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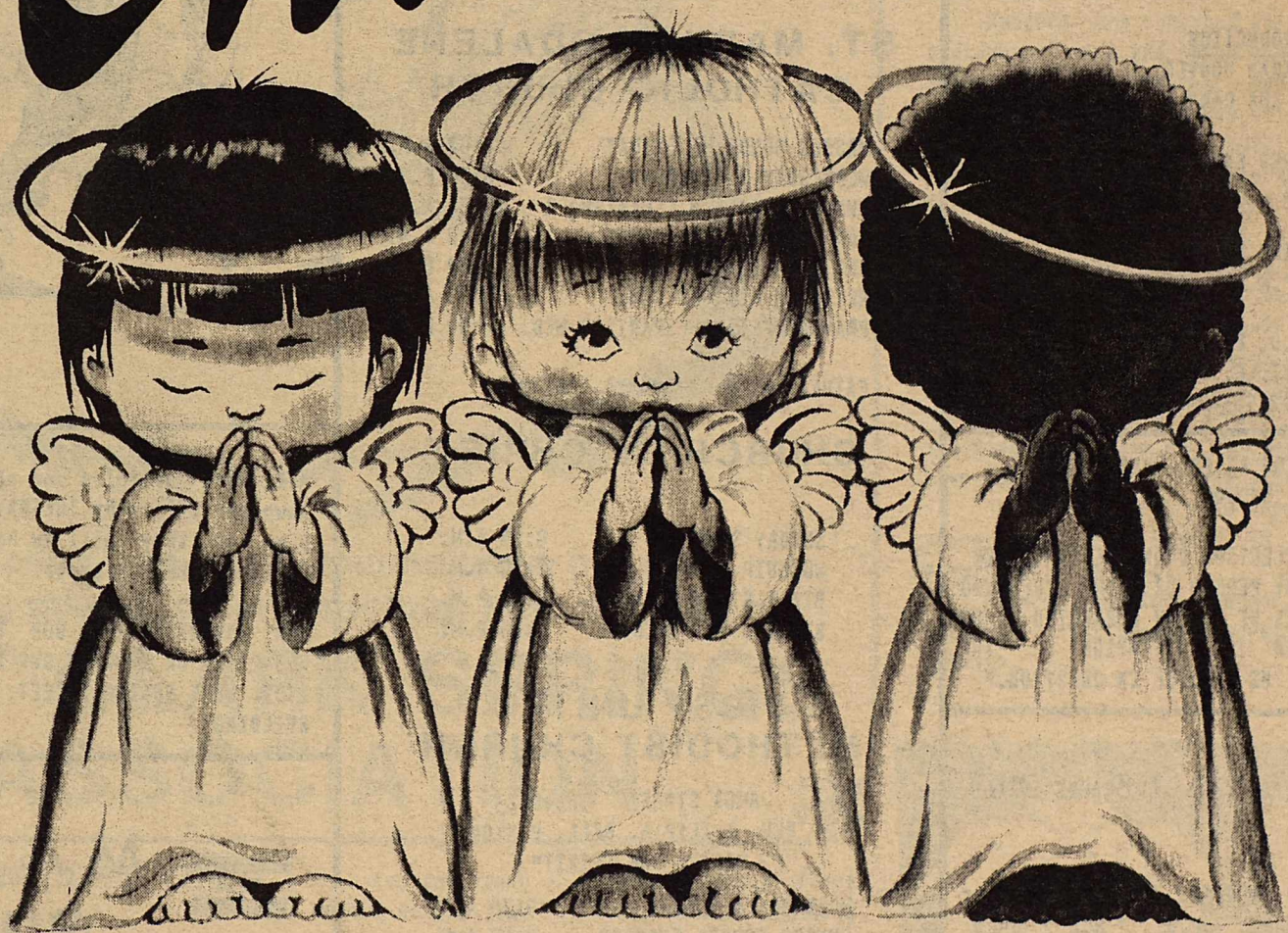
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RANGER WEARY OF PUBLICITY

FIRST BLACK TEXAS RANGER ENJOYING WORK, BUT WEARY OF PUBLICITY
 by Peggy Fikac
 Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) -- The first black lawman to become a Texas Ranger says he is happy to be a role model, but looks forward to the day when publicity will come not because of his race, but because of his accomplishments solving a case.

Lee Roy Young Jr., after roughly three months on the job, is taking special training and investigating cases from murder to kidnapping.

The 15 year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety said he wants to be viewed as "another person here working, and the only time I'd be brought out in the limelight is when I'm working on something that's a large investigation or something, where there's a lot of people involved."

"Of course, I would much rather it (the publicity) just diminish and just fade away," he said.

The lawman, 41, is stationed in the Dallas Suburb of Garland. He received his badge in early September.

Young got a lot of attention when his promotion to ranger was announced in July. The Texas Department of Public Safety has been accused by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of passing over black officers for promotion and discriminating against them in other ways.

Young is the first black to become a Ranger in the 165 year history of the force, which now numbers 94 men.

He said he hasn't personally encountered discrimination, and hasn't seen others discriminated against.

"I don't see it," he said. "Of course, I haven't really been looking for it."

Young dreamed of being a Ranger as a child in South Texas and said the reality has "pretty much" lived up to the dream.

"I find the work to be very challenging," he said. "You're trying to find or to obtain something unknown, or that's not easily found or disclosed, so it's that challenge in itself that I find most exciting."

In the short time he has been a Ranger, Young said he has been involved in cases including kidnapping, murder, narcotics, forgery, missing persons and wanted fugitives.

Rangers are charged with four duties: protecting life and property by enforcing state criminal statutes, suppressing riots and insurrections, investigating major crimes and apprehending fugitives.

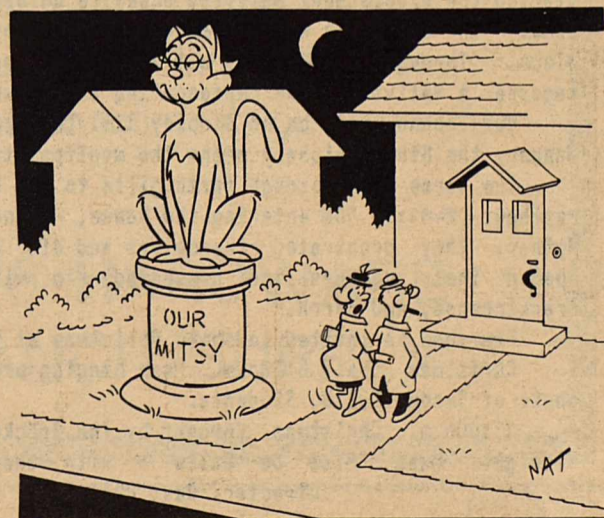
Law enforcement authorities in small towns and sparsely populated counties often call on Rangers for help.

Young also is involved in continuing education. He has attended training sessions on such subjects as bloodstain interpretation and making composite drawings of suspects.

"That's part of this job. You never stop learning. I don't care if you're just starting out like me, or you've been here five (or) 10 years," Young said.

"I've been with this department for 15 years, and it's been a 15 year learning experience," he said.

Before becoming a Ranger, Young was a criminal intelligence investigator in San Antonio.



"WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET THEM TALKING ABOUT CATS."

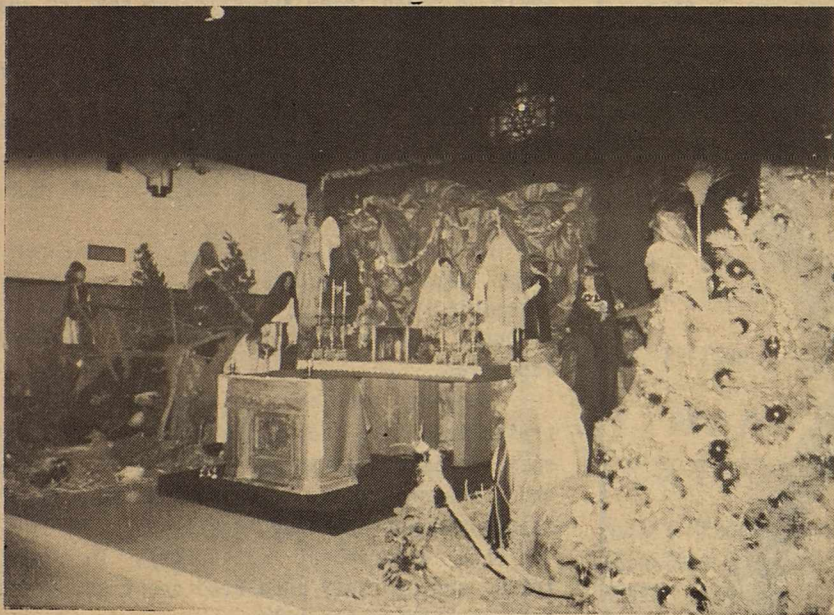
CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL HAVE ONLY THEIR MORNING BIBLE CLASS AT 9:30 A.M. AND SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SAINT ANDREWS

Christmas service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Brackettville this year will be a traditional Christmas Eve midnight Eucharist. Singing of Christmas carols will begin at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, followed at 11 p.m. with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Special instrumental and vocal renditions of seasonal music will be featured before and during the service.

After the service in the Parish Hall we will have tamales and punch and other goodies to feast on as we spread the Christmas Spirit through Christian fellowship. Let's take time out from our busy schedules to fill our hearts with the peace and joy of what we are experiencing in the birth of Jesus Christ.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE H

This year a life size Nativity Scene will be on display inside the Church, along with lights & music. It will be ready for each of you to come by and see from Christmas Day afternoon until the Epiphany, January 8th.

(If there are no lights or music, later in the week, please feel free to ask Father David to turn them on. You will enjoy it so much more.)

A Nativity Scene is really the most important part of the Christmas tradition. It signifies the birth of Our Lord Jesus. In the 12th Century, the Saint Francis of Assisi became totally devoted to the mystery of the birth of Jesus in a stable. (Francis of Assisi had also been born in a stable, so he shared this feeling of Jesus' birth very deeply.) So Francis of Assisi was the one who started the traditional Nativity Scene to be displayed at Christmas time. In hopes it would remind us of Our Savior and His birth place. Through out time and all around the world, people have put together a Nativity Scene representing their own Country's culture.

Our scene will be on display till the Epiphany of Our Lord, January the 8th. (Epiphany means the manifestation of Our Lord.)

The Three Kings brought forth gifts to the baby Jesus.

Matthew: 2-11: "On entering the house, found the child with His Mother, they prostrated themselves and did homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Everyone is invited to share Christmas at St. Mary Magdalene.

Christmas Eve: 6:30p.m. Mass Singing provided by a special choir of Sunday C.C.D. Students.

11:00p.m. Christmas Concert by The Brackett High School Band
Midnight Mass "Misa de Gallo" with the Ecumenical Choir.

Director: Rev. Phil Bell

Organist: Cathy Conrey

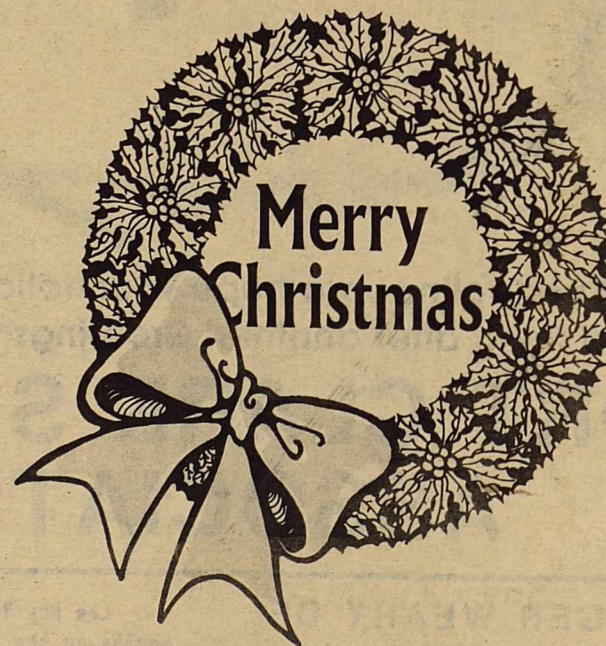
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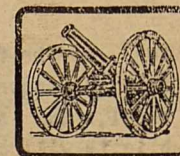
Winners of the Fort Clark Springs American Cancer Society Benefit Golf Tournament on December 3 were:

Howard Peck (left), Helen Miller, Betty Inman and Ray Kurtz. Pro Shop Manager, Karl Chism presented the trophies donated by Texcor Industries, Inc. Other prizes were donated by the First State Bank, Davis Hardware, Jean's - Nash Dry Goods, Tipton-Carson, Wyatt's Cafeteria, Kinney County Wool and Mohair and the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course Restaurant. The American Cancer Society thanks everyone who participated in this successful benefit event!



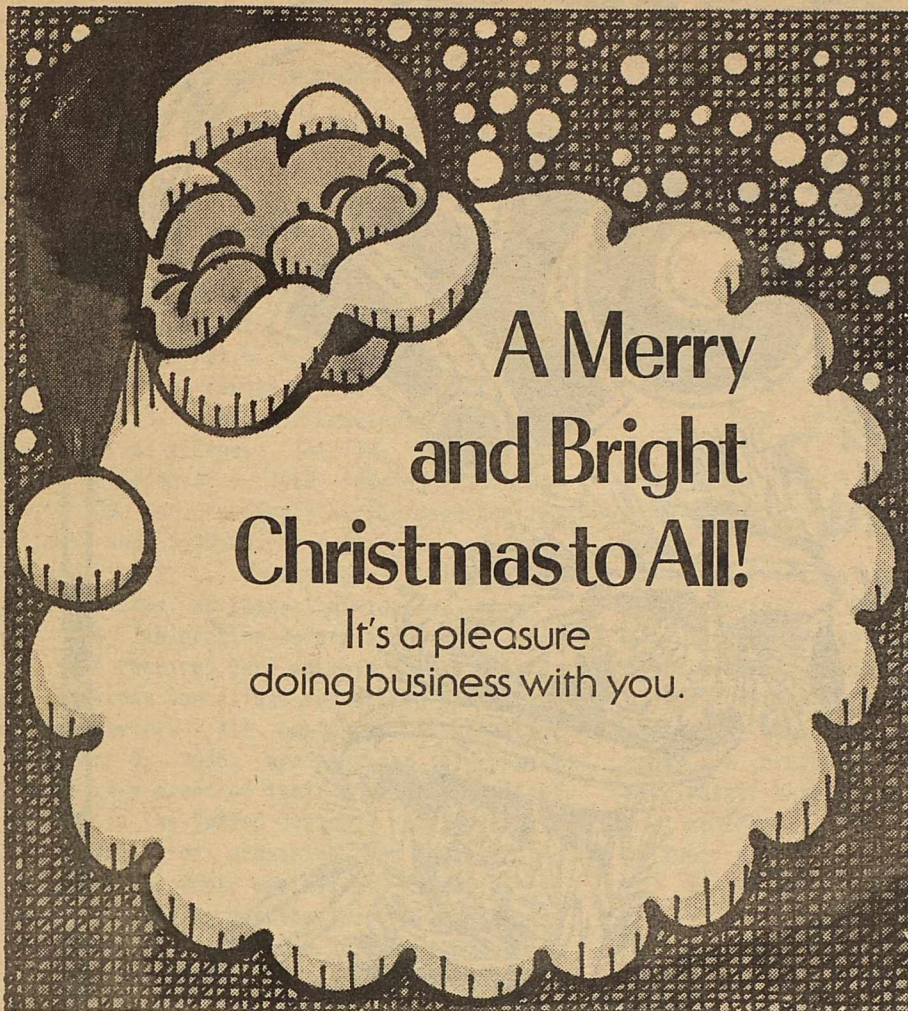
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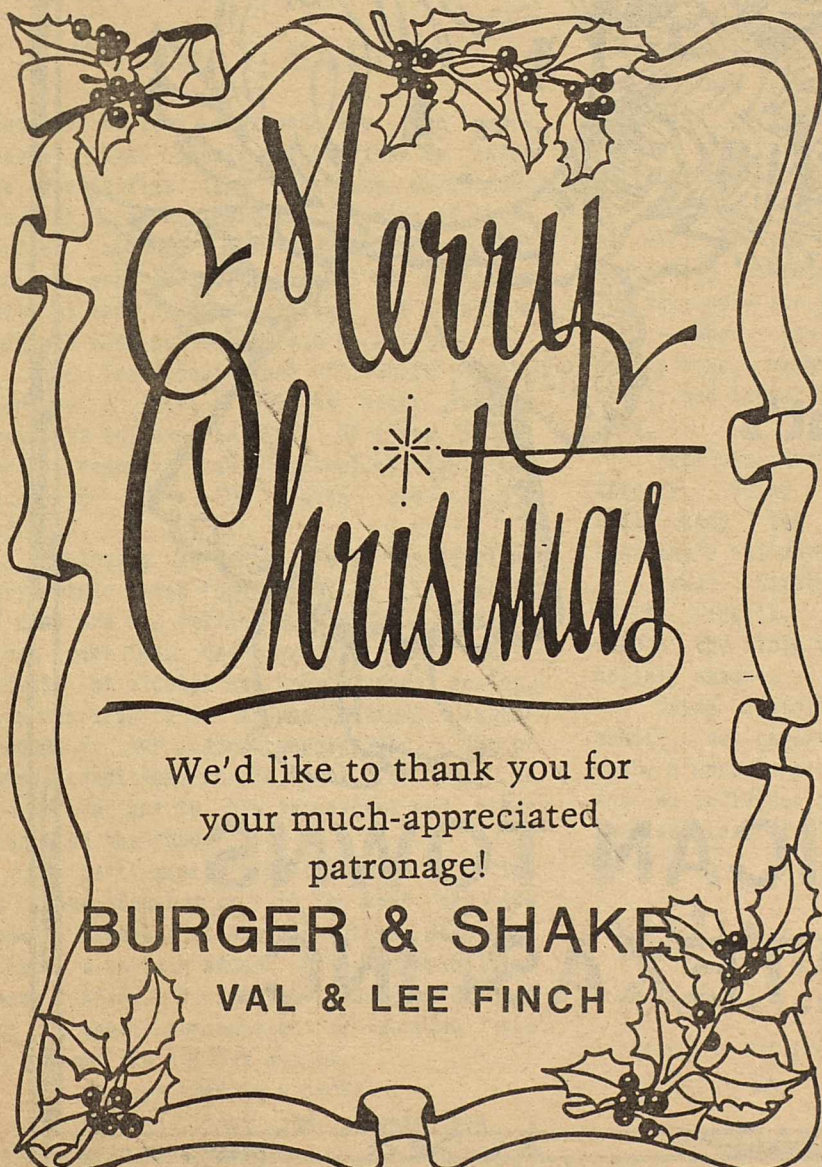
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what we wish for all our
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UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS

On June 17, 1988, Brackettville Border Patrol agents apprehended two unauthorized aliens working on a ranch in Kinney County that is owned and operated by Dan Davis.

A Notice of Intent to Fine was served by U. S. Border Patrol agents on Dan Davis, a local Kinney County-Uvalde rancher, on September 23, 1988, for knowingly hiring two unauthorized aliens. The fine, paid by Mr. Davis on December 9, 1988, totaled \$2,000.00: \$1,500.00 for knowingly hiring unauthorized aliens and \$500.00 for failing to complete forms I-9, Employment Eligibility Verifications, on these individuals.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires that employers hire only U. S. citizens and aliens authorized to work in this country. All employees hired after November 6, 1986, are required to present documentary proof of their identity and right to work in the United States. Employers are responsible for preparing and maintaining Forms I-9 for their employees. Penalties for knowingly hiring unauthorized aliens range from \$250.00 to \$10,000.00 for each alien, and the penalties for failing to complete Forms I-9 range from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 for each employee. The new law is enforced by Border Patrol agents and other Immigration & Naturalization Service Investigators throughout the United States.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

(Austin)--Holiday seasons are also party seasons, when people get together to enjoy the festivities that accompany Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's. At many of these parties, alcohol will play a major role. Serving and consuming alcohol is a common part of many holiday parties, but when it's combined with driving it can be fatal!

The Texas Department of Public Safety recorded a total of 395,969 motor vehicle accidents in Texas in 1987. Of these, 38,451 were reported as alcohol-related and accounted for 1,250 deaths and 32,333 injuries.

According to Texas Safety Association, many people think they can still drive safely if they are not falling-down drunk. They're wrong--sometimes dead wrong! Even small amounts of alcohol can reduce visual acuity, slow reaction time, induce fatigue, impair judgement, and reduce coordination. Any of these conditions can be fatal, not only to the driver but to his passengers and other people on the road.

A party-goer's condition when it's time to leave depends on both the host and the guest. Whenever alcohol is served, each must accept a certain amount of responsibility. Texas Safety offers the following guidelines for alcohol consumption at parties and throughout the holiday season.

If you are hosting a party:

- Suggest that your guests use a "Designated Driver" plan. A Designated Driver is the one person in a group who chooses not to drink, and assumes the responsibility for getting the others home safely.

- Provide non-alcoholic drinks as well as alcoholic ones. Don't force drinks on guests, or constantly refill their glasses. Your guest may not want more, so ask before you pour.

- Serve lots of food, especially high-protein items such as nuts, meat, and cheese. This will help slow alcohol absorption. Try to avoid serving salty foods, as salt increases thirst.

- Stop serving alcohol about one hour before the party ends.

- Keep an eye on your guests. If a guest is intoxicated, have a sober one drive him or her home.

But be ready to call a cab or take a guest home yourself. Another option is to have intoxicated guests spend the night. You might even ask each guest to check his or her keys at the door, to be returned only if the guest is capable of driving when the party ends. A breakfast offered in your home is much better than one offered in the hospital.

REMEMBER: Responsible hosts take care of their guests.

If you are attending a party:

- Don't drink and drive!

- If you are attending the party with a group, choose a Designated Driver. It will be that person's responsibility to refrain from drinking, and to make sure the rest in your group get home safely.

- Ask your host to hold your keys when you arrive at the party. Alcohol impairs your judgement, and you may not be capable of driving safely even if you think you are.

- Know your limit: switch to non-alcoholic drinks when you think you've reached it. Avoid any alcoholic drinks for at least one hour before leaving the party.

- Black coffee, cold showers, or fresh air will not make you sober, or improve your judgement, coordination, or reaction time. The only cure for intoxication is time.

- When you are capable of driving safely home, make sure you wear your safety belt, and insist that your passengers do the same.

Reckless partying is an invitation to tragedy. Being a responsible host or guest will keep the joy and good cheer in everyone's holiday.

Texas Safety Association, National Safety Council, and safety organizations across the state wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Texas Safety Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose members work in government, private industry, and as individuals to prevent accidents and needless loss of life and property.

HO, HO, HO!

TO EVERYBODY

Have the merriest of holidays! Greetings from

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PEGGY &
DORIS



WELCOME RECIPE COLLECTORS

BY SHARLA OLDHAM & DEBBIE SHOCKLEY

It is a pleasure to be able to share recipes with this community and hope to receive recipes for me to try also.

Here we are at Christmas with Holiday Foods and that famous leftover turkey. There are so many recipes for that second day fowl, but I have one that is really different.

ENJOY!

TURKEY CHALUPAS

2 Tbsp Olive Oil	4 C Turkey
3 cans 8oz. Tomato sauce	20 Corn Tortilla
1 tsp Garlic	4 C shredded
1 tsp salt	cheddar cheese
1 tsp pepper	
1 tsp chili powder	Guacamole to
1 C chopped bell peppers	top (optional)
1 C chopped onions	
1 sm can chopped green chilies	

Put oil in large skillet, turn heat to medium. When oil is hot add tomato sauce, garlic, salt, pepper, and chili powder. Stir together. -Simmer sauce till thick (add water if needed). Add bellpeppers, onions, green chilies, cook until onion is tender. Dip corn tortillas in skillet one at a time. Fold tortilla in half, then half again. Place 3 on plate. Put turkey in sauce, stir till hot. Put sauce over tortillas, sprinkle cheese on top and 1 Tablespoon of Guacamole. It's delicious! Serves 6.

GUACAMOLE

1 large avocado - mashes with fork. Season with garlic salt, 1 tsp lemon juice and tomato diced small, add to avocado.

BOB BULLOCK

Austin--State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Friday, December 9, 1988, that this year's sales tax payments to Texas cities grew 12.3 percent over 1987's payments, continuing a trend that is expected to last for several years.

"We're projecting that local sales tax allocations will steadily rise through 1991. I'm sure the extra income from sales tax revenues will be welcomed by local governments," Bullock said.

Bullock added that, while the future of oil prices remains rocky, the stronger tax base will bolster state and local revenues, keeping them at a steady increase of about 7 to 8 percent a year through 1991.

Checks totaling \$64.1 million were sent to 885 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent.

Checks totaling \$6.4 million were also mailed to 81 counties that collect the one-half percent county tax, Bullock said.

December's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller's office by November 21.



Hope Santa's good to you!

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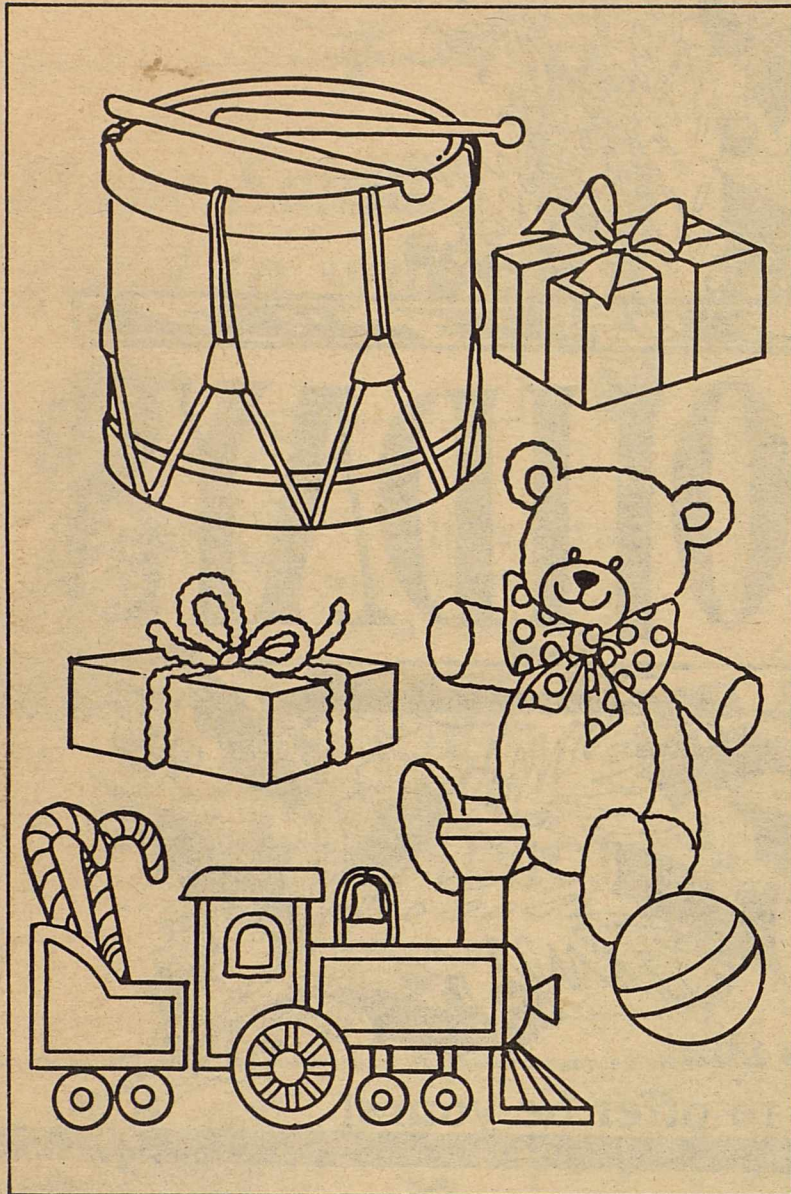


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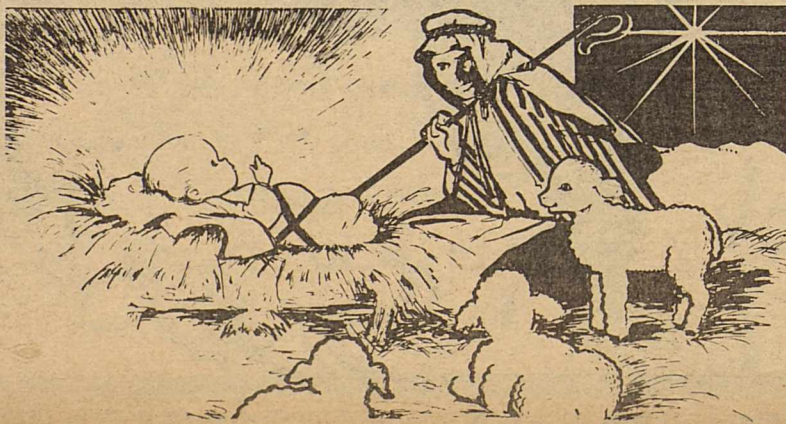


A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS



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*Away in a manger,
no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid
down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked
down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
asleep on the hay.*



How the Three Little Kittens went caroling one Christmas

Everyone remembers the story about the three little kittens who lost their mittens — but did you know that those kittens went caroling one Christmas?

It all happened on a Christmas Eve, not long ago. The kittens were enjoying a romp by the fireplace. A pretty ornament had fallen from the Christmas tree, and Fluffy, Buffy and Taffy were having a lot of fun playing with it, until Mama Cat came along to scold them.

"You'll break that ball if you keep playing with it, kittens," she warned. But, those naughty kittens kept on playing with the pretty glass ball. Sure enough, there was the sound of breaking glass as Fluffy slammed the ball against a wall. "Now you've done it!" Mama Cat said, putting her paws up in the air. As the mistress of the house came in to see what had broken, the kittens scampered off to hide under the big sofa.

"What happened here, Sissy?" said Mrs. Allen. But Mama Cat just meowed. "Oh no, my favorite ornament is broken. I've had it for over 20 years! Well, nothing to do but clean it up." She went to get the broom as Mama Cat poked her whiskers under the sofa. "A fine kettle of fish you've gotten me into," she scolded.

"We're sorry, Mama," said Fluffy. "Yes, we're sorry about it," the others chimed in. "Well, sorry isn't enough," said Mama Cat. "Don't you think you should make up for this naughty thing you've done?" "Make up for it? How can we do that?" asked Taffy.

"Well, you could try doing something nice instead," said Mama Cat. "Something nice! But we don't know how to do anything nice!" said Fluffy.

"That's just the point! You kittens are always getting into some mischief or another, but when do you ever do something nice for someone?"

The kittens thought about it and had to admit they had never done anything nice for anyone.

"Now's the time to start," said Mama Cat. "It's Christmas, the time when you should do something nice for someone. Why don't you do a good deed this Christmas?"

The kittens talked it over and agreed they would do a good deed for someone that very night. But what? Fluffy suggested giving back the cheese they had stolen from Mrs. Mouse, but Taffy had already eaten it.

"Maybe we could wind up that ball of yarn we unwound yesterday," said Buffy. They scampered up to Grandma Allen's room, but Grandma had wisely locked up all her yarn in a cupboard.

What to do? The three little kittens thought and thought. This was almost as bad as the time they lost their mittens! Suddenly, they heard the sound of music outside. The three of them dashed to the window and looked out. A group of youngsters were singing carols in front of the house. What a pretty sound they made! The three little kittens listened quietly, enjoying the young voices. "I love Christmas carols, don't you?" said Taffy. "Everybody loves Christmas carols," Buffy agreed. "That's it!" said Fluffy. "We'll sing Christmas carols for somebody!"

The other kittens agreed that it would be something nice all right, but for whom could they sing? Then Buffy remembered Mrs. Mouse and her family of little mice living in the barn next door. "I'll bet no one's singing carols for them!"

"That's right," said Taffy, who was feeling a little guilty about the cheese. So off they went to find their mittens, which were all nicely washed and dried, of course.

That Christmas Eve a family of mice were very surprised to hear Christmas carols coming from outside their cozy quarters. When they peeked outside, they were even more surprised to see the three little kittens, singing their hearts out. It was a nice way to celebrate Christmas, the kittens decided — in fact, they enjoyed it so much,

all three of them said, "Let's do it again next year!"





SEASON'S GREETINGS

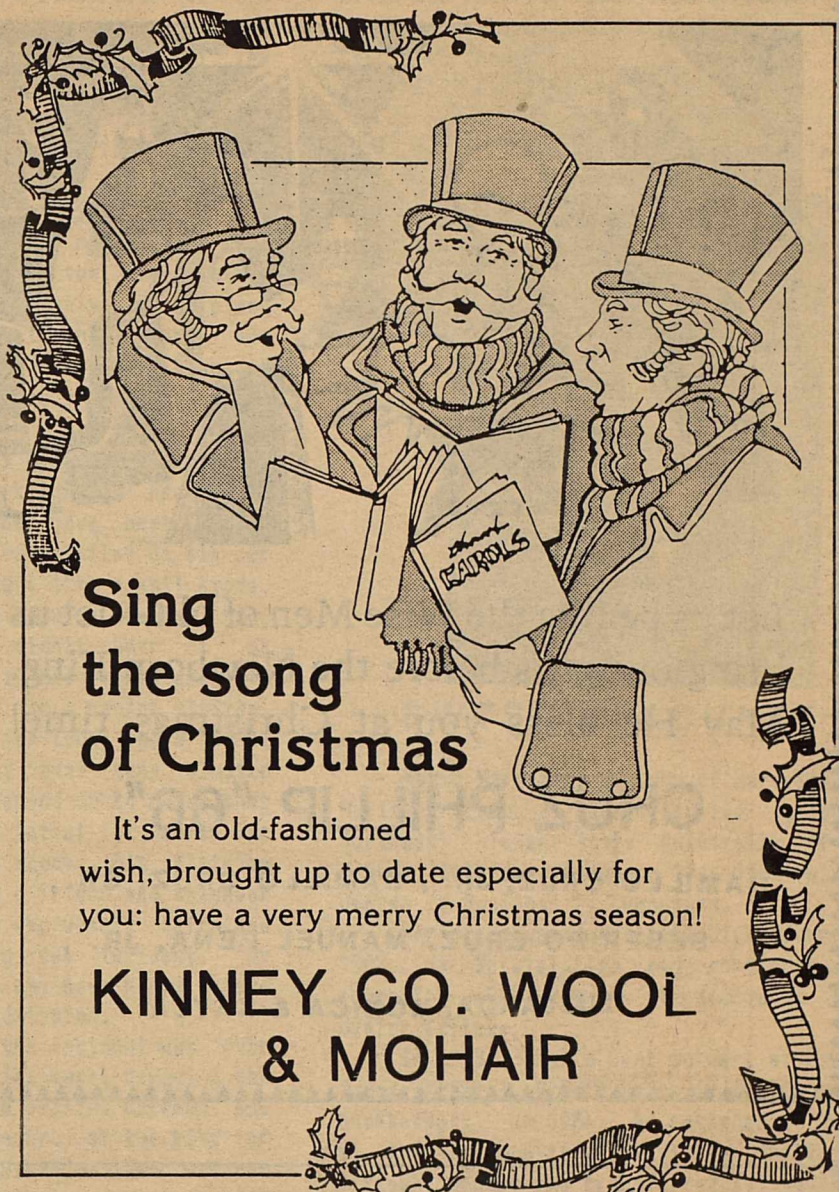
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The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
—Clement Clarke Moore



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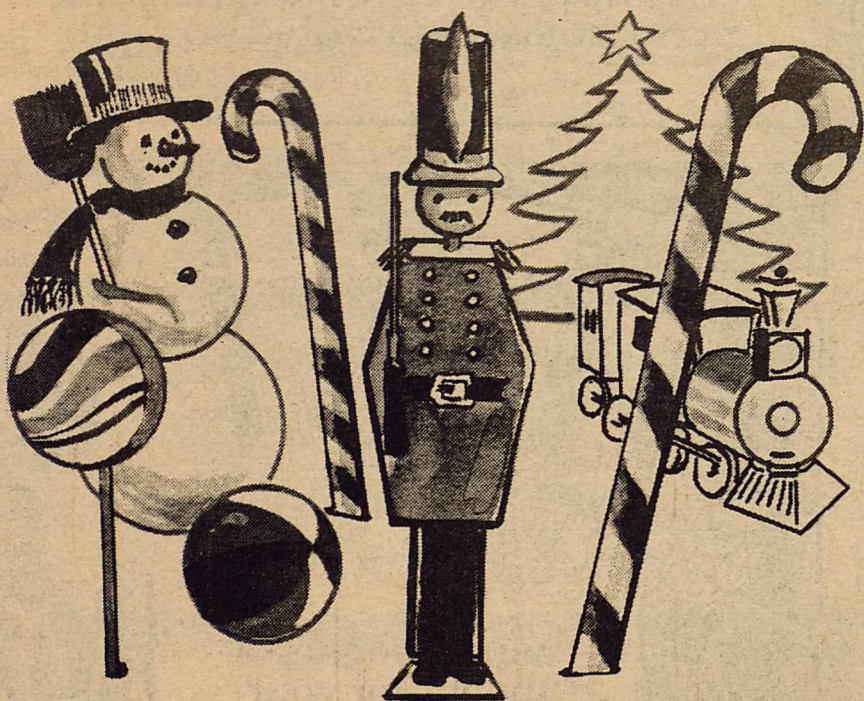
When it comes to the holidays, we think there's nothing like a hearty greeting to express our good wishes!

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TO
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**DON &
JEANIE HOOD**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



It's the season for remembering wonderful friends like you, our patrons!

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May you bask in the glory of His eternal love.

**CHUY'S MEAT
PROCESSING**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, The Kinney Cavalryman:

Representation or Repression

The report by our sheriff, in Sheriff's Corner, that appeared in your 12/15 issue concerning the attitude of elected officials is most thought provoking. As with any issue, there are two sides. While it may be helpful for us to know what one official thinks of our intelligence so we will be more careful who we put in office, one must recognize that all officials are not of this kind. Some do show concern for the will of the people and try to make this their basis for sound decisions in the best interest of the county residents. We have some like this working for us.

This kind of "bashing" in a public way can do more harm than good when it applies to one or two such officials, even though completely justified. Perhaps, a private dressing down would be sufficient to remind the culprit of his proper role as a representative of voting taxpayers. The accuser should also be aware that when he sets himself up as a judge of the performance and attitude of others he is vulnerable for criticism when his own conduct falls short of the mark. But, if the arrogant attitude of an official persists then so be it, let's hear about it.

The constructive advice was obviously aimed at a member of our commissioners court. What other elected official do we have that deals with the needs of the citizens on a representative level? Be that as it may, my purpose in writing to you is to report that just two days prior to reading the sheriff's corner, I too had a personal encounter with a male member of the commissioner court that proved grave concern in my mind that more than one member is indifferent to the views of the voter taxpayer who not put them in office but carry the tax load to pay the salaries of county administration. Such an attitude should not prevail and if not called to task, such obdurate officials may ultimately develop the habit of indifference for responsible representation of the will of the people. This could lead to more repression in their actions and decisions on our behalf. We have enough of that in government already.

After receiving a report of the voting results on the resolution to select a new tax assessor/collector from those responding to open advertisement, it disturbed me that the court was ignoring the most logical solution--that of promoting from within whenever a qualified person is available, which is clearly the case now. A substantial number of local residents, myself included, signed a petition to this effect because we felt that a qualified person is available, the cost of the new official would impact on us more economically, and continuity of the good service we have experienced would continue.

When this commissioner appeared in my neighborhood, I was motivated to speak to him about the matter. My first remark was blunt, and perhaps he wasn't ready for it. I said to

him "Your vote on the matter seems to be in error and this may be a disservice to the taxpayer." He first denied that his vote had anything to do with the outcome of the resolution, but when I reviewed the vote count, he then became defensive and accused me of being ignorant about the situation because I had not attended this certain meeting. Upon being advised that my representative was present, he exploded with a barrage of angry wordage that among other things: impugned my christian principles, labelled me as a trouble-maker, and challenged my right to have any kind of opinion that was contrary to his self-righteous wisdom.

In the midst of his tirade, I realized that my opening remark ignited his short fuse, and my timing must have been wrong. Admittedly, it may not have fallen on his ear like soft snow, but more like a hail stone. I apologized for coming down on him as I had, but, he evidently didn't hear it or deliberately ignored it and continued his explosive belligerency. As a senior citizen, with a valid concern for local government, rather than the apathy that many elected officials deplore but depend on to do as they wish, it was not my intent for worse to happen. As I left the scene, his diatribe continued behind me, to a friend and neighbor who was present, but who wisely refrained from involvement during the incident. My thanks for that or we may have had a three-ring circus with free admission.

Needless to say, the incident was over quickly, but it left its mark, damaging the mutual respect that once existed between us. It fell far short however, of the kind of vicious character assassination that occurred between the contenders for the job of Sheriff preceding our recent election. That was far below the level of common decency that should be observed. Contention should be first and foremost on the basis of qualification for a job, and not on character or mistakes of the past.

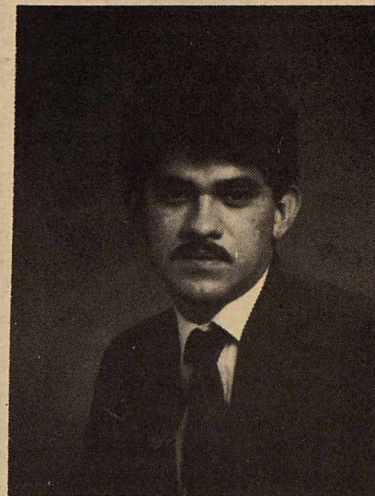
President elect George Bush has expressed the hope that he can help to make us a kindlier and gentler nation. It won't happen unless we do our part on the local level. Let's have less "bashing" over personal matters and remember that no one is without fault at some time or another. We would do well to take note of Chapter 8, the Gospel of John, in the Good Book, which tells us about the woman apprehended in an act of adultery. The teachers of law and the religious leaders brought her before Jesus Christ to get his approval to stone her to death. Jesus responded by first writing on the ground. When they persisted, He merely said, "Is there any among you who has not sinned before? If there is, then let that sinless one cast the first stone." He returned to His writing and one by one, beginning with the older men, they all left the scene without casting one stone. None could exact judgement upon the woman because of their own guilt. A little more respect for this lesson would do all of us some good now and in the New Year.

My sincere thanks for your excellent newspaper which has improved very nicely during the past year. It provides the only regular source of local happenings that makes

us feel more a part of life even though many of us are retired, and lived elsewhere until we decided to make Brackettville and Kinney County our home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 1989!

S/S R.C. Hirsch, Fort Clark



SWTSU GRADUATE

Mario Martinez, Jr. son of Marcelino and Maria Paramo of Brackettville graduated Southwest Texas State University of San Marcos Saturday December 17, 1988 with a degree in Business in Computers.

Mario graduated Brackett High School in 1982 as Salutatorian and continued his education with 2 years at Southwest Texas Junior College.

In 1984, Mario went to work at Greater Texas Federal Credit Union in Austin as a bookkeeper. In 1986, he returned to school at the University of Texas in Austin for sixteen months and transferred to Southwest Texas State University until his graduation. Mario will be honored with a supper party given by his parents on Friday, December 30th, 1988. After the holidays he will return to Austin where he resides.

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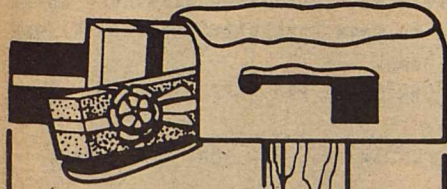
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*We hope you
and your
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all the best at
Christmas
time!*

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May it bring
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& FAMILY**



May every wish
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at this holiday
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happy Yule!

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**LINDA, LARRY
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*A joyous
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to you and
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Health, wealth &
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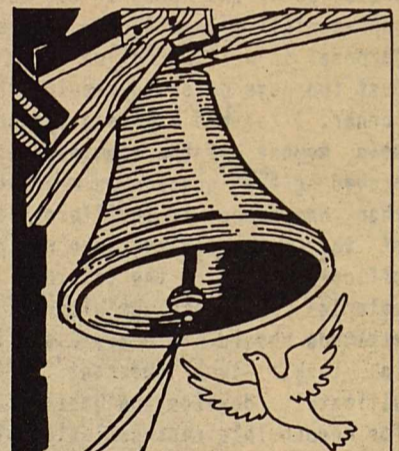
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*Whatever Santa
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hope it's all you
ever wanted!*

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JOSIE GOMEZ
& THE TWO
ANGELS**



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We cherish this
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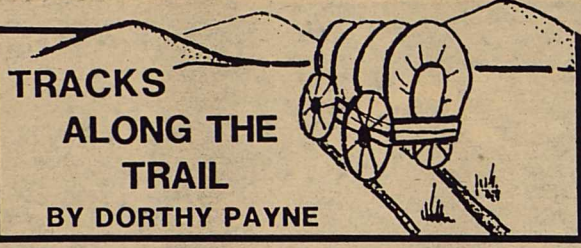
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Greeting you at Christmas with sincere wishes for a joyous time.
Thanks for your continued patronage.

Happy Holidays

ALAMO VILLAGE & HV RANCH





The first National Park was established in 1872. The U.S. Congress set apart a large track of wilderness in Wyoming.

It was named Yellowstone National Park and in the language of the times was "a public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people."

Other parks were opened and in 1916, Congress formed the National Park Service to administer to the Parks.

These Parks include National Parks, monuments, historical parks, military Parks, Battlefields, memorials, cemeteries, parkways, and certain seashore recreational areas.

All these parks are considered the greatest areas of natural wonders of the world. Yellowstone has more geysers than all the rest of the world, the trees in Sequoia are the world's largest and oldest, and Hawaii has the world's largest active volcano.

There are so many areas it would be hard to visit them all, but the rest of the world could take a lesson from the U.S.A. on the protection and preservation of animals, fish, forests, and natural wonders of nature.

The parks employ naturalists, foresters, landscape experts, engineers, biologists,

geologists, historians, guides and rangers. In summer, young people are employed in the many maintaining jobs needed to keep the Park Service running.

Besides all these activities such as lectures, guided tours, campfire and other programs for the benefit of visitors.

Just the right balance of nature, employees and visitors has to be maintained to make the Park Systems work.

Every American family should take advantage of the many pleasures that can be gotten from visiting some of our National Parks.

There are some to suit all types of families and I'm sure any family would be able to find a Park that they could come away satisfied.

There are so many Parks and Recreational areas, it would take awhile to list them all, but any library can provide all the information needed to find a trip to suit any ones taste and pleasure.

The Parks control fires, water pollution, and protection of all features from vandalism or causes of nature, as floods, storms fires, etc.

**4H FOOD SHOW
WINNERS**

The 1989 District 13 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, December 10, 1988 in Boerne, Texas. Those Kinney County 4-H members participating at the District Food Show were: Jolee Jones, Lindy LaMascus, Katie Hall, Karla Hall, Sara Kelley, Jared Shahan, Wil Shahan, Michelle Brandt, Tammy Frerich and Jenifer Shahan.

Kinney County was very well represented with the following placings:

Lindy LaMascus, 5th place in Pre-Junior Fruits & Vegetables; Katie Hall, 4th place in Pre-Junior Nutritious Snacks & Desserts; Jarad Shahan, 4th place in Junior Fruits & Vegetables; Wil Shahan, 2nd place in Junior Nutritious Snacks & Desserts; Michelle Brandt, 3rd place in Senior Main Dish; Tammy Frerich, 4th place in Senior Fruits & Vegetables and Jenifer Shahan, 5th place in Senior Nutritious Snacks & Desserts.

All Kinney County 4-H'ers participating are to be congratulated for a job well done.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM
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SJH GRAPHICS

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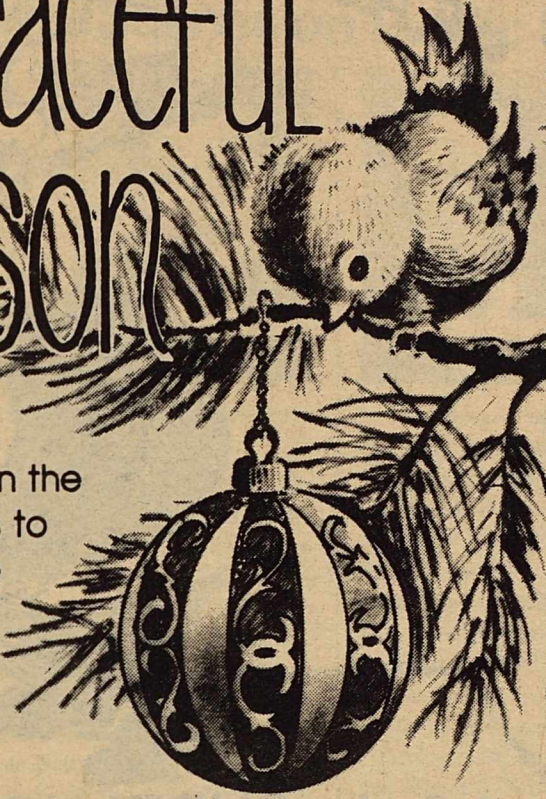
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a peaceful season

It's that time of year when the world seems to be one...we wish its peace to you!



ALVIN HALL & FAMILY



Joys of the Season

May blessings be yours as we celebrate this holy season... family and friends all gathered about, and an abundance of the best things in life!

LOZANO'S WELDING SHOP
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AN OLD TIME GREETING



We're waxing nostalgic to wish you a Christmas that is all you could hope for!

RICHARD'S PLACE
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

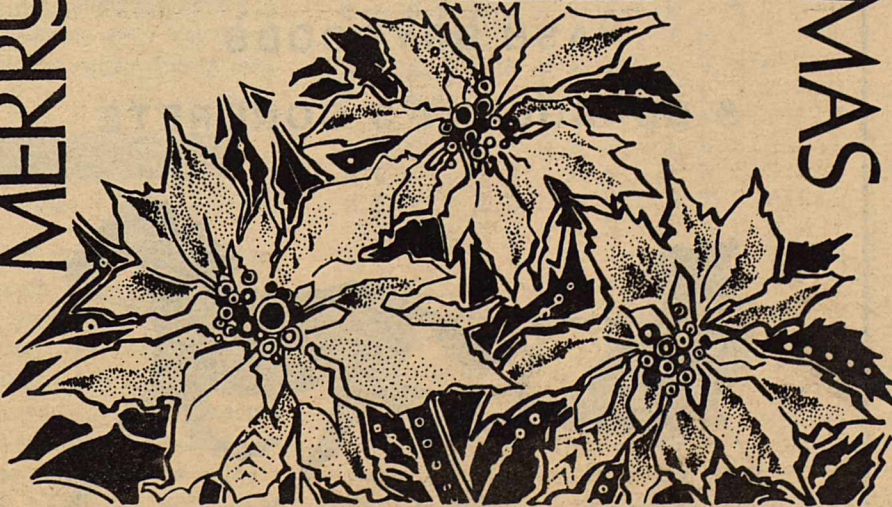
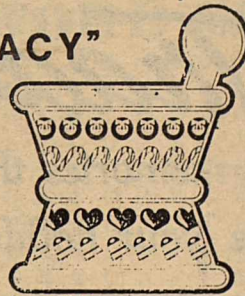
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Wishing you joy and happiness all season through. We value your friendship.

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B.E. & CHARLOTTE SWEET





REJOICE

May the Spirit of peace bring joyousness into your household at Christmas time - this is the sincere wish for you from

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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A Holiday Tradition

What memories this season brings ...
we hope your holidays are the happiest!

**NASH DRYGOODS
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CHRISTMAS JOY



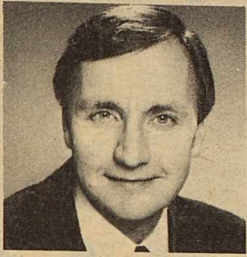
We've got loads of good wishes for you!

TULLY SHAHAN & FAMILY

AT ISSUE

Nativity Scenes on Public Property?

Richard Cizik is research director for the Office of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals and an author and lecturer on ethics and church-state issues.



YES

Why do you support having Nativity scenes on public property?

Our Founding Fathers never intended to divorce the expression of people's faith from public places. Thus, the reasonable use of public property — whether in court, Congress or airport concourse — for a religious expression has been lawful and accepted since our nation's beginning. The Constitution requires functional, not physical, separation of church and state. Reasonable accommodation of all religions, not repression, is the law. To eliminate Nativity scenes is to engage in a kind of cultural censorship that mandates, in effect, a contrived exclusion of religion from public life.

Haven't the courts said that it is acceptable to have Nativity scenes on public property?

The Supreme Court in its wisdom upheld in *Lynch vs. Donnelly (1984)* the constitutionality of a Nativity scene on public property at government expense. The court found that it met a three-part test: have a secular purpose, have a primary effect neither advancing nor inhibiting religion, and not involve excessive entanglement between church and state.

The crèche was held to be no more advancement or endorsement of religion than, for example, exhibition of religious paintings in government-supported museums. The manger scene served a legitimate secular purpose of depicting the historical origins of this sacred event long recognized as a national holiday, and thus, did not create excessive entanglement.

Do you consider it a shame that we must go through this argument each year?

Yes. The argument is revived because a minority of objectors in good conscience have the freedom to raise it, and the media loves a squabble. It's also a result of the tendency to forget the constructive public role of religion in a free society. Formal contention of the legal issues involved will bring refinement of the reasonable boundaries. May God help us to contest with civility.



Albert J. Menendez is the author of *The December Dilemma: Christmas in American Public Life* and a specialist on church-state matters.

NO

Why do you oppose having Nativity scenes on public property?

The government has no business erecting a sacred religious symbol at Christmastime. The reason for this is simple: Under our Constitution the government — federal, state or local — is forbidden from meddling in religious matters. And that includes sponsorship of activities which are religious in nature.

The founders of this great nation had a new vision of religious liberty for all citizens. Every American can worship or not worship as he or she chooses. Government does not encourage or discourage religious participation or practice. That "hands-off" policy has worked well for two centuries.

Haven't the courts said that it is acceptable to have Nativity scenes on public property?

Not really. The Supreme Court held that religious symbols could be included in a publicly sponsored Christmas exhibit only if secular symbols were also included. A Nativity scene alone would not be acceptable. This means that religious symbols, which many people cherish deeply, must be diluted just enough to be inoffensive.

This strikes at the integrity of religion itself. Truly vital religious experience — the kind that makes a difference in people's lives — does not need governmental endorsement or a ritualistic salute from public authorities.

Do you consider it a shame that we must go through this argument each year?

Yes, but it would be more of a shame if our fundamental constitutional liberties were lost. The real shame lies in attitudes that harm good relationships between people of different religious faiths. Respect for the feelings of those who are not the majority is a good civics lesson to promote, at Christmas and throughout the year. Peace on Earth and good will among humankind start at home. Let our churches erect Nativity scenes, and let the courthouse square belong to everyone. **ll**

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"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

John, whom Jesus called the "Beloved disciple," said in (John 3:30) "He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease." This country's infatuation with success and money and self-improvement is exactly opposite from what God expects. He said in (Gal 6:13) "For if a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

You know, this "self" philosophy is not new. Sometime around 3,000 years ago lived a man named Solomon whose desire was to have wisdom above all other gifts — which was indeed given to him by God. Yet, in all his wisdom and untold wealth, in his latter years Solomon writes "Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun, because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured---"(Eccl 2:18,19). You see, Solomon had achieved everything one could desire — a kingdom, enormous wealth, hundreds of wives, unmatched wisdom — yet his soul was still empty. He said in (Eccl 5:15) "As he came forth o his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour---".

The achievements of this life, whether in sports, business, government, or even church works will never completely satisfy the emptiness of a man's heart who is not totally committed to Jesus Christ. This life is a "vapour" the Psalmist David said — it soon withers and dies. When we stand before God immediately after this life is over, our petty accomplishments on this earth will mean nothing. Remember what Jesus said in the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:20,21) "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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**WE MUST DECREASE
 BY BONNIE WHITE**

One of the most popular cries of our media today, from Pee-Wee ballgames to the corporate office, is **BE #1!** Success books and seminars bring in hundreds of hopefuls who spend countless hours hyping themselves up to "fulfill their mind's potential!" But is all this emphasis on "I" really

what God ordains? What kind of importance does God place on man's abilities? The Apostle Paul wrote as he was moved upon by the Holy Spirit, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (I Cor 3:19). You see, the "New Age" philosophy that is raging in bookstores and television today says that your potential lies within yourself—it **EXALTS MAN & DEMOTES GOD!** Can this be right when Jesus said in (Matt 23:12)



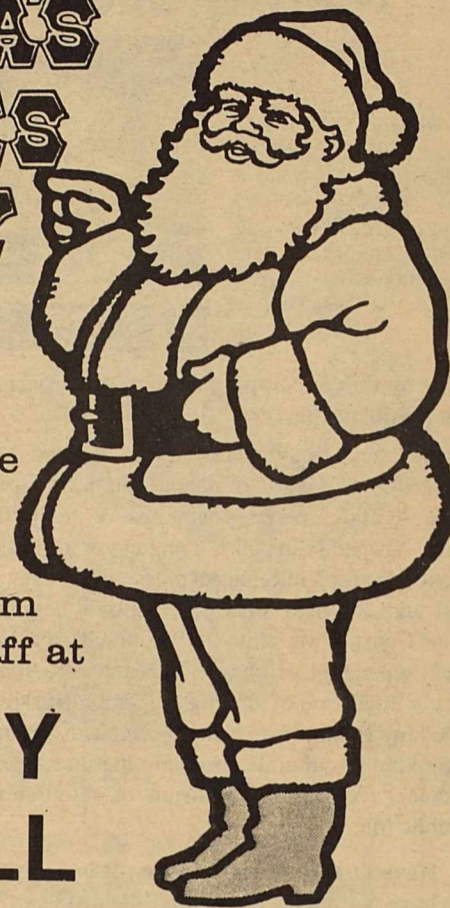
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Peace on earth,
good will to all mankind.

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11:00 A.M. SUNDAY

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY



...and we're
hoping for the
best for all
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Greetings from
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FROM US...

to you: our best wishes of the
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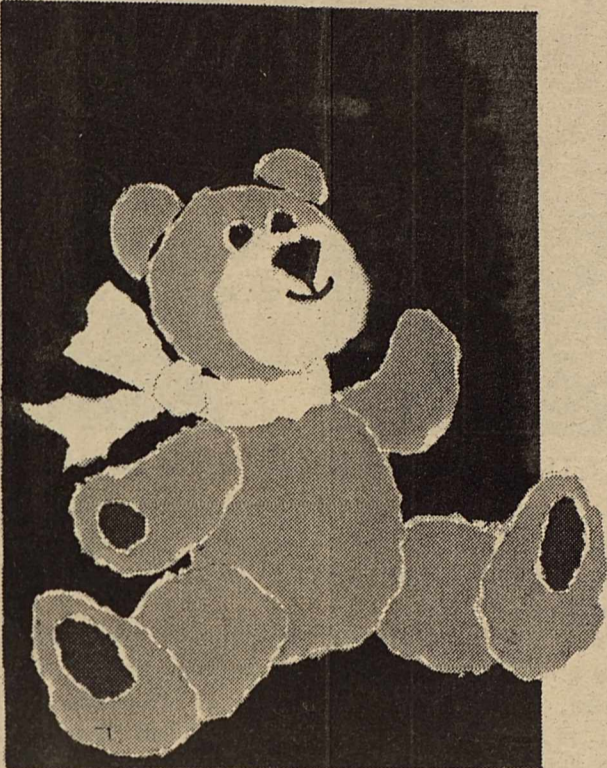
CHRISTMAS CHEER



We wish you a Yule season
that's filled with lots of
that old-fashioned cheer and
sentiment. Merry Christmas to all!

OLD TYME DELI & PIZZA PARLOR

Joy at Christmas



A warm, wonderful holiday to you and yours!
Many thanks for your valued support in the past.

MAYOR VITO LA GIOIA
MARY H., BILLY & ANGELA



**OUR
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Hope your holiday stocking is
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**RING IN
A JOYOUS
SEASON**

Glad tidings to one
and all! Here's hoping
the holidays bring the best
of everything to our friends!

FROM ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT

STOP N SHOP

AND

FREDDIE & TERRY FRERICH
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LAS MORAS RESTAURANT MANAGERS

The Fort Clark Springs Member's Association is proud to introduce Sue and Michael Freels, new managers of the Las Moras Restaurant.

The Freels are native Texans who met, married and worked in Temple. For the past three years, Mrs. Freels has been the food and beverage manager for the Temple Holiday Inn. Mr. Freels also worked in the restaurant business, but left a job with the pathology department of the esteemed Scott & White Hospital in Temple to come to Fort Clark Springs. The couple bring a combined experience of more than 20 years in restaurant management to the Las Moras Restaurant.

"We're really thrilled to be here," Mrs. Freels said. "We think this is the most beautiful place we've seen."

"We're excited the Freels have chosen to bring their experience and enthusiasm to the Las Moras Restaurant," Public Relations Director Penny Nixon said. "We hope everyone will come up to taste the difference the Freels will make!"

The Las Moras Restaurant currently opens from 8 - 10:00 a.m. for sweetroll breakfast. Lunch, with daily specials, is served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Dinner hours are 5 - 9:00 p.m. with extended hours until 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant will close for Christmas at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, and remain closed until Monday, December 26 at 8:00 a.m.

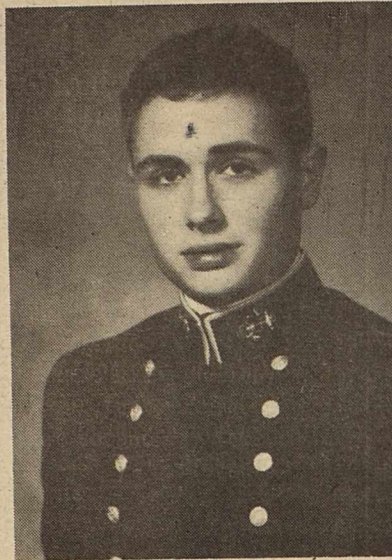
The Las Moras Lounge will be closed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas. It will open again on Monday at 5 P. M.



VFW & HWY CLEANUP

Cold weather and icy rain didn't stop the Fort Clark Springs VFW and Ladies Auxillary Post 8360 from their Adopt-A-Highway duties on December 8. The hardy volunteers cleaned two miles of U.S. Highway 90 east to the Brackettville city limits, and were rewarded with a fantastic lunch prepared by the Ladies Auxillary.

VFW Trash clean-up volunteers from left are: Ron Buckles, Maxine Schoolfield, Dot and Walt Fithian, Cliff Lewis, Cliff Schoolfield, Darryl Earwood, Lee Cremer and Penny Nixon (not pictured).



CADETS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Cadet Third Class John B. Benacci and Midshipman Fourth Class Christina M. Benacci, son and daughter of John and Gloria Benacci, have returned to Brackettville to celebrate Christmas and New Years with family and friends.

Ben is a 1987 graduate of Brackettville High School. In July 1987, he accepted an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, as a member of the class of 1991. Last summer, as a member of the crew of the Coast Guard Academy's tall ship the Barque Eagle, Ben sailed down the coast of Europe from the Scandinavian countries to the Canary Islands off the coast of North Africa.

Christina completed eighth grade at Brackettville Junior High School and graduated with honors from Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas, in 1988. In July of that year, she entered the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, as a member of the class of 1992.

Both cadets are happy to be back home in Brackett for the holidays, and they are looking forward to seeing old friends and acquaintances.

HOLIDAY STATISTICS

Austin--As many as 66 persons may be killed on Texas Streets and Highways during the Christmas and New Year's Holiday periods, according to Col. Joe E. Milner, Director of the Department of Public Safety.

"The number of traffic deaths we are estimating is fewer than the number recorded during Christmas and New Year's last year, but we are worried that Texas may end the year with an overall increase in fatalities compared with 1987," Milner said.

The number of traffic deaths in Texas has been on the decline since 1984, according to DPS records. In 1987, 3,261 persons were killed across the state, a 9% decrease from 1986. This year, however, the traffic deaths have been edging upward compared with 1987.

In an effort to minimize the increase in traffic fatalities, the DPS this year, as in years past, will conduct its Operation Holiday Program. All available troopers will be patrolling the state's highways during peak holiday traffic times. And the department will make periodic reports to the public on the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holidays.

The National Safety Council has designated a 78-hour Christmas counting period, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and continuing through midnight Monday, Dec. 26. The 78-hour New Year counting period will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 and continue through midnight Monday, Jan. 2.

The department estimates that as many as 32 persons will die in traffic accidents during the Christmas period, with another 34 fatalities estimated for the New Year period. Last year, in 102-hour holiday periods, 38 persons were fatally injured during the Christmas Holiday and 43 during the New Year Holiday, for a total of 81 deaths.

"The Holidays are meant to be a time of peace and family togetherness, not a time of tragedy," Milner said. "We intend to do everything we can to ensure that our fellow Texans and out-of-state Holiday visitors have as safe a Holiday as possible this year."

Merry Christmas

To all our friends, best wishes for the holidays — may your joy in the season be complete!

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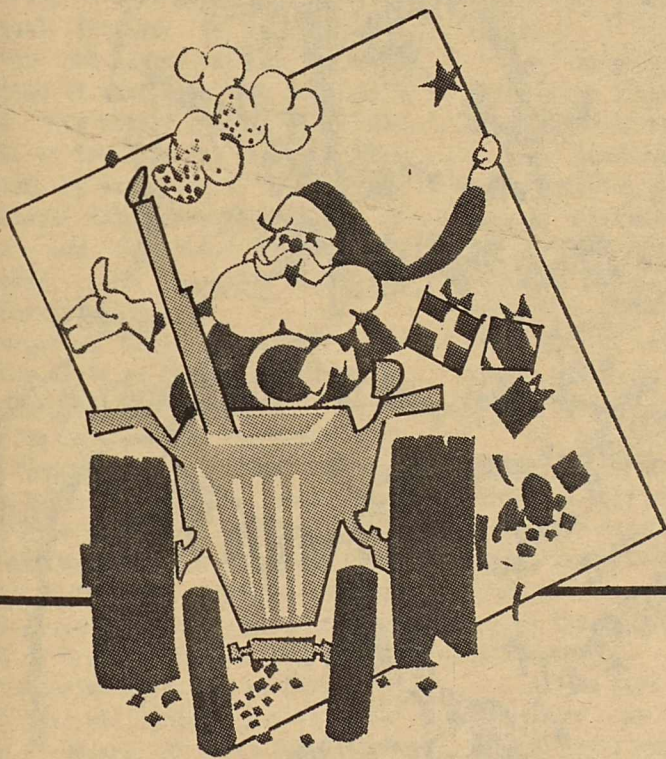


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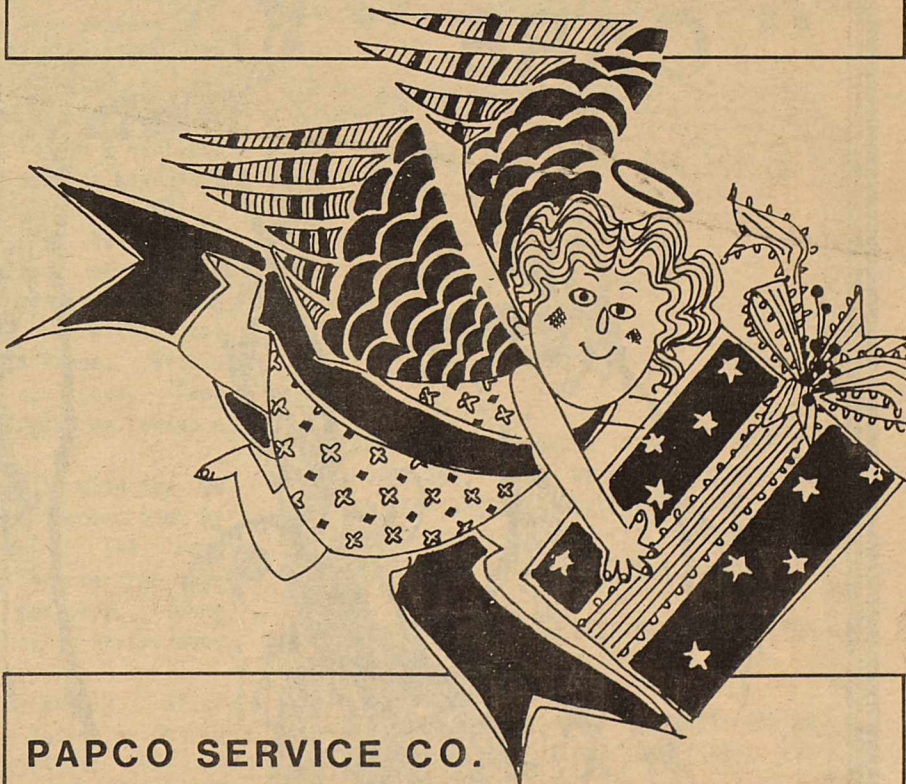


Jolly Christmas Wishes

To old friends and new, we happily extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times.

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May you experience the magic of Christmas. It's been our pleasure to know you.



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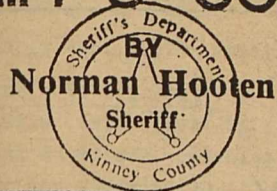
"CARE PRAYER"

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**** CARE ****



SHERIFF'S CORNER



The Kinney County Commissioners Court approved requests by me for the purchase of the TLETS II computer system we now have in operation at the Sheriff's Department and additional law enforcement equipment for our two patrol cars at their regularly scheduled meeting last week. The TLETS II computer system links us with the TCIC/NCIC crime information computer system nationwide. This new system is a mandatory requirement statewide by 1990 and law enforcement agencies throughout the state are complying as fast as funds become available in their agency budgets. The new system vastly improves an already very efficient system. Information requested is returned almost instantly. This greatly enhances our ability to relay the requested information to the officers in the field quickly and correctly, which is of vital importance in cases involving stolen cars or wanted persons. The system we are purchasing has been in operation at the Sheriff's Department for several months now on a monthly lease program, it is of greater benefit to the county to purchase this equipment outright as we now own it and are investing our money instead of poking it down a mouse hole.

The annual increase in hunting camp burglaries has not peaked out as expected during this time of year. We have had 3 or 4 reported but this number is far below the usual and two of the four are known to have been committed by persons not fitting the profile of illegal aliens due to the type of items taken and the M.O. (method of operation) used. The reported cases are still under investigation.

The Burger & Shake restaurant was burglarized the night of December 19th or in the early morning hours of the 20th. Someone broke the drive-in window on the north side of the building and entered after removing the pin which holds the window closed. Cash was the only item discovered missing though the burglar did help himself to a coke while performing his dirty deed. Evidence obtained at the scene gives us a pretty good idea of the direction of travel taken by the burglar as he left the crime scene and we have other hard evidence that will greatly assist in our investigation. Owners of local businesses would be advised to remember that burglaries and thefts always increase this time of year and care should be taken not to leave money in the business overnight and to beware of permitting the opportunity for a theft to occur by leaving valuables unsecured or unwatched during business hours. There is no sure way to prevent burglaries or thefts from occurring, but some steps can be taken to decrease the opportunities open to the criminal element of our community who prey on the law abiding citizen.

As 1988 winds down to a close with Christmas and the New Year of 1989 just

around the corner we should all take time to reflect on our accomplishments and failures over the past year. Give Thanks for the blessings of our successes and hopefully learn from our mistakes. All of us can gain strength from failure and hopefully remain humble as we realize that both success and failure are intertwined in the lessons of life. No man or woman is an island unto himself and we need each other to function well and happily. I personally have suffered many defeats and setbacks over the past year but I have also had many successes and am extremely grateful for the fact that I have many, any friends who are there to stand at my side and be counted when the chips are down.

With those few thoughts in mind I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Sheriff's Department & Tax Assessor-Collector's Office. May the Very best in health and happiness come your way over this holiday season and throughout the New Year of 1989.

THAT'S ALL!!

REFLECTIONS

BY PRESTON TAYLOR, PASTOR

A new year is about to break in upon us. We have just lived through one with its sorrows and joys, setbacks and gains. All of us can make a list of what we would like to see happen during the next year. We can set a few goals, we can make a few challenging plans for ourselves and accomplish some of them.

Be helpful to others. This is a good goal. For instance, I usually wash the dishes and put them in their place. Children in the home can pick up their clothes and help keep the house from looking like a dog kennel. What can you do to help someone?

We can have good relationships with others. The Bible says, "Be kind to one another." Soon after George Bush was elected President, he said, "I want to see a gentler, kinder nation." We all may work to make ours a more friendly, congenial world.

We can have the goal of being more healthy. I'm about 10 pounds overweight. That's an ugly word! If a person loses one ounce per day for two weeks then within one month two pounds are off the frame. Within five months, ten pounds are gone. Even during the Holiday Season, I plan on losing a little weight!

We can grow mentally. The mind can be stimulated by reading new books and by talking with wide-awake people. The local library is a source of help for everyone who wants to grow a little mentally. Young people in school have an ideal environment for mental growth.

We ought to grow spiritually. After all, we ought not to go to heaven as dwarfs and midgets. Put the spiritual life in order. Read the Scriptures. Be part of your Church life. Make a list of five activities which will help you grow spiritually.

My prayer and desire for you is that you will set challenging goals for the New Year and that you will have the joy of reaching these goals.

OBITUARY

Mr. John Travis (T) Lewis, 78, of Whitney, Texas died Tuesday morning at his residence. The funeral was held Wednesday Dec. 21st at the Marshall & Marshall Funeral Chapel at Whitney. Rev. Allan Lane officiated. Burial was held at Fairview Cemetery in Hubbard, Texas.

He was born Feb. 28th, 1910 at Nolan, Texas. He was a retired construction worker and lived most of his life in Hubbard. He married Thelma Lee Ryno, Aug. 4th, 1934. He was a Baptist.

Survivors are; his wife, Thelma of Whitney, one son, John Travis (Sonny) Lewis, Jr. of Fort Worth; 3 daughters, Beth Snyder of Lorena & Brackettville, Paula Holly of Springtown and Jan of Whitney; 2 brothers, Barnes Lewis of West, Paul Lewis of Hillsboro. One sister, Evelyn Nelson of Peoria. Fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grand children.

SEMINAR

Peter J. Parenti, Estate Planning & Tax Attorney, is sponsoring a seminar entitled "The Revocable Living Trust" to be held at the Members Lounge, Ft. Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas, at 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, January 10, 1989. Mr. Tom Fitzsimmons of Shearson, Lehman & Hutton will also be speaking on "The Medicare Catastrophe Coverage Act" and "How to Reduce the Surcharge." Space is limited so make your reservation by calling Olga LaKemper at 1-800-666-3966 ext. 177. This seminar is free.

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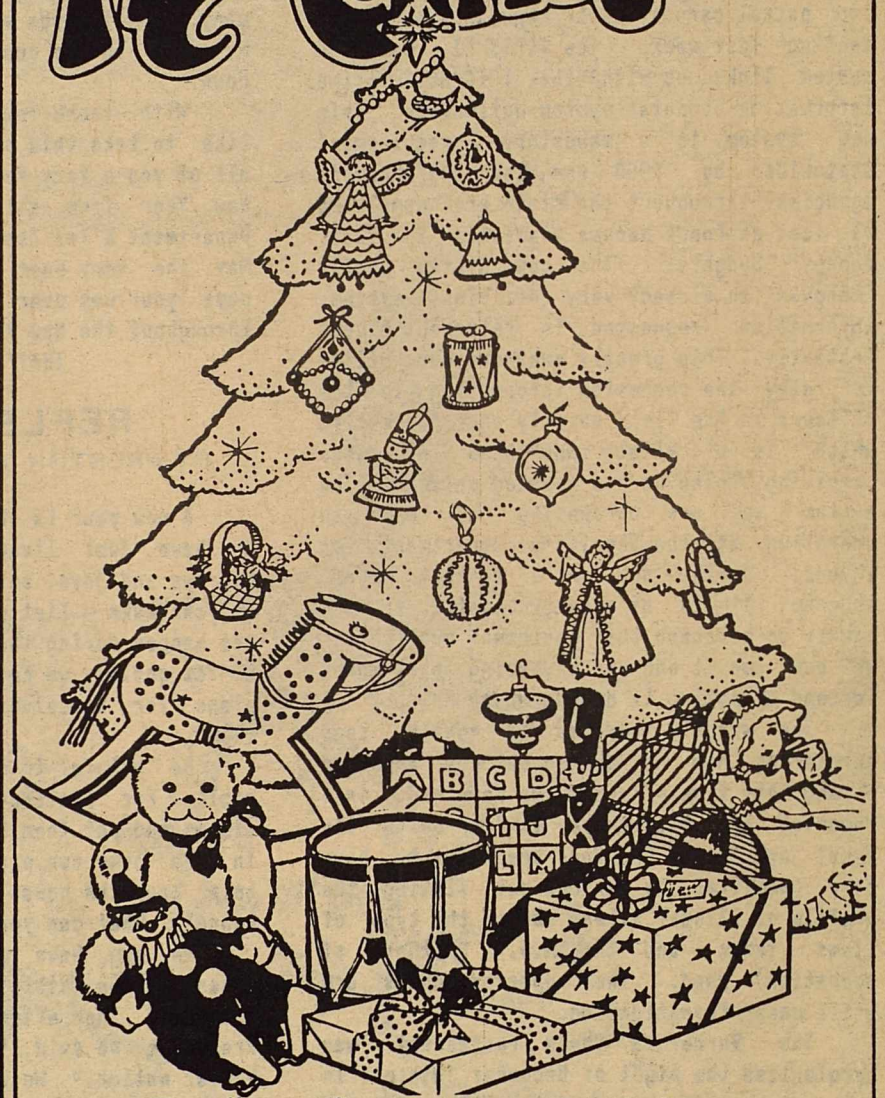
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5. "DEAD POOL" ON 1/26/89
6. "DIE HARD" ON 1/26/89
7. "BILL DURHAM" ON 1/27/89
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THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

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What is a Revocable Living Trust?

The Revocable Living Trust is a written estate plan that an estate planning lawyer can design for you wherein you or you and your spouse as the creators or Grantors of the Trust appoint yourselves as your own Trustees (the managers of the Trust) and you name yourselves as the life Beneficiaries (the persons who enjoys the use of the property of the Trust). Thus, you or you and your spouse are the three essential parties to the Trust: (1) The Grantors (or Trustors or Creators); (2) The Trustees and (3) the Life Beneficiaries. You will usually name one or more successor or backup trustees should you die or become unable to serve as the trustee. The successor trustee can usually be one or more of your adult children or other close trusted friends, relatives or a trust company or bank trust department.

Usually, the Trust will provide that upon the death of the survivor of you or your spouse, your children will become the remainder beneficiaries (the persons who enjoy the remaining property of the Trust). If your children have, at that time, attained a certain age of maturity, that you designated in the Trust Agreement, the trustee will distribute your property to them. If one or more of your children are also the Trustees, this distribution process is accomplished by your children engaging the services of a lawyer to draw up deeds and other transfer papers for your children as trustees to sign and transfer the property to themselves as beneficiaries. If any of your children are under the designated age of maturity, the backup or successor trustees will manage the shares of such children for their health, support and education until such children attain the age of maturity that you designated. Upon attaining the designated age, the trustees will distribute the remaining share of such beneficiary to that beneficiary.

As trustee of your own Trust you have 100% control over your assets. You can sell assets, buy assets, add assets to the Trust and remove assets. Since the Trust is revocable, you can amend, alter or revoke your Trust and your estate plan at any time.

All of the above is accomplished without any probate court involvement, ever!

What is Probate?

Probate is the court procedure that is used to validate wills. No will is ever valid until two things happen: (1) you die; and (2) your will is admitted to probate (approved by the Court). There is no such thing as a will that avoids probate. Where there is a will there is a probate. Don't let anyone, even a lawyer, ever tell you that your will is designed to avoid probate. No such creature has ever existed anywhere in the world since probate laws began.

Why Should You Want Your Estate Plan to Avoid Probate?

There are two reasons why we have a probate system: (1) to validate your will so

that your will can be considered a deed for purposes of transferring your property to your spouse, children or other beneficiaries; and (2) to protect the claims of your creditors against your estate.

Loss of Privacy--

When your estate goes through probate you lose all privacy. Your will, your assets and your liabilities become public record just like any other litigations at the courthouse. Con-artists have been known to submit false claims against a probate estate and to use the probate records to target heirs and beneficiaries for their next swindle. Living Trusts are totally private. No one can ever find out what you owned or how you left it to your beneficiaries (your estate plan).

Will Contest--

Wills can always be contested and set aside, it happens all the time. By contrast, there has never been a successful Living Trust contest in the history of the State of Texas.

Costs--

Probate can consume a substantial portion of your estate. It is not unusual for a probate to consume 2% to 12% of an estate. Legal fees for a Living Trust are extremely minimal. It is unusual for the legal cost to even exceed 1% of an estate when a Living Trust is used.

Delays--

Probates can last for several months to several years. This delay only adds to the frustrations and anxieties of a grieving surviving spouse and family. The delay period for a Living Trust, after your death, is minimal to zero. A few days if at all.

Avoids Guardianship (the other probate system)--

If you become physically or mentally disabled, it may be necessary for a court to declare you incompetent. Unlike a death, probate which lasts for a few months to a few years and consumes 2% to 12% of your estate, a guardianship probate can last the rest of your life and can consume the majority of

your estate. The Living Trust makes the need for guardianship of your assets unnecessary should you ever become disabled.

Portability

In our highly mobile society, it often becomes necessary to have your will reviewed by a lawyer in the state of your new residence to be sure your will complies with and takes advantage of local probate laws. Usually, a move will necessitate a complete revision of your will. On the contrary, the Living Trust as a legal entity can be governed by the laws of any state in the country that you choose. Therefore, when you move, your Trust can still be governed by the laws of your old state; thus, not necessitating a change or you can, if you desire, amend your Living Trust to have it governed by your new state's trust laws. Thus, the Living Trust is much more portable than your will.

The Living Trust as an estate planning tool makes the will obsolete. The Living Trust avoids probate both at death and at disability, maintains privacy, drastically cuts costs and eliminates delays.

If this article has aroused your curiosity contact a board certified tax, estate planning & probate lawyer to learn more on how the Living Trust can work for you and your estate plan!

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