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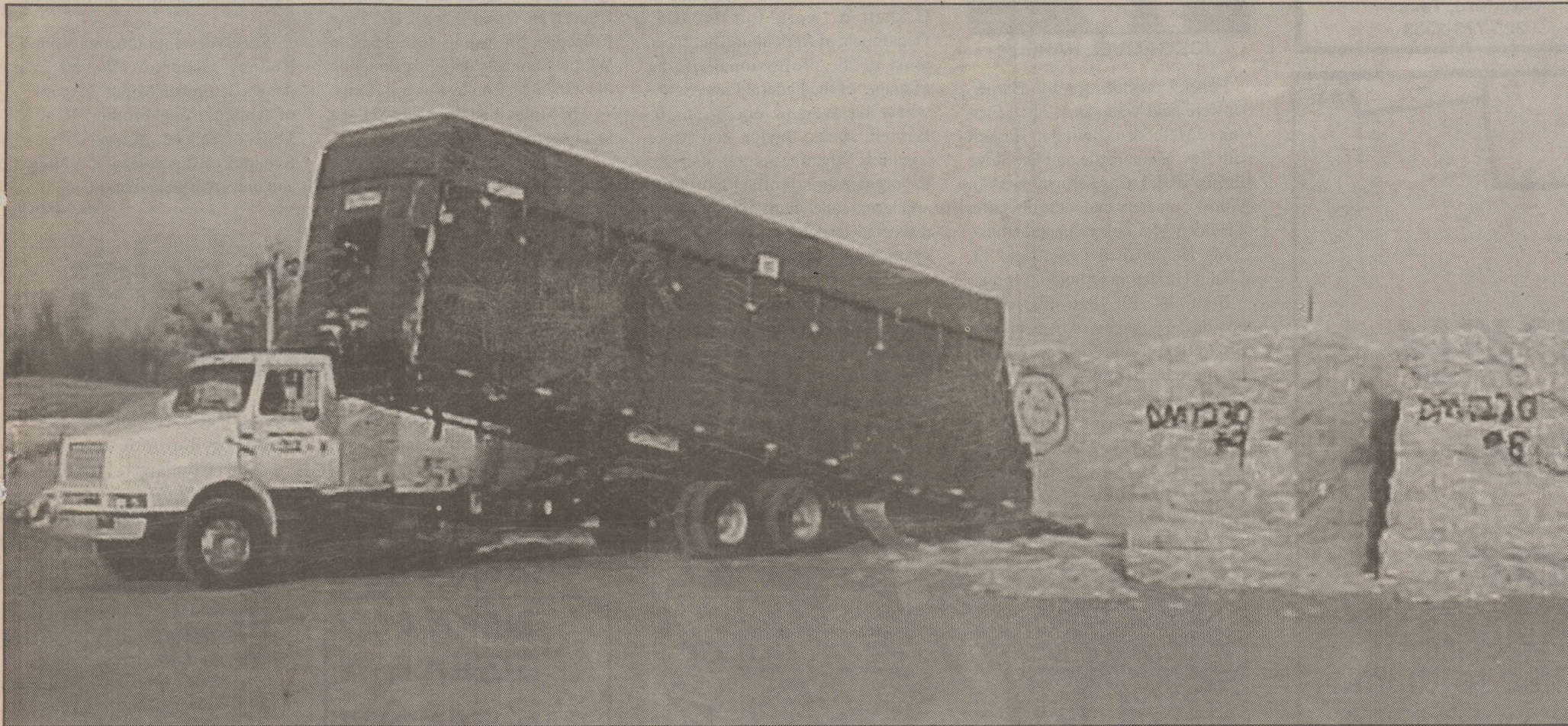
Happy New Year

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**HAPPY SITE**—Area ginners, farmers and module haulers have been busy with the season's cotton crop. Holiday activities for many included time spent harvesting the crop. Gin totals for the county are up about 1,000 bales from this time last year, with a reported total on Dec. 23 of over 33,000 bales.

## County, City show increases in monthly sales tax receipts

"State sales tax revenue is up for the third month in a row," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently. "The last time state tax revenue increased three months in a row was July-September 2001, before 9-11."

"November sales tax revenue is up 4.3 percent compared to November 2002. This is the largest growth since August 2001, before the terrorists' attacks," she said. The state received \$1.36 billion in sales tax revenue in November.

"Last December, the Grinch stole Christmas," Strayhorn said. "We

were seeing declining sales tax revenue at both the state and the local level, and tough economic times were also taking a toll on other revenue sources. This year, the Grinch isn't going to steal Christmas. State sales tax revenue is up and overall, local taxing entities will receive more sales tax this calendar year than they took in last calendar year."

Local sales tax revenue is up for the sixth consecutive month, the Comptroller reported as she sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purposes taxing districts their final sales tax allocations for calendar year 2003. Strayhorn sent local sales tax allocations totaling \$306.6 million. December sales tax allocations to local governments are up 4.9 percent compared to December 2002 and local sales tax allocations for calendar year 2003 are up 0.7 percent compared to last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$208.9 million to Texas cities, up 6.2 percent compared to December 2002. For calendar year 2003, city sales tax allocations are up 1.9 percent compared to 2002. Texas counties received December sales tax payments of \$17.7 million, up 5 percent compared to one year ago. Counties' sales tax allocations for 2003 are 1.7 percent higher than 2002.

Haskell County had a 21.57 percent increase for December, 2003 of \$28,201.56 in comparison to \$23,197.45 for December 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$326,798.44 reflect a 9.58 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$361,440.66.

The City of Haskell had a 23.67 percent increase for December, 2003 of \$26,755.06 in comparison to \$21,633.85 for December, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$301,167.75 reflect a 10.86 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date

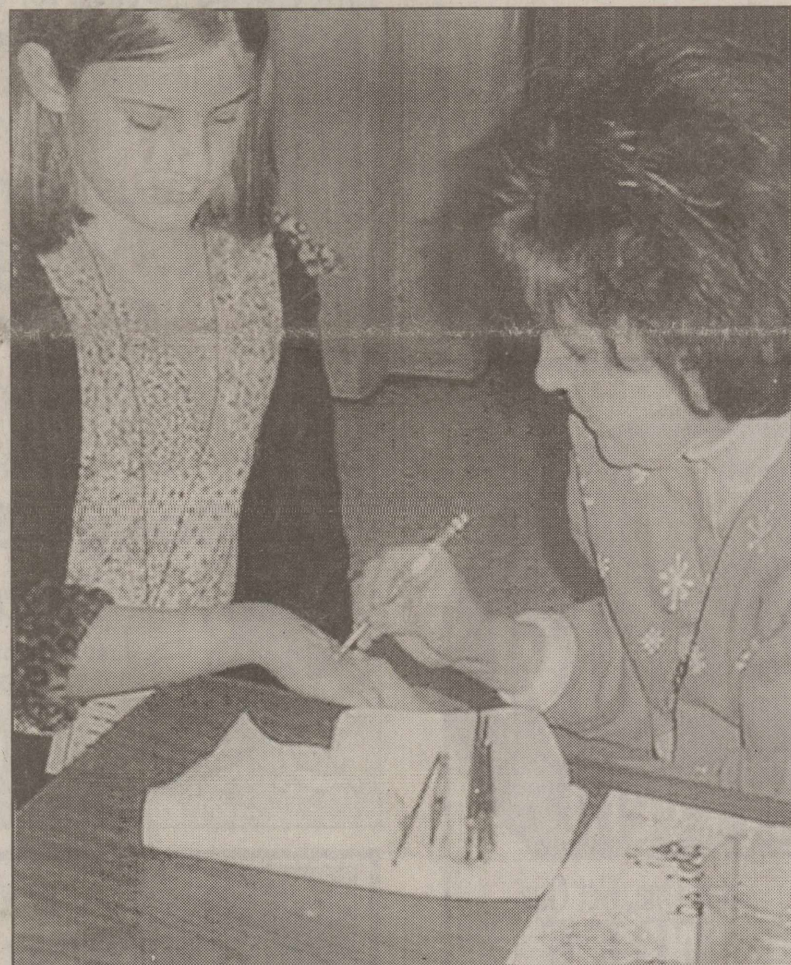
of \$337,861.33.

The City of O'Brien had a 30.06 percent decrease for December, 2003 of \$19.03 in comparison to \$27.21 for December, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$1,168.44 reflect a 46.46 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$797.76.

The City of Rochester had a 22.53 percent decrease for December, 2003 of \$446.23 in comparison to \$601.85 for December, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$7,043.50 reflect a 4.77 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$6,722.74.

The City of Rule had a 3.39 percent increase for December, 2003 of \$925.96 in comparison to \$895.56 for December, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$16,042.44 reflect a 10.61 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$14,503.19.

The City of Weinert had a 9.49 percent decrease for December, 2003 of \$35.28 in comparison to \$38.98 for December, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$1,376.31 reflect a 11.52 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$1,555.64.



**CARNIVAL FUN**—Paula Everett, right, paints a snowflake on Dawn Skinner's hand at the face painting booth at the Haskell Elementary Christmas Carnival. The carnival, held Dec. 11, offered local families a chance to spend some quality time together during the holiday season.

## Chamber names winners

Winners of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas lighting contest were Bob and Darlene Smith, 1801 N. First, first place; Linda Martinez, Hwy. 277 N., second place; Raymond Rodela, 12 S. Ave. K East, third place; and Danny Kierepka, 500 S. 6th East, honorable mention.

In the business division the Courthouse took grand prize; H & R Block, first place and Henderson Bookstore, second place.

## Students collect food

The Head Start and Early Childhood students of Haskell Elementary had the opportunity to serve their community while learning about nutrition and the basic food groups. These students, ages three through five, collected non-perishable food items. They also sponsored "I Can" Night at one of the home basketball games, at which admission price was one canned good.

As the food was collected, the students brought the food to their classroom where it was sorted into one of the basic food groups. Once all the food was collected, Tonya Cypert's sixth grade class helped the youngsters load it into a pickup. The food was transported to the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, where it will be distributed to needy families.

Roy Wright, Director of the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, said, "It is great to see how much food these youngsters have collected. They should be commended for all their hard work!"

"The kids loved this project," Missy Burson, teacher, said. "They looked forward to seeing what kind of food would be in the boxes each day. It was a great way for them to learn—not only about the foods they need to eat, but it also showed them that they can help other people."



**FOOD COLLECTED**—The Haskell Elementary Head Start and Early Childhood students and students from Tonya Cypert's sixth grade class pose for a picture around a pickup load of food collected by the group for the Haskell County Food Distribution Center.

### Basketball games

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- JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin  
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- PAINT CREEK**  
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- Paint Creek vs ACHS  
Tues., Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
at Paint Creek

### Calendar

#### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Jan. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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### Goodfellows Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Browning	\$50
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# Obituaries

## Joe Samuel Harper



JOE SAMUEL HARPER

Funeral services for Joe Harper, 87, were held Wed., Dec. 31, at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Shane Brue and Dr. Steve Harper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Harper died Tues., Dec. 23, at Palm Garden in Orlando, Florida. Born Oct. 13, 1916 in Quannah, Joe was the youngest of two children born to Bennie and Joe May Harper. He graduated from Quannah High School and attended Oklahoma State University. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corps in the Panama Canal Zone. He married Martha Elizabeth Robinson Feb. 26, 1938 at the First Presbyterian Church in

Vernon. After spending their first few years of marriage living in Crowell and Benjamin, Joe and Martha moved to Haskell and made it their home for the rest of their married life. In 2001, Joe moved to Atria-Tuscawilla Assisted Living in Orlando to be near Steve and Jeannie.

He was preceded in death by his parents: his sister, Helen Dunbar; and his wife, Martha.

Living in Haskell for nearly 60 years, Joe loved and served his community and church. He came to Haskell to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but spent most of his professional life as Manager of the Federal Land Bank, where he oversaw operations in Haskell, Jones, Baylor, and Knox counties. When he retired in 1980, the organization profiled him in an article and called him, "a popular and respected leader in the Land Bank system—a man of honesty and integrity."

Joe held positions of leadership in the Methodist Church, including teaching the Friendly Fellows Sunday School Class, being a member of the Official Board, and as Lay Leader. He served the community through participation in the School Board, Little League, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Country Club Association, and the United Fund.

On one occasion, he was urged to run for mayor but declined because he did not want to run against another person or be pitted politically against colleagues and neighbors. He was surely a friend to everyone.

Survivors include his only child, Steve and his daughter-in-law, Jeannie; one grandson, John, of Seattle, Washington; one

granddaughter, Katrina, of Millersburg, Kentucky; two great-grandchildren, Zoe and Isaac, of Millersburg; a sister-in-law, Mary Bras of Kansas City, Missouri; and four nieces, Maxine Largin of Richardson, Jane Ott of Kansas City, Missouri, Susan Musgrave of St. Louis, Missouri and Jane McCracken of Columbia, Missouri.

## Jesse Ray 'Skeeter' Miller

Funeral services for Jesse Ray 'Skeeter' Miller, 84, of Haskell were held Tues., Dec. 23 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller died Sun., Dec. 21 at a local hospital.

Born Aug. 31, 1919 in Hammond, Oklahoma, he was the son of Jess and Myrtle Moore Miller. He married

Helen Davis Jan. 20, 1940 in Haskell. She preceded him in death May 4, 2002. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, J. Rodney Miller of Haskell; one daughter, Ember Miller Thompson of Abilene; one brother, Roy K. Miller of Abilene; one sister, Pauline Kendrick of Vega; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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# Jr. 4-H Club holds holiday meeting

The Haskell County Jr. 4-H Club had their December monthly meeting Dec. 16 at the Haskell National Bank Meeting room with 22 members present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Alliance, led by Misti

Jones. The 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by Kayce Strickland.

Valiene Bullinger, Club Manager, congratulated the Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Teams for their recent placings at the District contest held in Vernon. She also reminded the 4-H'ers of the upcoming events including the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show, the Clothing Project and the Photography Project.

The group made some homemade Christmas ornaments to take home or give to someone special.

Refreshments were then served and a door prize was won by Shawn Duncan.

The next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 19 at 5:30 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

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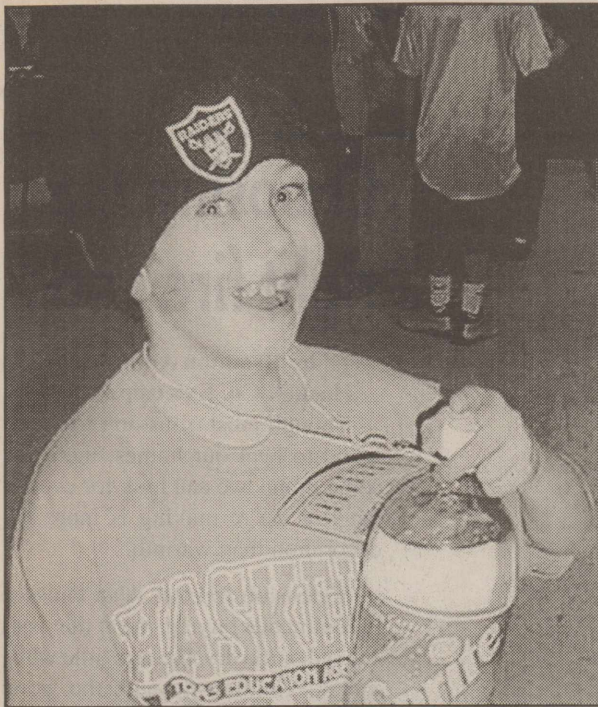
Thanks for the question.  
Misty

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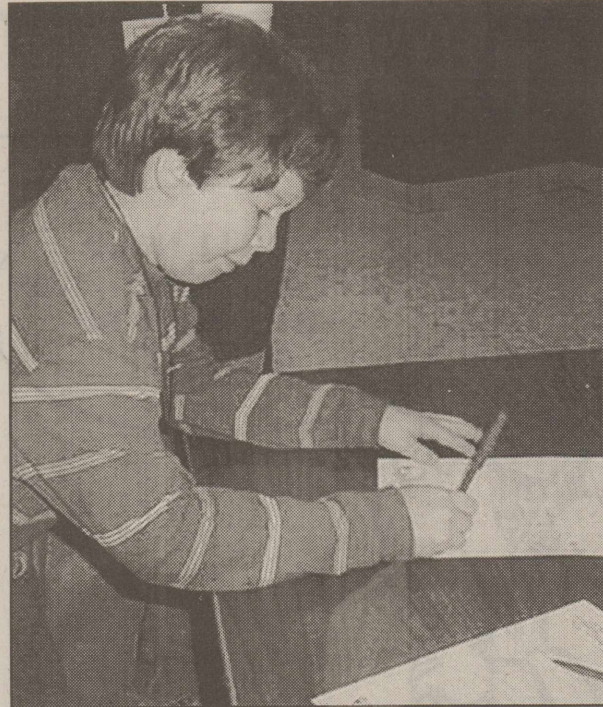
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**PRIZE WINNER**—David Newton displays the soft drink he won during one of the games played at the Christmas Carnival sponsored by Haskell Elementary School.



**BEST GUESS**—Garrett Brueggeman writes down his guess of how many lights are on the Christmas tree at the Christmas Carnival held Dec. 11.

**Around Town**

Visiting last week with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum were Joyce's brother and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn of Panhandle. They were on the way to Sweetwater to attend the football game between Panhandle and Baird.

Forty-nine members of the Hawkins family gathered in Haskell for their Christmas party. They came from Temple, Jarrell, Lewisville, Lubbock, Dimmitt, Stamford and Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Jimenez and their daughter of San Saba, spent the day Saturday with her grandmother, Joyce Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hilliard of Maryland recently visited with his mother, Bernice Hilliard. They all attended the Christmas Ball at Anson, Friday night.

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**Kids enjoy carnival**

The children of Haskell were treated to a Christmas Carnival Dec. 11. This annual event, sponsored by Haskell Elementary School, was held at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. The children participated in various Christmas-themed games, such as "Snowball Toss," "Pin the Nose on the Rudolf" and "Candy Cane Toss." They also enjoyed a "Coke Walk" which is like the traditional cake walk, with the prizes being 2 or 3-liter bottles of soft drinks rather than cakes. Other highlights included having their faces painted and their pictures made with Santa Claus.

While prizes were given for each event, two students took home special prizes. Daren Wilson won a

jar full of candy for having the closest guess for the number of candies in the jar. Grace Colley won a Christmas tree decorated with lights, awarded for the closest guess on the number of lights on the tree.

Admission to the carnival was a non-perishable food item, donated to the Haskell County Food Bank for their monthly distribution.

Kathy Garison, coordinator of the event said, "This event is held each year as a special holiday treat for the families of our community. It would not be possible without the volunteer help of the elementary staff and support of our parents. We hope this event gave parents and children an opportunity to spend some quality time together during the holidays."

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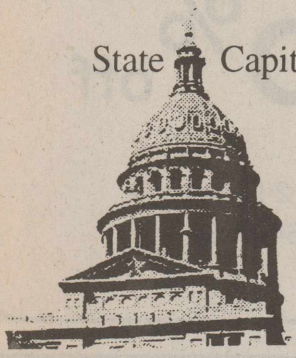
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Super Bowl brings \$165 million to Houston

AUSTIN—The National Football League playoff cycle is just starting, but a state bill that didn't get much if any attention during the legislative session last spring has generated some interesting numbers.

Senate Bill 275 tasks the comptroller's office with devising a forecast of expected tax gains associated with hosting a major sporting event in Texas. Such an event, Super Bowl XXXVIII, will be played at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Feb. 1.

What the comptroller's office found, as Carole Keeton Strayhorn said in the December issue of her agency's "Fiscal Notes," is that Texas will be the big winner, no matter which team has the highest score at the end of the game.

The estimate is that visitors will spend \$165.5 million in the Houston area. To break it down, that includes \$68.8 million for lodging, \$26.8 million at bars and restaurants, \$15.3 million on entertainment, \$13.7 million on transportation and \$41 million in general retail sales.

State and local government, of course, nets \$8.25 million of that.

### "God Bless Texas" plates on sale...

The new specialty license plates proclaiming "God Bless Texas" already were available before word spread on Christmas Eve that a case of Mad Cow disease had been confirmed in Washington state, but for Texas ranchers, the plates might seem particularly appealing now.

A set of the plates costs \$40 annually, with \$32 of that going toward the Texas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to Schools program. (The \$8 defrays administrative costs.)

"The responsibility to provide safe walkways and bicycle crossings for our school children is every bit as important as a quality education," Transportation Commission chairman John W. Johnson said

when the new plate was unveiled on Dec. 17 at Timmerman Elementary School in Pflugerville.

Students at that school will benefit from a sidewalk construction project set to begin in the first quarter and the new revenue source will make more projects possible elsewhere in the state, Johnson said.

Also available is a specialty "God Bless America" plate. It, too, helps to fund the school safety program TxDOT administers.

### Texas is in tall cotton...

Cotton continues to be Texas' leading cash crop, though when the final 2003 numbers are in, production is expected to be down somewhat from the previous year.

But cotton still earns Texas growers some \$1.6 billion a year, with a statewide economic impact of \$5.2 billion.

The Texas A&M University Cotton Program says just one 500 bale of cotton can produce 215 pairs of jeans or 21,960 handkerchiefs, take your pick.

### Rivers no longer "navigable" for motor vehicles...

Some Texans may wake up on New Year's Day with throbbing temples, but collectively, as of the first day of the year, the Texas environment has one less headache.

Effective Thursday, it is against the law to operate motor vehicles in most Texas river beds, the Canadian and Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River excepted.

Passed during the 78th Legislature, the new law is expected to reduce damage caused to stream beds by All-Terrain Vehicle enthusiasts.

The law still allows public access, and has a provision for local government to develop local access plans to allow vehicles in certain areas where they would not be harmful to the environment.

For detailed information on the new law, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Web site at www.pwd.state.tx.us.



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IT'S A BRAVE NEW YEAR...

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago January 6, 1994

15 Haskell high school winners and two alternates qualified for the State Science Olympiad in Houston. They were Lyle Fouts, Wayne Hodgin, Andy Martin, Blake Henshaw, Aaron Earles, Robert Huff, Cody Cooley, Randall Martin, Teresa Diaz, Amy Cunningham, Janceen Jordan, Charissa Huff, Mary Kay Watson, Heather Guess, Sarah Cothron, Tonya Burson and Wendy Dulaney.

Elizabeth Harris, a senior at Midland Lee High School, was named as Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week. She is the granddaughter of Faye Simpson of Rule.

### 20 Years Ago January 5, 1984

Haskell Indian Shane Hadaway received the first place tournament trophy from Kiwanis Club member Elbert Johnson following the club's First Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament. Other team members were Coach Jim Dan Raughton, Keith Reed, Patrick McCoy, Steven Boyd, Doug Lanier, David Adams,

Randy Roewe, Todd Harris, Ricky Rojas and Robert Ivey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith announced the arrival of their son, Jay Allen Smith, born Dec. 31, 1983 at Hendrick Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith Jr. of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reynolds celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the Haskell National Bank Community Room hosted by their eight children.

### 30 Years Ago January 3, 1974

In the Rotan tournament, the Haskell Indians won by defeating Rotan JV; Old Glory; and Rotan. Martin Randle was named to the All-Tournament team and named Outstanding Player of the Tournament.

In the Rotan tournament, the Haskell Maidens placed first, by defeating Rotan; Spur; and Roby. Fonda Horn made the All-Tournament team. Debbie Young was named to the All Tourney team as Outstanding Guard.

### 40 Years Ago

### January 2, 1964

Winners in four divisions of competition in Haskell's Christmas lighting contest were best lighted outside tree: Mrs. H. H. Cofield, first; Mrs. Jimmy Browning, second. Most attractive and appropriate yard scene: Tommy Michaels, first; Ira Hester, second. Best lighted window: Mrs. Jack Pippin, first; Mrs. Vance Abeldt, second. Best lighted door: Velma Campbell, first; Mrs. Hubert Bell, second.

Haskell's Ray Overton was named Coach of the Year as coach of the All-Area AA football team and six of his Indian players were honored with selections to the All-Area Squad. They were Joe Josselet, Eddie Smart, Joe Thigpen, Charles Chapman, James Davis and Sammy Larned.

Mary Jo Price of Haskell was honored by the Parent-Teachers Association of the El Paso elementary school in which she taught two musical compositions which were adopted as official school songs.

### 50 Years Ago January 7, 1954

Airman Toxie T. Cobb spent 20 days on leave with his parents, Mr.

## Choosing the right firewood

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Though most of us don't rely on wood to heat our homes, there are some things we can look for even if the fire we're making is more for decoration than warmth.

Extension forester Alan Dreesen recommends buying wood that isn't too old or too dry. He says little white streaks running through the wood mean it's decaying and may be more than a year old. It won't burn as hot or efficiently as wood cut within the past year.

It's also good to know what you're paying for. If someone sells you a cord of wood, the stack should be four feet high, four feet deep and eight feet long. Dreesen says many people sell face cords where the sticks of wood are only about a foot and a half long rather than four feet.

And he says if you're serious about heating your home with wood, get a sealed wood stove rather than an open fireplace. Airtight stoves can heat up to two-thousand square feet.

and Mrs. Truett C. Cobb and other relatives in Haskell before he reported for shipment to North Africa.

Dr. Riley H. (Herman) Pittman of Haskell, Drake University professor and active in human rights work, accepted a post as executive director of the Illinois Commission on Human relations.

Amelia Fagan, a second grade teacher in the Haskell Elementary School, was selected as teacher of the week.

### 100 Years Ago January 9, 1904

T. G. Carney returned from a business trip west and he reported that blackleg was killing many cattle in Scurry and Kent Counties.

M. S. Pierson, president of the First National Bank, who ran a farm and ranch as well as one of the best banking institutions in this part of Texas, shipped three cars of beeves to Fort Worth. His son Marshall went along to look after the disposition of them.

Calvin Nance, Frank Simmons, Ross Carter and John Carothers attended the performance of the St. Louis Dramatic Co., in Stamford.

## Protect cattle from the cold

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Livestock owners need to be prepared to protect their animals in the cold winter months.

Extension beef specialist Larry Boleman says older cattle withstand cold better because their hides and hair are thicker. But no matter how old they are—wet, windy weather can be harmful.

Feeding is crucial. In cold weather, animals need more food to

keep their energy level up. Boleman says ideally, you would give cattle all the hay they can eat plus three to five pounds of supplemental feed.

The animals also need water. Ranchers should cut the ice off their farm ponds and tanks so cattle can drink. Boleman says in those situations you also have to be careful the cattle don't fall through the ice. He suggests setting up a water supply with a heater if you expect long spells of freezing weather.

### Monthly Calendar of Events

## JANUARY 2004

### Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Holiday	2 Holiday	3 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Cisco Here 4 p.m.
4	5 Staff Development	6 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Hamlin There 4 p.m.	7	8 BB Haskell vs Eula 7,8,9 Boys Here 5 p.m. 7, 8, 8 Girls There 5 p.m.	9 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Anson Here 4 p.m.	10 Debate Tournament at Hamlin
11	12 BB Haskell vs Eastland 7,8, 9 Boys Here 5 p.m. 7, 8, 9 Girls Here 5 p.m.	13 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Stamford Here 4 p.m.	14	15 Regional Band Clinic at Cooper BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Eula There 4 p.m. Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show Haskell JH Basketball Tournament	16	17
18	19 BB Haskell vs Hawley 7,8, 9 Boys There 5 p.m. 7, 8, 9 Girls Here 5 p.m.	20 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Eastland There 4 p.m.	21	22	23 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Hawley Here 4 p.m. Debate Tournament	24
25	26 BB Haskell vs Throckmorton 8 Girls There 6 p.m. BB Haskell vs Cisco 7,8 Boys Here 5 p.m. 7, 8 Girls Here 5 p.m.	27 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Cisco There 4 p.m.	28	29	30 BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell Open	31



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# Haskell INDIANS



Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, L. J. McCullouch, Austin Coker, Osiel Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Back: Brandon McClatchey, Drew Garison, Miguel Chavez, Kory Foster, Ross Hairgrove and Jakaan Hodge.  
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Front, l-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall.  
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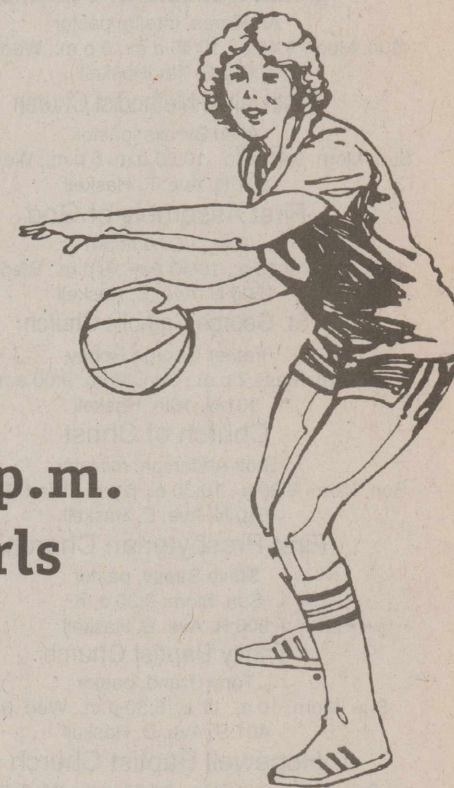
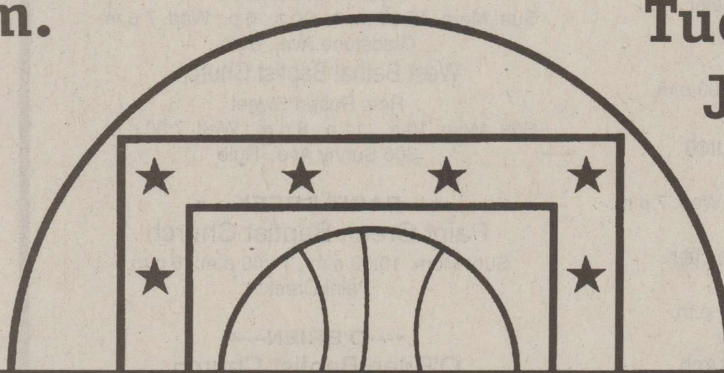
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JV & Varsity Boys  
vs Cisco  
at Haskell

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### YOUR RESOLUTIONS CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU KEEP THEM

You'll clean that closet out for sure,  
 And give those things to help the poor.  
 But most of all, you've vowed to heed  
 The lessons of your chosen creed,  
 And each and every Sabbath day  
 Attend the services and pray;  
 Then thank the Lord with all your heart  
 You gave this year a flying start.

A brand new year is underway,  
 And just one week ago today  
 You made a comprehensive list  
 Of what temptations to resist;  
 Along with projects to be done,  
 Including those not yet begun:  
 Like writing letters you've postponed,  
 To people whom you should have phoned.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Jim Helfin, interim pastor  
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
 Dusty Garrison, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**  
 James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
 Art Flores, Interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
 Allen Brooks, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
 Rev. J.C. Amburn  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
 Father George Roney  
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
 Brett Anderson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
 Steve Beatty, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
 Tony Grand, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

- New Covenant Foursquare**  
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
 Rev. William Hodge  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
 Kevin Hall, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**  
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Gazebo or Pavillion
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**  
 Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

#### WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**  
 J. C. Baker, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**  
 Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 Jackie Brem, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Clarence Walker  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
 Katherine Byrd, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**  
 Dolan Brinson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 Rochester

#### SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Melissa Bemis, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Deborah Nissen, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**  
 Josh Stowe, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
 John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**  
 Wendall Fergerson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Alfa y Omegas  
 Manuel Marin, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Bill Trice, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Robert Sweet  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
 Milton McManus, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

### Jan. 5-9

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast bagels  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, graham crackers  
**Thursday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Friday:** Breakfast burritos

#### Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with ham and cheese.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches  
**Wednesday:** Frito pie/cheese, pinto beans, garden salad, pineapple tidbits  
**Thursday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, Oriental coleslaw, baby carrots/ranch dressing, peanut butter pie  
**Friday:** Barbeque on a bun, pickles/onions, French fries, orange wedges

## Paint Creek School Menu

### January 6-9

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Tuesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** Breakfast burritos  
**Friday:** Cinnamon rolls

#### Lunch

Milk is served daily.  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, mashed

potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, fruit cup

**Wednesday:** Enchilada casserole, beans, corn, chips, jello  
**Thursday:** Macaroni with ground beef, salad, peas, rolls, chocolate cake  
**Friday:** Hot dogs, baked beans, nacho cheese with chips, pickles, onions, pudding

## ECC Calendar and Menu

### Mon., Jan. 5

Lunch—Meat loaf, parslied potatoes, club spinach, green beans, yeast rolls, cherry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

### Wed., Jan. 7

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
 Gospel singing  
 Lunch—Tamale pie, Spanish rice, garden salad, ranch style beans, garlic bread, pineapple upside down cake, milk, tea, or coffee.

### Fri., Jan. 9

Lunch—Chicken and gravy, creamy potatoes, vegetables, sliced onions, yeast rolls, lime jello salad, iced brownies, milk, tea, or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Gin Report

### Dec. 22, 2003

Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	5,214
Haskell County Gin	3,980
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	10,000
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	5,029
Sagerton Gin	1,650
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	2,850
Weinert Gin	4,385
Total Bales	33,108

## Births

David and Stephanie Boatman of Vernon announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklynn McKenzie Boatman, born Dec. 22 at 12:44 p.m. in Wichita Falls. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches tall. She is welcomed home by big sister, Natyleigh.

Happy New Year!

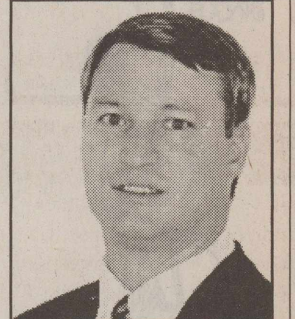
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## TAX PLANNING

Written By  
**Richard E. Rodgers, CPA**



### DOES REFINANCING YOUR CAR LOAN MAKE SENSE?

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Auto loan refinancing is like refinancing your home mortgage, though it typically involves less paperwork. After you find a lender that offers a lower interest rate, your new lender pays off your existing loan and you begin making payments on the new loan. If the payment amount is the same or higher, you'll be able to pay off the loan earlier. If you pay off the loan over the same remaining number of months, your monthly payment will be lower. Either way you should save money.

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When does it make sense to refinance your car loan? The earlier in the loan term you refinance, the more sense it makes. You'll save more money and your car's value will not have depreciated as much. Lenders will not lend more than the value of the car.

Check several lenders to find the best terms and be careful of hidden charges. Also, check your existing loan agreement for early payment penalties.

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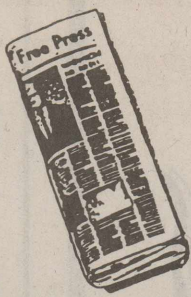


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