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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight"

Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department

By JEAN FAULKENBERRY
Brackett News Editor

I am not superstitious and I don't let premonitions govern my actions, but for several weeks I've had this feeling that I just had to write about the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, and the men who serve Kinney County as volunteer firemen. These are people you seldom think about, see, or can even identify - unless you need them. Fortunately, I haven't needed them, so I don't know them, but I have no guarantee that I won't need them...and perhaps in a hurry.

I made an opportunity to talk to Fire Chief Richard Wills and am convinced that if all of Brackettville's volunteer fireman are as knowledgeable and dedicated as he is (and I have no reason to think they aren't) then we are extremely fortunate. I asked Mr. Wills numerous direct questions and he answered in straight forward terms that I could understand.

Mr. Wills has been a volunteer fireman just over five years and has served as chief just over three years after first serving as secretary for a year. He grew up in Brackettville as did many of the other seventeen or so men in the department.

I asked him if state certification was required to be a volunteer fireman, especially of the chief. He said no but they did spend a lot of time (and out of pocket expense) for seminars, classes, and professional growth meetings. Some training is offered at district-level conferences, and some at Texas A&M.

Locally, the firemen meet three times a month - two are for drills and practice. Being the only department in Kinney County, they serve the rural areas, Brackettville, Fort Clark, and Spofford.

Thirty calls have been answered so far in 1991. Fortunately, none of these have caused fatalities - some of them were grass/brush fires and now that it is so dry, and weeds and grass are tall and dead, this type fire is again a major threat.

Mr. Wills noted that the Border Patrol "drags" along highways and roadways help prevent fires from careless smokers and exhaust sparks.

I was particularly interested in equipment and learned that the department has four usable vehicles - one pumper truck, one rescue-equipped van, and two trucks that carry water. One truck has been reworked and is in good condition, the other truck is in poor condition. No truck has a mixing valve to use foam

spray even though it would only cost about \$500 to equip one - and it would be especially useful to use around "oil or gasoline spill" situations.

The department has the very first pumper truck, a 1939 model, that BVFD owned, and have dreams of getting it into running shape to use in parades, etc.

The State Insurance Board makes an annual inspection. At the last one, the department got only two low marks: (1) they do not have a roof ladder - the kind that would permit the firemen to climb up on a roof, cut through, and fight a building fire from the roof; (2) they were short about 1500 feet of 2 1/2" supply line (hose). This line can only be purchased in fifty foot lengths and costs \$3.50 per foot.

It is almost time for another inspection and the Department has only been able to add 500 feet of hose.

The department's rating with the State Insurance Board affects our fire insurance rate (not to mention our safety).

Kinney County and Fort Clark pay a monthly stipend to the City of Brackettville for fire service. In turn, the city budgets about \$3500 a year for the Fire Department for maintenance purposes which includes gasoline, tires, vehicle repair, and gear.

Protective gear for one man costs approximately \$500 and the department desperately needs additional sets (I was shocked that we as citizens expect firemen to serve us but yet gear was not provided for each of them). The department has only two approved masks (the type firemen must wear when entering a burning building). If you or I, or our loved ones, got trapped in a burning building, the Department could send only one man in to rescue us because one (wearing the other mask) must stay outside to man the hoses. These masks cost \$1200 each.

The only other sources of revenue are Department sponsored fundraisers such as Bar-B-Ques or dances, or donations.

There will be a New Year's Eve Dance, but after all expenses are paid - band, facilities, utilities, security - not much will be left to go into the treasury.

In March, 1992, Brackettville will host the Winter Garden District Convention which consists of twenty-five departments. I know everyone in Kinney County will support BVFD in planning this activity.

I feel secure about the qualifications and dedication of our firemen, but I did measure from the corner of our home to the nearest fire plug. It was just over ten feet and my check for \$35.00 (10 feet of hose at \$3.50 per foot) has already been mailed to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 898, Brackettville TX 78832.

I'm saving now to buy a mask. You know, with so many beautiful Christmas trees and decorations going up - and they do increase the possibility of a fire - maybe you should think about putting the BVFD on your donation list, too.

11-Pointer Killed On Leona Ranch



Charles M. Fuller killed this 11 point buck at El Rancho Grande on the Leona Ranch December 6, 1991.

"Cousins Reunion" Recognized By U.S.A. Weekend

"The USA Weekend," a Sunday supplement in many newspapers, used the week of November 22 - 24, 1991, as their fourth annual tribute to family spirit by selecting eight families from the United States to feature.

One of those families - the James Ray Family of Midland, Texas - has local ties since Mrs. Ray is the daughter of Tom and Jean Faulkenberry of Fort Clark Springs.

Their selection came from a unique, annual vacation - hosting a "Cousins Reunion."

In part the story goes...with their family spread out across Texas and as far north as Alaska, Jimmy and Joyce Ray were concerned that their three kids would grow up strangers to their cousins. So they invited nieces and nephews (and the offspring of nieces, nephews, and cousins) for a visit. That 1985 gathering was the start of a tradition: an annual "Cousins Week" at the Rays' four bedroom, three bath home in Midland.

Both Jimmy and Joyce grew up in close families and wanted to keep the extended families close. "I felt we had to do something to keep our family close since we lived miles apart," says Joyce, a full-time homemaker and mom.

Jimmy, son of Earnest and Lillian Ray, both now deceased, grew up with four brothers in Electra, Texas. Joyce has three brothers and they grew up in Fort Stockton, Texas, although her parents are now Kinney County residents.

The reunion is held the week that July 4th falls in and in 1991, ten cousins, ages 6 - 15, joined the Ray kids, Shane 21, Ashley, 16, and Vance 14, for "Cousins Week." The minimum age for receiving an invitation is 5, "for sanity's sake," jokes Joyce.

To help the young generation find its roots, Joyce tacks up a homemade family tree that depicts each child as a "nut" and their parents as "squirrels." The family tree goes right next to the "Chore Chart." Each cousin is assigned duties which are rotated so that each cousin "gets" to do each chore sometime during the week - from meal preparation, to clean-up, to bed-making, to laundry, to cleaning the bathroom...

Joyce credits her husband with easing a potentially nerve-wracking week. "I flex my muscle," laughs Jimmy, a drilling supervisor for



The Cousins Reunion: Tommy Faulkenberry, Vance Ray, Ashley Ray, Jamie Ray, Stacy Crawford, Shane Williford, John Faulkenberry, Amy Faulkenberry, Jimmy Ray, Christopher Overman, Chance Overman, Sarah Faulkenberry, Joyce Ray, Amy Faulkenberry, Weston Faulkenberry, Chad Overman.

Texaco (and who takes a week's vacation so he doesn't miss any part of the fun).

They both agree that the week's success hinges on plans and attitudes. "The first night we have a meeting and talk about rules," Joyce says. They take a positive approach toward discipline such as "We don't say...don't run...we say - We will walk."

The week isn't problem-free but there are fewer arguments each year. The kids have become really good friends with each other.

Joyce makes t-shirts for each person and puts "Cousin" on the back of the shirts. Hers reads "I'm the

aunt." Jimmy's reads "I'm the uncle." These shirts are worn when they go out.

Going out is when they attend a Midland Angels Baseball Game, go to the Petroleum Museum, the Children's Museum, bowling, to play miniature golf, or various other places.

"The Talent Show" is the highlighted feature of the week. It is held on the lawn of the Ray home and neighbors, friends, and relatives are invited to come, bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the show and refreshments. The Cousins write the script, make the costumes and props, and perform...singing, dan-

cing, music, skits, the whole realm. The only rules are that each person must come up with their own act, their own costume, and do their own presentation although they may develop acts with two or more.

Joyce takes lots of pictures and each year makes a photo album for each cousin.

The Rays assume the responsibility of "gathering up" all the Cousins at the beginning of the reunion but at the end of the week, they usually meet the other parents somewhere for a week-end like at Sea World, Six Flags Over Texas, Astro World, or sometimes Fort Clark.

These Are Special People

By Ralph Stone

What makes a teenage girl walk and crawl on broken legs and feet to go for aid for a dead comrade?

What makes a seventy-three year old retired doctor grab his boots and gloves and head for the fire station when the plectron sounds?

What makes a housewife with young children grab her boots and gloves and leave her children with a sitter on the way to the station?

What makes a man in his sixties with terminal cancer grab his hat and stand by for a ride to the fire station to help with communications?

What makes a small woman or girl mount the seat fastened to the front of the fender (weapons carrier) on the brush fire truck and literally be driven in the fire, backing out occasionally for a breath of air then back into the fire again?

What makes men or women leave their jobs and paychecks to fight a brush fire for up to 10 days?

What makes a Chief call another fire department and call for assistance?

What makes a volunteer fire department pass on to a less fortunate department their serviceable equipment that has been replaced for a token of its worth?

What makes men attend A & M Fire Training School during their well earned vacation and at their own expenses?

What makes member turn their other cheek when they are razed and kidded about playing firemen?

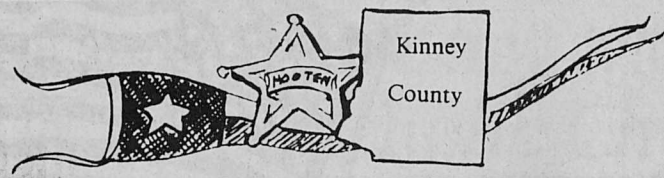
The afore mentioned is a word picture of a volunteer fireman of firewoman. He needs and deserves your help and support in every way possible. Thank God for your volunteer firemen or women.

Editor's Note: This poem was written approximately 10 years ago by Ralph Stone, one of the founders of the Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The people depicted in each verse of this poem are actual people, and in spite of everything continued the volunteering of the services under the circumstances.

The poem was printed in the October 30, 1991, issue of *The Kerrville Mountain Sun* and is re-printed with permission of the editor in *The Brackett News*.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A report received by the Sheriff's Office from a Southern Pacific Railroad employee led to the arrests of three Maverick County residents in Kinney County on December 4, 1991.

According to the witness, the three were spotted along the railroad right-of-way on Hwy. 1572 near the Anacacho Ranch entrance picking up and removing rail plates and various other metal objects belonging to the railroad. He reported the theft to a railroad dispatcher who in turn contacted the Sheriff's Office. A description of the three and the vehicle they were driving was given and they were first stopped and held by local Border Patrol Agent Cesar

Arguelles on Hwy. 131 near the intersection of Hwy. 1908 approximately two miles south of Spofford. Chief Deputy David Luna arrived shortly thereafter followed by this writer and Railroad Police Agent Richard Kruegar.

The three were identified at the scene as Alberto Enriquez, 39, of Quemado, Texas, his brother, Aureliano Enriquez, 44, of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Paul Ledwell, 62, also of Eagle Pass. The three were transported to the Kinney County Jail and booked on Class B Misdemeanor charges of Interference with Railroad Property. However, a subsequent investigation indicates that the three may have been involved in an ongoing action of the same type for

some time now and felony charges may follow.

Ironically, two of the three, the Enriquez brothers were only recently released from the county jail after being charged with Public Intoxication following their arrests by this writer and Chief Deputy David Luna in late November after they were sighted prowling the railroad right-of-way late at night along Standard Lane west of Spofford.

One of the suspects, Alberto Enriquez, has been released on bond, the other two remain in jail at the time of this writing in lieu of \$1,000.00 bond each. The case investigation continues.

THAT'S ALL



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Happy Holidays

Big Mama Sez!



It seems so easy to be good-natured. I wonder why anybody takes the trouble to be anything else.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

ATTENTION SENIORS: THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WANTS YOU ...

to know about ISH — and a breakthrough that could save your life. Much of our best scientific research is done in medical facilities run by the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a matter of fact, Dr. Rosalind Yalow, who won the 1977 Nobel Prize for medicine, did her work at a VA facility in the Bronx. Now, there's word of a new, and very important medical breakthrough in a study sponsored by the VA's Cooperative Study Program, and led by Dr. William C. Cushman of the Memphis VA Medical Center.

In an article in the October, 1991 issue of the American Medical Association's "Archives of Internal Medicine," Dr. Cushman reported that some 20 percent of American men over age 65 have a condition called ISH, which stands for isolated systolic hypertension. This means only the upper number of their blood pressure is elevated. (As you probably know, blood pressure is measured by two numbers. The systolic number is the upper part of the ratio measuring pressure caused by contraction of the heart; the diastolic is the lower part of the ratio measured by the relaxation of the heart.) The study found that despite the two to three times increased risk of stroke posed by untreated ISH, many doctors were reluctant to deal with it because of possible complications from the medication.

However, the new findings show that men with ISH can be treated effectively with low doses of a common diuretic with minimal side effects. The results of such treatment indicate a favorable trend, with over 84 percent of patients showing better blood pressure control, and no patient withdrawing from the study because of adverse effects.

NOTE: Dr. Cushman noted that the prevalence of ISH is likely to increase as the general population ages. You might want to discuss this with your own doctor.

P.S. Now, let's get the ball rolling on studies of older women who are often overlooked in cardiovascular research.

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Have you ever pulled some stupid stunt and when it was all over, you had attention called to how fine some people are?

This evening I reached in my pocket and my keys were not there. I ran back over the day and realized I had had them at the Post Office a little after lunch.

I called my old side kick Fern Dyer and she told me she left the post office at 10:00. I had a bright idea and went to my office to get my extra P.O. key. I went to the post office and sure enough there were my keys in my post office box.

This reminded me again of the

fine people in Brackettville. Someone was thoughtful enough to take my keys from the post office box where I left them and took them to the window and one of the gracious and fine people in the post office put them in the box.

Just nearly anybody would have sense and presence of mind enough to take his key from the post office box before he leaves. But absent-minded me, I had to walk away and leave them dangling. I came to a new realization of the value of my keys.

Without them, no key for either of the cars; no key to either door at the

church; no key to open my office door; no key to locks on pasture gates; no keys to lock boxes and on and on...and I had blandly walked away and carelessly left them.

Thanks to the thoughtful and helpful person who covered for me.

There's a wonderful lot of good in almost everyone. The problem is, so many of us see so little of the good because we're looking for the bad.

It's wonderful to live in a town where there are so many fine people.

I can't imagine this would have happened in San Antonio, or the Metroplex, or any major city. Brackettville is truly a great place to live.

Justice Department Asks For More Info

U. S. Justice Department
Voting Section
P. O. Box 66128
Washington, D.C. 20035-6128
November 18, 1991
Clint Hackney, Esq.
Ford & Ferraro
San Antonio, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Hackney:

This refers to the 1991 redistricting of county commissioner districts, the realignment of voting precincts, and a polling place change in Kinney County, Texas, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on September 17, 1991.

Our analysis indicates that the information sent is insufficient to enable us to determine that the proposed changes do not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group, as required under Section 5. The following information is necessary so that we may complete our review of your submission:

1. A detailed listing, in order of priority, of the criteria used in creating the instant plan and how the proposed plan satisfies them. In this regard, we note that minutes included in your submission indicate that among the criteria set was that the minority districts were to have minority percentages of at least 65 percent Hispanic. Explain why only one of the minority districts met this stated criteria.
2. A description of the changes made from the existing plan to the instant plan in terms of the number and race of the individuals shifted from one district to another.
3. Identify all polling place changes, the reasons for these changes, and whether or not the minority community was advised of and included in the decision to make such changes.

4. In reference to Fort Clark Springs, explain what is meant by your reference to it as an "extraordinary facility." Provide two maps, one of which should show the precise location of Fort Clark Springs under the existing plan and the other of which should show its location under the proposed plan. Indicate the racial composition of Fort Clark Springs. Also in this regard, if Fort Clark Springs was relocated, in whole or in part, to another district under the proposed plan, explain the reasons for this move.
5. A listing of the 1990 Census figures by geographic area (tracts and blocks) and total and voting age populations, by race, in each existing district.
6. Copies of all newspaper articles, editorials, letters to the editor, and advertisements, as well as any other publicity, which address or describe the redistricting process.
7. A map of the county showing the residence of each current commissioner.
8. A list of all potential minority candidates who have indicated they are considering running in the next commissioner court elections. Indicate the residence of each potential minority candidate on maps showing the current and proposed districts. In this regard, we would appreciate your response to allegations made by the minority community that the proposed districts were drawn in such a way as to minimize minority candidates' chances of electoral success.
9. While election returns were provided for several different offices, none have race designations for the candidates or voters. For each election, indicate the incumbent(s), if any, and whether incumbency was by election or appointment, each candidate's race; the number of votes each candidate received by the race of the voters, at the time of the election. If registration data by race are unavailable, provide an estimate, of

the Hispanic registration percentage in each precinct at the time of each election. Provide election returns for the commissioner court, the justices of the peace and the constables since 1964 until the present.

10. State whether or not the Texas Rural Legal Aid plan was the only alternative plan presented by or on behalf of a minority group. If there were other alternative plans presented by or on behalf of a minority group clearly identify them. For each such alternative, including the Texas Rural Legal Aid plan, provide a detailed description of the manner in which each plan originated, the circumstances in which it was considered by the commissioners or the reasons why it was not presented to the commissioners, and the reasons why each was rejected or otherwise passed over.

11. Provide the names and daytime telephone number of any minority person or organization commenting on the proposed changes, the substances of the comments or suggestions, the action taken by the county in response, and the reasons for the county's actions. In this regard, we note the concerns of Diane Garza-Bravo and George Korbel in the county's Exhibit F-6. Produce any responses to these individuals or if there was no response address their concerns and your reasons for rejecting their suggestions.

The Attorney General has sixty days to consider a completed submission pursuant to Section 5. This sixty-day review period will begin when we receive the information specified above. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.37). However, if no response is received within sixty days of this request, the Attorney General may object to the proposed change consistent with the burden of proof placed upon the submitting authority. See also 28 C.F.R. 51.40 and 51.52 (a) and (c). Changes in procedure which affect voting are legally unenforceable unless Section 5 preclearance has been obtained. Therefore, please inform us of the action Kinney County plans to take to comply with this request.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or if we can assist you in obtaining the requested information, you should call Ms. Colleen M. Kane (202-514-6336) of our staff. Refer to File No. 91-3469 in any response to this letter so that your correspondence will be handled properly.

Sincerely,
John R. Dunne
Asst. Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
/s/ Gerald W. Jones
Chief, Voting Section

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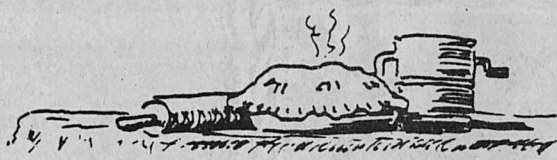
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Grandma's Kitchen

By Grandma



It's getting that time again when we all get caught up in the quandary of what to get whom. Well, I've come up with a few suggestions that - who knows - might help you decide.

It's all changed today since the arrival of movies. Aunt Martha had yearned too long for one of those new fangled tea wagons; Grandfather much prefers a "B" battery for his eliminator; Dad's bent on having Venus on the radiator cap of the car; Mother has her eye on a vacuum cleaner; and the kids want either a cocktail shaker or a set of sashweights. What is the modern gift giver to do?

We don't know, but there's some things **not** to do. Don't send Aunt Martha a cocktail shaker, unless it's accompanied by a sheik to shake it; don't send Grandfather a football, he has enough to kick around already; don't send Dad a washboard, Christmas will leave him plenty "clean."

Don't send Mother a smoking jacket, she gave that up; don't send Mrs. J. the pickle dish that Mrs. C. sent you - unless you first remove the card that came with it; don't attempt to select a pair of knickers for Junior, choosing his own may be the only outlet he has for expressing his taste in art. Don't send daughter a hair ribbon although it may be the only outward distinguishing mark of her sex.

Well, now that we've reduced the number of possible gifts to 4,736, we've practically solved your gift problems.

Enough of this foolishness, it's time for me to get serious again. There's something I want to warn everybody about. I've written quite a bit on diet supplements, such as guar gum, guarano, and Gotu-Kola. These are natural herbs and really do help curb the appetite. I hope and pray that if you're taking a dietary supplement, you checked to see if its 100% natural herb.

There's an amino acid called L-Tryptophan, you can easily buy in pharmacies or health stores, but, I'm asking you not to. It's been linked with a rare blood disorder. It has been identified with Ed-sinophilia-Mylallgia syndrome, which causes white blood cells to increase to abnormally high numbers. Symptoms include severe pain in muscles and joints, swelling of the arms and legs, skin rash and a possible fever.

The FDA cannot ban this because it's not a medicinal drug, it's a supplement. So please, I love you, and want everybody to stay healthy. If you're not absolutely sure of a supplement, then don't buy it.

Where I'm at right now the weather is beautiful, but cold, so let's get in the kitchen and keep warm. Here's my recipe for Vegetable Beef Soup which, right about now would taste mighty good.

VEGETABLE-BEEF SOUP

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 Tbs. margarine
- 4 cups hot water
- 1/2 bay leaf
- 1 - 16 oz. can tomatoes undrained
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 Tbs. salt
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- Dash of pepper
- 1 Tea. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 cup egg noodles
- 1 - 10 oz. pkg. frozen mixed veggies (or 1 - 16 oz. can)
- 1/2 Tea. thyme

Saute beef and onion in large saucepan, until meat is well browned. Add next 8 ingredients and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer 30 minutes. Add mixed vegetables, noodles, and thyme. Bring back to a boil, lower heat and simmer until vegetables are tender. Makes about 9 1/2 cups of delicious soup.

I haven't had much time lately for household hints so this week I'll give you a double dose. Who knows, one just might come in handy for you.

1. When baking meat in a brown-in-bag, sprinkle bottom of bag with flour, then lay several stalks of celery, cut to fit, on top of flour. Put

meat to be roasted on top of the celery. The bottom of the meat will get nice and brown and won't stick to the plastic.

2. If you use vacuum-packed coffee, it is usually packed tightly in the can. If you take out a cup or so, replace the lid and shake the can, the coffee is then "fluffed up" so that it goes much further than usual. After a few uses, the excess you removed can be replaced. Always shake can to avoid settling.

3. When you notice your pillows smell musty, put them in the dryer with a sheet of fabric softener for about 30 minutes. Wa - la, they are back to smelling good.

4. If you do not have a vault, or safe place, store deeds, birth certificates, bonds and other vital documents in an air-tight container in the freezer. In case of a fire, it's the safest place for these important papers to be.

5. When the tube in a spray bottle cannot reach the liquid, simply add marbles, or small pebbles, to make the liquid level rise, then you can spray away.

Thought for today: If you could kick the fellow responsible for most of your problems, you wouldn't be able to sit down for two months.

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Grandma

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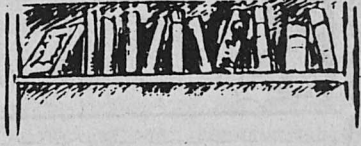
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Thought for the week: Worry is just like a rocking-horse; it keeps you going but gets you nowhere.

We had three memorials in November: from Lt. Col. and Mrs. David Sharp in memory of Walter Moore; from P. H. and Wynell Coates in memory of Grace Grant Daniels; from Ann and Jack Legg in memory of Cleo Johnson.

Forty large print circuit books arrived and some of the books look too good to miss: John Gardner's *The Dancing Dodo*, a mystery; Quenna Tilbury's *Four Oaks Hospital*, a romance novel; Margaret Pemberbertson's *The Flower Garden*, a romance novel; Robert Bell's *A Valley Called Disappointment*, a western; Pierre Audemars' *Slay Me A Sinner*, a mystery; Jim Busbee's *Riding Tough*, a western; J. M. Coetzee's *Life and Time Of Michal K*, a good story.

Twenty-three Spanish circuit books arrived: Amanda Roman's *Sed de Amar*, a romance novel; Donald Curtis' *LaQuebrada del Terror*, a western; Agatha Christie's *Cita con la Muerte*, a murder mystery; and *Ejercicios para vivir mejor*, an exercise book.

Twenty-nine English videos arrived. Some of them are *Oh, God, Empire of the Sun, Cyrano de Bergerac, Flying Tigers, Velveten Rabbit, Paper Chase, and Madeline*.

Ten Spanish videos also arrived. Some of them are *Los 4 Juanes, Barrendero, Con El Diablo En El Cuerpo, and Rumba Caliente*.

As always, we wish to invite you to visit the warmest, friendliest, little library in Kinney County.

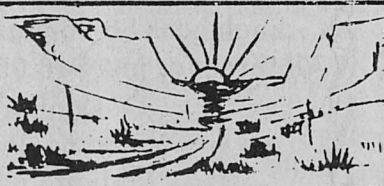
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Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Mesquite wood has more natural oils than any other wood. Because of this, the food cooked over mesquite coals retains more tantalizing flavor.

Not long ago most cooking was done in the open. Mesquite is a hard wood and burns very hot and long. The high temperature sears the food so quickly, it locks in the flavor.

Mesquite is a member of the Mimosa family. It has deep spreading roots, sometimes twenty-five feet long. The fruit of the mesquite is a pod which is edible and highly nutritious.

The Indians made good use of the mesquite both for food and fire.

It is sometimes planted to control severe erosion. The wood is also called "Ironwood" and is used for fence posts and also for furniture and railroad ties.

The best known mesquite is honey mesquite, honey locust, honeypod, or algarroba. The honey mesquite grows to be about forty feet tall. There is a smaller species called the screw bean, or screw pod, mesquite because of its spiraling coiling pod. Even when the bushy stem is only two or three feet high, the long straight taproot can go as deep as sixty feet to reach the water level. These roots are used for fuel in the desert regions of the United States.

Because of the second World War, we suffered many shortages and learned to make things do. My children had a hand wound record player and when the needles wore out, we went into the mesquite bushes around our house and took the thorns to use for a needle. They didn't last long but there was plenty of needles for use out our back door.

The honey from the bees that feed on mesquite blossoms is the very best. The Indians used the mesquite beans to make a nutritious flour for

bread. When the beans turned red, they were ground by a mano on metate until they could be used as flour to make bread. The thorns were used as awls or needles. The beans, when red, are delicious and sweet and since the early Indians had no natural sugar, the mesquite was a favorite food. Candy can be made from mesquite.

All anyone has to do to get hooked on mesquite wood for a cooking fuel is to use it. Cooking with mesquite wood gives meat, fish or chicken a smoky essence that can't be topped.

It usually takes about forty minutes to prepare a proper bed of coals, but once the fire is nice and hot, it doesn't take long to cook a delicious supper.

Bridge Anyone

by Dot Burrow



The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met December 3rd with 5 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement. The winners were: North/South first place was won by Betty Inman and Flo Stafford. Second place was won by Lamont and Marie McCandless.

In the East/West direction, first place was won by Ruth Wilks and Alice Seargeant, with Norma Gould and Tina Bauguess coming in second.

On December 8th with three tables playing the Howell Movement, Ben Pingent and Tina Bauguess won first place with Flo Stafford and Betty Inman winning second place.

Lorraine Kennedy was a "Kibitzer." She's from the Rio Grande Valley and we hope she comes again to play.

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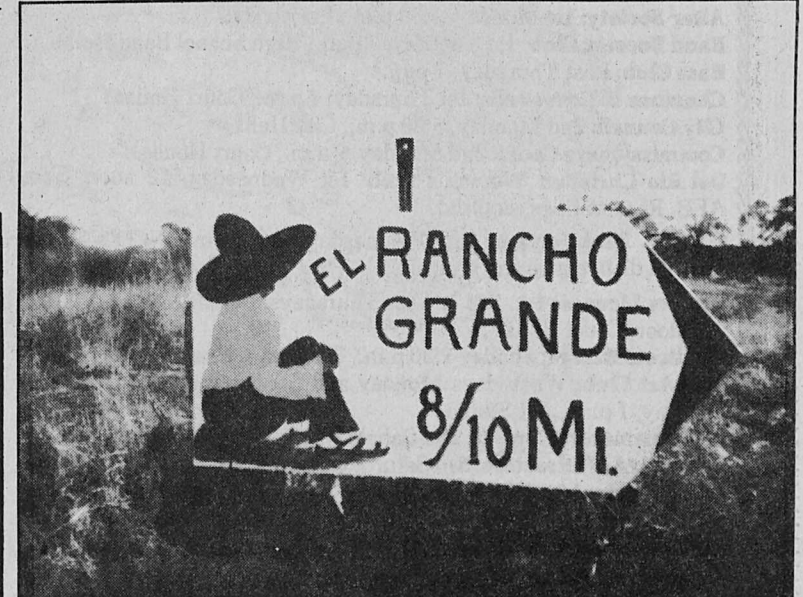
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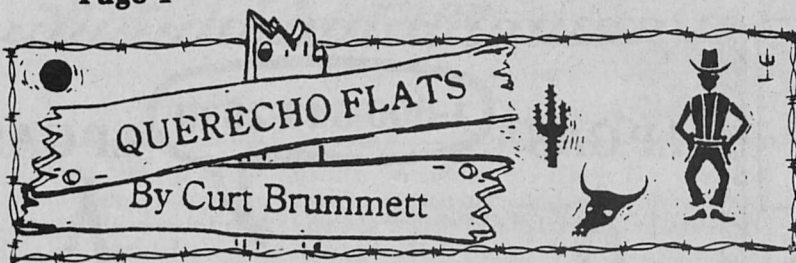
Charles Fuller, owner of El Rancho Grande on the Leona Ranch, has offered a \$100.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole his ranch sign on Friday, November 29, 1991, between 11:00 a.m. and noon.

The 40 x 18 inch, multi-colored sign was located at the entrance to the Leona Ranch off Highway 674. See picture of similar sign for ap-

proximate appearance. Anyone having information about the present location of the sign or the person(s) responsible for the theft should contact *The Brackett News*. All reports will be held as confidential.

"I will drop the complaint I have filed with Sheriff Hooten if the sign is returned to *The Brackett News* before information is received," Fuller said.

The friendly people of Kinney County invite you to stay awhile.



Querecho Togetherness

When tragedy strikes the people of Querecho Flats for some reason all ban together just long enough to console the victims. There is a time when everyone forgets about personal gain or the murder of someone's character. But there is a minor form of competition called Who Is The Most Help.

One family had lived in Querecho for about 4 months, and it was never proven, but some of us seemed to think that everything we were suddenly missing may have some how found it's way into these people's little trailer house.

You know nothing really important, things like prime cut steaks started disappearing out of peoples freezers. Rows of tomatoes and fresh ripened cantaloupes, levis off of clothes lines, and on some occasions beer and milk out of ice boxes.

Everyone had their own thoughts, but when Barny came up missing a whole deer he had just poached and left hanging in his well house, it's one thing to steal a man's beef or beer, but when you start messing with his illegal meat, you've gone too far.

Barny had just called me an' told me of the loss and how he figured he would handle it.

He had it pretty well down pat. And I might add he had thought it out down to the last detail. He was gonna take his rifle, go over to the hippies' house, get his deer back, and give 'em 2 hours to get the hell out of town.

I was in the process of trying to calm old Barny down when I looked out the kitchen window and saw smoke and flames coming from the hippies trailer house.

Well we lost the trailer and everything that was in it. No one was hurt but they (the hippies) were some what smoked up.

Everyone in town donated some clothes to the family, and the next day, took the two kids into town and bought 'em all new clothes. The Quilting Quorum let 'em spend the

night in the community center and the next day fixed 'em up a house that had been for rent for a couple of years.

The fourth day after the fire, I was in town getting some horse feed when I saw the hippies pulling out of the local junk dealers parking lot. I just figured they were buying some plumbing parts for the old house.

Wrong. When I got back to Querecho, I was met by Barny, Garlan, and a couple of rather upset ladies from the Better Than Thou Club.

Seems like the hippies took advantage of all the kindness and free giving the good people of Querecho had to give. The fact is them hippies thought they were given a lot more than originally expected.

Sometime during the night, they loaded the ice box, stove, toilet, and sinks at the community center, and took 'em to Logaville. I was right about the plumbing parts, just wrong about the direction they were going.

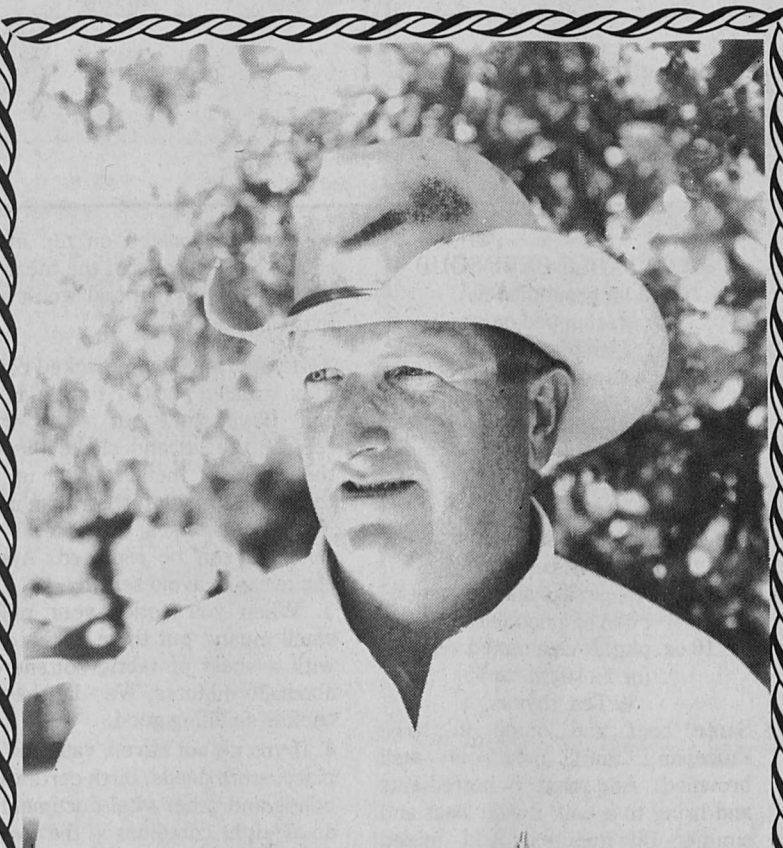
After the police finally caught up with the hippies, all they had left were a few of the new clothes and shoes. They had sold the rest to some used clothing store, and used the money to buy lunch meat and beer to have for their trip.

The community center got all of it's equipment back. It was in fairly good shape, just a few scratches. They just wanted 'em out of the country. But Barny still had a grudge.

He had called the game warden and mentioned that there was some kind of animal remains on what was left of the kitchen table after the fire, and he felt that as a concerned citizen he should report it.

The hippies got sent to jail. Their kids were put in foster homes, and Barny and the good ladies from the Better Than Thou Club were happy.

We never found out if the hippies were jailed for having illegal deer, or for curing out home grown marijuana in their oven which started the fire in the first place.



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Fatal Occupational Injuries

AUSTIN - The Texas Workers' Compensation Commission today announced the results of a pilot study on fatal occupational injuries, showing that 516 Texans lost their lives due to work-related injuries during 1990.

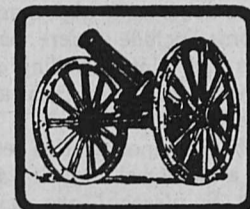
Approximately one third of the 516 fatal occupational injuries occurred in the construction and transportation industries. More than 52 percent of the fatalities were listed under precision production and craft workers (primarily construction workers), transportation and material moving workers (primarily truck drivers) and handlers, helpers and laborers (primarily construction

laborers and helpers.) Homicides accounted for 85 or 12 percent of the work-related fatalities in 1990 in Texas. The number is exceeded only by 134 motor vehicle accidents, which accounted for 19 percent of the work-related fatalities.

Texas and Colorado were the two states chosen for a pilot study called the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) in 1990. The study is a cooperative arrangement between the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than 30 states are participating in the program in 1991.

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Military News

CPT George Patrick Black

Army Reserve CPT George Patrick Black, son of George and Opal Black of 1271 Wildwood, Stephenville, Texas, has completed the Special Forces Qualification Course of the JFK Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. CPT Black is also a graduate of the U. S. Army Infantry School's Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger Courses.

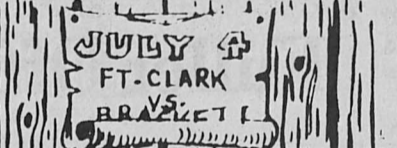
As a Reservist, he is assigned to

the 1st Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after having served with the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CPT Black is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law and is employed with the U. S. Department of Justice as an attorney in Tyler, Texas.

He is the brother of Beth Ann Smith of Brackettville, Texas.

Community Calender



- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St.
- Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- City Council: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License: 1st, 3rd & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon; 1 - 3 p.m., 2nd floor, Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: Sunday 1:30 p.m., Tuesday 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW & Auxiliary Post #8360: 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m., NCO Club. Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 8 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night: 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call Library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Board Room.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- NA: Thursdays, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

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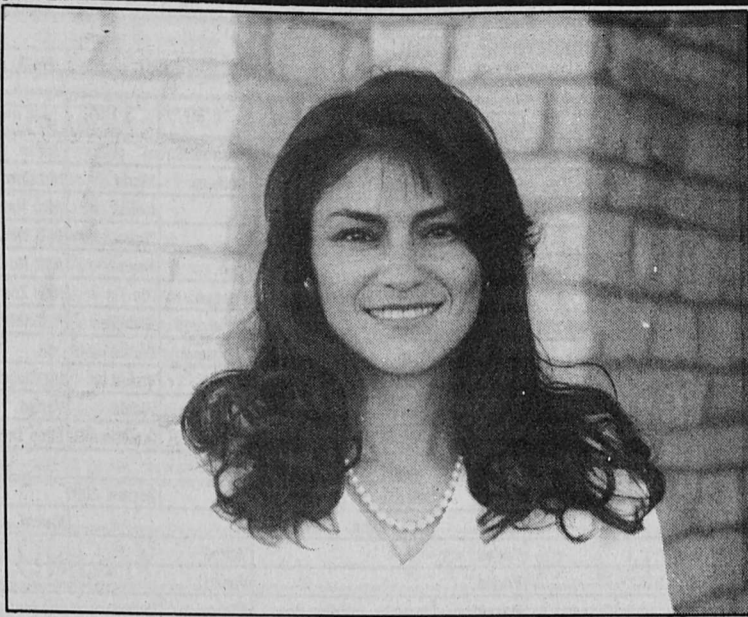
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Profile The Candidates



Martha Pena-Hooten

Martha Pena-Hooten has announced that she is a Democratic candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector in 1992.

Martha, 32 is married to Norman H. Hooten and the mother of two sons, Beau Ray and Matthew Jon. She's the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard "Pee Wee" Pena of Brackettville and a lifelong resident of Kinney County. Following her graduation from Brackettville High School in 1977 she completed a one-year secretarial course at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

She has eight (8) years experience in the TAC office, beginning her service to the public in that office in 1983 as Chief Deputy. Following the separation of the TAC office from the Sheriff's Office by election in 1988 she served another year as Chief Deputy under Interim TAC Tim Ward before being appointed TAC in 1990. She was then elected to serve out the unexpired term of that office in 1990.

Due to a contract with the Kinney County Tax Appraisal District, the TAC office no longer assesses nor collects ad valorem property taxes. The office does, however, perform many major and important functions of county government, including, but not limited to, the following: motor vehicle registration and transfers, boat registration, beer & wine

permits, and voter registration.

Mrs. Hooten stated, "we also have an agreement with the Sheriff's Office whereby we perform several important clerical functions, including the collection of fines assessed violators by the county court, monthly reports, jury notification, and abandoned motor vehicle process. If we did not assist the Sheriff in these duties he would require another full time assistant to perform those duties, thereby causing an added cost to the county taxpayers."

When asked to make a statement regarding her bid for re-election, Mrs. Hooten replied, "I have eight (8) years training, education, and experience in the many duties and responsibilities of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and I am familiar with the processes, paperwork, and reports required of the office, including personal communications with officials of the various state agencies we work with on a daily basis."

"I need and want the support of the people of Kinney County and if I am re-elected I pledge to continue serving the people with the same dedication and honesty I have shown over the past 8 years and hope they have the confidence in me to re-elect me to another term of office."

Bill Lindeman

I was born and raised on a ranch in Hays County, Texas, eighteen miles northwest of San Marcos, Texas.

I began my law enforcement career January 6, 1956, when I was appointed Constable of Precinct 4 in Hays County. I finished this two-year term and was elected to another two-year term. I resigned after serving three and one-half years to accept a job as State Game Warden for the old Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

After completing the academy, I was sent to Maverick County. I lived in Quemado and worked Maverick County and assisted in Zavala County.

On December 31, 1961, Clarence McBee retired as Game Warden in Kinney County and I was assigned to work Kinney County in addition to Maverick County.

On February 1, 1962, I moved my residence from Quemado to Brackettville and have lived in Brackettville since then.

On August 31, 1989, I retired af-

ter completing thirty years and two months as a state game warden.

Sheriff Norman Hooten deputized me on the day of my retirement as a Deputy Sheriff of Kinney County so I could hold my classification as a licensed Texas Peace Officer with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. I also went to work part-time as a security officer for the J. K. Burr Ranch in South Kinney and North Maverick Counties. I was also subject to call by Sheriff Hooten if he needed me. I worked in this capacity until I was appointed Constable for Kinney County by the present Commissioners Court in January, 1991.

I have paid my filing fee and filed for Constable in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

My only campaign promise is that I will carry out the duties of this office to the best of my ability and to serve the good people of Kinney County as I have always tried to do for the last thirty years.

The support and votes I receive will be greatly appreciated.

From The McMasters

To the friends of Eric and Frances McMaster:

Eric and I want to thank the many friends and neighbors who prayed for his recovery, for strength for us both, and who helped our family during this stressful time. Our names were mentioned in prayers in churches and were included on personal prayer lists for the months when his condition was critical and as he began to recover. We hope you will continue to pray for us as he works to regain his strength.

We want each of you to realize how valuable your prayers and good wishes were and are. Each prayer becomes part of a network of prayers that surrounds us with care and invokes the healing power of the Lord.

We are humbly grateful, and our hearts are filled with appreciation of the goodness in people. We feel Eric is with us today because of the Grace of God, Eric's faith, his will to live, and very importantly, the loving support we received from all of you.

Council Withdraws From 9-1-1

At 7:00 p.m., December 9, 1991, Council Members Ralph Gonzalez, Julie Fuentes, Bernie Cervantes, and Mayor Pro-tem Diane Bravo answered roll call to establish a quorum.

Mrs. Bravo recognized the visitors and asked Jean Faulkenberry to give the invocation. Chief of Police Johnny Fritter led the pledge to the flag.

After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, Councilman Cervantes moved they be approved. Council Gonzalez seconded the motion and it carried.

City and Utility Operational and Financial Reports were examined before Council Gonzalez moved to accept the report. Councilwoman Fuentes seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Forest Anderson, Middle Rio Grande Development Council representative was recognized. After being informed that the City was withdrawing from the 9-1-1 Plan, he said a resolution must be passed by the Council. This resolution had already been prepared and was read. Mr. Gonzalez moved that the resolution be approved. Miss Fuentes seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Anderson said if he could help the City at any time in any way, he would be glad to.

Briefly, the Resolution states that since Kinney County voted to withdraw, and the City has no facility for 24 hour dispatching, it, too, would withdraw. The City requested that all monies paid by Kinney County residents for the proposed 9-1-1 service be refunded to the phone customers.

Mr. Jim Runyan, U. S. Border Patrol, appeared before the Council and requested paving of a portion of Windus Street in front of the Border Patrol Station. The City assured him they would give his request consideration although there were other streets scheduled for paving ahead of Windus. He stated he was well aware of that, but he was there to present his request and get on the waiting list.

Mr. Gonzalez moved, Mr. Cervantes seconded the motion to adopt the following Holiday Schedule for 1992:

Wednesday, January 1, New Years Day; Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Day; Monday, February 17, Presidents Day; Friday, April 17, Good Friday; Monday, May 25, Memorial Day; Friday, July 3, Independence Day; Monday, September 7, Labor Day; Monday, October 12, Columbus Day; Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day; Thursday-Friday,

November 26-27, Thanksgiving; Thursday-Friday, December 24-25, Christmas.

Ms. Mendeke said that since April 17 was during sign-up time for city elections, the office would be open. The motion to adopt the holiday schedule passed.

Mr. Gonzalez requested discussion on an amendment or addition to the personnel policies pertaining to benefits while working the probationary period. The amendment, after discussion, presented was, "All permanent employees will be paid for city called holidays; probationary employees will not be until completion of probation." Ms. Fuentes moved the amendment be adopted. Mr. Cervantes seconded the motion. It passed with Mr. Gonzalez abstaining.

On a motion made by Ms. Fuentes, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, Ordinance 259 was rescinded, and Ordinance 259-A was adopted to replace it.

Mr. Gonzalez moved, Ms. Fuentes seconded the motion to amend section 1991-7.000 of Landfill Ordinance 1991-4. The motion passed.

City Secretary Cordelia Mendeke gave her report which included: Employee Thanksgiving party and turkeys came from the funds earned from the re-cycling project at the

Landfill; a letter would be coming from James Saunders outlining what each entity could expect at the Texcor hearing; David Esparza (appointed March 1988) and Harrell Floyd (appointed December 1988) were the only two members now in good standing with the Housing Authority Board; study was being given to rolling over some city bank accounts to gain the best interest rates; sewer lines had been laid to the new apartment project and they were working on laying water lines; she had visited with Travis Wilson on the street paving; and that the workshop she had attended in Austin had been very helpful.

Mr. Gonzalez asked Ms. Mendeke what the workshop had cost, and she replied registration was \$60, mileage and meals were \$169.50 for a total of \$229.50.

Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cervantes and carried.

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Theatre Is Fun

"The Busybody"

Try Outs In January

By DON PARKS

After more than a half century of amateur theatre work, I believe there are few activities which bring more pleasure and satisfaction to those who take part. Nearly all arts and talents are useful in producing a show.

Most apparent, of course, is that which the public comes to see: the telling of a story by actors on a stage. That spectacle is, however, the result of weeks of teamwork by a large company of people. There are scenery builders, electricians, tailors, decorators, property and set crews, stage hands, script and prompt people, producer, and director. In the process, all these very special people have a wonderful time working with a team on a project in which each contributing member can find a real sense of accomplishment.

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Tiger Tracks

Basketball News

Nueces Canyon Tournament

The Brackett Varsity Tigers took third place at the Nueces Canyon Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend.

The Tigers faced Knippa in the first round. Brackett and the Rock-crushers were probably the two top teams in the tournament so it was a fight to the finish. The lead changed hands several times but in the end the Tigers fell 54 - 49.

In the second round Brackett played the Cowboys from D'Hanis. It was an important game for both teams as the winners would advance to play for third place. The Tigers dominated this game from the beginning winning 68 - 46.

Tevin Senne was all over the court as he had 14 points, 14 rebounds, 5 steals, and 7 assists

along with Lesly Floyd who had 4 points. Scott Sims scored 13, John Hernandez 12, Lynn Floyd 10, W. T. Hunt 10, Jesse Terrazas 4, David Dorrrough 3, and Matthew Rocha scored 2. Hernandez also had two blocked shots in the game.

The Tigers then played Leakey for third and crushed them as well, 85 - 62.

W. T. Hunt had the best night of his high school career scoring 29 points, and 4 rebounds while playing with a deep bruise to his thigh.

Senne had another spectacular game scoring 15 points, 9 rebounds, 11 steals, and 8 assists. Lesly Floyd had 11 assists (all in the first half) along with 9 points. Sims and Lynn Floyd scored 11 each, Dorrrough and Hernandez 4 each, with Rocha scoring 2 points.

The Tigers are improving each game as the free throws and easy lay-ups they were missing at the beginning of the season are now starting to fall.

Their record now goes to 4 - 3. One of those losses came from the Eagle Pass Varsity, a 5A team. It didn't look like it at all as the Tigers gave up a 12 point lead after the third period and lost by three, 44 - 47.

The Tigerettes placed second at the Nueces Canyon Tournament beating Knippa and D'Hanis only to lose to Utopia for the championship.

Brackett demolished Knippa 50 - 34. Theresa Terrazas led all scorers with 18 points in this game. Wendy McDaniel racked up 17 points and an amazing 21 rebounds. Tanya Frerich made 7 points with Nina Gonzalez, Valerie Talamantez, Dee Ann Frerich and Kim Ahrens all adding 2 points each.

The Tigerettes then went on to beat D'Hanis 51 - 45. Terrazas was again leading scorer with 19 points and 7 assists. Tanya Frerich was the only other Tigerette to score in double figures with 12.

McDaniel had 8 points and 8 rebounds, Dee Ann Frerich pulled down 7 rebounds and 6 points, senior Michelle Brandt scored 4 with Gonzalez scoring 2.

In the championship game, Coach Greg Nowlin's ladies were outsize and outnumbered losing 69 - 33 for only their second loss of the season.

Terrazas scored 8 points most of which came from two 3 pointers. Dee Frerich had 11 rebounds and 6 points. Brandt and Tanya Frerich both scored 4, with Gonzalez and Ahrens contributing 2 apiece.

Nowlin called on sophomore Amanda Davis to replace McDaniel, who fouled out, and played a game seldom seen from a first year varsity player. Davis scored 7 points and had a total of 7 rebounds in just a quarter of play.

The Tigerettes are now 5 - 2 for the season and will be playing in the Southwest Texas Junior College Tournament this week-end. They will be playing against LaPryor at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Uvalde.

Flag Football - Brackett Style

Brackett Exs VS U. S. Border Patrol

Brackett Athletic Booster Club Fund Raiser

It was advertised as the first annual Booster Club Flag Football Game but it may have been the last annual game after the injuries were treated.

The occasion was a fund-raiser sponsored by the Brackett Athletic Booster Club. The teams were the Brackett Ex's and the U. S. Border Patrol.

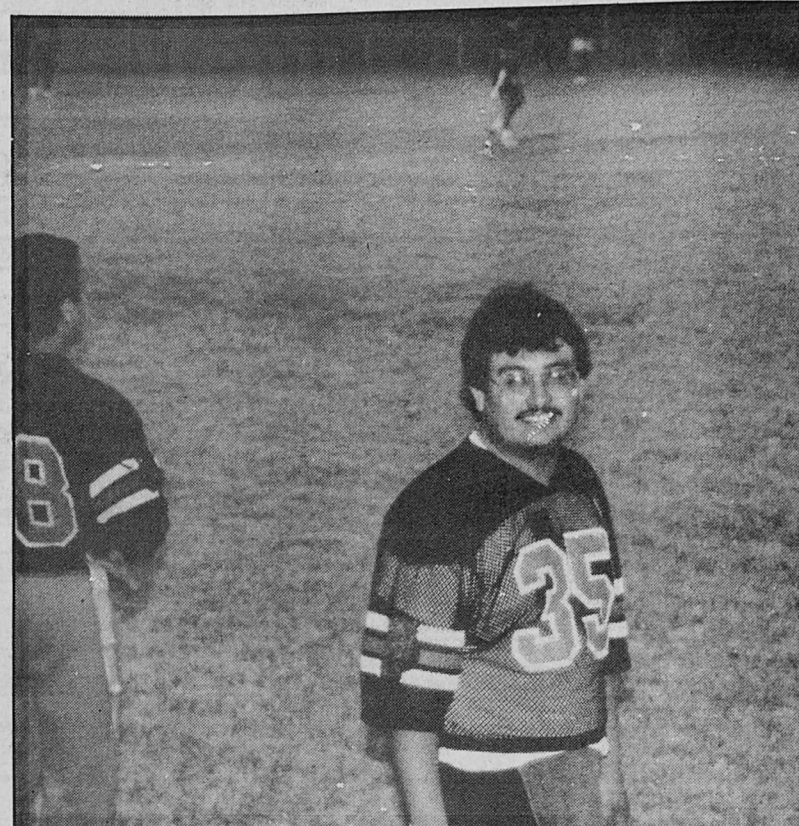
Tony Frerich did a great job as announcer. Referees Lingo Sandoval, Manuel Pena, David Esparza did a professional job...at least, they were able to stay out of the way of the players...most of the time.

I'm not sure what the final score was, but when I asked one Border Patrol Star, he said, "I don't know what the score was and if I did, I wouldn't tell." (The last time I looked at the scoreboard I saw something like Ex's 22 - Border Patrol - 0).

All joking aside, this was a fun evening, at least for the spectators. The guys played hard, and we appreciate their efforts on behalf of the Booster Club.

Not to be overlooked was the mouth-watering food Tencha Pena and her crew dished out from the concessions stand.

To the best of our knowledge, the following played for the Ex's: Vance Bonner, Mitch Frerich, Chuy Aguirre, Robert Estrada, Tommy Castillo, Bernie Cervantez, Eddie Solis, Pete Perez, Mike Cervantez, Daniel Samaniego, Placido Samaniego, Ramon "Dido" Garcia, Severo Martinez, Michael O'Rourke, John Samaniego, Manuel



Brackett Ex, City Alderman Bernie Cervantez, looks around and wonders what he is doing "here," and this picture was made before he broke his finger.

Pena, Jr., Reyes Diaz, Mark Frerich, Frank Morgan, Aurelio "Bird" Perez, and Nacho Aguirre. Playing for the U. S. Border Patrol were: Cesar U. Arguelles, Gilberto A. Perez, Russell D. Moore, Shane C. Minter, Eliseo Rodriguez, Gary C. Letsinger, Jose

A. Molinar, David Robles, Edward L. Sepulveda, Brad M. Coe, Robert Mossman, James Crumley, Reggie D. Felker, Rogelio Cervantez, Jose A. Nava, Robert D. Fuentes, Jeffrey D. Duncan, Ronnie D. Hobbs, Russell S. Garley, Steve Stafford, Ruben Martinez, and Henry Cruz.

Cubettes And Cubs Win

By LYNN FLOYD
Brackett School Reporter

On Monday night, December 2, the Junior High Cubs and Cubettes went on the road to Nueces Canyon.

The Cubettes won 28 - 18. Sandra Hernandez scored half of those points with 14.

Edwina Banta, Denice Frerich and Samantha Luna all scored 4 points while Debra Frerich added 2. The contest was pretty even until Brackett outscored the Lady Panthers 14 - 2 in the fourth quarter.

The Cubsters also came home with a victory in a high scoring game 46 - 39. Moses Hernandez was high point with 14, Brian Hooker had 11, Ruben Terrazas 8, Juan Hernandez 5, Jared Shahan and Ignacio Aguirre scored 4.

Frank Taylor's Cubs have been playing great ball with Moses Hernandez and Ruben Terrazas crashing the boards, Hooker's aggressive style of playing and Shahan's outside shots. The Cubs will win, if not all, then most of their games.

**Buy Your
Christmas Tree
From The FFA**

Call 563-2825

Once again the Brackett High FFA will follow thru the tradition of selling Christmas trees. The FFA will begin to sell Christmas trees Thursday December 12, 1991. The prices of the Christmas will be: trees from 4ft and below are \$10, 4ft to 6ft \$12.50 and 6ft and up \$15.00. The FFA will be selling Christmas trees while supplies last.

For more information please contact the Brackett High Ag. teacher Leslie Hudson at 563-2825.

Open House At Jones Elementary

On the evening of Thursday, December 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Jones Elementary School will be dressed in its holiday finest for its annual Christmas Open House. All relatives and friends are invited to visit the school, see the beautiful decorations, and enjoy an array of Christmas programs.

Last year, each class presented a delightful program in its own home-room rather than joining all classes in one large program in the auditorium. This new format was so enthusiastically received by parents, students, and teachers alike that it will be repeated again this holiday season. Between seven and eight, each classroom will present four performances of their program beginning on the quarter hour. This enables visitors to attend a minimum of four different programs.

The PTO will be serving refreshments in the school cafeteria. So, if you like good entertainment, delicious refreshments, beautiful Christmas decorations, cute kids, and good company, the Jones Elementary Christmas Open House is the place to be next Thursday evening. "y'all come!"

Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

1991 BASEBALL REVIEW

1. Name the player who led the New York Yankees in home runs for 1991.
2. What player had the highest batting average for the Oakland A's in 1991?
3. Name the only Cleveland Indian pitcher to win 10 or more games in 1991.
4. Name the pitcher who allowed the most home runs in the National League during 1991.
5. Name the winning and losing pitchers from the 1991 All-Star Game.
6. Name the only California Angel to hit over .300 during 1991.
7. Name the player who led the Seattle Mariners in home runs for 1991.
8. Name the player who led the Milwaukee Brewers with the highest batting average.

Titans Of Football Clash In Cotton Bowl

For 56 years the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic has featured some of the best college football teams in classic gridiron battles. And the 1992 Classic promises to carry on with that tradition, as Texas A&M, the Southwest Conference champion, meets Florida State University.

The scene of this annual clash is the 72,032-seat Cotton Bowl Stadium, home of the game for all of its 56 years. If you are lucky enough to already have tickets (it's a sell-out!), then you might want to get to the stadium early and stroll around the grounds of Fair Park with its scenic lagoon, museums and historic buildings.

And if you don't have tickets, you can still see all the action and color, including an exciting half-time show, on CBS, which will broadcast the game for the 35th consecutive year.

Whether in the stands or in your living room, you're sure to enjoy an afternoon of great college football.

What: Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic. **When:** January 1, 1992. **Time:** 12:35 p.m. **Where:** Cotton Bowl Stadium, Fair Park; CBS Television. **More information:** 1:800:638-BOWL.

The Cotton Bowl Parade, a great Dallas tradition, will be even greater in 1992 with the advent of a new route, new professional production and an exciting new theme.

Since 1956 the Cotton Bowl Parade has been a showcase event for the city of Dallas and the perfect stage-setter for the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic.

But 1992's New Years' day extravaganza will leave its historic

Commerce Street route and start a new tradition by winding its way on Flora Street and Ross Avenue through the heart of Dallas' Arts District and into the West End Historic District.

What: Cotton Bowl Parade. **When:** January 1, 1992. **Time:** 9 a.m. **Where:** Downtown Dallas. **More information:** (214) 918-1035 or check local CBS TV listing.

Menu

Milk Served With Every Meal.
SALAD BAR AVAILABLE

Breakfast

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
French Toast - Honey
Fruit Cup - Milk
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Peanut Butter - Toast - Jelly
Fruit - Milk
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
Bean Burrito
Fruit Juice - Milk
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
Pancakes - Syrup
Fruit - Milk
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
Sweet Roll
Choice of Juice - Milk

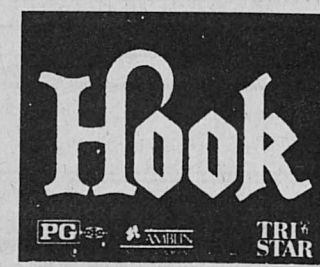
Lunch

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
Sausage On A Bun
French Fries - Veg. Salad
Fresh Fruit - Milk
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce
Seasoned Peas - Veggie Sticks
Peanut Butter Cup - Apple Sauce
Roll - Milk
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries
Cookie - Milk
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
Tacos - Taco Salad
Spanish Rice - Ranch Beans
Cornbread - Milk
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
Pork Chop W/ Gravy
Whipped Potatoes - Choice of Veg.
Fruit Roll - Christmas Cake
Milk

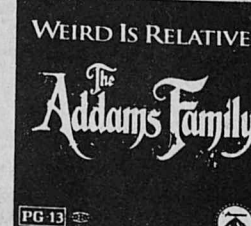
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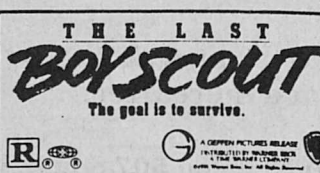
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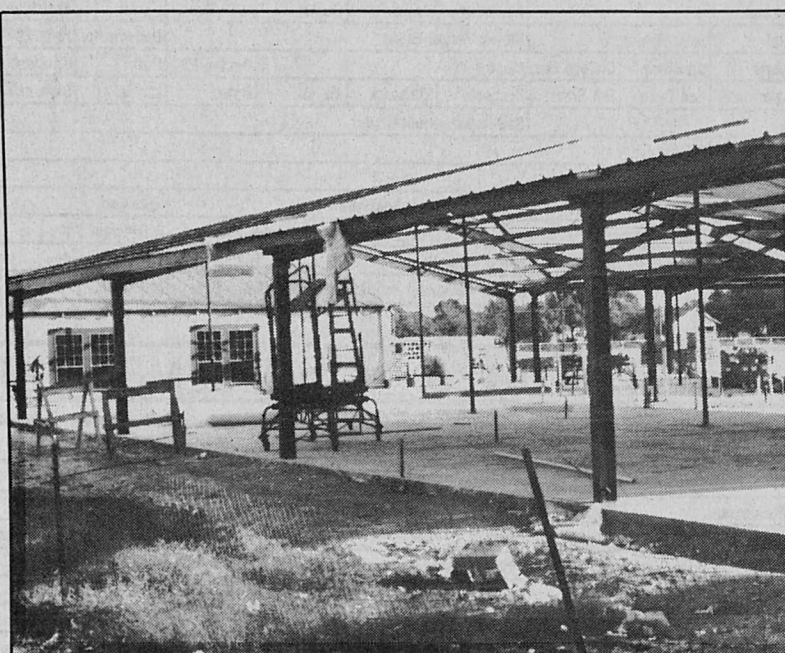
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Starting Friday Dec. 20th
Star Trek VI & Beauty & The Beast

BISD Building Near Completion



Construction about six weeks ago.



Superintendent Bob McCall inspects construction of building due completion December 20 (the day school dismisses for the Christmas Holidays). When students return on January 6, the seventh and eighth grade will occupy the new building, as well as the cafeteria.

The sixth grade will not move into the building until school starts in the fall of 1992.

School Dismisses December 20 at 3:30 p.m. for Christmas Holidays

Conservation - As Integral As Tractors Trucks, And Sunshine

BY RICK PERRY
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Texas' reputation as a top agricultural producing state is unparalleled. Our pioneering forefathers chose to settle here because of the state's vast array of seemingly unlimited natural resources that would allow them to grow and prosper and provide for their families. The opportunities were endless. That was what Texas was built on.

As a result, there are few industries today that are as steeped in tradition and history as farming and ranching. Texans used wisely what was available then; they are doing it now, even as the number of full-time farmers and ranchers decrease. They, through research and on-the-farm experience, have learned to do more with less -- whether it be land, labor or water.

So, more than 100 years ago, early Texans, realizing the limitations and understanding that the land didn't really stretch forever, made do. They learned how to put extra pounds of meat on a steer or lamb with what they had. And they learned how to grow more cotton to the acre, more bushels of wheat on that limited resource: land.

The same is true of water. Just 20 years ago, both irrigation water use and the number of acres irrigated rose to all-time highs, helping farmers and ranchers bring their land and labor to its fullest capacity. Yet, the timely recognition that this resource, too, is limited, combined with increasing urban water demands, new federal farm policy and new conservation technologies, has led producers to reduce today's irrigated water use to some of the lowest levels in the past 40 years.

Just as they have with the land, farmers and ranchers are learning to do more with less to produce our

food and fiber, and this trend appears likely to continue. In fact, projections by state water planners show that urban demands are expected to make up roughly half of Texas water use in the next 50 years.

This projection has helped prompt Texas farmers, ranchers and agricultural researchers to constantly explore new technologies and techniques to conserve Texas' water supply. Agricultural water needs in this vast state are as diverse as the crops we grow -- each region, from the High Plains to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, sees it from a different perspective.

Yet there is a common thread for agriculture, and that is the need to conserve water, arguable our most precious natural resource.

The opportunity for significant cost savings along with the agricultural producer's natural and time-honored penchant for stewardship drive these efforts to conserve water. The need to conserve this resource, too, has not gone unnoticed by Texas voters. In fact, they approved a statewide loan program to enhance on-farm water saving techniques. The program, administered by the Texas Water Development Board, approves loans to local water districts which, in turn, lend the money to individual farmers. The voters' trust in Texas agriculture was not misplaced. It is estimated that water savings generated by this program are enough to satisfy the yearly water needs of 100,000 Texas families.

In a state where agricultural innovation is a way of life, Texas agricultural researchers are doing their part to conserve water. The Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) sprinkler systems use water pressures of about 5-pounds-per-square-inch to irrigate through drop tubes that deposit water underneath the plant canopy, as close to the

ground as possible, reducing losses to wind and evaporation. When used in combination with furrow dikes, which are small earthen dams that trap rainfall or irrigation water, application efficiency jumps from 60 percent to more than 90 percent.

More importantly, it is the ingenuity and fortitude of Texas farmers and ranchers that remain our best tools for agriculture water conservation. For example, concerned by documented evidence that the vast Ogallala Aquifer was being mined dry and by his own rising pumping costs, High Plains cotton farmer James Mitchell of Wolfforth has developed an irrigation system that is rated a whopping 98 percent efficient. Through the combination of a number of water-saving technologies, Mitchell now irrigates 266 acres of cotton with the same amount of water that many growers use on half that acreage.

Texas agriculture's water conservation track record is beyond compare. But to remain economically competitive and to ensure adequate water supplies for future generations we must continue to search for more ideas and methods. Sophisticated water-saving technologies such as drip irrigation must be refined and made more cost-effective. New varieties of crops and plants that need less irrigation and better withstand droughts must be developed. Other factors, such as the effect of crop rotations, cover crops and crop residues on water use, should be closely examined. Fortunately, Texas researchers are already working in a number of these areas.

Through its own heritage, Texas agriculture understands its responsibility to future generations. Through stewardship and conservation of this great state's natural resources, Texas agriculture stands ready to make the future a brighter place for all of us, urban and rural alike.

District Governor Visits Lions Club

Lion Of The Year Revealed

Thursday, December 5, was not only "Ladies Night" but also the District Governor's official visit as the Brackettville Lions Club gathered at Las Moras Inn for a 6:30 dinner meeting.

President Tom Faulkenberry called the meeting to order and introduced Kevin Dinnin, District II Governor, San Antonio, and John McShaffry of the Founders Lions Club, San Antonio.

First Vice-President Norman Butler led the pledge to the flag, Harlan Hunter led the group in singing "God Bless America," and Tom McNew gave the invocation.

After the meal, Mr. Hunter led group singing, Herb Voracek gave a report on the Community Christmas Basket Project including a letter Charlie Ward had written to the Growers and Packers Association of Uvalde.

Faulkenberry announced that Wilma Lewis had been selected by her peers as Lion of the Year. She was presented with a ceramic lion made by Sid Sponholtz.

In addition to bringing greetings Governor Dinnin installed new members into the Brackettville Club. They were Jack Wood, sponsored by Wilma Lewis; Jack Phillips sponsored by Tom McNew; and Laura Phillips sponsored by Lynn McNew.

During the Parade of Checks, Governor Dinnin was presented donations to seven Lions sponsored projects. He was also presented with a framed photo of The Alamo.

Walt Bauguess presented Governor Dinnin with Brackett's entry in the Peace Poster Contest.

Door prizes were won by Carl LanCelle and Dorothy Wood.

Charlie Ward gave the benediction.



Governor Dinnin and President Faulkenberry.



Tom Faulkenberry presents trophy to Lion of the year Wilma Lewis.

Jones Wins In Junior 4-H

Twelve 4-H members from Southwest Texas placed first at the district food show Dec. 7 at Medina Valley High School in Castroville.

In the senior division, Leslie Montgomery and Wendi West from Atascosa County, Leah Haecker from Bexar County, and Jenny Haley from Medina County won first places in the senior division.

Yancy Strait from Dimmit County, Jinny Edwards from Comal County, Julie Helwig from Edwards County, and Codi Bartek from Atascosa County placed first in the junior division.

In the pre-junior division, Holly Ayers and Jill McFadin from Uvalde County, Debra Fluitt from Bexar County, and Roy Newman from Atascosa County placed first.

Each of the 4-H'ers competing at the district show had previously won in their division at the county food show. Each youngster had to demonstrate what he or she knows about nutrition, meal planning, food buying and meal service, as well as preparing food.

The winners in the senior division of the district show will represent their county and district at the State 4-H Food Show during State 4-H Roundup in June on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Placing through fifth place are as follows:

SENIOR DIVISION

Nutritious snacks and desserts -- 1. Leah Haecker, Bexar County; 2. Carla Black, Atascosa County; 3. Katy Worley, Uvalde County; 4. Haleigh Carlile, Kimble County; 5. Victoria Garza, Frio County.

Fruits and vegetables -- 1. Jenny Haley, Medina County; 2. Mystee Wunderlich, Comal County; 3. Suzanne Smith, Bexar County; 4. Amy Cannon, Val Verde County; 5. Marika Cook, Bandera County.

Breads and cereals -- 1. Leslie Montgomery, Atascosa County; 2. Julie Mumme, Medina County; 3. Keri McFadin, Uvalde County; 4. Mandy Vasbinder, Bexar County; 5. Eric Koehler, Comal County.

Main dish -- 1. Wendi West, Atascosa County; 2. Randi Marburger, Dimmit County; 3. Jody Hyatt, Kimble County; 4. Michael Erwin, Uvalde County; 5. Randi Rust, Kendall County.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Nutritious snacks and desserts -- 1. Jinny Edwards, Comal County; 2. Lance Ferguson, Atascosa County; 3. Kathy McFadin, Uvalde County; 4. Tom Martin, Real County; 5. JoLee Jones, Kinney County.

Fruits and vegetables -- 1. Codi Bartek, Atascosa County; 2. Waylon Murphy, Uvalde County; 3. Rebekah Haynes, Edwards County; 4. Corbee Wunderlich, Comal County; 5. Katherine Long, Val Verde County.

Breads and cereals -- 1. Yancy Strait, Dimmit County; 2. Kellie

Ramey, Atascosa County; 3. Brian Trees, Uvalde County; 4. Chesney Castleberry, Medina County; 5. Ashley Godfrey, Bandera County.

Main dish -- 1. Julie Hedwig, Edwards County; 2. Heidi Collums, Atascosa County; 3. Kelly Barrett, Bexar County; 4. Pati Canseco, Val Verde County; 5. Max Stehling, Kendall County.

PRE-JUNIOR DIVISION

Nutritious snacks and desserts -- 1. Jill McFadin, Uvalde County; 2. Chase Walker, Dimmit; 3. Seth McFadin, Val Verde County; 4. Kristen Mobley, Kimble County; 5. Ryan Stewart, Comal County.

Fruits and vegetables -- 1. Holly Ayers, Uvalde County; 2. Stephanie Nino, Val Verde County; 3. Richelle Simone, Edwards County; 4. Anastasia Skolaut, Medina County; 5. Douglas Wagner, Dimmit County.

Breads and cereals -- 1. Roy Newman, Atascosa County; 2. Callie Strait, Dimmit County; 3. Erin Marrs, Sutton County; 4. Kaci Gass, Kimble County; 5. Kelly Walker, Uvalde County.

Main dish -- 1. Debra Fluitt, Bexar County; 2. Sara Campbell, Bandera County; 3. Roy Franklin, La Salle County; 4. La Vina Van Winkle, Edwards County; 5. Russell Dempsey, Sutton County.

Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

With the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor itself part of history now, some of you may find it helpful to be aware of the availability of the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal for military, and certain civilian survivors who served in Hawaii during the 1941 attack. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, this congressional medal is also available to eligible survivors of those who were killed in the attack. Eligible vets or their survivors should call the toll free number set up by the Defense Dept. to dispense information and forms: 1-800-545-4052. Application forms are also available from VA Regional Offices.

The VA states that those not eligible include Navy personnel who were on ships stationed at Pearl Harbor, but who were at sea during the attack. Personnel on board ships patrolling just outside the harbor entrance ARE authorized to receive the medal. (Note: Although the VA's eligibility requirements are clear enough, if I were you, I would still check my eligibility with a phone call to the above noted number.)

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Fish Have No Eyelids

112th Cavalry Returns To Fort Clark

Fifty Years After Pearl Harbor



Lt. Col. Ron Buckles served as Master of Ceremonies.



Col. McMains was speaker at Flag Raising Ceremony.



Richard Thompson, in Cavalry uniform, spoke at Luncheon. His topic was "Fort Clark - Before and After Pearl Harbor."



ROTC from Eagle Pass High School raise 48-star flag.

Christmas At The Fort



Lou and Betty Schlatterer shown in front of the props they built for last Saturday night's show. Patti Barnett painted the snow scene.

County Agent News

by Allan L. McWilliams



Horses are a big part of the Texas agriculture economy. Although its exact impact is unclear, the horse industry makes up a significant portion of the State's agricultural economy, according to Texas Agricultural Extension Service horse specialists.

Two recent surveys indicate that the average horse owner spends almost \$2,200 per year on nutrition, equipment, boarding and stabling and preventative and emergency horse care. Of that amount, 60 percent is spent in owners' home counties. The agricultural economics department figures also indicate there are some 1 million horses in Texas making it clear that spending on horses is significant.

AFRICAN CATTLE MAY HELP IMPROVE U.S. BEEF STOCK:

Researchers are using semen from two types of African cattle to see if they will produce cattle with better beef but which are still well suited to life in warmer U.S. climates.

Semen from Boran and Tuli cattle arrived in the U.S. this spring from Australia, where the African breeds had been brought through new importation facilities.

Federal government and industry concerns about disease have kept most African breeds from being brought to the United States, but the Australian effort allowed importation of the semen.

Hereford and Angus cows in several U.S. locations, including experiment station branches in Overton, McGregor and Uvalde, have been inseminated with Tuli and Boran semen. These two breeds are resistant to subtropical and tropical weather and illnesses. Researchers are also hopeful that the new breeds will reach puberty earlier than other tropically adapted breeds, such as Brahman.

Brahmans, an Asian breed, also were introduced to the United States for their hardiness in warmer climates. They are crossed with such breeds as Angus and Hereford, British cattle with better carcass traits.

However, cattle with half or more Brahman bloodlines tend to have tougher beef and less marbling and they are more susceptible to cold weather. Pure-bred Brahmans sometimes have lower fertility, and cross-breeds often have a later puberty.

It will be two years before initial data on breeding capabilities and carcass traits of the new breeds will be collected.

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 62 degrees, 3 feet above normal; black bass are good to 5 pounds on dark worms in 15 to 20 feet of water; striper are fair around the dam and in San Pedro on Zara Spooks or Redfins; crappie are fair at the high bridge on minnows; white bass are very good in Zorro and Caballo Canyons on the Mexican side and also near the dam on slabs and spoons; catfish are good in 30 - 60 feet of water on cheese or stink baits.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on nightcrawlers; redfish are slow; corvina are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 63 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pound average on shad and liver; redfish are slow.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 62 degrees, 7 1/2 feet low; black bass were fair to 7 pounds on double gold leaf willow spinners before the last front, fishing has been slow since; striper slow; white bass are good all over the lake on chrome slabs and Roadrunners; crappie are good off

both state park piers as well as Alice Pump House on jigs and minnows; yellow catfish are good to 35 pounds in the river channel on sunfish; good numbers of ducks as well as snow geese and speckle belly geese on the upper end of the lake; the Saturday opening should be good for duck hunters.

FALCON: Water clear, 68 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fair in the 6 pound range, few fishermen out midweek; striper are fair in the 10 - 12 pound range on jigging spoons and good with white bass up the river; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 5 pounds on shrimp baited rod and reel.

MEDINA: Water clear, 37 feet low; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp; few fishermen out midweek.

TEXANA: Water clear in the jungle area, normal level; black bass are fair in the jungle area, most are small keeper sized fish on spinners and chrome Rattle Traps; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on trotlines with cutbait.

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Energy Saving Tips

TEXAS A&M - COLLEGE STATION: Winter has arrived, and you can welcome the change in weather by implementing a few low-cost, home-heating tips from the Texas Energy Extension Service.

One easy way to save on heating costs is to lower the thermostat on your central heating system. The Texas EES recommends setting the thermostat at 68 degrees F or lower when you are at home and 60 degrees F or lower when your home is unoccupied. This method will provide enough heat for normal conditions while helping lower your winter heating bill.

For families who spend extended periods of time in one room, space heaters or portable heaters can be used to heat small areas instead of the whole house, which saves heating energy.

Another low-cost, energy-saving measure is to plug the gaps around windows and doors with caulking and weatherstripping. These leakage areas can be responsible for 20 to 25 percent of the heat loss in your home. If you are especially concerned about cold drafts around windows, additional insulation can be provided by tacking or taping blankets, towels or plastic over the inside of the window.

The Texas EES also suggests "movable insulation" as another low-cost way to lower your winter heating bill. Draft stoppers are one form of movable insulation designed to block drafts at the bottoms of doors and windows. Draft stoppers can be made by filling a tube of heavy fabric with sand, perlite or Styrofoam beads.

Other forms of movable insulation are interior, roll-down window quilts, thermal curtains, interior shutters, and roll-down exterior shutters. These are the most popular forms of movable insulation because they can cut heat loss in half during the winter as well as help reduce heat gain during the summer.

You already may be aware that fireplace heating is not as efficient as it is attractive. Approximately 85 to 90 percent of the heat produced by burning wood goes up the chimney, but these suggestions can help increase heat efficiency:

***Control the air source to the fire by opening the outside air inlet or slightly opening a window near the fireplace.

***Build the fire on the floor of the firebox to generate more heat.

***Install a glass shield in front of the fireplace opening to keep heated room air from escaping up the chimney while the fire is burning.

***Use dry, seasoned pieces of high-density woods, such as live oak, red oak, slash pine, or longleaf pine, to produce more heat.

***Some other effective, heat-saving tips include opening the draperies on sunny days, wearing layered clothing and changing the filter on your central system every month.

For more ideas on ways to save energy in winter, call the Texas Energy Hotline at (800) 643-SAVE. Ask for the free tip sheet "Save Energy in Winter." The Energy Hotline is a consumer service operated by the Texas Energy Extension Service, a program of the Governor's Energy Office.

Combined Notice

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: December 12, 1991
City of Spofford
P. O. Box 1541
Brackettville TX 78832
(512) 563-2046

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

This notice is intended to meet two separate procedural requirements which include a notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and a notice for Request for Release of funds. On or about December 30, 1991, the above-named City of Spofford will request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development (formerly Texas Department of Commerce) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project:

Project Title: Water Transmission Line Improvements

Contract Number: TDOC Contract #700351

Purpose of Project: Construction of approximately 48,700 l.f. of a 3" PVC water transmission line and related appurtenances from the City of Brackettville to the City of Spofford for the purposes of obtaining water from the City of Brackettville for the City of Spofford's water supply.

Location of project: The line will begin at the intersection of U. S. Highway 90 and State Highway 131 in Brackettville and run south along the east side of State Highway 131 to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks in the City of Spofford.

Enumeration Districts: 9501

Estimated Cost of Project: \$85,783.00

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named City of Spofford has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The reason for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

There will be no permanent negative impacts on the environment as a result of this project. There is no historical or architectural or archaeological significance in the area. No effect is expected on protected or endangered wildlife or vegetation. Although a small portion of the proposed project is located in a floodplain, there is no feasible alternative location for the project, nor is the proposed project expected to hinder or otherwise damage the floodplain. The proposed project is not anticipated to promote development in the floodplain. The consensus of our study is that the project will provide an adequate and reliable supply of water for the City of Spofford.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City of Spofford which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying,

upon request, at the City of Spofford, J.B. Herndon Residence, Spofford, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Spofford to J. B. Herndon, Mayor. Such written comments should be received at Mayor Herndon's Residence in Spofford or City of Spofford, P. O. Box 1541, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 on or before December 30, 1991. Please indicate which notice your comments address. All such comments so received will be considered and City of Spofford will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administration action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

City of Spofford will undertake the project described above with Texas Community Development Program funds from Texas Department of Housing and Community Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Spofford is certifying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development and Mayor J. B. Herndon, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Spofford may use the Texas Community Development Program funds, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.

Objections To State Release of Funds

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Development will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the Contractor approved by TDOC; or (b) that the Contractor's environmental review file for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development, Texas Community Development Division, P. O. Box 12026, Austin, Texas, 78711-2026.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development. No objection received after January 14, 1992, will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Development.

J. B. Herndon, Mayor
City of Spofford
P. O. Box 1541
Brackettville TX 78832
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Holiday

Printing Schedule

Christmas Issue
Monday, December 23
Articles due Thursday, December 19
Closed December 24 - 25

New Years Issue
Thursday, January 2
Articles due Monday, December 30
Closed January 1

200th Anniversary U.S. Bill Of Rights

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the historic document, The Bill of Rights, *The Brackett News* takes pride in printing them along with a few little known facts.

The first ten amendments - The Bill of Rights - to the Constitution were ratified 200 years ago, this month.

Only after a long battle of debate were the proposed amendments accepted by Congress.

The House approved 17 amendments, the Senate consolidated them into 12. Then, they were referred to the states for ratification on October 1, 1789. Ten of these amendments were finally approved by the required 11 states by December 15, 1791, and have been known ever since as the Bill of Rights.

Bill Of Rights

Amendment I Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances.

Amendment II A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be

deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Amendment VI In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process of obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII Excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people.

Human Rights Month

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Writer

In December, 1948, a resolution was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The declaration contained thirty articles to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Among these rights were the rights to life, liberty, and security of person; freedom from arbitrary arrest; a fair trial; to be presumed innocent until proven guilty; freedom from interference with the

privacy of one's home and correspondence; freedom of movement and residence; to asylum, nationality, and ownership of property; freedom of thought, conscience, religion, opinion and expression; to association, peaceful assembly, and participation in government; to social security, work, rest, and a standard of living adequate for health and well-being; to education and to take part in the social life of one's community.

This was the first part of an international bill of rights which was under preparation after 1947, by the U. N. Commission on Human Rights.

Bingo Was Born In December

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Writer

"Bingo" is a game of chance, widely popular in the United States. It was originally known as "Keno" or "Lotto."

There are many variations of Bingo. In some states Bingo was not considered legal until the 1950's.

It is a favored means of raising funds for charitable and religious charities.

Some people consider Bingo as gambling because it was originally based on the gambling game of Lot-

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



A relatively short time ago a man and his wife moved to Fort Clark from Fort Stockton.

He quickly became well acquainted and entered into the community life as though he had been here for years.

He became quite active in a local church. He is a warm hearted and friendly person.

He is serious when the occasion calls for it and jovial when circumstances warrant it.

He is certainly a wholesome addition to the community.

Surely, Tom Faulkenberry is an "Unsung Hero."

Golf News

By Vicki Nichols



The weather has certainly been ideal for golfers the past couple of weeks. However, our chance for that much needed rain has passed, dropping just enough moisture to tease our thirsty fairways.

The Club functions have been well attended since the Winter Texans arrived. Thirty-six couples turned out for the Thursday Tournament.

We also are getting new members regularly. Some of the latest golfers to join the Club are Bob and Fran Moore, Al and Ruth Henke, and Roger Jensen. It certainly is a good feeling to be a part of an active and growing group. As they say, staying active both physically and mentally is the best way to slow down the aging process - in other words, use it or lose it.

Just a reminder - Mini Max handicap dues must be paid by December 20. If they are not paid by that time, your name will be dropped. This means you will be ineligible to compete in club tournaments.

Also, trail fees are due December 31.

Mens Day

Stableford, 4 man teams
1st: Clarke Horning, Howard Peck, Dan Isenberg, and Bill Kennedy - +22
2nd: Pat Grant, Julian Garza, E. W. Williamson, and Harold Kauffman - +19
3rd (tie): Chuck Titus, Carl Spray, Dan Packer and Ernest Gertzen; Ralph Viestenz, George Miller, Jim Bussey and Dave Campbell - +7

Couples Day

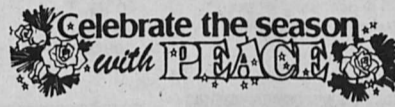
(Sorry, I don't have the scores)
1st: Vern Ebert, Molly Schroeder, Newell and Jo Ann Mayberry
2nd: Clemie McKelvey, Carol Benefield, Joe Generali and Betty Dennis
3rd: E. W. and Louise Williamson, Sam and Janie Henninger
4th: Dwite and Luella Gilliland, Lynn and Dee Edinborough

Ladies Day

1st flight
Darlene Horning - Low Gross - 85
Marge Maderic - Low Net - 66
2nd flight
May Roper - Low Gross - 91
Vicki Nickols - Low Net - 65
3rd flight
Ann Legg - Low Gross - 95
Betty Dennis - Low Net - 67

Postscript

Evelyn Whitely was operated on December 2. The operation resulted in three bypasses and a valve repair. She is doing well and has been assigned a room. Her address is Wilford Hall, USAF Hospital, Room 365, Ward 3C, Lackland AFB, San Antonio TX 78236.



Court Appoints Librarian

With Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Ruben Fuentes, Plunker Sheedy, and Alvin McClure present, Kinney County Judge Tim Ward declared a quorum. County Attorney Shahan gave the invocation and Judge Ward led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner McClure moved that the minutes of November 12, 1991, be approved as read. Commissioner Sheedy seconded the motion and it carried.

After a discussion about the unsafe condition of an ambulance now in service, and the positive response of funding from the Meadows Foundation and a grant, Commissioner McClure moved to advertise for bid to purchase a new ambulance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frerich and it passed.

Commissioner McClure moved to spend approximately \$355 to replace the carborator on the old ambulance with one designed to better control the fuel flow and keep the ambulance as a reserve. Commissioner Frerich seconded the motion and it carried. Nothing can be done about the poor design that prohibits enough air flow to cool the motor.

Approval was given to add color monitors to the new computer terminals at a cost of \$1000 (for five) from the budgeted computer funds on a motion by Commissioner Frerich, seconded by Commissioner McClure. The software was designed for color monitors and is not functioning properly without them.

On a motion by Commissioner Sheedy, seconded by Commissioner Fuentes, the following holiday schedule for 1992 was approved: Wednesday, January 1 - New Years; Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King; Monday, February 17, Presidents Day; Monday, March 2, Texas Independence Day; Friday, April 17, Good Friday; Monday, May 25, Memorial Day; Friday, June 19, Emancipation Day; Friday, July 3, Independence Day; Monday, September 7, Labor Day; Monday, October 12, Columbus Day; Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day; Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, Thanksgiving Day; Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, Christmas Day.

Commissioner McClure moved to approve Monday, December 23, 1991, as an additional Christmas Holiday for county employees. Judge Ward seconded the motion and it carried.

Sheriff Hooten discussed the continuation of the Drug Task Force. The sheriffs of Kinney, Val Verde, Edwards and Real have applied for a new grant, and are optimistic that they would receive. Kinney County has one person assigned to the Task Force still on the payroll but the county is scheduled to be reimbursed for that salary when the new grant is received.

Attorney Shahan reported that the Attorney General's office had informed him that they saw no conflict of interest with Attorney James Saunders representing Kinney County in the Texas Department of Health hearings, concerning Texcor's application for a Radioactive Waste Disposal Permit even though Mr. Saunders had represented Judge Ward in a personal lawsuit against Texcor. In a Commissioners Court meeting on November 12, Judge Ward had excused himself from participating, presiding, or voting, and Commissioner Sheedy presided. At that time, the Court

voted to approve up to \$5,000.00 for Attorney Saunders to represent Kinney County at the hearing tentatively scheduled for January. The \$5,000.00 would come from the \$7,000.00 cash surplus at the end of the fiscal year. The Court reaffirmed this action.

The Court has received a copy of a letter to Mr. Clint Hackney from the Justice Department regarding the Texas Rural Legal Aids Protest to the proposed re-districting plan for Kinney County. Judge Ward, Attorney Shahan and/or Attorney Hackney have supplied all the information requested by the Justice Department. A copy of the letter is printed on page 2.

By consensus, the Court agreed to keep their insurance coverage on the county's buildings and vehicles with Texas Association of Counties.

After submitting an amended resolution on the T.D.O.C. Library Grant, approval was received to allow The Friends of the Library to proceed with expansion plans utilizing up to \$30,000 from "The Friends" fund.

Bills were examined and approved for payment.

Commissioner McClure moved to pay the remaining balance of approximately \$9,500 for the county clerks computer from certificates of obligation funds. This is a budgeted item.

Road Administrator Roy Skiles gave a detailed report on his department's activities. He reported he had all the equipment in good working condition and the department had done work on El Paso St. Cemetery, Library pad, city streets repair, Mud Creek, Tularosa Road, Little League Ball Field, Silver Lake Road, Nueces River Road, swimming pool grounds, moved furniture at the court house, set flag poles and at St. Johns Baptist Church lot. Mr. Skiles said he anticipated no additional large expenditures on equipment maintenance barring accidents.

Travis Wilson gave a progress report on street paving.

Decisions to terminate maintenance of the Old Tularosa Post Office Road and ownership of Anacacho Lane were deferred.

The Pinto Creek Bridge was discussed and Commissioner Frerich moved to contact the State Highway Department to see if they could give any engineering assistance to correct some dangers. Commissioner Fuentes seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Frerich moved, Commissioner Sheedy seconded the motion to direct Mr. Skiles to figure the cost to tear down the east half of a shed at the County Barn and to cover and close-in the west half of the shed for storage. The motion carried.

Commissioner McClure moved to hold a public auction to sell surplus materials and junk items at the County Road Barn on January 25, 1992, 10 a.m. Commissioner Sheedy seconded the motion and it carried.

Judge Alvin Hall's request to discuss and adjust Chief Clerk Ailene Reid's salary was deferred to Executive Session.

County Agent Allen McWilliams informed the court that he had traded a 1975 gooseneck trailer for a smaller (14' x 5') new covered-top trailer. The trade involved no money and the new trailer is more adaptable for 4-H club use.

17-18, 1992, for utilities and cleaning only. Commissioner McClure seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Frerich moved that a request to use the Civic Center at no charge for the premier showing of *Texas History for Texas Children: Travis* on January 4, 1992, be approved with the stipulation that utilities and cleaning would be paid. No admission charge will be made. Commissioner Fuentes seconded the motion and it carried.

Sheriff Hooten reported an emergency need to replace a 1985 Ford Patrol car with 100,000 + miles on it that is proving to be completely unreliable. Vehicle replacement was not budgeted but since this is an emergency measure, the court, on a motion by Commissioner Sheedy, seconded by Commissioner Frerich voted to use \$8,500 from unused computer funds and \$3,100 from jail expansion to buy a used 1991 Ford Crown Victoria with approximately 50,000 miles of use for \$11,600.00.

Recommendations by the Kinney County Library Advisory Board for a replacement of the County Librarian and interviewing applicants were referred to executive session.

After the executive session, upon the recommendation of the Kinney County Library Board, the Court named Cynthia Lockwood as County Librarian effective February 16, 1992.

Health & Nutrition

by Judith Sheldon

WILD MUSHROOMS — A DEADLY TEMPTATION: Dr. David Cavaliere of Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is a world renowned mycologist — an expert in the study of mushrooms. As such, he would probably have little to fear if he went out to pick and eat wild mushrooms.

The fact is, the most important thing he knows about wild mushrooms is not to eat them.

"It's easy for even experienced pickers of wild mushrooms to get a toxic one by mistake," Dr. Cavaliere said. A consultant in cases of mushroom poisoning, Dr. Cavaliere points out: "People who plan to pick wild mushrooms should do something less dangerous."

Such as? "Such as snake handling or bungee jumping," Cavaliere added: "And I'm serious. There is no sure cure for mushroom poisoning." Toxic wild mushrooms grow in most areas of the country. In the northeast, two varieties, the amanita verna (also called the death angel), and the gyromitra esculenta (or false morel), are two of the deadliest.

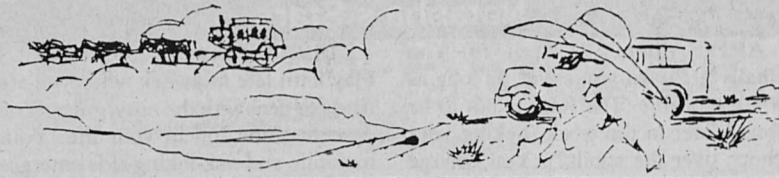
Cavaliere noted that the differences between edible and poisonous mushrooms are often small at the various stages of the growth of the mushroom fungus. "It's not hard to be fooled," he said, adding: "And you only need to be wrong once."

Some poisonous mushrooms have a fleshy ring, or skirt, around the stem, and an underground bulb which often goes unnoticed by pickers who cut off the mushroom at ground level. But the lack of a skirt or bulb doesn't always make the mushroom harmless. Some poisonous species have neither a skirt nor bulb, but their toxins can still kill by attacking the kidneys and the liver.

The danger is so strong, that Cavaliere, who used to serve wild mushrooms, no longer does.

Days Past

by Dorthy Payne



December 26, 1820 - In San Antonio, Moses Austin asked the Spanish governor for permission to settle 300 American families in Texas.

December 12, 1822 - The United States extended official recognition to independent Mexico and its new emperor, Augustin de Iturbide.

December 8, 1825 - President John Quincy Adams made the first annual Presidential address to Congress. He recommended road and canal construction, and exploration of the interior and the Pacific Northwest.

December 16, 1826 - Benjamin Edwards, the brother of a corrupt American empresario in Texas, rode into Nacogdoches, Texas, and declared that he was the ruler of the Republic of Fredonia, which he defined as extending from the Sabine to the Rio Grande River. Stephen Austin raised a small army and squelched the Fredonia Revolt, but the seeds of distrust were sown between the American Texans and the Mexicans.

December 8, 1829 - Antonio Armijo's party of Mexicans made the difficult "Crossing of the

Fathers," as it became known in present-day Utah. The name was given in honor of two Franciscan friars, Silvestre Veez de Escalante and Francisco Athanasio Dominguez, who pioneered this passage in 1776.

December 2, 1832 - Samuel Houston, a former governor of Tennessee who had been living among the Cherokees of Oklahoma, crossed the Red River and entered Texas for the first time. On February 13, he had written his old comrade in arms, President Andrew Jackson, that the Texans were allegedly planning to draw up a Constitution and seek statehood.

December 28, 1832 - St. Louis University, in St. Louis, Missouri, chartered under Roman Catholic (Jesuit) auspices. This was the first Catholic University west of the Alleghenies. Its first degree was awarded in 1834.

December 9, 1835 - The Texan Army, inspired by the courageous leadership of Colonel Benjamin Milam, captured San Antonio.

December 16, 1841 - Senator Lewis Linn of Missouri sought protection for settlers moving west along the Oregon Trail in his bill to construct forts along the trail. The bill would also offer land grants along the trail to males over eighteen years of age.

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In Science And Mathematics Teaching

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Excellent kindergarten through twelfth grade science and mathematics teachers may be nominated from now through February 14, 1992, to be considered for a **Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.**

The White House, in a program administered by the National Science Foundation, will recognize two elementary and two secondary science and mathematics teachers in each state this year. The teachers are judged on their knowledge of science or mathematics and their abilities in communicating these subjects to their students.

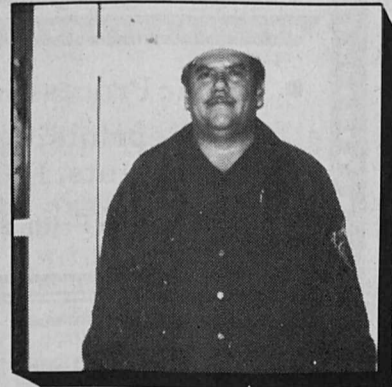
The Presidential Award includes an expense-paid trip for the teacher and a guest to Washington, D. C., local and national recognition, a \$7,500 grant for the teacher's school, and many other gifts and leadership opportunities.

To be eligible, a teacher must have worked five years or more in a public or private school teaching science or mathematics at least half-time.

Nominations can be made by a colleague, administrator, parent, student, by self-nomination, or by anyone familiar with a teacher's abilities and performance. Applications from teachers in urban areas and from historically underrepresented groups, as well as middle/junior high school teachers, are especially encouraged.

To nominate a teacher, write: PAESMT, 5112 Berwyn Road, 3rd Floor, College Park, MD 10740.

Winner



Ralph Gonzalez

Ralph Gonzalez came in at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday to identify the mystery picture as the rail around the flower bed at Molly's Kinney County Land Company. Ralph got his Brackett News at B&S.

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What is your favorite book: Read my monthly bills that I can't pay.
If you could go anywhere, where would you go: I know I'm going to Heaven.
What would you like to be if you could change your life: Like to be myself.
If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: I would change half of the government rules in Brackettville.

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Raul Garcia

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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You finally get what you covet, as long as it's reasonable. The Ram is not to be found later in the week (licking your chops over the spoils?). You emerge renewed later in the weekend. Why question why others think you may have had a quicky facelift? Your smile says it all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The conservative Bull is well known for its tendency to plan ahead. Do just that this week; charge into work and get it all done when you've got better things to do (playtime!). Teamwork, competition and friendship's ahead. You land exhausted over the weekend. Small wonder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Seriously consider an alternative. Your duality needs to be played out this week. You are on the scene — a force to be dealt with all week long. You don't even consider putting on your dancing shoes (yes, you and dancing shoes) until the weekend. Expect a great week overall.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sometimes it gets a bit boring being a Moonchild. But practical you are, as you scrutinize a financial statement and nurture loved ones. Fantasies of escape to Never-Neverland finally hit later in the week. You fly away until the weekend, when you land, ever so practical and reasonable.

LEO (July 23-August 22) You may not feel in control as the week begins but you do feel adored and sought after. For the moment, worry less. Have a chat about money/love (your choice) after midweek. You're paving the way to seventh heaven. You don't land till early next week. Some people have all the luck.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Demonstrate your practical side early this week. Get your work done by later in the week when temptation lures you to give up your Virgo ways. The rest of the week finds you using your social skills for diplomacy (or romance). An intense weekend of talks — the one to one variety.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

Play until late midweek when you are ready to deal with the nitty-gritty. You deserve some fun in your life. Your romantic and risk-taking side emerges to everyone's delight. No wonder many are frantically seeking your companionship over the weekend. Give up being so serious.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Your urge to roll over in bed when the alarm rings continues nearly all week. You've more important things to do than appear at work. You make time for highly creative energy and your strong libido (ooh!) later in the week. Recharge your batteries over the weekend. You've been on remote.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Get into the hectic pace of your birthday season. Your efficiency is tested, as well as your jovial responses. You must have downtime by later in the week. Take care of family and personal matters through the weekend. You naturally flow into the games and fun.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Your more needy and possessive side comes out this week. Don't worry — you have to be a strong "wanter" to succeed in life. You see the results of this theory next week. Enjoy an onslaught of functions at the end of the week.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) You're like the mouse that roared this week. Remember — you call the shots. Focus on those special whims as your magnetism peaks. Indulgence follows, and could go on for awhile — play Santa at the same time. Over the weekend, enjoy a stroll and a chat. You enjoy the peace.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) You peak this week, but first you need to cross the valley. Get what must be done, done. You can change the status quo by simply beaming that smile. Others succumb (or think about it). Re-evaluate decisions you made crossing the valley. It's a lot better now.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shoes are different. 2. Newspaper is missing. 3. Head turned. 4. Briefcase is different. 5. Hand is moved. 6. Hair is moved.

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Breakfast fare
 5 Meat on a skewer
 10 "The Count of Monte Cristo" author
 15 Cal. campus
 19 Urgent
 20 Ethiopian town
 21 Make into law
 22 Climb a rope
 23 Large, powerful dogs
 25 Breed of small dogs
 27 English cathedral town
 28 Military force
 29 Sign of a hit
 31 Isles off Ireland
 32 "— Pinafore"
 33 Nathan and Alan
 35 Singer Della
 37 Something small and exquisite
 39 Portfolio assets
 41 Longhaired bird dogs
 43 Marked with spots
 46 "What peaceful — I once enjoyed!"
 47 Soap-frame bar
 48 Word with kick or leaf
 50 Father of King Arthur
 51 English composer
 52 Letter phrase
 53 Ancient Syria
 55 Yours and mine
 56 Disencumber
 57 Lake near Syracuse, N.Y.
 59 Style of type
 61 "Butterflies — Free"
 62 "Bad rhyming" was one, to Pope
 64 Iowa town
 66 Viselike devices
 68 Mil. vehicle
 69 Mountain in Crete
 70 Narrow inlet
 71 Arctic sled dogs
 75 Computer screen images
 77 Katharine Hepburn movie of 1938
 81 Cockpit abbr.
 82 Deli sausage
 84 Sea ducks
 86 An enzyme
 87 Singer
 88 McIntire
- DOWN**
 1 Advantage
 2 "Working — (88 movie)"
 3 Racing dogs
 4 Word before lane or legs
 5 Basic structures
 6 — apple
 7 Like Twiggly, in her heyday
 8 Be in debt
 9 Hunting dogs
 10 Removed from office
 11 Numero — state
 12 She's remembered
 13 Sour in taste
 14 Undue stress
 15 Mil. branch
 16 Small Mexican dogs
 17 Author
 18 Miller and Selham
 24 Makes a speech
 26 Former French province
 30 On pension: abbr.
 34 Field measure
 35 Mignonette
 36 Printing errors
 38 Palindromic name
- 89 Get rid of abruptly
 90 Disorderly crowds
 91 Medieval silk fabric
 92 Correct
 94 Poultry disease
 96 Emerald Isle
 97 Detest
 98 Took notice of
 100 Severely
 102 Flies into pieces
 103 Fountain nymph
 105 Evade
 106 Malayan state
 107 Pitching stat.
 109 Ski lift
 111 "Who am — argue?"
 115 Mil. branch
 116 Irish terriers
 119 Irish and Russian breeds
 122 Whirlpool
 123 Does a bank job
 124 Call forth
 125 Its cap. is Bismarck
 126 Rx amount
 127 One of the Lauders
 128 Amount for assessment
- 129 Welsh river (poss.)
 39 Pottery fragment
 40 Japanese gateway
 41 California Indian
 42 Rail bird
 44 — Haute, Indiana
 45 Bitter vetches
 47 Dagger
 49 Sensory structure
 52 In place of staples
 54 Funhouse
 57 Desert haven
 58 Italian astronomer G.B.
 59 Senseless
 60 Plasters the room
 63 BPOE member
 65 — Annie of "Oklahoma!"
 67 Capuchin monkey
 71 Sheikh's retreat
 72 Group of Moslem scholars
 73 Alpine dogs
 74 Disparage
 75 Charge with
 76 Figure of speech
 77 Goddess of youth
 78 Small German dogs
 79 Famous horse-racing meet
 80 "The Best — of Our Lives"
 83 Minor prophet
 85 Small fishing boat
 88 Singer Paul
 91 Hillside dug-out
 93 Divine nature
 95 Fur-trimmed cloak
 96 College supporter
 97 Video's companion
 99 Play in water
 101 Same thing, day after day
 102 Ancient town in Palestine
 104 Valleys
 106 "The Trial" author
 107 Supplement
 108 Change the decor
 110 The "littles" of the litter
 112 One-armed bandit's feature
 114 Its cap. in Pierre
 115 Inquires
 117 Bread request
 118 Ending for stamp
 120 Eggs
 121 Burmese premier

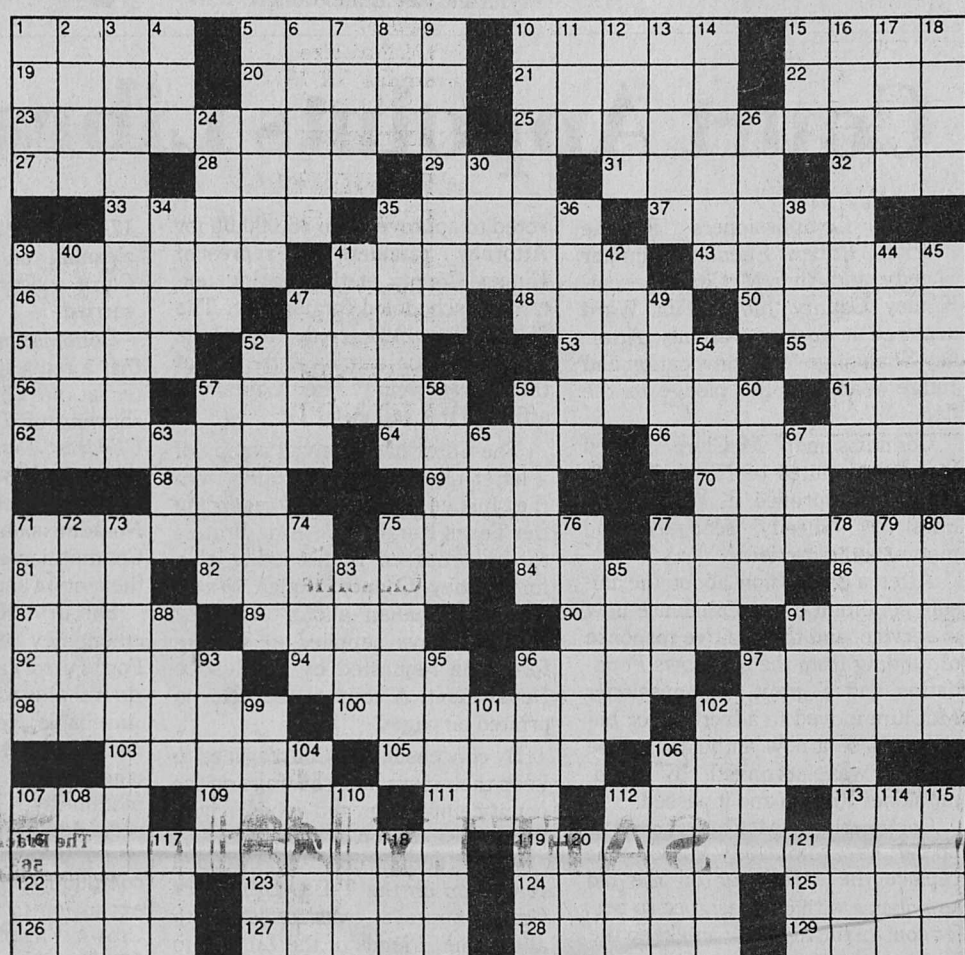
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Cube
 Decagon
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 Pentagon
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 Prism
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 Rectangle
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 Triangle



Happy Birthday

- Lucille Blahnik Dec. 12
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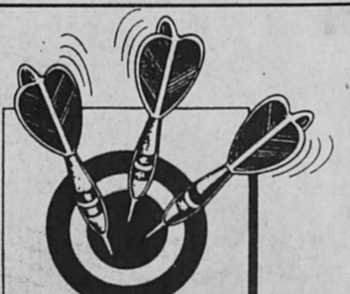
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COMPUTER BIDS

The Kinney County Appraisal District is accepting proposals for the upgrade of the existing computer system. Specifications may be picked up at the appraisal district office. Proposals will be accepted at the appraisal district office on or before December 20, 1991, at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE PERSONNEL POLICY CITY ORDINANCE 218-A

An ordinance outlining City Policy for hiring; conditions of employment; staffing and development; compensation; benefits; and grievance procedures of all City employees.

Council amended Section V, Benefits, D. As follows: All permanent employees will be paid for City called holidays. All probationary employees will not be paid for City called holidays.

This ordinance can be seen in its entirety at City Hall.

ORDINANCE #259-A

An ordinance of the City of Brackettville, County of Kinney, State of Texas, rescinding Ordinance #259. An Ordinance that establish fees for the disposal of tires and bulk metals such as refrigerators, water heaters, stoves and ect., at City Landfill.

This ordinance can be seen in its entirety at City Hall.

ORDINANCE 1991-4

An ordinance of the City of Brackettville, County of Kinney, State of Texas, establishing certain regulations and fees regarding use of the Landfill leased by the City of Brackettville; and providing penalties for violation of said regulations:

Council amended SECTION 1991-1.000 DEFINITIONS, H, as follows: METAL APPLIANCES/SCRAP TIN - Metal, appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, coolers, air conditioner and water heaters, scrap metal or tin. Also amended was SECTION 1991-3.000 FEE SCHEDULE. All active commercial or residential utility accounts will now be allowed to take metal appliances/scrap tin - metal, appliances such as stoves, refrigerator, coolers, air conditioner and water heaters, scrap metal or tin with their utility cards to the landfill within the four (4) allowed for residential or the one (1) allowed for commercial landfill users.

This ordinance can be seen in its entirety at City Hall.

RESOLUTION 1991-12 09

WHEREAS, the City of Brackettville City Council voted on the 10th of December, 1990, to accept and implement the 9-1-1 Plan for City of Brackettville; and,

WHEREAS, Kinney County Commissioner Court voted to withdraw from the 9-1-1 plan on August 12, 1991; and,

WHEREAS, dispatching for 9-1-1 Cases are not handled by the City of Brackettville except for Fires between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Brackettville, has no facilities to provide 24 hour dispatching and it is not financially feasible to establish a 24 hour dispatching facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brackettville passes this resolution to unambiguously withdraw from the 9-1-1 Plan and request that all monies paid by Telephone customers for the 9-1-1 Plan within Kinney County be reimbursed as soon as possible.

Approved and adopted on the 09 day of December, 1991.

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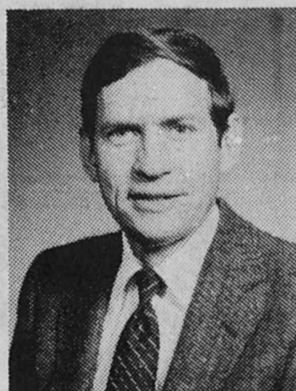
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Living with Psoriasis

Delma P. Posey, M.D.
Department of Internal Medicine at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic and Associate Professor of Medicine, Texas A&M University Health Science Center



Q: I have been told that I have psoriasis. What causes this disease and are there treatments for it?

A: Living with psoriasis can be relatively easy or psychologically and physically disabling. Fortunately, several options are available to control this chronic skin disease.

Psoriasis is characterized by red patches of thick, dry, silvery scales on the skin. These patches are found most often on the scalp, knees, elbows, and trunk, and frequently appear on both sides of the body in the same areas.

The disease varies in severity from patient to patient. In some cases the psoriasis may be so mild that people never know they have it. Conversely, at its worst psoriasis can cover the entire body with redness and scales.

Fortunately, this is uncommon and even severe cases

can be treated and controlled.

Like diabetes or high blood pressure, psoriasis cannot be cured, but it can be controlled. With effective therapy, it will frequently go into remission for several months, or even years. Psoriasis is not contagious, but it is more likely to occur in people with a family history of the disease.

Although the cause of psoriasis is unknown, scientists believe a biochemical disorder triggers the disease. This malfunction causes excessive skin cell production, which leads to thickening of the skin and scaling. People often experience their first attack, or subsequent flare-ups, if their skin is traumatized in some way, either by a surgical incision or by an injury to the skin. Psoriasis can also be triggered by infections (e.g., strep throat) and by certain drugs such as lithium and propranolol. In addition, people who live in cold climates usually have flare-

ups in the winter when their skin dries out because of reduced humidity.

The choice of therapy is based upon how much skin is affected and the patients response to prior treatments. The following treatments are listed in the order that they are usually prescribed, from the most common to the least used treatment: topical treatments, such as medicated shampoos and creams; light therapy, using natural sunlight; ultraviolet light treatment (phototherapy); PUVA treatment which uses a different wave length of sunlight and pills or shots (systemic cortisone) which are reserved for special situations in patients with serious psoriasis. As a last resort, Methotrexate, an oral anticancer drug may be used. This drug can be very effective, but it's used only after all other treatments have failed because it can cause serious side effects, notably liver disease.

If you have a question please write to "Scott & White Options For Health" in care of your local newspaper.

Head 'em up! Move 'em out - through the Classifieds

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Meditations

by Preston Taylor

A tragic sentence pops up in the Old Testament book of Judges. The line reads, "Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes." That reckless decision swept God's chosen people to ruin, carrying them to destruction like a raging flood tosses and churns its victims.

If you wish to "do your own thing," that's your choice. Remember, however, that pay day is coming. The price tag for going one's own way is big - it spells out bankruptcy and brokenness. Forget God. That's what the Hebrews did in the time of the Judges. They wanted to be free from all guidelines which God had laid down. That's the root problem of man in every age. To do that which is "right in one's own eyes" means we tell God to get out of life and leave us alone! No regular worship, no family devotions, no personal prayer life, no daily reading of God's Book. I'll do what I want to do. Stop pestering me with Jesus, the Church, the Ten Commandments, and all that goes along with the Christian faith.

What is the thing that is "right" in your own eyes? Some people say it is "me", "mine", "we", and "our". The self-centered people squeeze the

nectar from every flower and drain dry every fountain for themselves. Tragedy befalls every person who fails to reach out a helping hand and lift up the fallen. Jesus gives an obituary for the self-indebted by saying, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Frightening, isn't it?

That which is right in the eyes of a minority may well be a do-nothing life. Lazy loafers. Such a sick element of society passes its time corrupting and polluting others. Filthy dreamers, drug pushers and users, booze hounds, truth twisters, and other such first class candidates for hell fall into his category. They never give any indication of remorse nor turning from their evil. All of this is God's own definition of workers of iniquity.

Is there another route open for man? Yes. We ought to live to please God. Jesus always did those things "which pleased the Father." To merely please and pamper self is fatal. To see life through the eyes of God and live in that way is the life of purpose and satisfaction. Two possibilities are open, you can choose only one way.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Las Posadas is a celebration lasting from December 16 to December 24 and commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their repeated attempts to find lodging. Processions are usually led by children carrying figures of Mary and Joseph, or children portraying Mary and Joseph.

Singing, they go to a house and ask for lodging, where they are initially refused. Eventually, however, the homeowner relents and the procession is admitted to the house.

Refreshments are then served and a pinata is usually broken. The custom of Los Posades dates back to the seventeenth century.

Originally, bonfires called luminaries lit the path for the procession of the Los Posadas. Bonfires were also lit in city squares during the holiday season where there were twelve to symbolize the

apostles. Today, luminaries are paper bags filled with sand and a candle, and are also called farolitos.

This year, our Posados will have live characters of Mary and Joseph. Each family will need to prepare these characters. Each family will offer some refreshments.

Tina Hernandez is in charge of the prayers of the "Posada." The Spanish choir will sing the "Posada" and Christmas carols.

On December 16, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gallegos will be host and hostess. On December 17, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Hidalgo will be host and hostess. On December 18, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lumberas will be host and hostess.

Other hosts and hostesses will be: December 19, Mr. and Mrs. Placido Samaniego; December 20, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Pena; December 21, Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Martinez, Jr.; December 22, Senior Apartments; and on December 23, Mr. and Mrs. Severo DeHoyas.

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Season's Greetings

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All Church Christmas Program

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Sunday, December 15, 1991 5:00 P.M.
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Frontier Baptist Church

by Joe Townsend

Sunday morning at 11:00 another opportunity will be had to worship God at Frontier Baptist Church. Many will come early to enjoy coffee and fellowship.

At 11:00 the entire congregation will gather in the sanctuary. This being the beginning of the Christmas season, there will be singing of Christmas Carols. There will be the regular season of prayers for par-

ticular persons and situations that God can help.

The message by the pastor will be one counted to prepare hearts of all who are there for the coming Christmas.

The worship and fellowship will be an enriching experience to all who are there. There is a cordial welcome awaiting all who attend. Come and see.

The Bible Says

"And sitting down, they watched Him there."

Jesus Christ had just been crucified. As he hanged on the cross many of the gathered crowd made themselves comfortable by seating themselves on the grassy knoll.

Little did they realize they were witnessing the most important event in all of history. They were seeing Jesus Christ die; a person who was as much God as though no part man and yet as much man as though no part God - they watched Him die.

Little did they realize that as the blood drained from His body and He "gave up the ghost," He was paying

the penalty for their sin and for the sin of every person of all the ages.

The centurion who conducted the crucifixion admitted, "This is the Son of God." Though those of us alive today were not there, His death applies to us as though we were there.

Those who sat down and watched were truly impressed.

By faith in Christ, His death becomes effective for us. Our knowledge of his death for sin paves the way for us to be redeemed. Simply in our hearts, we must place our faith in Him as we say, "Surely, this man is the Son of God."

Third Annual Community Christmas Project

Last year community organizations, churches, clubs, businesses, and individuals joined together to provide 98 baskets of food to needy families in Kinney County, and 135 children received Christmas toys.

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- Long sleeves with 1 pocket styling
- Washed sheeting with prints
- Blue, purple and plucky
- Sizes: 8 - 18

TICKET PRICE: \$16.99

\$ 8 50
YOU PAY

BOYS' JEANS

- 4 pocket styling
- 100% cotton denim
- Acid wash
- Sizes: 8 - 18

TICKET PRICE: \$21.99

\$ 11
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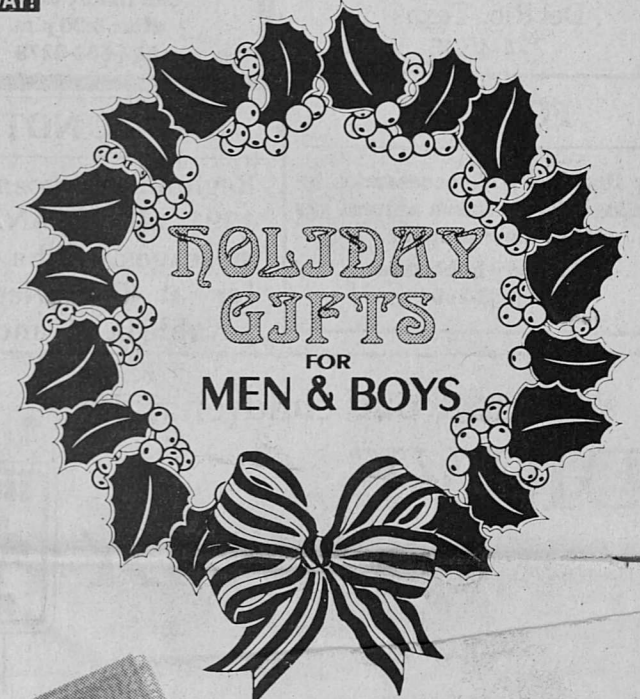
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BOYS' 2 PIECE FLEECE SETS

- Screen prints
- Select from zip front and pullover styles
- Sizes: 8 - 18

TICKET PRICE: \$23.99

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ALWAYS FIRST QUALITY!

MEN'S WALLETS

- Tri-fold and Billfold

TICKET PRICE: \$7.99

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6 PACK "KEDS" BOYS' TUBE SOCKS

- White and white with stripes
- Sizes: 6 - 8 1/2 & 9 - 11

TICKET PRICE: \$8.99

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"TERMINATOR II" MEN'S SWEATSHIRTS

- Select from several colors and prints
- Sizes: S - M - L - XL

TICKET PRICE: \$9.99

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MEN'S JEANS

- 5 pocket styling
- Blue denim
- Sizes: 28 - 40

TICKET PRICE: \$19.99

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WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!

MEN'S THERMAL UNDERWEAR

- Tops and bottoms
- Neutral color
- Sizes: S - M - L - XL

TICKET PRICE: \$5.99

\$ 3
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MEN'S DRIVING & DRESS GLOVES

- Select from several colors

TICKET PRICE: \$4.99

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