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



Voices of Fort Clark

The Voices of Fort Clark presented "Christmas In The Good Old Days" a program of Christmas music, December 16, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Judy Burks directed the production and Cathy Conrey was accompanist. Harlen Hunter narrated and Lynn McNew was soloist.

Cubie Kurtz, Charlene Titus, Doris Foster, Irene Keddy, Betty Tidwell, Lucy Blahnik, Kandace La Mascus, Martha Schmidt, Howard Wakefield, George Forman, Marcus Tidwell, Ken Callnan, Mac McCandless, Harlan Hunter, Sean Burks, Lynn McNew, Tami McNew, Doris Eckenroth, Patsy Haller, Betty Inman.

The Voices of Fort Clark are: Margaret E. Holt, Maryn A. Caton, Virginia Nelson, Patsy Callnan

Santa Claus paid a visit and refreshments were served after the program.

"All Brackett" Christmas Band Concert Four School Bands Perform

Adding to the festive Christmas Season, the bands of Brackett ISD presented an *All Brackett Christmas* in music under the direction of band director Lynnette Crane Monday evening, December 16.

As the standing room only crowd filled the High School Auditorium, the Stage Band set the tone with a medley of Christmas songs. This delightful band was composed of Michael Pena - trumpet, Lisa Dalton - clarinet, Lynnette Crane - trombone, Michael Benacci - baritone, Chris Hale - percussion, and Myrna Gonzalez - saxophone.

The fifth grade Recorder Class then showed their musical appetite as they played several numbers including solos by Patricia Lopez, Amanda Petrosky, and Sonya Correa. Other members of the class were Jose Aguirre, Ariana DeLeon, David Foster, Juan C. Hernandez, David Honstein, Juan J. Martinez, Graciela Morin, Jacqueline Mosley, Matthew Smallwood, Brent Smith, Stephanie Terrazas, Imelda Vela, Moses Villarreal, Tony Haynie, Melessa Bingham, Hilda Aguirre, Marie Garcia, Phillip Juarez, Jose Perez, Jacob Puda, Tiffany Reschman, Manuel Reyes, Luis Rivas, Joe Samaniego, Aaron Taylor, Graciela Terrazas, Cheryl Holland, and Juan Garza.

The 6th grade Cub Band was next on the program and showed their maturity and enthusiasm musically with selections older students would be challenged to play.

This band had so many students desiring to play solos that the director decided time would not permit such so they went the ensemble route.

Playing the flute were Cynthia Cardenas, Lucinda Reyes, Cherisse Ward, Elizabeth Aguirre, Leilani Williams, and Nicole Ridlehuber. Clarinetists were Robert Aguirre, Heather Corey, Crystal Juarez, Mary Alice Martinez, Lionel Ramos, Quinton Clark, and Cecilia Terrazas. Alfredo Rodriguez, Jr. played the bass clarinet.



Tiger Stage Band; Chris Hale, percussion; Myrna Gonzalez, saxophone; Ms. Crane, trombone; Michael Benacci, baritone; Lisa Dalton, clarinet; Michael Pena, trumpet. See related pictures on page 8.

Windy Goodloe and J. Wayne Ballew played tenor saxophone, and Simon Smith played the french horn. On the alto saxophone were Samantha Perez, Charlotte Rose, Katy Hagler, Monique Pierce and Tony Martinez.

Trumpet players were Rene Luna, JoLee Jones, Caleb Crumley, Jorge Rodriguez, and Michael Meyer. Baritone duties were done by Susana Hernandez and Alicia Rivas with Lupe Lumbraeras playing the tuba.

Playing the trombone were Ryan Guidry, Nat Terrazas, Hubert Williams, Luis Gujardo, Jose Juan Garcia, and Christopher Garza.

Jon Banta, Marcus Garley, Lauren Fletcher, Patrick Munoz and Cendy Rodriguez made up the percussion section.

Last on the program was the Big Sound of the Tiger Band. Students in this band range in grade from

seven to twelve and they are truly an award winning level of band. They should do as well in concert and sight reading as they have in marching.

Three soloists were featured: Alto saxophonist Myrna Gonzalez doing *Joy To The World*, Michael Pena and his trumpet did *Silent Night*, and Michael Benacci performed *Deck The Halls* on baritone. Other numbers played were *Two Christmas Carols*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Modal Song and Dance*, and *Air and Dance*.

Flutists are Jenny Miers, and Brandy Meeks. Clarinetists are Valerie Jimenez, David Melancon, Debbie Buantello, Lisa Dalton, and Naiya Garcia, with Sonya Cruz and Zandra Negrete on bass clarinets. The french horn was played by Jason Antillon.

In addition to Myrna, Terri Esparza, and Donda Avila played

alto saxophone. Along with Michael Pena, Tim Hale, Melissa Terrazas and Matthew Foster played trumpet.

Michael Benacci was joined by Edwina Banta on baritone, Fransica Garza and Butch Lopez handled the trombones. The percussion section was made up of Chris Hale, Beau Smallwood, Joey Avila, Roger Pina, Brian Hooker, Mary Burato, and Baldermar Martinez.

Each of these students are to be commended for their performance and Ms. Crane is certainly to be applauded as she uses her delightful sense of humor, talent and dedication in a job she takes great pleasure in. Pride in the accomplishments of her students inspires them to do only greater things.

All too soon the evening ended - most of us are still hearing the melodies in our minds this morning. Thanks for the *All Brackett Christmas*.

Katy Wins Poster Contest



Katy Hagler, flanked by her parents, Rick and Bo Hagler, proudly displays the Peace Poster Certificate awarded by (left to right) Lions Wilma Lewis, Cliff Lewis, Lynn McNew, Tom Faulkenberry, Walt Bauguess and Ron Frisby.

Committed to keeping peace in our world, Lions Club International is challenging young people around the globe to express their feelings about world peace by making a *Peace Begins With Us* poster.

Lions Clubs contacted schools inviting students to participate and locally, the Brackettville Lions worked with Jones Elementary School Principal Steve Mills.

place and her poster has been passed on to Lions District Governor Kevin Dinnin for district competition.

Katy, the daughter of Rick and Bo Hagler, was presented a framed certificate and a \$50 Savings Bond from the Brackettville Lions, and Mr. Mills was presented a certificate of appreciation for his cooperation.

Walt Bauguess served as the local peace poster chairman.

Masons Clean Highway



Saturday, December 14, Masons, and a couple of Masonic wives, cleaned the 2-mile stretch of Highway 90 assigned to Las Moras Lodge #444. Shown are Mrs. Howard Wakefield, Mrs. Lenny Mahefky, Howard Wakefield, Warren Outlaw, George Post, Tom Faulkenberry, Bruce Clements, Emot Huntsman, Harold Miller, Lenny Mahefky, Jack Taunt, and Ray Kurtz.

First State Bank Hosts Christmas Open House

On Friday night, December 13, the First State Bank of Brackettville hosted a Christmas Open House for customers and friends. Several hundred guests enjoyed the buffet and the fellowship.



Joy Ralston assisted with hostess duties along with her husband, Bank President Don Ralston.



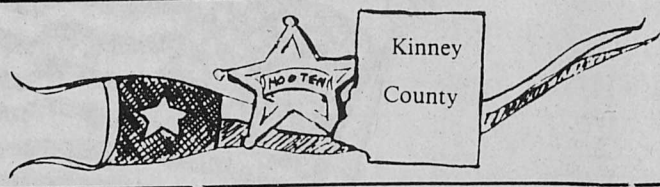
Bank staff members Sue Ann Rose and "Paco" Perez serve customers in a "little different" way than they do during the day.



Bank Staffer Margaret Holt served punch from one of the beautifully decorated tables.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Experienced peace officers nationwide know that one of the most dangerous situations a peace officer may respond to is a "domestic disturbance." A sad but true example of that danger is demonstrated in the report below of how such a response led to a tragic disaster.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 1991, a Moniteau County, Missouri, deputy sheriff, a 25 year old male, responded to a family disturbance call involving a 42 year old male, his wife, and step-daughter. Upon his arrival, he was shot by the male using a small caliber handgun. The deputy died from his wounds at approximately 6:15 a.m. on December 10, 1991.

Following the shooting of the deputy the suspect fled the scene. At approximately 1:30 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, December 10, 1991, the suspect shot another Moniteau County deputy sheriff three (3) times as he was talking on the telephone at his residence. The

shots were fired through a window at the unsuspecting deputy. He was hospitalized in serious condition.

The suspect then proceeded on in his quest for murder by shooting and killing the Cooper County Sheriff, male, 54, and a Miller County deputy, female, 42, while they were standing outside the Moniteau County Jail at 2:00 a.m.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. the killer went to the residence of the Moniteau County Sheriff and fired through a window killing the sheriff's wife who was hosting a lady's prayer meeting.

At approximately 7:00 a.m., the morning of December 10, 1991, the killer went to the residence of an elderly woman and took her hostage, holding her all day. She finally convinced him to let her go by telling him that a friend would be stopping by to take her to a party. After her release by the suspect, she went to police, telling them of the suspect's location. A hostage negotiation team finally convinced the man to surrender. He was then

arrested and charged with one count of first degree aggravated assault on a peace officer, and four counts of first degree murder.

Professional peace officers are aware of the danger they face every day in the course of doing their duty of serving and protecting the people of their communities. One has to block out those concerns however, or he/she could not properly perform his/her duty. The FBI recently released a summary update of law enforcement officers killed through November 1991 (the above described deaths not included) that is an example of the very real dangers faced by peace officers just doing their jobs.

According to preliminary info received by the FBS, 62 city, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers were killed due to criminal action during the period of January through November 1991.

So far this year, 26 officers have been slain in the southern states, 17 in the midwestern states, 7 in the western states, 5 in Puerto Rico, and 1 in the Virgin Islands.

Fourteen were killed upon responding to disturbance calls (approximately 22%), fourteen were slain while attempting arrests (five in drug related situations, three while attempting to apprehend robbery suspects, two while attempting to apprehend burglary suspects and four attempting other arrests). Twelve were killed during traffic stops, five while handling or transporting prisoners, nine while investigating suspicious persons or circumstances, and eight were ambushed.

Handguns were used in 43 killings, rifles in 14, shotguns in 3, a bomb in 1, and a flashlight in 1. Fifty-seven of the sixty-two killings have been cleared by law enforcement authorities.

That's All!



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



It seems that it was so short a time ago when we were celebrating Christmas and here it is again. We hear the usual debunking by dissidents.

Sure, Christmas is commercialized. So what's wrong with that? What's wrong with people buying presents to give to others?

More love and appreciation is shown at Christmas than all the rest of the year put together.

I heard this week a "child psychologist" bemoaning "Santa Claus." Seems it's dangerous to the psyche of the child to use this make believe figure. Of course, we're used to the outlandish ideas of psychologists and psychiatrists,

but let them have their day. No part of Christmas brings the thrill to small children like Santa Claus. What's so wrong with giving small children a thrill?

Parties, family gatherings, feasts, and fun all add to the greatness of Christmas time.

Though much of the celebration does not pinpoint the true meaning of Christmas, had Jesus not been born in Bethlehem there would be no Christmas at all.

The course of the world changed the night the angels in chorus announced to the lonely shepherds in the hills near Bethlehem that the Christ had been born. A casual glance at the

great changes that mark the centuries since that night will convince any thinking person that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and His way is the way of good.

It's hard to imagine that any person in America will not be exposed to a great dose of homage and praise to the "Babe in the Manger."

Indeed, amidst all the tinsel, the tinkling of bells, the feasting, and the festivities, we must take time to pause and humbly wish Jesus Christ a Happy Birthday.

After all, it is His birthday we celebrate and call it Christmas.

Big Mama Sez!



Most people say that as you get old, you have to give up things. I think you get old because you give up things.

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.

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Christmas Parade Caroling Live Nativity December 21

3:00 p.m. Parade to start at Civic Center, west on Spring Street to Ann Street, north to Veltmann Street, east to Fort Street, and then to Smiley's Place.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the parade.

3:45 p.m. Picture taking at Smiley's

6:00 p.m. Caroling

7:00 p.m. Caroling ends with singing at the Court House Square

8:00 p.m. Live Nativity Scene at Smiley's Place

Blood Drive Val Verde Hospital

By DAVA CLOUDT
Public Relations Director

Val Verde Medical Hospital and the South Texas Regional Blood Bank will co-sponsor the third and final blood drive of the year at Val Verde Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, December 18th, from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. in the Lab Conference Room of the hospital.

All donors will receive a free cholesterol screening.

For information, contact Dava Cloudt, Public Relations Director, Val Verde Memorial Hospital, at 512-775-8566, Ext. 250.

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Grandma's Kitchen

By Grandma



I think poinsettias are one of the prettiest plants I've ever seen. We see them everywhere during the holidays, but seldom the rest of the year. Wonder why?

Most people don't know how to keep them alive.

First, select plants with green foliage all the way down to the soil line. This proves the plant has healthy, active roots and you're not buying a sprig crammed into potting soil. Also, look for plants that have small green buttons in the center of the colored bracts (cyathia). These buttons will eventually develop into the little yellow flowers.

Next, be sure your plant gets plenty of natural light, at least six hours a must each day. Water your plant thoroughly with tepid water, discard any run-off water, then don't water it again until the soil is dry to the touch.

Use a high-phosphorus liquid fertilizer since the plants are without nutrients during marketing.

Poinsettias dislike radiators, heaters, fireplaces, and sudden blasts of cold air.

Your plant is past its prime when it has lost its green foliage and begins to shed the colored flower petals. This is the time to cut it back and shape it.

To do this, cut the original stem to about four inches above the soil line. Remove all the side branches. Allow your plant to develop new leaf brac-

ts before repotting it. Use either premixed, or a homemade mixture, of sand, perlite, peat moss, and vermiculite, and don't put it in a pot larger than one step up in size.

When the night-time temperature is above 50 degrees, you can safely plant this beautiful plant outdoors, usually on the south side of a building.

Once you get one started, it will come back year after year, and I'd love to see more poinsettias all around Brackettville.

After the summer plants begin to fade - by late November - your poinsettia should start producing colored bracts and will burst into yule-hued brilliance in time for Santa.

Now, don't worry, if your toddler gets a hankering to chow down on your plant. Discard all the old wives' tales and remember the Poinsettia Information Service. They provide the information to poison control centers around the country.

They've determined a fifty pound child would have to ingest 1 1/4 pounds of poinsettia bracts (500 to 600) to surpass doses that have been determined to be dangerous.

So, to save money, which I'm sure in favor of, get your plant the day after Christmas and let's make this area full of red blooms by next year.

If you're tired of the traditional goodies this time of year, let's make something different.

GINGERBREAD UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

- 1 can (20 oz.) sliced pineapple
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 10 marachino cherries
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1 1/2 cup plain flour
- 1 Tea. ground cinnamon
- 1 Tea. ground salt

Drain the pineapple, reserve 1/2 cup syrup. Melt 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine in a 10" skillet. Blend in 1/2 cup of the brown sugar. Remove from heat. Arrange pineapple slices in skillet and place a cherry in the center of each. Cream the remaining margarine and sugar until light and fluffy, beat in egg and molasses. Combine remaining ingredients. Bring reserve pineapple juice to a boil. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with hot syrup. Pour batter over pineapple, bake at 350° about 30 - 40 minutes, until cake tests done. Cook in skillet 3 minutes. Invert onto serving dishes. It's really pretty.

Now pay attention, cause I'm going to give you some old fashioned advice, listening is up to you.

Try this year to plan your giving

Library Notes



Thought for the week:

The wisest thing, we suppose, that a man can do for his land,

Is the work that lies under his nose, with the tools that lie under his hand.

Kipling

The library (and all county offices) will be closed December 23, 24, and 25 - that's Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Remember to come in ahead of time to get

Trivia Test

by Linda Luckhurst

1. **Presidents:** Who were the first two consecutive American presidents from the same state?
2. **Science and Nature:** What is the branch of science which deals with sound?
3. **The Human Body:** What is the upper third of the spine referred to as in medicine?
4. **Books and Authors:** Who wrote "Midnight Cowboy"?
5. **Bodies of Water:** What is the world's saltiest body of water, containing nine times more salt than any ocean?
6. **Television:** What television series revolved around the father-son law firm of Preston & Preston?
7. **Soft Drinks:** Who invented Coca-Cola?
8. **Music:** Who recorded the December, 1957 number one hit single, "You Send Me"?

yourself, and your family, some good books to read during the holidays.

Jackie Green and Odette Mills both donated some new paperback books to the library. Rory Woodson donated the video *Robin Hood*, the cartoon version.

A new book arrived - *Tomorrow Will Be Better* by Zdena Kapral. This is the story of her family's survival in the midst of the German conquest of Czechoslovakia, the postwar Soviet takeover of eastern Europe and, later, the Indian-Pakistan Civil War.

We invite all residents of Kinney County to come in and meet our new librarian - Cynthia Lockwood.

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

Kinney County Library
Staff and Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

by Dot Burrow



Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Club met December 10 with a Mitchell Movement being played.

Eileen Voracek and Joan Lindley were in first place North-South. Lamont and Marie McCandless came in second. Winning first place East-West were Norma Gould and Tina Bauguess. Coming in second were Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford.

A Howell Movement was used December 15. In first place were Carl and Queena Mumma of Del Rio. Second place was won by Flo Stafford and Trudy Harber, with Tina Bauguess and Ben Pingent coming in third.

Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



A few thousand years ago the spot which is now called the White Sands in New Mexico was a lake or an island sea. When the lake began to dry up gypsum crystals began to form. As more and more evaporation took place, more crystals formed, and began to pile up rippling dunes like snow.

There are now 176,000 acres of these alabaster sand dunes from thirty to sixty feet high. They look like sugar, wind blown into drifts like snow. They are blown into drifts on the average of eight inches a year over a thirty mile front.

Here one sees now and then, white lizards, mice and insects. Until man began to come and go, there were no flies and mosquitoes. I guess they like picnics, too.

Although the dunes are called the great White Sands, they are actually not sand, but gypsum. Ordinary silica sand makes glass when heated. This type of gypsum crystals, when heated, makes plaster of paris.

Within the White Sands National Monument there are plants that are found nowhere else in the world. The unusual thing about these plants are that the dunes contain no nitrogen and no one has ever known how these plants get nitrogen from the air.

One of the old time residents who lived near the dunes was riding horseback and came upon a Mexican carrata sitting all by itself on top of a dune. The wheels, axle, tongue and part of the cart bed had been preserved under the sand for over fifty years.

Another unsolved mystery of the dunes were the human footprints found by National Service personnel. The footprints were twenty-two inches long.

The ranchers watering holes and lakes sometimes turn blood red, usually in the fall. This mystery was

solved when scientists discovered an algae that makes its appearance when evaporation has reached a certain stage which turns water the color of blood.

The white mice of the dunes cause a lot of interest. Dr. Lee Dice of the University of Michigan discovered the white mice in the 1920's. Twenty miles north of the dunes are the lava beds in which are found black mice.

Mirages use the White Sands as a favorite playground, especially in the old lake bed. There is enough gypsum in the dunes to furnish the whole world for 60,000 years, but everyone has all the alabaster they need.

Then, there is a tragic incident that happened in the dunes. A well known politician and his young son drove into the dunes in a horse drawn buggy and were never seen again.

The White Sands are a mystery themselves, and is the only place of its kind in the world. The sixty-two species of plants that live there are the greatest mystery of them all because they are not supposed to be able to live and grow there.



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Rural Health Initiatives

Rural Texas communities, challenged by the need to fill vacancies in all health care professions, can now take advantage of a unique state-supported program, the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program administered by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The Center is accepting applications until February 14, 1992, for the academic year beginning September, 1992.

Under the program an organization in a rural community acts as a sponsor to a student in a health care field. The sponsor agrees to contribute financial support for the student's educational and living costs. In turn, the student agrees that he or she will work for the sponsor as a health care professional upon graduation.

Students who are selected as an Outstanding Rural Scholar based on academic records and recommendations are also eligible for loans under the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program. State funds are available through this

program to match the rural sponsor's contribution. For each year that the student works for the sponsoring community organizations after graduation, one year's principal and interest on the loan is forgiven.

There are now 10 rural Texas communities sponsoring students in the program in such health care fields as medicine, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Many rural Texas communities already subsidize educational expenses for local students pursuing a health career. The Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program can help a community ensure a well-trained and committed health care work force for the future.

(For information, contact Bill Lydon, Rural Health Specialist, at the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, 211 E. 7th St, Ste. 915, Austin, Texas 78701 (mailing address: P.O. Drawer 1708, Austin, TX 78767-1708), or call 512/479-8891.)

New Reservation System For Garner State Park

AUSTIN--Starting Jan. 1, Garner State Park will launch a new reservation system that will allow prospective visitors to reserve campsites and other overnight facilities as much as a year in advance.

Reservations currently are accepted up to 90 days in advance.

Park Superintendent Jimmy Wilson said the new system is designed to improve customer service, reduce waiting time and minimize busy signals on the telephone.

Starting Jan. 1, reservations for campsites, screened shelters and cabins will be accepted for the period Feb. 1, 1992, through Jan. 31, 1993. During January 1992 reservations will be accepted by telephone only. Wilson said this will give everyone a fair chance at reserving a site during the transition. A facility may be reserved for a period

of up to 14 days but not more than one period per phone call.

After Jan. 31, sites may be reserved by telephone, mail or walk-in, and may be reserved for more than one period as long as the required deposit is paid.

As before, reservations made more than 10 days in advance of the occupancy date require the payment of one day's fee for each facility reserved. Reservations will be held 10 mail delivery days to allow receipt of the reservations fee.

Drawings to reserve group facilities for the year beginning Feb. 1 still will be held annually on Jan. 11. Jan. 12, group facilities may be reserved by telephone, mail, or walk-in.

For reservations and information, call the park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., (512) 232-6132.

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Jean M. Funkhouser, owner, and Julie Skiles, manager, of Eden Etc.

FCS Ladies Luncheon

Holiday decorating ideas was the theme for the December 11 Fort Clark Ladies Luncheon.

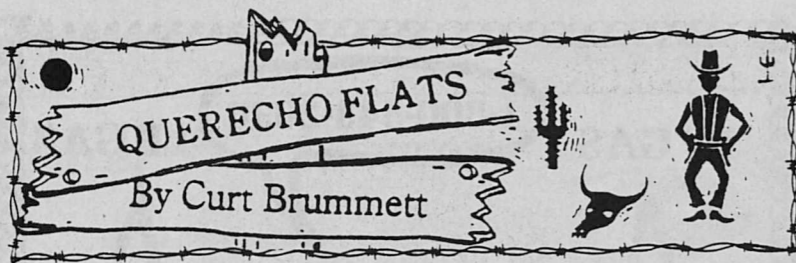
Owner of Eden, Etc., Florist of Del Rio, Jean M. Funkhouser and store manager, Julie Skiles, displayed their Christmas wreaths.

Eden's emphasizes holiday decorations that, with a few changes, can be used in your home year round as well as at Christmas. They will custom design holiday gifts for you.

Eden Etc. is located in LaVillita Shopping Center in Del Rio.

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





Querecho Flats Gossip Group

In the quaint little village of Querecho Flats there is one thing that keeps everyone going, and that is the driving desire to catch someone really messing up.

As I mentioned before, the Querecho Flats Quilting Quorum had a record of perfect attendance like no other organization in the history of organized organizations. And the reason for this was all the lovely ladies in the club knew that if they weren't there, they would be the main topic of discussion.

It was alright to talk about the ladies that wouldn't join their little gossip group, but the members seemed to think they were exempt as long as they were present.

It was this attitude that caused one of the biggest wrecks in Querecho Flats history. And pertinent destroyed some rather questionable friendships.

It started out kinda easy one Tuesday morning when one of the ladies met a friend from Logaville out at the community center, and left her car so she could ride to Lubbock with her friend.

It was about 30 minutes after they had gone, when another lady came walking up to my house because her car was broke down.

She was just going to the mostly general store and post office and then home so she wasn't in any real big bind. But she needed a ride and I agreed.

As we passed the community center, she noticed the leaders car, and asked what was going on. I personally thought asking me was pretty stupid because the only time any of the Pert-Near Perfect People had anything to do with me was when they figured they could use me for something. And other than that very few ever talked to me. (I liked it that way).

Any way, I assured her I had no idea but I figured it wasn't real important or else she would've been notified.

Well Garlan noticed that the lady was somewhat concerned about the possibility of being left out of some major gossip program. He also mentioned that this could be the start of one of the best practical jokes ever.

I caught on right quick.

Since the lady's husband wouldn't be home from work for the rest of the day, I told her I would get someone to help pull the car down to the community center and then have Karl look at it and see if he might could fix it. If he could get it running, we would bring it to her and if not we would leave it there and her husband could check it out.

Karl wasn't a mechanic, but he could sure fix a flat and pump gas.

Well I took her home and then went and got Karl to go with me to check out the big Buick.

All that was wrong, was the battery cable had worked loose and the car just died. We pulled it down to the community center and I told Karl what Garlan and me had on our minds.

He liked the idea. When I got him back to the Kar Salon, he got his wife's car and we took it to the community center and parked it by the others.

About 10:00 each morning, most of the ladies would swarm the mostly general store and post office and have a gab session. And that morning was no different from the rest.

Except! They all noticed the cars and they all wanted to know what kind of meeting was going on. You probably won't believe this, but I never said a word. I just let Garlan handle it.

His exact words: "Didn't you know the president of the club called a special meeting with the other officers to discuss the possibility of removing a couple of members for reasons that are just too nasty to discuss in a general meeting? It was so bad they just got in Louise's car and started driving around to discuss it." (Louise had taken her granddaughter shopping).

There was a minor disussion among the ranks, and then it looked like a dust storm heading for the community center.

It was in August when this took place and them ladies was so mad they never even thought about going inside and waiting, they just sat in their cars and fumed about the dirty dealing that was taking place behind their backs.

They gave up waiting about 2:00 and decided to go home. But each one would make a drive by every now an' then to check things out.

I finally got Karl loose and took 'im to his wife's car, and then we snuck the big Buick back to the other lady's house and the leader of the pack got back from Lubbock and made good her escape about 4:00 that afternoon.

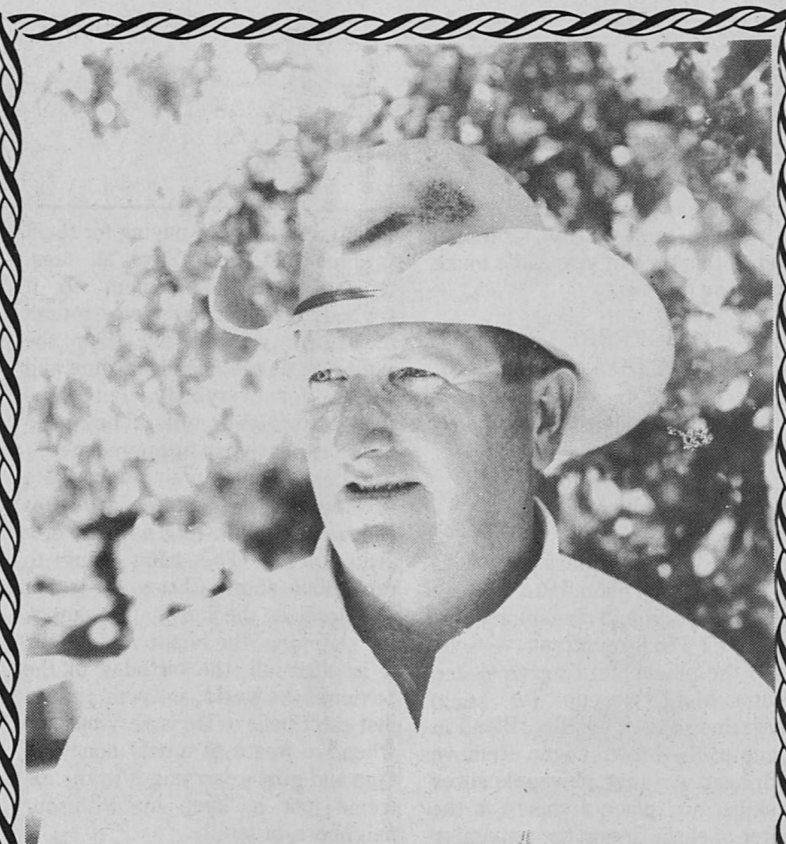
When one of the other girls came by and saw that the cars were gone, the phones got busy.

The neat thing about this is the fact that they all thought alike and none believed the others.

The Querecho Flats Quilting Quorum was kinda disbanded for awhile, and Garlan had the satisfaction of knowing he had helped do away with one of the most notorious gossip groups of all time.

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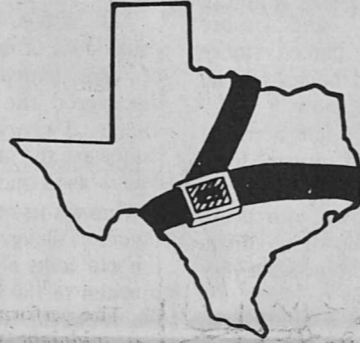
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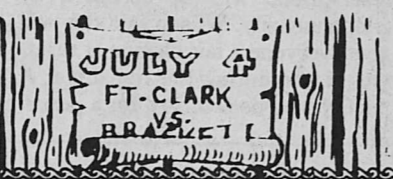
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Community Calender



- 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 #8380: 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.
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The City of Spofford wishes to thank each and everyone who contributed to the huge success of the C.A.R.E. Garage Sale. Our special thanks go to "Gateway Cafe" for the use of their parking lot, and to Manuel Flores who cooked the delicious tacos, fajitas, and donated money for Spofford's attorneys. Thanks "Manuel & Yolanda." Your kindness will never be forgotten. Many thanks go to Fort Clark Springs members. You were great.
Mayor J. B. Herndon & Aldermen

C.A.R.E. Victory Party

The City of Spofford invites C.A.R.E. members, and friends, to a Christmas Victory Party at the home of Mayor J. B. Herndon, Friday, December 20, 1991, 6:30 p.m. If you have a favorite Christmas dish, bring it along and join the fun.
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Tiger Tracks

Basketball News

SWTJC Tournament

The Tigers and Tigerettes competed in the Southwest Texas Junior College Tournament in Uvalde. Each came home with a third place trophy.

The Tigerettes opened up against the LaPryor Lady Bulldogs winning 57-47.

They then went on to face Nueces Canyon. What looked like an easy Brackett victory turned out to be a come from behind victory for Canyon. The Tigerettes gave up a 12 point lead at the end of the third period only to lose 46-50.

The Tigerettes played Leakey for third place winning 44-40. Wendy McDaniel scored 14 points in this game along with 16 rebounds. Dee Ann Frerich scored 10 points and 10 rebounds, Theresa Terrazas 9 points, Tanya Frerich 7, and Nina Gonzalez 4. McDaniel was also chosen to the "All Tournament Team"

The Tigers also opened against district rival LaPryor winning 67-63. Tevin Senne scored 19, Lesly Floyd 14, W.T. Hunt 18, John Hernandez 8, Jesse Terrazas and Lynn Floyd 3 with Scott Sims 2.

The Tigers then faced off against Knippa who beat Brackett for the second week in a row in tournament play. The final score was 48-53.

Brackett played Leakey for third place winning 78-62. Lesly Floyd scored 18, Senne 15, Hernandez 14, Sims 10, W. T. Hunt 8, David Dorrough 5, Lynn Floyd and Terrazas 4.

Hunt suffered a sprained ankle and it is uncertain how long he will be out.

Tevin Senne was selected to "All Tournament" for the boys.

BISD Tourney This Week-End

The annual Tiger Tournament is scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Other teams competing are LaPryor, Crystal City and D'Hanis. Tigerettes play at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with the Tigers following at 5:30.

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

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Christmas at Smiley's

Christmas certainly is in the air in Brackettville, and of course, "Smiley" Goodloe is in the Christmas spirit. He has planned an exciting event for the community. Mark your calendars for December 21.

The event starts at 2:30 p.m. with Santa arriving at the Civic Center and will be the Grand Marshall for a parade.

All you little elves, dress up and decorate your bike, or wagon, and follow Santa in the parade. Awards will be given to the best elf on a decorated bike or wagon. So, if you're 9 months to 18 years, join the fun.

Parade line-up is at 2:45 and at 3:00 Santa will lead the parade from the Civic Center, past the school, and end up at Smiley's Place.

Children may have a picture made with Santa. Bring your own camera, or \$1.00. For more information, contact Sandy Herman.

At 6:00 a hayride and caroling party will leave from Smiley's. At 7:15, the party will be at the Gazebo in City Park. Join in the singing, or just go to be entertained.

Names of those who would enjoy Carolers, especially shut-ins, should be turned in to Wanda Schwander or Lori Ortega.

At 8:00, the live Nativity play will begin with a beautiful Christmas song by Lori Ortega. The Christmas story, narrated by Dorothy Roberts, will be told and live actors will act it out.

The performance will be repeated at midnight mass at the Catholic Church in Brackettville on Christmas Eve.

Top R&B/Soul

1. Bebe & Cece Winans Featuring Mavis Staples "I'll Take You There," (Capitol) Last Week: No. 2
3. Patti LaBelle "Feels Like Another One," (Capitol) No. 3
3. Barry White "Put Me In Your Mix," (A&M) No. 4
4. Peabo Bryson "Closer Than Close," (Columbia) No. 5
5. Public Enemy "Can't Truss It," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 6
6. Hammer "2 Legit 2 Quit," (Capitol) No. 8
7. Fourplay Featuring El DeBarge "After The Dance," (Warner) No. 7
8. Heavy D. & The Boyz "Is It Good To You," (Uptown/MCA) No. 9
9. Michael Jackson "Black Or White," (Epic) No. 10
10. Shanice "I Love Your Smile," (Motown) No. 17

Top C&W Singles

1. George Strait "The Chill Of An Early Fall," (MCA) Last Week: No. 2
2. Billy Dean "You Don't Count The Cost," (Capitol/Nashville/SBK) No. 3
3. Brooks & Dunn "My Next Broken Heart," (Arista) No. 4
4. Little Texas "Some Guys Have All The Love," (Warner) No. 6
5. Restless Heart "You Can Depend On Me," (RCA) No. 7
6. Vince Gill "Look At Us," (MCA) No. 8
7. Steve Wariner "Leave Him Out Of This," (Arista) No. 9
8. Collin Raye "Love, Me," (Epic) No. 10
9. Roy Rogers & Clint Black "Hold On Partner," (RCA) No. 14
10. Dolly Parton "Eagle When She Flies," (Columbia) No. 15

Unsung Hero by Joe Townsend

Some time back there came to our community a man and his wife and established themselves as citizens of our community and Fort Clark. This man is one of the friendliest men to be found. He is devoted to his wife and to his church. He is always cordial and up beat. He is never abrasive nor accusatory. Anyone who knows him appreciates him for his fine spirit and warmth of character. Surely Jack Wood is an "Unsung Hero."

Rhoades-Robinson Wed



Samantha Gay Rhoades Robinson

Samantha Gay Rhoades and Timothy Simon Robinson were married in a small candlelight ceremony Friday November 15, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Bandera, Texas. Officiating was Father Nelson Daunt, Mr. Robinson's former Headmaster at Texas Military Institute in San Antonio. A champagne reception followed in the church Parish Hall.

Samantha is the daughter of Madge Elizabeth Belcher of Brackettville and Del Rio. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Belcher of Brackettville and the great-granddaughter of the late Judge and Mrs. C.C. Belcher and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Arledge, all of Del Rio.

Timothy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Robinson of Canyon Lake and San Antonio. He is the grandson of Mrs. Nesta Quarby and the late John Quarby of Yorkshire, England and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Robinson of Scarborough, England.

Given in marriage by her grandfather, the bride wore a cream antique pearl studded wool dress with shallow scooped neck and long sleeves. Her bouquet was of white iris, adorned with floor length strands of pearls.

The bride is a graduate of Navasota High School and was the 1987 Belle of Navasota. She attended Blinn College and Texas A&M University and will resume her studies at the University of Texas in San Antonio. The groom is a graduate of Texas Military Institute in San Antonio and attends the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Following a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, the couple is at home in San Antonio.

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Candidates interested in applying for the spring scholarships must submit an application by January 15, 1992. To receive an application, call New Medico toll-free at 1-800-743-6847.

New Medico scholarships are intended for individuals with neurologic injury who need post-acute rehabilitation services to re-enter their community. Applicants should be medically stable. Recipients are selected on the basis of need and potential for progress in rehabilitation.

The New Medico Neurologic Rehabilitation System is the nation's largest network of neurologic injury treatment programs. The company's goal is to help each person reach the highest possible level of independence.

"We want this program to demonstrate that neurologic injury does not have to mean a life of dependence," said Dr. Wasco.

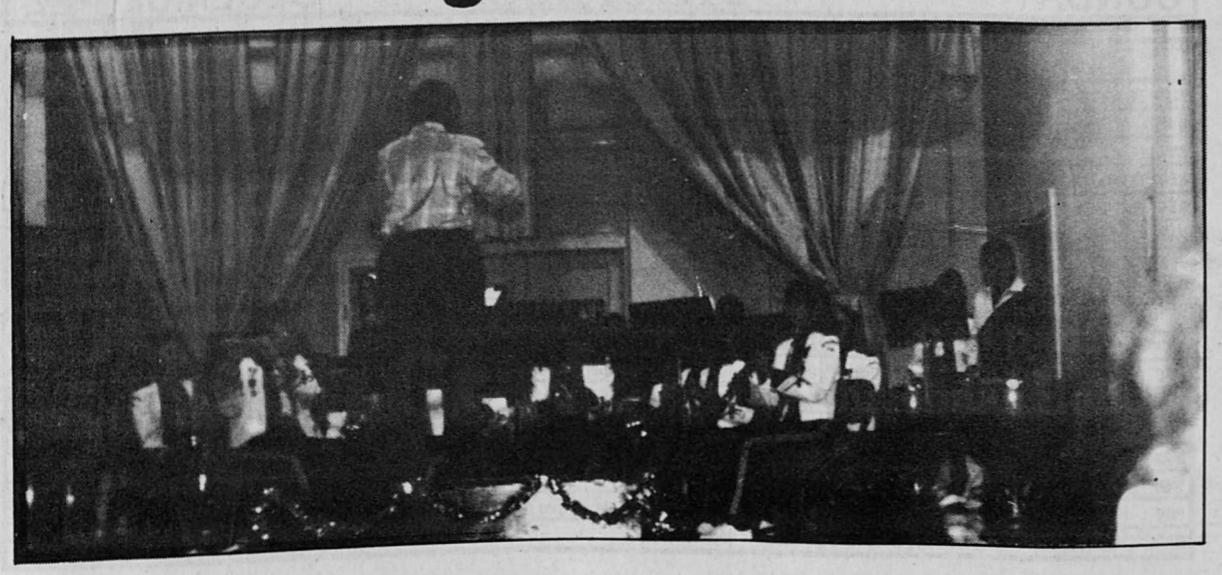
Fifth Grade Recorder Band



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Daytime Television Guide



Table with columns for time slots (6 AM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (KLRN, UNI, KMOL, KENS, KSAT, FAM, TBS, WGN, ESPN, NICK, LIFE, TNN, DISC, MAX, TMC, HBO, DISN) listing their respective programs.

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SUNDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 22

Table of TV programs for Sunday Prime Time, December 22. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM and program titles.

SUNDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 22

Table of TV programs for Sunday Wee Hours, December 22. Columns include time slots from 12 AM to 5:30 AM and program titles.

MONDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 23

Table of TV programs for Monday Prime Time, December 23. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM and program titles.

MONDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 23

Table of TV programs for Monday Wee Hours, December 23. Columns include time slots from 12 AM to 5:30 AM and program titles.

TUESDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 24

Table of TV programs for Tuesday Prime Time, December 24. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM and program titles.

TUESDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 24

Table of TV programs for Tuesday Wee Hours, December 24. Columns include time slots from 12 AM to 5:30 AM and program titles.

WEDNESDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 25

Table of TV programs for Wednesday Prime Time, December 25. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM and program titles.

WEDNESDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 25

Table of TV programs for Wednesday Wee Hours, December 25. Columns include time slots from 12 AM to 5:30 AM and program titles.

THURSDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 26

Table of TV programs for Thursday Prime Time, December 26. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM and program titles.

THURSDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 26

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County Agent News

by Allan L. McWilliams



Have A Reason For Pruning

There is no need to chop away at woody ornamental unless they really need it.

Some of the right reasons for pruning include removing dead or winter-killed growth or balancing the top with the root system when setting out new plants.

Exposing the structural form of plants such as crepe myrtles can be done by removing older branches at the base. Pruning also can help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit.

If possible, avoid severe pruning. It is better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscald to sensitive inner branches. Never leave stubs that invite insects and diseases to enter.

Plants which bloom in early spring with the appearance of new leaves should be pruned after they flower. Those that bloom later in the spring or summer should be pruned during the dormant season. Always use sharp tools for any pruning operation. For more information about pruning, contact the Kinney County Extension Office.

Winter Storage Tips For Lawnmowers

For smoother operation next spring, here are a few tips to keep in mind during the off-season for your lawnmower.

...Operate the engine until it runs out of fuel or drain the fuel tank and carburetor. Gasoline left in the tank or engine will evaporate and leave varnish and gum which may clog small carburetor openings and lines. This gum and varnish can also cause valves, rings and pistons to stick.

...Drain and replace crankcase oil while the engine is warm. Use fresh oil as recommended in the owner's manual.

...Remove, clean, recap and replace the spark plug.

...Clean the entire mower, including the engine cooling fans.

...Clean the air cleaner or replace it if necessary.

...Store the mower inside a building if possible. If it must be left outdoors, cover it with a waterproof fabric or plastic sheeting.

Fishing Report



AMISTAD: Water clear, 63 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on dark worms in 10-20 feet of water; striped are fair on pony head jigs in 15 feet of water and on silver Zara spoons on top; crappie are good up the Pecos; white bass are good on white or chartreuse slabs in Caballo, San Pedro Canyons; catfish are good in 40-50 feet of water on cheese stinkbait in the river channels.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, normal level; black bass are slow; striped are slow and small; catfish are good to 5 pounds on large worms and shrimp; redfish are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 74 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are slow; striped are slow; catfish are good to 10 pounds with most in the 1-3 pound range on cut bait, live bait; redfish are slow; corvina slow.

CHOKE: Water clear, 60 degrees, 18 feet low; black bass are beginning to move into the creeks and coves and are hitting spinners and Rattle Traps in 1-5 feet of water, they are beginning to hit in the river around San Miguel Creek on minnows and small white jigs or grubs; striped are slow; crappie are fair in

the river channel around 99 bridge and Mason Point in 15 to 20 feet of water on live minnows; smaller catfish are good in 1-3 feet of water along the south shoreline in the heavy brush on cheesebait; larger catfish are good to 30 pounds in 25 to 40 feet of water and are caught on jug lines with cut bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 62 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good in number but small in size on minnows; hybrid striped are fair with some keepers on jigs; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are good in 12-14 inch range on shrimp.

FALCON: Water clear, 66 degrees, 1 1/4 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; striped are fair in number; crappie are slow; white bass are good all over the lake on slabs, spoons and L'il Georges; catfish are good to 5 pounds on rod and reel baited with shrimp or stinkbait.

TEXANA: Water murky in main lake; clear in the jungle, normal level; black bass are good to 3 pounds on white spinners in the jungle area; crappie are slow; catfish are fairly good to 15 pounds on trotlines baited with shad in the Mustang Creek area.

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Farm Credit Bank Names New Chief

AUSTIN—Arnold R. Henson will become chief executive officer of the \$4.7 billion Farm Credit Bank of Texas January 1.

Henson, a 20-year veteran of the Tenth Farm Credit District, will succeed Donald R. Rogge, who announced his retirement this fall after 30 years with the bank.

Since 1988, Henson has held the position of senior vice president and chief financial officer of the bank. In that capacity, he has been instrumental in a number of national Farm Credit issues.

Henson served on the national committee charged with developing a process for the Farm Credit System to repay federal assistance provided through the 1987 Agricultural Credit Act.

In 1991, he was the Tenth Farm Credit District's representative to the national committee which guided the development of a system for ensuring on-going financial monitoring of all Farm Credit Banks.

He also helped negotiate a settlement over funds that had been set aside for ailing Farm Credit Banks, resulting in a \$2.5 million savings for the Tenth District.

A native of Grapeland, Texas, Henson is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. He joined the Federal Land Bank of Houston's accounting department in 1972. Since then, he has held positions as assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, associate treasurer and vice president/treasurer.

The Tenth Farm Credit District comprises the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, headquartered in Austin; 50 Federal Land Bank Associations which make long-term agricultural loans in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 18 Production Credit Associations in New Mexico and Texas that make short-term production loans.

Together, the bank and associations have approximately \$3.7 billion in loans outstanding and total assets of \$4.7 billion.

Department Of Agriculture

By RICK PERRY
Commissioner of Agriculture

HIGH SPEED TRAIN STUDY TO FOCUS ON AGRICULTURAL IMPACT

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has asked the Texas High Speed Rail Authority to make agriculture a "principal focus" of the authority's environmental impact study of the proposed bullet train and its anticipated route.

The proposed bullet train has elicited serious concern among our state's agriculture producers. Farmers and ranchers whose properties lie in the proposed path of the project are alarmed at its potential impact on their livelihoods.

The impact study is to be conducted by the authority in conjunction with the Federal Railroad Commission and is expected to begin early next year and take about two years to complete.

Perry posed the following specific questions and asked that they, along with general impacts on agriculture, be addressed in the assessment:

***Will farmers and ranchers have easy and safe access to all of their land if their property is divided by the train?

***If overpasses or underpasses are constructed, will they be built so as to allow adequate space for producers to transport all their farm and ranch equipment?

***If the train is to pass through a farm or ranch, will a producer's operating cost increase? If so, how much of this increase will be caused by access problems?

***How will the train's noise affect livestock and poultry operations?

***What effect will the train have on property values?

***Will farmers and ranchers get fair and adequate compensation for their land if it is taken for the project or if operations are adversely affected?

Agriculture is our state's second largest industry, providing direct and indirect jobs for one in five Texans. It is crucial that Texas agriculture be given distinct and special consideration in their environmental impact study," said Perry.

TDA RECEIVES GRANT TO CONDUCT FARM WORKER TRAINING TRAINING

The Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas A&M University have been awarded \$180,000 by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to help other states develop farm worker protection programs. The grant will enable Texans to share their expertise in implementing and enforcing the Texas Agriculture Hazard Communication Act, more commonly known as the "Right To Know" law and serves to protect farm workers when they work around pesticides.

TEXAS GROWN ORNAMENTALS AND CHRISTMAS TREES PROVIDE MORE THAN DECORATION

Brilliantly-colored poinsettias and lush Christmas trees offer a festive touch during the holiday season. But holiday plants and trees also provide a major boost to the Texas economy.

With the combined sales of more than \$20 million dollars a year, Texas-grown Christmas trees and poinsettias are a welcome Christmas gift for the statewide economy.

Texas is the third largest producer of nursery products in America... fourth nationally in poinsettia production alone. Ornamental plants overall are the state's fifth largest agricultural commodity.

MORE BUTTER, YOGURT, AND POWDERED MILK TO BE MADE IN TEXAS

Another "Make It Texas" success story was written last week with the opening of the newest Associated Milk Producers Inc. plant, where up to two million pounds of butter and powdered milk will be produced daily.

The \$20 million facility, which opened November 19 in Winnsboro, will employ an initial 47 workers. A total of 100 employees will be employed during the plant's first year of operation.

Turning raw products such as milk into processed goods ready for grocery store shelves adds more value to the commodity and brings more money to producers.

Texas is sixth among states in milk production, producing 5.5 billion pounds of milk in 1990. The wholesale value of Texas milk production was more than \$797 million. The Lone Star State ranked third nationwide in ice cream production, sixth in milk-sherbet mix, 13th in creamed cottage cheese, 13th in cottage cheese curd and 14th in low fat cottage cheese production.

Dannon Company officials have announced the expansion of their Fort Worth yogurt plant. The expansion will increase Dannon purchases of Texas milk and fruit from \$17 million to \$30 million annually. Dannon is the largest producer of yogurt in the nation.

Happy Holidays

Hypothermia Hazard

AUSTIN—Hypothermia, the number one outdoor killer, can occur in water on land and winter anglers and hunters are especially susceptible.

Hypothermia, simply put, means a person is getting cold. That person is losing heat faster than the body can produce it, and it can be dangerous.

Anyone who has experienced uncontrollable shivering may have entered one of the stages of hypothermia, probably without realizing it, said Steve Hall, education coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "The victim many times is unaware that he is past a point of no return without assistance from a companion to warm the body."

The outdoor sportsman is especially susceptible to this "hidden danger," he said.

Hypothermia usually kills victims who fall into cold water by weakening their ability to swim or stay afloat. For the boater and waterfowl hunter, especially in the winter months, it is obvious not to fall into the water. However, even a jogger, hiker, camper or land-based hunter, exposed to wind and perspiration or moisture is a potentially hypothermic victim.

Most hypothermia cases happen in weather between 30 degrees and 50 degrees Fahrenheit, Hall said. This is the time many outdoorsmen are unprepared, such as when a norther moves through Texas.

Preparation is critical to preventing hypothermia. If you're a boater, sit low and don't move around in the boat unnecessarily. Also, don't overload the boat. Control the wake at the stern when slowing down. Avoid alcoholic beverages and always wear a personal flotation device.

Hall said hunters should dress in layered clothing with flotation-type outer wear for warmth and safety. "If you fall over board, keep your shirt on. Your clothing and boots will provide some insulation, tem-

porarily reducing heat loss," he said. Return to the boat or shore at once. Get out of the water as quickly as possible.

It is a good idea to always hunt or boat with a companion. Also, avoid icy areas. "The maximum survival time in freezing water may be as little as 15 minutes," he said.

The outdoorsman can beat the cold by dressing properly, staying dry, being prepared, keeping his wits, avoiding icy conditions and checking the weather before leaving home or while making plans. For more information contact the TPWD at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4372, or (512) 389-4372.

DEATH TAKES THE WHEEL...

...when you drink and drive! Mixing alcohol and gasoline can be deadly — each year, hundreds prove this in alcohol-related deaths. Don't let this be your last holiday season. If you must drink, let someone else drive. If you must drive, don't drink.

Don't Drink and Drive!
The Brackett News

SA Livestock Exposition Presentation

SAN ANTONIO - Grand Champion steer buyers, top ten Auction buyers and San Antonio Livestock Exposition Executive Board members joined Auction Committee members at the 2nd Annual Hide Presentation.

Grand and Reserve Champion Steer buyers were presented with their prize winning steer hides, which had been tanned, as well as a framed Auction photograph taken during the Jr. Livestock Auction this year.

Grand and Reserve Champion Barrow, Lamb, Turkey and Broiler buyers were also presented an Auction photograph and plaque for their total contributions of \$90,500!

1991 was a record breaking year for the Auction Committee with the total auction amount reaching \$1,048,866.61. Committee members are hoping for one-million two in 1992 and hope that the hide presentation will encourage even more business people and individuals to attend and support this very special sale.

The Poultry and Lamb Auctions will take place Friday, February 14, 1992 and the Steer and Barrow Auctions will be the following day.

For further information regarding the Junior Livestock Auction, call Rita Wolma at 512-225-5851, or write the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, P. O. Box 200230, San Antonio TX 78220-0230.

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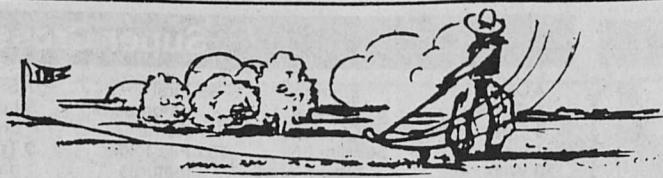
These days, we still face our share of crises. Last year during Operation Desert Storm, we saluted all U.S. troops with yellow ribbons and billboards throughout our service area.

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Golf News

By Vicki Nichols



The men dug deep into their pockets and donated \$113.00 to the Community Christmas Basket program. That brings the total up to \$313.00 from both Lady and Men Golfers. Also, we are doing very well with food donations and toys.

I was pleased to see Bob and Leslie Houk, George Miller, Ward Pomeroy, Bob Burkipile, and Betty Schlatterer representing golfers at the Community Council meeting on Saturday, December 14. We need your interest and support in all matters concerning the Fort.

The Men's Association Volunteers are hard at work clearing brush from the area between #6 tee box and #16 fairway. The fairways were fertilized just before the rain and the tee boxes were spiked.

The greens are shaping up beautifully, they hold a ball and soon will be perfect for putting. Now that the fairways have gotten some moisture, they are even turning a little green.

We have really lucked out on the rains this past year. They always come at the time they are needed most.

The Men's Tournament was rained out on Wednesday, but on Tuesday, the 10th, the women just wouldn't quit. The water logged team I was on decided that we would surely be the only team to finish. That meant we would get all the money. However, it seems, all the other teams had the same thought because they all hung in there to the bitter end.

Tuesday, the 17th, Luella Gilliland played hostess to all members of the Ladies Golf Association in her home. Delicious goodies and coffee both were served before our usual golf social.

Financial Alternatives Outlined

A seminar on financial alternatives for farmers will be held Dec. 20 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.

The sluggish economy and lingering financial crisis in agriculture are causing small businesses, particularly agribusinesses, to seek fiscal options, said Jose Pena, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The purpose of this program is to provide financial alternatives to farmers and ranchers, he said.

The program begins at 9 a.m. David Riggins, president of Vern-Ag Services Inc. in Lubbock, will take about "Loan Packaging and Restructuring, Feasibility Studies, Cash Flow Analysis and Projection and Recordkeeping."

Gary Condra, director of the Ag. Loan Mediation Program at Texas Tech University, will follow on the program with a discussion on "The Mediation Process-Resolving Distressed Loans."

"The 7/11/12 Alternative" is the subject of the talk given by Claiborne Gregory, a San Antonio attorney.

David Bowlin, a certified public accountant with Bowling and Wiseman in Lubbock, will discuss "Tax Implications in Loan Restructuring."

A panel of the morning's speakers will round out the program, which is scheduled to end at 1 p.m.

Contact: Jose Pena Extension Economist (512) 278-9151

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Mens Day

Rained out.

Couples Day

1st: Gordon and Lorraine Lundquist, Pat Grant and Vicki Nichols, 62.

2nd: Charlie Smith, Mary Stevenson, Joe Genualdi, and Betty Dennis, 65

3rd: The teams of Hoagy Nelson, Bill Mitchell, and Bob Miller ended in a three-way tie, 66

Ladies Day

Tied at first with 69: Jean Young, Marty Isenberg, Chick Cruse, Avis Anderson; Darlene Horning, Helen Miller, Vicki Nichols, Betty Schlatterer.

Tied at second with 74 were Carol Benefield, Mary Stevenson, Mary Lee Trollinger, Betty Dennis; Shirley Stevenson, Mary Lee Trollinger, Betty Dennis; Shirley Stevenson, Patti Barnett, Jean Petaja, and Marge Maderick.

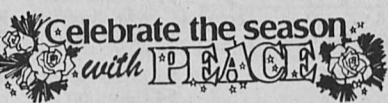
3-Par

On Monday, December 16, twenty players teed off on the 3-Par Course.

First place winners, and also winner of the birdie hole, were Don Moore, Cathy Moore, Dan Moore, and Dale Kendrick with a one under par 27.

Three teams tied for second place at one over par. They were: Carol Benefield, Lou Sofaly, Dutch Schoolfield, Ed Boyko; Joe Genualdi, Dave Yates, Lorraine Sloan, Julian Garza; Tom Faulkenberry, Art Ray, Al Lade, and Ron Frisby.

Third place, at two over par 29, was won by Bob Barnett, Dave Blair, Bob Burkipile, and John Osborne.



Legend Of The Mistletoe

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer

There are many legends told of the mistletoe. If you walk under the mistletoe, you are in danger of getting kissed, that is true. But, there is another legend about the Druid priests of ancient Celtic tribes.

They would rattle their ghostly bones if the mistletoe ever touched the ground. When it was harvested a long time ago in mid-winter, young maidens would catch the branches in a cloth because if it touched the earth it would cause bad luck. The branches were cut with a special golden knife of the Druids.

Mistletoe in England was considered a special favorite of the gods. It was thought that people on earth would inherit the troubles of the world, but because the mistletoe lives high above the crowd without visible roots it can't be contaminated and can protect us from any bad luck.

The word mistletoe comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "misete-ten" which means antidote. It would heal

such things as epilepsy, barren cattle, or horses. It would make warts disappear, protect you against your enemies, and reduce swelling. The natives believed it grew high up in the trees because only gods could reach that high to plant it.

Which brings us back to why we kiss anyone standing under mistletoe. There is a Norse legend about a young god called Balder, who was the son of the great god Woden, and the goddess Freyus. Balder was killed by a weapon made of cactus. Woden turned the mistletoe to gold to punish the world.

The Queen of the underworld told all living creatures to pray for Balder. When his mother prayed for Balder, her tears fell upon the mistletoe and her tears became the little white berries and the Queen forgave the mistletoe and she kissed all who walked beneath it. So began the custom of being kissed under the mistletoe.

To walk under mistletoe can be good or bad depending on which legend you want to believe.

Thorntons Welcomed



Front row: Jack and Grace Thornton at Sunday's openhouse hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, (back row) Pat and Ken Callnan.

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer

Pat and Kenneth Callnan hosted a Christmas openhouse to welcome her parents, Grace and Jack Thornton, to their new home in the CPM Brackettville Seniors Apartments at 1600 North Spring Street.

Between forty and fifty guests attended the openhouse on Sunday, December 15, between 2:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon.

Peter Pacheco, manager of the apartment complex, welcomed the guests to the party held in the Activity Room. "The German Boy" entertained with his music, and Peter rendered a stirring "Rancho Grande."

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton moved into the apartments on November 9. They moved here from Colorado Springs. They say they are enjoying their new home, and we want to make them feel at home in Brackettville.

"Rattler" To Strike At Park In 1992

SAN ANTONIO--It coils on top of a plateau, shakes its tail, slithers over a cliff and darts into a cave, just like any other rattler.

Unlike other sidewinders, however, "The Rattler" at Fiesta Texas show-park will strike terror in the hearts of up to 1,200 people each hour as it lives up to its billing as "the world's tallest, fastest wooden roller coaster."

"Since it has been visible from several miles away for months, the fact that we'll have a major wooden coaster at Fiesta Texas next spring has not been a closely guarded secret," said Bill Hoelscher, Fiesta Texas general manager.

"What have been closely guarded, however, are details about the coaster's name, speed, height and other specifications that make the Rattler the most spectacular wooden roller coaster in the world," he added.

With a tallest drop of 166 feet 4 1/2 inches and a top speed of 68-73 mph--both measurements are world records--the Rattler definitely is not for the faint of heart. The angle of the coaster's first drop, 61.4 degrees, also is believed to be a world's record.

"The Rattler is located above, below and inside 100-foot-high limestone cliffs in the park's Crackaxle Canyon western area. The whole area is themed as a 1920s mining town," said Hoelscher.

"The coaster's 5,080-foot track fits perfectly with other theming in the area and offers a spectacular view of the rest of the park and the surrounding Hill Country," he continued. In addition to the engineering feats achieved by the Rattler's designer, John Pierce and Associates of Dallas, the coaster is impressive because of the sheer quantity of materials needed to construct it.

In building the Rattler, Marvin M. Black Inc. of Atlanta and Roller Coaster Corporation of Texas have used:

- ...857,000 board feet of southern yellow pine and Douglas fir, enough to build 95 1,500 square foot houses;
- ...159,000 bolts;
- ...23,500 pounds of nails;
- ...1,925 cubic yards of concrete.

The coaster will feature two Morgan trains with seven four-person coaches per train. Each ride will last approximately two minutes and 15 seconds, counting the one minute initial climb to the top of the coaster more than 180 feet above the park floor.

"John Pierce and Roller Coaster Corporation of Texas have done a great job in giving us a truly awesome ride," Hoelscher said. "Because of its setting and design, the Rattler will be a must for coaster enthusiasts throughout the country for years to come."

The Rattler is the most spectacular ride in the park's 15-ride package which also includes the Gully Washer rapid river ride, the Power Surge splashdown ride and a custom-built carousel.

Fiesta Texas also will feature up to 60 musical performances daily in the park's seven theaters. The Ol' Water-in' Hole water park and a full schedule of special celebrations also are included in the park's \$22.95 plus tax one-day admission.

Fiesta Texas, located at the intersection of Loop 1604 and I-10 West, is approximately 70 percent complete. It is on schedule for a March opening next year.

The project is a partnership between subsidiaries of USAA insurance company, based in San Antonio, and Nashville's Opryland USSA Inc.

Realignment To Benefit SD 21

By JUDITH ZAFFIRINI State Senator, Dist. 21

The new Laredo district office was created as the Texas Transportation Commission closed seven highway districts. Consolidation was mandated by passage of HB9.

The bill directed TDOT to place new emphasis along the Texas-Mexico border to meet highway needs in anticipation of the proposed Free Trade Agreement with Mexico.

The new Laredo district office should employ approximately 300 persons and ensure greater emphasis on improving regional highways. It also should facilitate discussions with highway officials regarding important projects such as proposed border crossings, private toll roads and other infrastructure needs.

Laredo district office personnel will oversee 6,396 lane miles of highways in 12 counties in SD 21: Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, McMullen, Uvalde, Webb, Zapata, and Zavala.

Important Announcement Fort Clark Springs Members

I, Don Hood, am seriously seeking the position of Board of Directors of Fort Clark for the 1992/93 term. I pledge to do my best to work for the members and not for special small minded interest groups.

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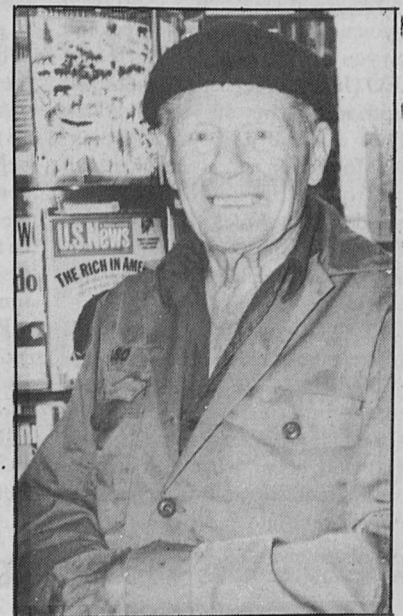
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Where were you born: Sonora, Texas.
What is your favorite food: Ice Cream.
How do your friends describe you: Friendly.
Describe yourself: Friendly.
What is your favorite movie: National Geographic.
What is your favorite book: Westerns.
If you could go anywhere, where would you go: I like it here.
What would you like to be if you could change your life: I wouldn't change anything.
If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: I like it as it is.



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Happy New Year

Happy Holidays

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're certainly cheerful as the week begins. What do you have up your sleeve? Seems as if you really get off on playing Santa midweek. Try to muzzle yourself and not let another know what their present is. Expect changes in your home life. Is that what you are grinning about?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can hide out at the beginning of the week, but you are 'called upon' midweek. You put in a glowing performance. Popularity soars because of the old Bull's charisma. You heat up many a night this week. Be careful about going overboard this weekend if you know what's good for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can't seem to settle in until Wednesday when you sink into the 'valley of the blues'. Think about how high the next peak will be. Luckily by the end of the week, you've made it to Everest. Expect to peak sometime over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can get overbearing with your concerns about responsibility. This phase passes as you put on your slippers and dance the night (and maybe even the day) away midweek. Who's surprised that you need to rest over the weekend when you emerge refreshed and ready!

LEO (July 23-August 22) Don't just accept facts — put on your Sherlock Holmes cap and do some snooping. New information reveals another path of action. You get cheered the remainder of the week for coming up with the impossible solution. You certainly deserve the pleasure you get this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Don't get stuck on details at the beginning of the week. Look at the broad picture — be it financial or concerning a partner or both. You find two (minds, that is) work better than one. You poke into new fantasies until the weekend when you return to earth.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Be the docile, loving Libra as the week starts. You reap the benefits for the rest of the week. Know what it is you want and need in 'heavy' discussions with a partner, bank or loved one. Others are at your beck and call by the weekend. Use the weekend to imagine what you want them to do.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Get as much work done as fast as you can. You gain a sense of accomplishment and you need to be free to romp from midweek on. It's a secret why, and I'm not telling. Some may be humming Christmas Carols, but you'll be humming the Romeo and Juliet overture.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Summertime at Christmas? Well you act as if you don't have a care in your life — except to enjoy yourself and another. Get into the holiday spirit and spread the good vibes. Expect this to be a very loving week.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) You may not want to emerge from your cocoon this week, but when you do, you discover it sure was worth it. You old goat — out there banging up the tin cans and dancing the nights away from midweek on. Whether old or young, you rediscover the holiday spirit. Ho-Ho! Ho-Ho!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Initiate important talks at the beginning of the week. Mellow out and consider decisions midweek. Later in the week, cut out the seriousness and be that wild eccentric that others adore. Besides, you have an awfully good time as well.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) You can rob Peter to pay Paul, or you could cut down on your budget (be more creative). Midweek, a loved one tells you that they adore the IDEA of a treat instead of a present at Christmas. Let the kid in you out on the weekend.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Roof is different. 2. Name is different. 3. Board is larger. 4. Bloom handle is shorter. 5. Door window is different. 6. Sleeve is rolled down.

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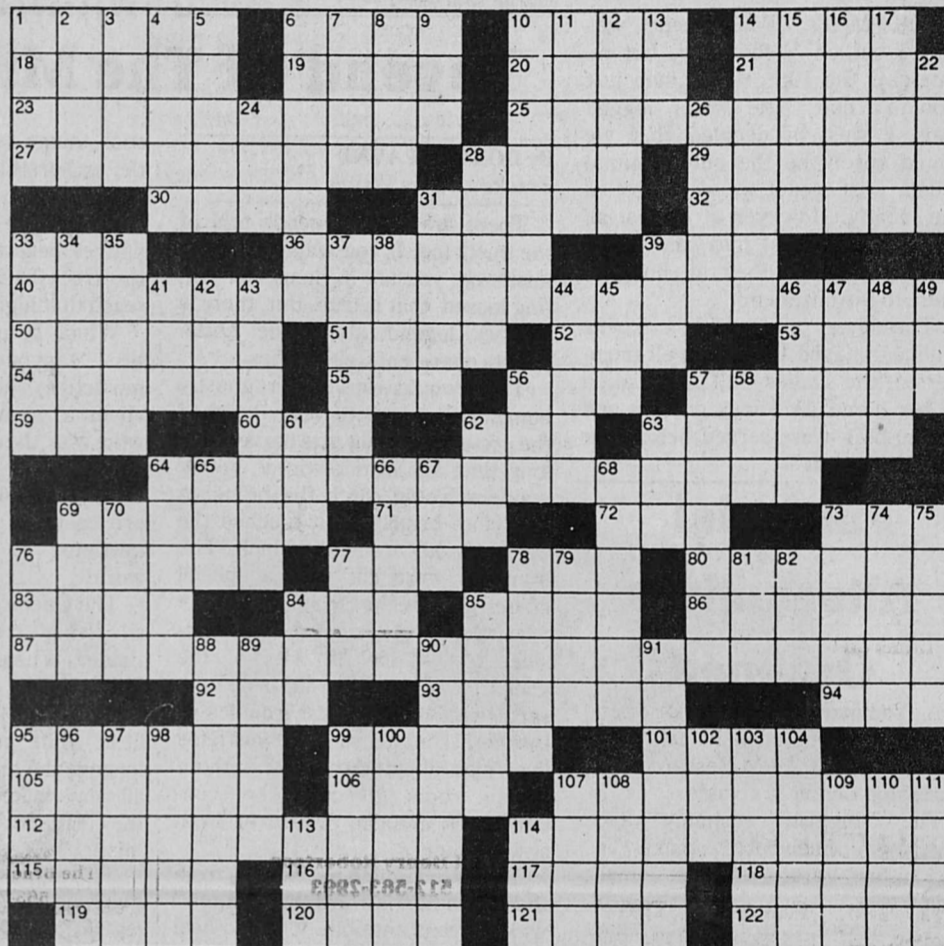
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling ball
- Cannonball
- Cue ball
- Eight ball
- Football
- Golf ball
- Handball
- Pinball
- Pushball
- Snowball
- Softball
- Tetherball
- Volleyball

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Garden tools
 - 6 Operatic heroine
 - 10 With 14
 - 18 Across, the wife of 23
 - 14 See 10
 - 19 King of comedy
 - 20 Melville novel
 - 21 Verdi's "Aida"
 - 23 Civil War president
 - 25 Party of 23
 - 27 Draw
 - 28 Comedienne Meara
 - 29 Nominate again
 - 30 One of a Slavic people
 - 31 Improper
 - 32 Author St. Johns, et al.
 - 33 Dry, as wine
 - 36 Two-term president
 - 39 Commotion
 - 40 What 23
 - 41 Across is famous for
 - 42 Cheaper
 - 51 Mention by way of proof
 - 52 Water tester?
 - 53 Arrow poison
 - 54 Beard on
 - 65 Bill's companion
 - 62 Wrongdoing
 - 63 Chooses
 - 64 He assassinated 23
 - 69 Love token
 - 71 French king
 - 72 CIA's forerunner
 - 73 Old crone
 - 76 Etchings on woodcuts
 - 77 Arrange the hair
 - 78 French formal dance
 - 80 Merciful
 - 83 Field measure
 - 84 Word before dance or deck
 - 85 Bargain scene
 - 86 Wears away
 - 87 Describing
 - 23 Across
 - 92 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 93 Prayer
 - 94 Fr. holy woman
 - 95 Connecticut town
- DOWN**
- 1 Electric catfish
 - 2 French cleric
 - 3 Singer Howard
 - 4 Island in N.Y. Bay
 - 5 River in Paris
 - 6 Ghastly
 - 7 Small island
 - 8 Like rams and drakes
 - 9 Traveler's haven
 - 10 Word before coat or star
 - 11 Prayer followers
 - 12 Works as a cowboy
 - 13 "I Can't Get Started with —"
 - 14 Fine-tempered Spanish swords
 - 15 Suppose
 - 16 Transfer
 - 17 Psycho follower
 - 22 French donkeys
 - 24 Saul's relative
 - 26 "The — Bunch"
 - 28 Central American timber tree
 - 31 Size of type
 - 33 Former Egyptian VIP
 - 34 First month, in Madrid
 - 35 See 56
 - 37 Kind of written agreement
 - 38 Gobi Desert site
 - 39 Consumed
 - 41 " — Kapital"
 - 42 Summer time
 - 82 "The — Squad"
 - 84 Pig enclosure
 - 85 Plunder
 - 88 Creative ones
 - 89 Kind of pollen influence: Bot.
 - 90 Silent star
 - 91 Tempts
 - 95 Skips stones on water
 - 96 Take as one's own
 - 97 WWII riveter
 - 98 Coastal or mural lead-in
 - 99 Become tardy
 - 100 Roman roads
 - 102 Leg or litter follower
 - 103 Irish playwright
 - 104 Drudge
 - 107 Spanish measure
 - 108 Aware of
 - 109 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 110 Comic theatrical sketch
 - 111 Degrees in sacred scripture
 - 113 " — Stoops to Conquer"
 - 114 — King Cole



Happy Birthday

- Stafford Fritter Dec. 18
- Joe Sandoval Dec. 18
- Roger Workman Dec. 19
- Enemencia Starzel Dec. 19
- Julia G. Terrazas Dec. 20
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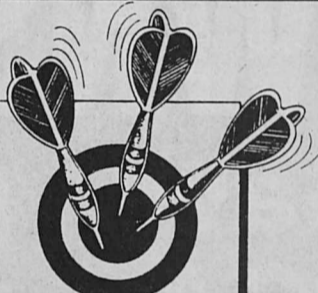
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The Kinney County Democratic Chairperson will be in the Kinney County Library 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday through Friday for persons wishing to file an application for a place on the Democratic 1992 General Primary Ballot, or may be reached at 512-563-2211 at other times.

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Bids will be opened January 13, 1992. Sealed bids shall be mailed to the County Judge, P. O. Box 348, Brackettville TX 78832.
The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
/s/ Tim Ward
County Judge



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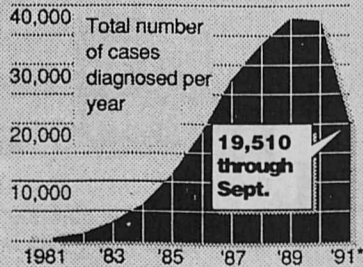
AIDS in America

An estimated 1 million to 1.5 million Americans are infected with the HIV virus, and 200,000 have already come down with AIDS-related diseases.

Adult/adolescent exposure to virus

Men who have sex with men	59%
Intravenous drug users	22
Men who have sex with men and use intravenous drugs	7
Heterosexual contact	6
Other/undetermined source	3
Recipient of transfusion/blood component or tissue	2
Hemophilia/coagulation disorder	1

New AIDS cases in U.S.

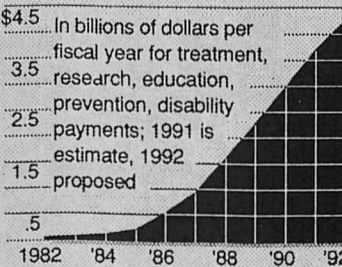


How virus spreads

AIDS cannot be transmitted through casual contact. It is most often spread through one of four routes:

- Sexual contact
- Contaminated needles or syringes shared by drug users
- Infected blood or components
- Pregnant women to the fetuses they are carrying

Federal AIDS spending



HIV and AIDS

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus): This virus damages the immune system, which defends the body from infection, by destroying white blood cells called T-cells. A person testing positive for HIV can look and feel healthy.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome): Months or years after testing positive for HIV, a patient can suffer physical illnesses including some forms of cancer, an array of infectious ailments and a serious form of pneumonia.

Treatment

There are no known cures for AIDS. But a growing number of drugs are being used to treat AIDS-related ailments, and many people with AIDS can expect to live years longer than they might have only a few years ago.

SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, Centers for Disease Control, Encyclopaedia Britannica, U.S. Public Health Service, news reports

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OPTIONS FOR HEALTH

How Important Are Mammograms?
Paul E. Ogden, M.D.
Department of Community Internal Medicine at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic and Associate Professor of Medicine, Texas A&M University College of Medicine

Q: I am 45 years old and I was wondering how often should I have a mammogram?

A: Mammograms are a very important part of health maintenance for women. Mammograms can find cancers as small as the head of a pin, long before they will be noticed by a patient or her physician. It is an important part of normal health screenings for women over 40 or, if recommended by her physician, in order to detect abnormalities in early stages. Though mammograms have improved the "curability rate" of breast cancers through early detection, they are not perfect. Some changes may be difficult to discover in breasts that have significant scarring. However, the probability that the mammogram will pick up any abnormalities offers the patient a greater likelihood of an improved outcome versus waiting until a lump is felt by the patient or physician during an examination. There is no national consensus amongst all doctors as to the frequency of mammograms, but most doctors choose to follow the American Cancer Society's guidelines for mammography.

The American Cancer Society offers these guidelines for mammography for women:

- between the ages of 35 and 40, women should have a baseline mammogram performed, against which all others will be compared.
- from 40 to 50 years of age, mammograms should be performed every two years.
- over the age of 50, a mammogram should be performed yearly.

Some patients are considered to be at higher risk for developing breast cancer than others. It is extremely important to discuss your medical history with your physician to determine whether or not you may fall into the high risk category. Women whose mother, sister or daughter have had a previous abnormal biopsy are considered to be at an increased risk. Your physician will advise you if he/she feels you should begin mammograms earlier or have them more frequently than the normal recommendations. Mammograms should, in general, accompany a physical exam by your physician, unless you are advised otherwise.

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



Meditations

by Preston Taylor

Do you believe that a rancher can plant BUFFLE grass seed and have cotton and tomatoes come up from those seeds? Will a pine seedling or a rose bush sprout from an acorn? Impossible.

What happens when the seeds of deception, hatred, unbelief, lies, and murder are sown? A harvest season of disaster will come. It's inevitable. If the seeds of truth, harmony, love, and justice are scattered, what will be the results? A bountiful harvest of blessings. That, too, is inevitable.

Galatians 6:8 declares that a person reaps exactly what he sows. The reaping will be either corruption and death or life everlasting. It can not be both.

When is harvest time? Watermelons may ripen in May, June, or July. Hay is cut and baled in it's season. Cotton may be picked in September. The spiritual harvest season also comes after the planting is done. You may not know when your harvest is going to be, but you already know what it will be. Are you really prepared for it?

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

On Christmas Eve of 1223 St. Francis of Assisi celebrated the nativity at a mass in the Cave of Presepio at Greccio. Geovanni, a soldier and lord of Greccio who was trying to live the life of a Franciscan, built a stable exactly like the stable in which Jesus was born. He built a manger with straw and hay. He brought an ox and ass to stand on either side of the manger. So on Christmas Eve all the peasants were invited and they came

and stood on the slopes at the entrance to the cave. The priest started the celebration of the mass, using the manger as the altar, with Francis serving as the deacon and after reading the gospel, preached to the people, and so Christmas Eve of 1223 was turned into Christmas Day.

There will be a box to receive non-perishable food in the church at all the masses on Dec. 15 and the 22nd.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

The Christmas service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Brackettville, will begin at 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24.

This traditional midnight service will begin with congregational singing of carols, followed by the Holy Eucharist, according to the Rev. Bill Koons, priest-in-charge.

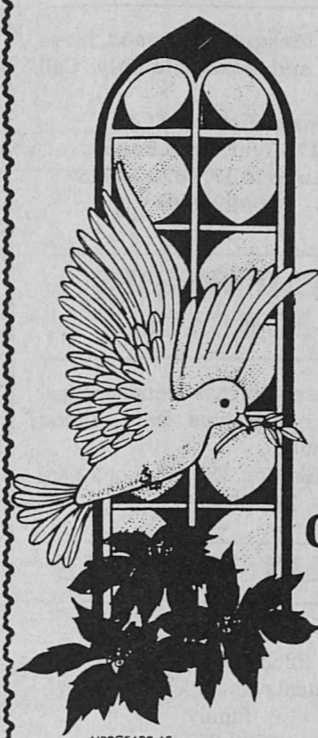
Cruse Visitors

Expected holiday guest in the Fort Clark Springs home of Doc and Chick Cruse includes a sister-in-law, Mrs. Marshall Cruse of McAlister, Oklahoma. Doc plans to meet her at the San Antonio airport on December 22.

Also expected are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams of Odessa, Texas. Mrs. Adams is Chick's daughter.



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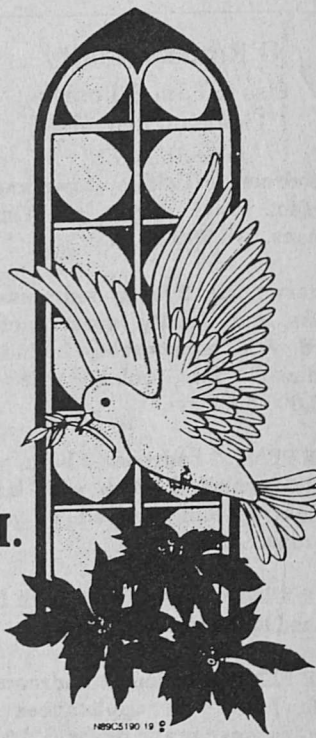


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Happy Holidays

Frontier Baptist Church

by Joe Townsend

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A number of people will participate in the program which will emphasize Christmas and its application to life.

Following the program will be the annual Christmas Dinner. This is always an occasion for rich fellowship and enjoyment.

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The Bible Says

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Come and see.

anyone in the world. These things however are only "window dressing." He came for one purpose.

He came to seek and save the lost. He came to give His life to pay the penalty for sin. By His death He will save any and every person who will personally repent of his sins and put his faith in Him.

"I have come to seek and to save those that are lost."

Third Annual Community Christmas Project

Last year community organizations, churches, clubs, businesses, and individuals joined together to provide 96 baskets of food to needy families in Kinney County, and 135 children received Christmas toys.

It was done by working together, and you are again invited to participate with food products, toys and/or cash.

Together, we can make a miracle again this year in the lives of our Community's needy.

Herb Voracek, 512-563-9400
Brackettville Lions Club Coordinator

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Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort. Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons - 512-563-2071.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor - 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Worship 6:00 P.M.,

Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M., Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M., Wed. & Sat., 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. reg. 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. and Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumava, Pastor.

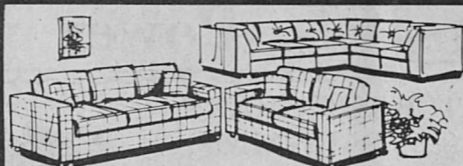
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M. Gordon Miller, Pastor.

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