me a car. I'll leave some eggs and coke.  
 Love, Ivan Garcia

Dear Santa,  
 I love Santa Claus, I want some crayons and toys. You can come in my front door and you'll find my tree. Please put the presents under my tree.  
 Love, Derrick Coleman



**HELPING OLE' SANTA WITH TOYS** For Christmas, the Knox City Lions Club held a toy drive to assist the Knox County Child Welfare Board in making sure that every child of Knox County has toys for Christmas this year. Along with many private contributions, several organizations and groups such as the Lions Club have been a tremendous help this year as a record number of toys were collected for distribution prior to Christmas. Shown here with some of the toys from the Lions Club is Lion Diana Casillas, Chairperson of the toy drive. Along with the distinction of being one of just a few 'Lady Lions' in Knox City, Diana is a hard worker on various Lions Club projects. (NEWS Photo)



## LETTERS to Santa

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a Roll-A-Bowl for Christmas this year. I have tried to be a very good boy.  
 Please bring something for Allison, too. She likes Winnie the Pooh.  
 We will have milk and cookies for you. Thank you, Santa.  
 Merry Christmas!  
 Love, Landon Lynn

Dear Santa,  
 I want to get me a long, stretching doll. And for my sister, I want you to bring a doll that talks. I'll leave you some ice cream.  
 Love, Devon Flye

Dear Santa,  
 Will you bring me some toys? Wear your hat above your eyes so you can see.  
 I am trying to be good. Please bring me and John some toys.  
 Love, Riley Edwards

Dear Santa,  
 I want a tractor, I live in Knox City. I saw you when I was a baby. Now, I'm four.  
 Love, Kishan Raghu

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Little Baby Tumble Surprise, I'll fix you some crackers and orange juice.  
 Love, Michelle Espinosa

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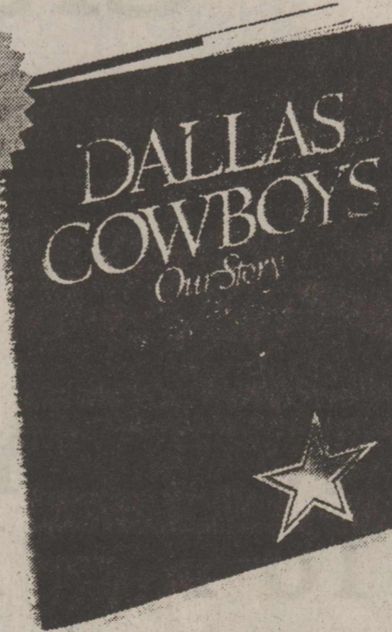
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