

Chamber Chatter

The officers and directors of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce invites all members and potential members to a "Christmas Mixer" on Thursday, December 10, 1992, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Cavalry Room, Las Moras Restaurant. Directors are reminded that the Chamber will hold a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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The Brackett News

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

Professional Of The Year

Mark Johnson returned to his job at the Fort Clark Municipal Mud District from vacation to two nice professional surprises. One was that the notification marking his completion of requirements for Waste Water Certification had been received during his brief absence.

The second, he learned, was that he had been chosen **Professional Of The Year** by the Wintergarden Water District.

The award is earned for professional ethics...knowing and doing his job in a courteous, efficient manner, upgrading his knowledge and skills through seminar training, attendance and participation at district meetings, an overall attitude of proficiency, and judged most qualified by his peers and supervisors.



Hubert McKelvy, President of the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District, presented Mark with a plaque from the Wintergarden District at the MUD office on Monday, November 30 (Mark's birthday).

McCalls Plan Move To Iraan

Bob McCall submitted his resignation to the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees in a special meeting held on Wednesday, November 25, 1992 in the Board Room at the BISS central office. The Board accepted the resignation effective January 15, 1993 releasing Mr. McCall from the remaining two and one-half years on his contract. Mr. McCall will be joining the Iraan-Sheffield ISD as Superintendent of Schools in January.

His resignation ended 9 1/2 years service to the Brackett ISD as high school principal and superintendent. Mr. McCall came to Brackettville in August of 1983 from Del Rio. He served as high school principal until the retirement of Mr. Marion H. Wills in July of 1985. He has been superintendent since that time.

During his tenure, the Brackett ISD has undergone many changes. The teaching staff and course offerings have been expanded. The recent bond issue and subsequent building program have given Brackett ISD a new cafeteria/middle school, a new vocational building and a re-modeled Mittie E. Jones Elementary. Plans are being considered for a new primary building, a media center and possibly a new football stadium/athletic complex.

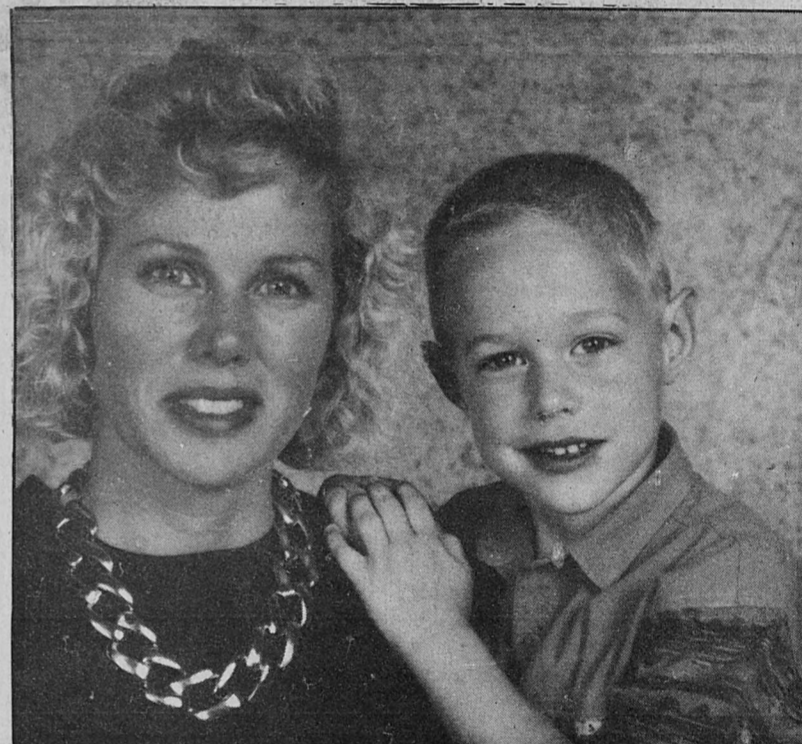
The athletic program has also expanded to include girl's volleyball, baseball, and girl's and boy's golf. A weight room and P.E. Classroom was added to the main gym and the old gym was restored as an elementary P.E. gymnasium.

Asked what he considered the biggest change in the Brackett ISD has been over the past ten years, Mr. McCall answered, "I have enjoyed all of it but I think the impact of technology on all aspects of the school operation has been the biggest change. Computerizing the central office and campus record keeping operation has been the key to the efficient operation of the district. I am proud of the Ti-In satellite instruction system and the Integrated Learning Centers. Our kids have opportunities to deal with computers and distance learning technologies on a daily basis at all grade levels. I hope these programs continue and grow. I am also pleased with the Middle School Initiative. I believe this program will pay tremendous benefits in student achievement."

Mr. McCall said that he was reluctant to leave Brackett ISD for another school district because he considers Brackettville home. "I could not find a better school system to work in. Nothing that has been accomplished in the last ten years would have been possible without



Top, Superintendent Bob McCall, bottom, Renetta and Robert McCall, will be leaving Brackettville January 15 for new home in Iraan.



the support of the Board, Community, Faculty, Support Personnel, and Administrative Staff. The economic opportunities offered by Iraan-Sheffield were just too great to turn down. Plus, it is a chance to see if some of the things Brackett is doing can be put in place in a different environment. Professionally, it is a chance to work in another part of the state, in a district with different priorities and educational needs."

McCall noted, "Working with the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees has been a pleasure. I have seen how political and self-serving Boards are

in some districts. I don't think the people of the district realize how lucky they are to have a Board that puts the interests of all children above those of a few."

Bob and his family, Renetta and Robert will be moving during the Christmas Holidays. Renetta will be leaving the Rio Grande Electric Coop after eight years as an administrative supervisor. Robert will be leaving Ms. Wallace's Kindergarten class. The family expressed their sadness with leaving Brackettville, but they are looking forward to making new friends and meeting new challenges in Iraan.

Dolls

Hundreds Of Them

Tootsie Herndon, in her words, "I never had many dolls when I was growing up, the family budget just didn't allow it, but I always just loved them. I always said that some day I would have all the dolls I wanted."

How many dolls does this lady want? She's been collecting them since 1970 and has hundreds of them now. Her lovely home has dolls in every room. One of her dolls, in excellent condition, is from the late 1800s. Although she does not have "paper work" to document it, she has been told that it is one of only eight made by a company that was to become the Ideal Doll Company.

Another of her dolls, a black lady doll, was purchased from a lady in Uvalde for \$20.00. The doll has "Savanah" on her back and the same lady that sold the doll to Tootsie wanted to buy "her" back when she realized that the doll had a value in excess of \$170.00. But, once Tootsie gets a doll, she keeps it.

She has a collection of Kewpie dolls, and a collection of Snoopy dolls from tiny China ones to huge stuffed ones. One of her favorite collections is a collection of Walt Disney's productions, primarily Mickey and Minnie Mouse. She has big dolls and little dolls, beautiful dolls, and comic dolls. She even has dolls from Russia.

Some dolls have been given to her and some she has purchased. There has even been a role reversal between Tootsie and her children in that the children give the mother dolls for Christmas rather than the mother giving the dolls.

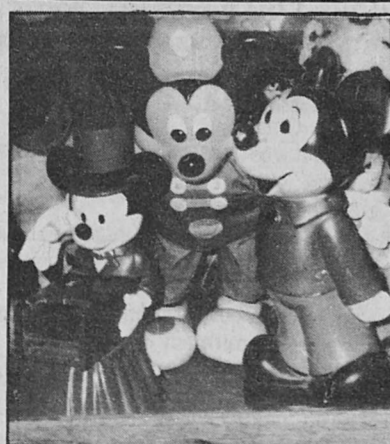
This warm-hearted, gracious lady was born Jessie Salmon to Kinney County rancher parents. Uniquely, the birth took place in the army hospital at Fort Clark. She grew up on the family ranch and is now married to Spofford Mayor J. B. Herndon and together they ranch. Jessie has three sons, Guy and Danny Billings both who live in Kinney County, and J. R. Smith, a Border Patrol Officer stationed in California. She has seven grandchildren.

Her family added to J. B.'s family of three living children, (he has one deceased), thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren makes a big family unit, and both Jessie and J. B. cherish each of them. The beautiful country home they built together (at Spofford) is filled with family memorabilia. They both confess to being "junk" collectors and have many Americana/Texana treasures.

But, the dolls are the outstanding collection!



Tootsie holds her baby doll of circa late 1800s.



Garcia Recognized For Ten Years Service

Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten congratulates Jailer/Dispatcher PFC Jesus "Jesse" Garcia for completing ten (10) years service as a jailer/dispatcher with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

"Jesse Garcia was one of the first Jailer/Dispatchers I hired after I became Sheriff in 1982," stated Sheriff Hooten, "he is honest and hard-working and has always met the basic fundamentals of honesty, loyalty, and respect which I ask of all Sheriff Department employees."

Sheriff Hooten added that Mr. Garcia will receive a certificate and a lapel pin denoting his 10 years service at a later date. "It is by the efforts of honest and loyal Sheriff Department staff members such as Garcia that I am able to carry out my duties and responsibilities as Sheriff of Kinney County."



Hearing On Historical Exemption

The Brackett Independent School District will hold a public hearing on changes in exemptions for historical sites. The hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 1992, 7:00 p.m. at the Brackett High School Library.

County Submits Application For Underground Water District

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward has reported that on Tuesday, November 24, 1992, by registered overnight express mail, the application for a Chapter 52 Underground Water District for Kinney County was sent to the Texas Water Commission.

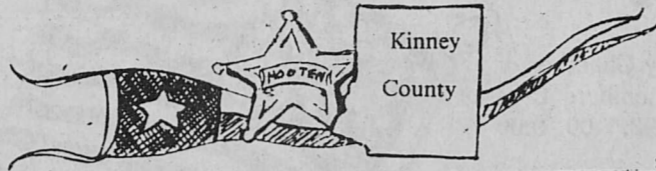
The application was accompanied by resolutions from the Kinney County Commissioners Court, Brackettville City Council, and the

Fort Clark Municipal Utilities District (MUD). Although only fifty signatures were required on the petition, 135 valid ones were attached.

It had been expected that the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors would also submit a resolution but at their board meeting Saturday morning, November 21, they delayed making a decision to join the effort.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A rash of vehicle burglaries occurred over the past week, with three being reported on Fort Clark and one in Brackettville, all are under investigation by the Sheriff's Department at this time.

The three burglaries on Fort Clark all occurred during the night of Thursday, November 26, 1992, and reported to the Sheriff's Department at various times during the day of Friday, November 27, 1992. They are listed as follows:

(1) Stephen Smith of Unit 21, Lots 29 & 30, FCS, reported the burglary of his pickup which was parked behind his residence the night of November 26th, during the night someone entered the vehicle and took a set of binoculars valued at \$150.00 and his billfold containing \$150.00 in cash and various credit cards.

(2) Irene Eckenroth of Garland, Texas, was visiting relatives on Fort Clark and had parked her vehicle between 2 R.V.s behind Frank Eckenroth's residence, also on the night of November 27th. Someone

entered her vehicle and took a black purse containing various personal papers and an American Express credit card. The purse was valued at \$40.00. The thieves also took a Realistic walkman cassette player valued at \$40.00 and a set of Sony headphones for the walkman valued at \$60.00 for a total loss of \$140.00.

(3) Dr. Robert Dixon of Austin, also a member and resident of FCS and a member of the FCS Board of Directors, reported the break in and burglary of his pickup the night of November 26th. The vehicle was parked in front of his residence on Fort Clark Road under a street light which demonstrates the audacity of the thieves. During the night sometime between 7:00 p.m. 11-26-92 and 8:00 a.m. 11-27-92 someone broke out a wing window of the driver's side door and entered the vehicle, taking the following property: (1) Remington Mod. 1100 .12 gauge shotgun, serial #498649V, valued at \$500.00; (1) Winchester Mod. 70 Super Grade (pre-1964) .270 caliber rifle, serial #426205, valued at \$1600.00. The .270 was equipped with a Leopold 3x9 variable scope valued at \$200.00; (1) Browning over/under .12 gauge shotgun, Lightning Model, serial #245584, valued at \$1995.00. And, (1) Canon AZI camera equipped with a F 1.8 lens and an 80mm telephoto lens, serial #1843102, valued at \$600.00. Total loss of this burglary \$4895.00.

The total combined value of the property taken in these burglaries is \$5335.00.

The Brackettville vehicle burglary reported the morning of November 29, 1992, occurred the night before (28th) and occurred at the residence of Delbert McDonald

on West Thomas Street. Mr. McDonald reported the theft of a white fiberglass tool box containing tools valued at over \$300.00. The tool box was in the back of his pickup parked in the front yard of his residence.

Though extremely unpleasant and costly to the victims, this sudden rash of burglaries and thefts is not unexpected as an increase in this type of crime occurs every year about this time with the beginning of hunting season, particularly the theft of firearms and items related to hunting that are left in plain view in vehicles parked near residences and businesses. Even locked vehicles do not deter the determined thief as the case of Dr. Dixon's demonstrates. Unlocked vehicles only makes the burglar's crimes that much easier. Though most of these crimes occur during the hours of darkness, some do, and have, occurred during daylight hours.

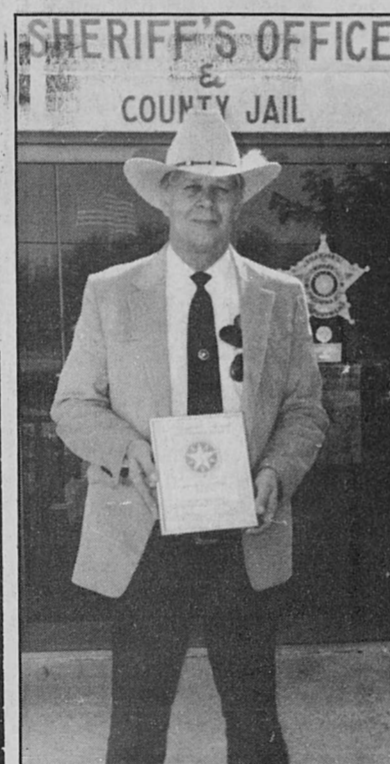
Burglary and theft are crimes of opportunity and local residents, visiting hunters, and tourists are urged to take a few necessary precautions to protect their valuables. **Never, never** leave valuables in vehicles unless locked in the trunk out of view. **Never, never** leave your vehicle unlocked, even if only going into a store for just a moment, especially if you have valuables inside. And, **never, never** leave the keys in your ignition, unattended, **anywhere**. Do not give those of our society who have criminal intentions the **opportunity** to take from you your valuable and sometimes irreplaceable property.

That's All!

\$500.00 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest/conviction of person(s) who took firearms and camera from vehicle legally parked at owner's residence, 206 Fort Clark Road, on Thanksgiving night.

Contact Sheriff Norman H. Hooten.



KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF HONORED

Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten was honored at a ceremonial breakfast buffet at the Ramada Inn of Del Rio, Tuesday, December 1, 1992. The awards ceremony was sponsored by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Pardons and Paroles Division, with the event being hosted by the Del Rio District Parole Office.

Sheriff Hooten, along with Val Verde County Sheriff J.R. Koog, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Jesus Zapata, Region III Supervisor of San Antonio. The Certificate reads in part, "In Recognition of Honorable and Meritorious Service to the Agency." Leonard N. Rodriguez, Supervisor of the Del Rio District Parole Office, stated, "The Del Rio District Parole Office recognizes the importance of the Sheriff and his office regarding the Criminal Justice System in Texas, especially as it pertains to the Pardons and Paroles Division. We, as parole officers, could not effectively perform some of our duties without their assistance."

In closing the ceremony, Mr. Cecil Simpson, Director of Parole Supervision of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Pardons and Paroles Division, of Austin, expressed his "sincere appreciation of the professional and cooperative efforts of dedicated law enforcement officers such as Sheriff Hooten and Sheriff Koog, without which the duties and responsibilities of the Pardons and Paroles Office would be next to impossible to perform."



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



As a boy I formed some peculiar ideas about the porcupine. I thought you dare not get even close to one else he would throw one of his quills and you would be severely damaged.

I felt the quills were barbed and you would have to go to a doctor to have it cut out. These ideas were the romantic meanderings of the mentality of homespun wisdom.

Relatively few people have seen a porcupine in the wild. They formerly roamed the mountains of the west, mainly the Rockies.

In the last sixty years, they have moved eastward. A few years ago, the early scouts were seen in the Fort Stockton area and soon were to be found in this area. Now, the front-line is considerably east of our area.

They are rather passive animals, seldom being aggressive. They were seldom killed in the days of the

opening of the West. It was the only animal that could be easily killed by a man on foot with no weapon other than a club.

If a man were to be lost and without food, he could find a porcupine and easily kill it to have food.

It is a nocturnal animal and seldom to be seen in daylight. In recent years, I've seen one occasionally, but seldom, moving in the daytime.

The most amusing experience I ever had with a porcupine was in the High Sierras of California. A fellow pastor and I were up near the Dardanelles surveying the area to try to locate a camp ground area to establish a church camp. We'd spent the day trying to find a way for a road in and made camp by a stream.

There were tall pines and a splendid place to camp. We had put our food on a fallen tree and gone to bed.

I was first to wake soon after daylight. A glance revealed something had been in our food supply. I heard something up in a tree and investigated to find a porcupine cosily resting on a limb and enjoying our breakfast bacon.

We ate breakfast but didn't have to bother cooking the bacon.

A few months ago when I went to my pasture about daylight, the friendly dog that always met me came up whining and sorta whipped.

I looked and one side of her mouth was a mass of porcupine quills. I got my pliers and started removing them. The first one or two Farfell whined and cried. I guess she decided I was helping so she was quiet and calm while I pulled them out one by one - 27 in all.

Never again did Farfell bother a porcupine. After all, this peculiar species of animal life doesn't bother other animals nor people, and only wants to be left alone.

It's always hard to realize your boyhood knowledge is many times more romantic than real.

No, a porcupine cannot "throw" its quills, but don't tempt one too close. Those quills are barbed and you may have to find a doctor to cut it out. And, oh yes, if you're camping where they are, protect your breakfast bacon.

Mayor's Report

By CARMEN M. BERLANGA
Mayor of Brackettville

In November I was invited by *The Brackett News* to submit a timely report regarding City issues that will affect us as a community. I extend my most sincere appreciation. It is an honor and privilege to accept this opportunity.

The most readily researched and immediate availability of information will be the basis for subsequent monthly reports. Other informative and factual articles will be reported based on the current and immediate activities of the City.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

As you noticed on November 19 and November 26, an ad appeared for applications for a City Municipal Judge.

The Municipal Judge's position is considered a non-key position, but requires living within the City Limits, be a registered voter, and be at least twenty-five years of age.

It is a part-time job, at least 4 hours per and during the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. day, 20 hours a week; without fringe benefits; and at budget allocated salary of \$350.00 per month.

CHANGE ONE WEEK ONLY

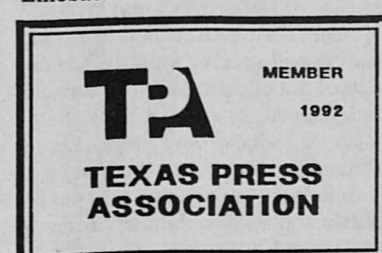
December's fourth issue of *The Brackett News* will be printed one day early...Wednesday, December 23. For that week only, the deadline for news items and advertising will also be one day early...Monday noon.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25.

Deadlines for the balance of the month will remain unchanged...Tuesday noon before the Thursday paper.

OOPS

Although Chris Hale was included in last week's picture of the All-District Football Players from Brackett High School, his name was omitted. He was the young man on the front row, second from right, and earned the right to be there by being named Second Team Linebacker.



th; the scheduled hours to be established with the City Secretary.

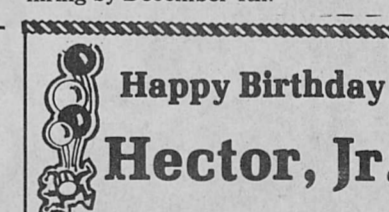
The actual work duties are: 1) Logging all the issued citations. Most citations are traffic violations, including violations cited for municipal ordinances governing safety, zoning, public health, and refuse dumping. 2) Handling public money by writing receipts and crediting the docket cases that are paid for in person or by mail. 3) Submitting monthly and quarterly reports to the State, with a monthly report to the City Council.

Six months probation are required. During the course of one year, the certification test must be taken. Certification allows one to legally set in judgment of a case and to be bonded.

A City Council person desiring to apply for Municipal Judge must resign his/her position, the position filled, then the application will be considered.

A relative of a council person applying for any position disallows said council person to vote in order to prevent conflict of interest by nepotism.

Cut-off date for applications was November 30th; interview and hiring by December 4th.



You are 24 years old today. We miss and we love you very much.

Pet Care

With Christmas fast approaching, we felt it was time to issue our annual holiday warning concerning pets as gifts.

Never, never surprise someone with a pet for Christmas. This type of decision should never be foisted on someone since it is, hopefully, a lifelong commitment on the part of the owner. Someone who is caught unaware, even though he or she may love animals, may be ill-equipped for such a commitment.

If you do decide to get a puppy or kitten for the kids for Christmas, and you have made this decision quite seriously, you must take the animal's feelings into consideration. Do not let the children get overly excited with the pet. Keep the animal as quiet as possible, and give him time to adjust to his new life. Also, do not put bows on your pets. As cute as it looks, you risk strangulation. Keep him away from company, since a lot of people will confuse and frighten him.

FREE HEARING TESTS
Mon.-Thurs. 10-5
PLAZA DEL SOL MALL
Next to JCPenney
774-1272
DEL RIO

This Week In History

On November 30, 1782, a preliminary agreement by the British cabinet to recognize U.S. independence was signed in Paris ...
December 4, 1783, George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York City ...
December 6, 1790, Congress met in Philadelphia, the new temporary capital of the U.S. ...
December 2, 1823, the Monroe Doctrine was enunciated, opposing European intervention in the Americas ...
December 2, 1859, abolitionist John Brown was hanged for treason in Virginia ...
December 4, 1867, the Grange was organized to protect farmer interests ...
December 5, 1933, ratification of the 21st Amendment, to repeal the 18th Amendment (Prohibition), was completed ...
December 2, 1942, the first nuclear chain reaction (fission of uranium isotope U-235) was produced at the University of Chicago under physicists Arthur Compton, Enrico Fermi and others ...
December 2, 1954, a condemnation of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) was voted by the Senate 67-22 for contempt of a Senate elections subcommittee, for abuse of its members, and for insults to the Senate during his Army investigation hearings ...
December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. ...
December 5, 1955, a merger of America's two largest labor organizations was effected under the name, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; the merged AFL-CIO had a membership estimated at 15 million ...
December 6, 1973, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as Vice President of the U.S. ...
December 2, 1982, a retired dentist, Dr. Barney B. Clark, 62, became the first recipient of a permanent artificial heart during a 7½-hour operation in Salt Lake City.

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.

TA MEMBER 1992
The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and content. Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of this newspaper. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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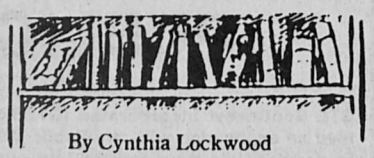
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Library Notes



Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

All the turkey leftovers are gone and now it's Christmas time. Besides spreading some Christmas cheer, the Kinney County Library is spreading a feast of your favorite Christmas books. Celebrate Christmas all around the world beginning with *Christmas In Texas* by Elizabeth Silverthorne and travel on to *Christmas In Spain*, *Christmas In Austria*, and *Christmas In The Netherlands*.

To help out with your decorating, check out some of our craft books such as *How To Make Christmas Ornaments*, or sing along with *A Book Of Christmas Carols*. Experience some holiday traditions with Norman Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post Christmas Stories*, Reader's Digest *Book Of Christmas*, *The Illustrated Book Of Christmas Folklore*, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Story Of Santa Claus*. In fiction, we have *The Cat Who Came For Christmas* by Cleveland Amory and *Mistletoe Mysteries* by Charlotte MacLeod. Parents, we also have many children's Christmas stories like *The Christmas Bear* and the favorite by Dr. Seuss *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

New on our best seller shelves we have Danielle Steel's latest *Mixed Blessings*. Stephen King's *Dolores Claiborne*, and *Murder In The West Wing* by Elliot Roosevelt.

Make sure you check the book sale table in the back of the library. We've been adding new books as they come in so you never know what you might find.

Many thanks to those who donated books and magazines to the library this past week: Helen Smith, Debbie Trant, and Joseph Shipman.

Happy Birthday

December 5, 1992

Celina
 You are an angel. We are so proud to have you for a sister, daughter, and granddaughter.
 We all love you,
 Rene, Roger, and Ora Rodriguez

Book Review

By Mary Mitchell

The Ugly Little Boy

By ISAAC ASIMOV & ROBERT SILVERBERG

Mr. Asimov, in his lifetime, was held in high regard for both fiction and nonfiction contributions. However, this book provides the best effort I have seen of a present day author expanding on the efforts of a deceased genius.

Mr. Asimov wrote a short story and Mr. Silverberg has provided us with a novel which contains the best efforts of both men. Even if you feel you are not a connoisseur of Science Fiction, give this a try.

The ending is truly worth waiting for!

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD

The Fort Clark Duplicate Club met Tuesday, November 24, with 6 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Winning first place in the N/S direction, Lamont and Marie McCandless had one of the highest scores in the club's history.

Second place was won by Nita and Fred Clayton of Del Rio. Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould won first place in the E/W direction with Walt Geeze and Martin Sheets a close second place.

Hi Janice!

PLANT TREES!



Christmas At Fort Clark

The Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs will be the festive setting and Saturday, December 5 will be the date for an exciting opening of the Christmas Holiday Season.

Sponsored by the Old Quarry Society, the evening will include a variety of songs, dances, kids, traditions, and Santa Claus.

Featured on the program will be Daniel Hobbs from Alamo Village and the Kinney County Kickers square dance group.

For an evening of delightful entertainment, plan to dress warmly, and be at the Amphitheatre, Saturday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.

"Voices"

Christmas Concert

Another annual Christian Tradition will be upheld on Thursday, December 10, when the "Voices of Fort Clark" present their Christmas Concert.

Entitled "Our Living Christmas Cards," the event will be presented at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall.

The concert will feature a large group of talented vocalists as well as soloists and small ensembles.

"Voices" is under the direction of Lynn McNew and accompanist is Cathey Conrey. Lee Herron is president of the group.

So, mark your calendar for Thursday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Refreshments will be served.

VFW #8360 And Ladies Auxiliary Change Meeting For December

Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 and the Ladies Auxiliary will change the December meeting date from the fourth Wednesday to Monday, December 7, 1992, at the NCO Club.

Each will hold a short business meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., then meet together for a Christmas Party.

Members are asked to bring a favorite Christmas "goodie" food item for the party, and if they choose, may bring a toy for the Community Christmas Project.

Heart Of The Hills Hospice Invites You To "Light A Life"

in memory of a friend or loved one or someone you wish to honor.

Your donation during the Christmas Season will be a part of our "Light A Life" campaign and will help light our Christmas Decorations.

Christmas Lighting Ceremony
 December 3, 1992, 7:30 p.m.
 400 N. Getty, Uvalde

"Shop Brackettville First"

A Message From The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce

Where were you born: Colorado City, Texas.

When is your birthday: August 28.

What is your favorite food: Spaghetti & Meatballs.

What is your favorite movie: *On Golden Pond*.

What is your favorite book: *Prince Of Tides*.

What are your hobbies: Golf, ceramics, reading.

How do your friends describe you: Caring, amusing.

Describe yourself: Short, fairly athletic, intelligent.

How long have you lived in Kinney County: 2 years.

If you could go anywhere, where would you go: Athens, Greece.

If you could change Brackettville (Kinney County), how would you change it:

I like this place, and the people very much.

What would you like to be if you could change your life: A doctor.

Just For The Fun Of It



Mary Stephenson

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.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room.
- Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cavalry Room.
- City Council: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Slator 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., Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: 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 Post #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meeting, NCO Club.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 7:30 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 Thursdays, 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.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- 12-Step Program: Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church.
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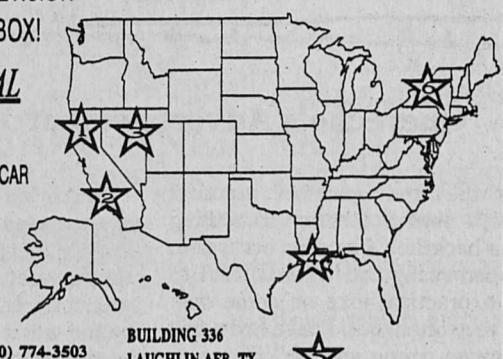
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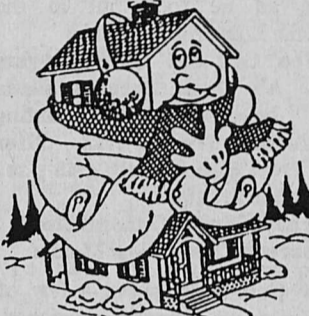
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December 8 and 11, 1992

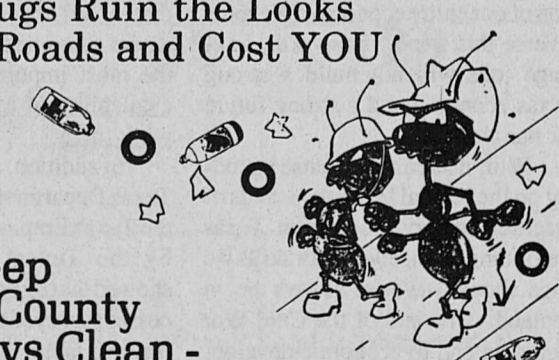
The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., will be distributing commodities on Tuesday and Friday, December 8 & 11, 1992, at the Community Council Office at 101 S. Ellen St. off of Hwy. 90 in Brackettville, Texas.

If you are not an applicant's authorized representative and you are picking up commodities for some one, you are required to bring a dated authorized permission statement every time you pick up for any participant.

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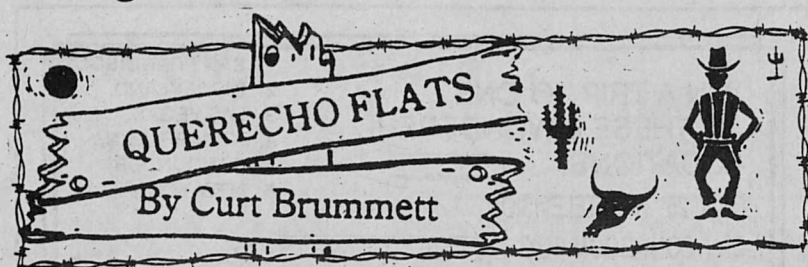
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Querecho's Advertisement Agency

In the true spirit of practical jokes, I need to mention something about backfires. I have on occasion, bombed really bad when I tried to pull a practical joke on some one. Not very often, but, I have had a few things go wrong and backfire so to speak.

However, I have never failed quite like old Garlan did when he put the word out that Karl and Marthalean would be taking any and all unwanted pets in our general area.

Garlan and Karl and me have been friends for over twenty years, I think the world of both of them, and I feel like I could call on either one of them to help me out if I was ever in a big troublesome situation.

But man these guys get on my nerves with their practical jokes.

Don't misunderstand me, I like a good joke, but when they come up with an idea to mess with each other and it's a better idea than I could come up with, it bothers me.

Example: Garlan got bored the other day and put an ad in the Logaville Logic (that's the county's leading newspaper). The ad read like this:

Wanted All Unwanted Pets Humane Type Family Wants To Care For The Abused Critters Of The World.

Bring Your Unwanted Pets To Karl's Konstant Kitchen And Kar Kare Salon Highway 14 an 1/4 Querecho Flats, New Mexico (Ask for Karl or Marthalean)

The paper comes out twice a week, once on Tuesday, and once on Friday.

Saturday morning, Garlan called me at the house and told me to get down to the store and watch the wreck.

I did, and there was a sure nuff wreck to watch.

When I got to the store, I noticed there was about 60 or 70 cars and pickups across the highway at Karl's. I asked Garlan what was going on.

He just showed me the ad he had paid for and started laughing.

I just wish I had thought of it.

Somewhere during the morning, Karl finally got all of the pet program he wanted and closed the cafe. He put a sign on the door telling the pet people that they needed to take their pets to Roswell in order to find 'em a good home.

Before the day was over, Garlan and I counted over 200 cars and pickups that had stopped there in order to get rid of a pet of some kind.

Those poor people would pull up there, walk around looking for Karl or Marthalean, some of them just left their dogs or cats tied up on their front porch.

Garlan was about to die from lack of air caused by excessive laughing. I was getting concerned about Karl's safety simply because Karl was not a complete idiot. Karl may be the worst cook in the world, but he ain't stupid.

I just hoped he didn't think I had anything to do with the pet parade.

I was safe. Karl called me the next Tuesday evening and told me about his revenge. He said he knew how the pet problem got started and he knew how to get even. And he did!

The ad he took out in the Logaville Logic read like this: **All You Can Eat Duck Burgers \$2.95. All Duck Burgers Made From Imported Fine Tasting Venezuelan Tree Ducks. Offer Good From 8:45 a.m. till 4:45 p.m., September 21, 1992.**

Garlan's Mostly General Store Querecho Flats, New Mexico

Now Garlan did serve a few of those micro-wave type sandwiches, but he didn't have a thing under \$3.50 and he was somewhat opposed to the idea of anyone eating a duck. I'm not sure but I think it was some kind of religious belief.

Well, curiosity got the best of me and I made it a point to be at Karl's for coffee (I took my own thermos) at 7:30 the next morning. I have to give them boys credit for one thing, when they play a joke on someone it damn sure seems to work.

By 10:00 that morning, Garlan was on the phone cussing poor old Karl out and this was done about every 15 minutes. I knew there was a few goofy people in Kortman County, but I never dreamed that all of 'em liked duck burgers.

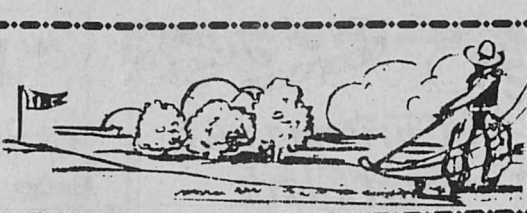
I asked Karl what made duck burgers so special.

He had seen on some T.V. special that duck burgers were the raging rage of the new yuppie diet program. All doctors recommended the tree duck for it's fine, sweet tasting meat and low counts of any and all damaging elements. He found out about 2 weeks before the pet parade that people was asking the Logaville grocery stores and meat markets for tree duck meat. And, after the pet trick, he had a natural pay back situation.

It did backfire on old Karl just a little, after Garlan got calmed down a little he started micro-waving some of the bar-b-que-ed antelope we had left and was selling it as a duck substitute. Of course, he charged a little more for it because it was chemical free and was soon to be recommended by all the leading doctors of the nation because it was supposed to combat dreaded dropsy syndrome.

But, that's another story.

Golf News



3-Par



Team members Tom Faulkenberry, Bob Burkpile, Lou Green and Wayne Marrs watch Edith Palmer's backswing hoping it will put "them on" #4 green

Thirty-five golfers braved the chilly weather on Monday morning, November 30, to be divided into seven 5-man teams for the weekly tournament.

James Stafford brought his team in with a 2 under par 25 to take first place.

Bill Koons and his team was only one stroke back, 1 under par 26, for second place.

Third place, at even par 27, went to Captain Dave Yates and his team.

Four teams tied at one over par 28 and they were captained by Vern Ebert, John Osborn, Harold Gallion, and Tom Faulkenberry.



Thanksgiving Is Having Friends: Don and Pat Parks (standing) had the pleasure of being the "deliverymen" of the Thanksgiving Dinner Beta Sigma Phi prepared for Lou (standing right) and Evelyn Sofaly (seated). Evelyn is now at home, recovering from a stroke, but was not quite up to preparing their "feast."

Shop Brackettville First

Top C&W Singles

1. Pam Tillis "Shake The Sugar Tree," (Arista) Last Week: No. 2
2. Mark Chesnut "Bubba Shot The Juke Box," (MCA) No. 5
3. Alabama "I'm In A Hurry (And Don't Know Why?)" (RCA) No. 6
4. Billy Dean "If There Hadn't Been You," (SBK/Liberty) No. 7
5. Mark Collie "Even The Man In The Moon Is Cryin'," (MCA) No. 11
6. George Strait "I Cross My Heart," (MCA) No. 8
7. Tanya Tucker "Two Sparrows In A Hurricane," (Liberty Album Cut) No. 9
8. Alan Jackson "She's Got The Rhythm (And I Got The Blues)" (Arista) No. 10
9. Clint Black "Burn One Down," (RCA) No. 14
10. Vince Gill "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away," (MCA) No. 16

Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. World Capitals: What is the capital of Afghanistan?
2. Language: What does kamikaze mean literally translated from Japanese?
3. Animals: What are female kangaroos called?
4. Middle Names: What is Ted Kennedy's middle name?
5. Olympics: What did Jean-Claude Killy do in the 1968 Winter Olympics to spark controversy?
6. King Arthur: What is the first major prose collection of Arthurian legend?
7. Mythology: What was the name of King Midas' realm?
8. Music: Who recorded the May, 1959 number one hit single, "Kansas City"?

Trivia Test Answers
1. Kabul; 2. the divine wind; 3. Flyers; 4. Moore; 5. displayed brand name of sponsors on his skis; 6. Thomas Malory's "Le Morte d'Arthur"; 7. Phrygia; 8. Wilbert Harrison

"Smart Jobs" will help Texas compete

BY CATHY BONNER
Executive Director
Texas Department of Commerce

The fastest growing job classification in our state during the last decade was janitors and cleaners. Projections show the service industry—not the manufacturing industry—will continue to see the fastest job growth at least until the year 2000.

Texas cannot afford to continue to lose industrial manufacturing jobs and expect to compete in the 21st century. The erosion of our state's manufacturing base leads to the erosion of our entire economy. We must reverse this trend. Low-skill, low-wage jobs will not build a strong Texas economy and a strong future for our children.

With decreased defense spending on the federal level, thousands of defense industry workers in Texas are finding themselves with skills we once thought would always be in demand. The end of the Cold War meant an end to economic development as we knew it. The tools of yesterday won't create the jobs of tomorrow. With the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Texas will be situated in the geographic center of the world's largest free trade zone. Texas will literally be at the crossroads of world-wide trade and commerce.

In the global marketplace, competition for new jobs is on a higher level than Texas has ever experi-

enced. To win new jobs, we must increase the competitive position of Texas businesses by upgrading the skills of Texas workers and simultaneously increasing the number of high-skill, high-wage jobs available.

Studies have shown that the average worker today will change jobs at least five times in his or her lifetime, requiring retraining each time. Our state and our nation are ill-prepared to offer that level of training. Retraining and new skills development is the road to higher skills and higher wages.

The Texas Department of Commerce knows a well-trained work force is vital to the Texas economy. In 1991, Commerce and the Texas Industrial Development Council conducted a research study of 350 CEOs around the nation. This study showed that of all the factors determining where a company will locate, by far the most important factor was the availability of a skilled and trained work force.

In addition, a 1992 study for the Texas Department of Commerce and the Texas Employment Commission by the Texas Research League showed that 89 percent of Texas businesses surveyed believe having training available is important to their business. Clearly, Texas business owners think worker training and retraining is critical to their success.

These surveys, combined with more than a year's worth of research, have made it clear to the Department of Commerce that new tools are needed. The status quo won't create the jobs of the future—the high-skill, high-wage jobs that can lead this state toward increased prosperity and global competitiveness.

In response to the needs of Texas businesses, the Texas Department of Commerce developed an innovative proposal to assist Texas businesses in training the work force of the future and provide financial incentives to create new high-skill, high-wage jobs for Texans. We call this proposal the "Smart Jobs Fund."

The Smart Jobs Fund would be created by using one-tenth of 1 percent from the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. This would create a \$50 million fund for training and retraining purposes. This small percentage will not compromise the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Account because funds will be available only after the Trust Fund's solvency is ensured.

The Smart Jobs Fund will not raise tax rates. If adopted by the Texas Legislature, the Smart Jobs Fund will help train Texas' existing employees to be the most competitive in the world. The Fund also will offer new companies moving to Texas a financial incentive that is truly an investment in our future.

The Smart Jobs Fund proposal is a broad outline at this point. There is a great need for Texas business' input on the proposal before it takes its final shape. The Texas Department of Commerce is eager to hear its customers' views on this proposal. If you would like to comment on the concept or need more information on the Smart Jobs Fund, contact Carolyn Smith at 512/320-9800, extension 1845. If your organization would like to learn more about the Smart Jobs Fund proposal, please contact Richard Hall, Deputy Director of Policy Coordination, at 512/320-9672.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GTE Southwest Incorporated (GTE-SW) and Contel of Texas Inc. (Contel) have filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to seek approval to provide two new private line services and to change rates for existing services. GTE's intraexchange DS1 Service will be offered pursuant to the rates proposed with this filing and will no longer be available through concurrence with GTE's interLATA access tariff rates which are lower. Contel's intraexchange with GTE's interLATA access tariff rates to the rates proposed with this filing. Existing customers with DS1/DDS Services will not be affected by these rate changes. DS1 1.544 Megabits per second (Mbps) Service and Digital Data Service (DDS) will normally be used for the transmission of data communications. These or large volumes of voice communications between two locations. These services are optional and will not affect the existing rates of customers who do not order these services. The estimated annual effect on GTE-SW's revenues in the first year is \$1,080,567. The estimated annual effect on Contel's revenues in the first year are \$42,383.

DS1 Service

DS1 Service is an intraLATA Private Line Service which provides a dedicated, high capacity channel which may be used for simultaneous two-way transmission of voice data or other digitally encoded customer information. DS1 Service provides a transmission speed of 1.544 Mbps and is designed to provide an average performance of at least 95 percent error-free seconds of transmission over a continuous 24-hour period.

DS1 Service is available in and between all exchanges of GTE-SW and Contel where digital facilities exist. DS1 Service is available on a point-to-point intraLATA basis between two Customer Designated Locations (CDL) between a Serving Wire Center (SWC) and a CDL, between a CDL and a point of connection with another service provider or between two SWCs.

IntraLATA DS1 Private Line Service is comprised of three rate elements: DS1 Local Loop, DS1 Transport and DS1 Transport Termination. Each element is described below.

DS1 Local Loop

This rate element is for the cable facilities from the CDL to the SWC. The customer has two payment options for the purchase of DS1 Local Loops. There is a month-to-month plan or term contract Optional Payment Plan (OPP).

The month-to-month payment basis allows the customer to establish and disconnect DS1 Services, without penalty, other than to meet the minimum service interval of one month's service, as needed. Under the month-to-month service, the additional DS1 Local Loop rate applies only when the additional DS1 Local Loop (s) is (are) ordered at the same time and between the same two CDLs as the first DS1 Local Loop.

The OPP plan allows the customer to select a term of service (1 YR, 3 YR and 5 YR) with lower monthly rates associated with longer term contracts. If the customer selects an OPP, additional DS1 Local Loops may be ordered and installed at the Additional DS1 Local Loop rate between any SWC and CDL covered by the OPP, at any time during the term of that OPP.

DS1 Transport

This rate element is for the mileage sensitive charges for transporting a DS1 signal between Serving Wire Centers. Transport occurs only when the two CDLs being connected are served by two different SWCs.

DS1 Transport Termination

This rate element is for the equipment to terminate DS1 Transport at the SWCs. This charge applies only when DS1 Transport is required for the service configuration of the customer. One transport termination charge applies at each end of the DS1 Transport.

Proposed Rates and Charges for DS1 Service are as follows:

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rates
DS1 Local Loop		
Month-to-Month		
First System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 298.00
12-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 283.00
36-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 255.00
60-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 226.00
Additional System	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
DS1 Transport		
Per airline mile	-0-	\$ 16.00
DS1 Transport Termination		
Per Termination	-0-	\$ 40.00

Digital Data Service

Digital Data Service (DDS) is an intraLATA Private Line service which supports synchronous, full-duplex transmission between the CDL and the SWC or the point of connection with another telephone company at transmission speeds of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2 and 56 kilobits per second (Kbps). DDS provides a transmission path for digital data signals within the same LATA.

DDS Service is available in and between all exchanges of GTE-SW and Contel where digital facilities exist. DDS Service is available on a point-to-point intraLATA basis between two CDLs or between a CDL and a point of connection with another service provider.

IntraLATA DDS Private Line Service is comprised of three rate elements: DDS Local Loop, DDS Transport and DDS Transport Termination. Each element is described below.

DDS Local Loop

This rate element is for the cable facilities from the CDL to the SWC. The customer may establish and disconnect DDS Local Loops without penalty other than the minimum service interval of one month's service, as his/her needs demand.

DDS Transport

This rate element is for the mileage sensitive charges for transporting a DDS signal between SWCs. Transport occurs only when the two CDLs being connected are served by two different SWCs.

DDS Transport Termination

This rate element is for the equipment to terminate DDS Transport at the SWCs. This charge applies only when DDS Transport is required for the service configuration of the customer. One transport termination charge applies at each end of the service.

Proposed rates and charges for DDS are as follows:

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rates
DDS Local Loop		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6, & 19.2 Kbps	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
56 Kbps	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00
DDS Transport		
Per airline mile		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6 & 19.2 Kbps	-0-	\$ 1.60
56 Kbps	-0-	\$ 3.20
DDS Transport Termination		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2 & 56 Kbps	-0-	\$ 20.00

This filing has been assigned Consolidated Docket Nos. 11408/11435. The deadline to intervene in this docket is January 1, 1993.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Division of the Public Utility Commission at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Preventing Developmental Disabilities Top Priority For Texas

By Judith Zaffirini
State Senator, District 21

"The necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude, and perseverance." Although Samuel Adams addressed these words to an audience in 1771, they still inspire Texans to work hard toward reducing developmental disabilities in our state.

An estimated 477,000 Texans are mentally retarded, according to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. These startling statistics are even more dramatic in light of our belief that 50 percent of all mental retardation cases could be prevented, using present knowledge and techniques that are available and utilized in other states.

SB 1527 by Zaffirini and Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, passed by the 71st Legislature, established a Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOP) to prevent disabling conditions and to promote the health and well-being of disabled Texans.

TOP is governed by a nine-member Executive Committee. Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Speaker Gib Lewis each appointed three members to staggered two-year terms. It was my privilege to serve as chair from 1989 to 1992. This month Rep. Carter and Dr. Theresa Mulloy were elected chair and vice-chair, respectively, for 1993.

A public-private partnership, TOP does not receive state funding. In 1991 we received a grant through the Texas Department of Health from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control for programs to prevent head and spinal cord injuries and disabilities in Texas. When the grant was renewed in July for 1993, TOP received \$81,403 to establish an Office for Disability Prevention; organize a statewide advisory committee; and develop a five-year plan for preventing developmental disabilities in Texas. The Texas Rehabilitation Commission and TDH received grant money to develop surveillance of spinal cord, traumatic brain injuries, and fetal alcohol syndrome; and initiate community projects.

To administer the grant, TOP's Executive Committee hired a project director, Jerry Ann Robin-

son, and a secretary, Beverly Evans. The Texas Youth Commission provides an office and utilities, and the Texas Medical Association hosts our meetings and special events.

Our priorities include establishing an Advisory Committee comprised of state agency personnel, advocacy groups, consumers, scientists, statisticians, and others with expertise in prevention. The Advisory Committee's first meeting is scheduled tentatively for Feb. 9, 1993, in Austin.

SB 1527 requires that the Executive Committee established task forces to focus on preventing disabilities associated with teenage substance abuse, pregnancy, and head and spinal cord injuries. Because of limited resources, the task forces' programs initially will be developed on a regional basis.

The task force on preventing disabilities associated with teenage pregnancy, chaired by Ann Clements, is based in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex; the substance abuse task force, Eva Salinas, chair, focuses on the border region; and the head/spinal cord injury task force, Dr. Jonathan Clark Race, chair, is based in Austin.

Volunteers who serve on the task forces are assisted ably by staff from state agencies such as TDH, TYC, TDMHMR, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Department of Public Safety, and Texas Education Agency, and from the Senate Research Center and Comptroller's Office.

At the Nov. 17 Executive Committee meeting, members voted to support three legislative initiatives during the 73rd Legislature, namely, a mandatory bicycle helmet law, a birth defects registry, and the Injury Prevention and Control Act. Such laws would help reduce the incidence and severity of developmental disabilities. In conjunction with legislative activities, the Executive Committee also plans a public education campaign outlining the causes, frequency, and preventability of developmental disabilities.

TOP's Report to the 73rd Legislature outlines last year's activities and our goals for 1993. Copies are available from Ms. Robinson via TYC, 4900 N. Lamar, OOLS 2551, Austin, 78765.

Robert Browning noted, "Our aspirations are our possibilities." With continued support from dedicated volunteers, legislators, state leaders, and agency staff, TOP's aspiration to reduce developmental disabilities in Texas will be realized.

Texas Dept. Of Agriculture

By RICK PERRY
Commissioner

NEW BRAUNFELS TEXTILE MILL FIRST IN NATION TO PRODUCE STATE-CERTIFIED ORGANIC COTTON FABRIC

New Braunfels is known for its annual Wurstfest celebration, but the city also is home to the first textile mill in the nation to be state certified as an organic cotton fabric manufacturer.

"We've certified many organic food processors, but this is the first time a textile mill has been included in the organics program," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "In fact, Mission Valley is the first mill in the nation to receive such approval by a state certification program."

Of the four states growing organic cotton, only Texas has a state program to certify cotton fibers as organic. Cotton grown in California, Arizona, and Tennessee is certified by privately operated organizations.

The mill, Mission Valley Woven Fabrics, a division of Westpoint Pepperell, manufactures fabric for apparel, upholstery, drapes, mattress ticking and home fabrics.

At least 50 percent of the cotton used at Mission Valley is grown in Texas. The mill was established in 1921 and has 728 employees who work in three shifts on a 24-hour basis.

SWEET POTATOES PLENTIFUL

A piping hot Texas sweet potato straight from the oven is a totally Texas comfort food for these chilly evenings.

Sweet potatoes are plentiful this year and Texas growers expect to harvest a good quality crop from approximately 6,000 acres according to Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

"People who know their sweet potatoes know that Texas produces the best," said Shelia McAfee, president of the Texas Sweet Potato Council.

Ms. McAfee added, "Texas sweet potatoes retain their flavor longer because most harvesting and packing operations are still done by hand and reduces the chance of bruising and injury to the product."

TEXAS TURKEY PRODUCTION AIMED MAINLY AT PROCESSED PRODUCTS

Some 300 producers in the state are estimated to have raised roughly 13 million head of gobblers this year -- turkeys that are mainly processed into meat products, deli meats, turkey franks, and turkey parts. Turkey farmers raise the birds for two processors in Texas -- Waco-based Plantation Foods Inc. and Fredricksburg's Sunday House Foods, Inc.

As people seek a source of lean protein, many are choosing turkeys outside of the holidays. In Texas, turkey farmers contribute to the overall U. S. production of more than 285 million head raised annually.

Hi Janice!
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Home Tips
GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY
We live in a trailer park, and we often pick up mail for our neighbors. If they're going to be out for a while, I carry a plastic grocery bag on my arm, put the mail in, and when I get back home, I hang the bag on the back of one of the bedroom doors until the neighbors return. Janie G., Oxford, Ohio

PICTURE THIS — I have a collection of rare books which fills a large bookcase, and I have several other bookcases that are filled with less valuable editions. Before a recent move, I took instant photos of each bookshelf so I would be sure to arrange the books back in their original order. This worked out perfectly, and I now have the pictures put away for insurance purposes in case of theft or fire. Jill W., City of Industry, Calif.

JUST WALK AWAY — I recently broke my hip and have to use a walker. Here's a tip for others who use walkers. I tied a work apron on the front of the walker and put my portable phone and other items I needed to carry from place to place in the pockets. Henrietta P., Kingston, N.Y.

EASY TO SERVE — Here's an easy way to remove jellied cranberry sauce ('tis the season!) from a can with ease and perfection. Simply open both ends of the can, and the contents will come out easily. Marian T., Danville, Ky.

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"Keep Texas Beautiful" Wins Highest Environmental Honor

Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. (KTB) will receive the 1992 President's Environmental and Conservation Challenge Award - the nation's highest environmental honor - at a White House ceremony to be held December 2, Washington, D.C.

KTB won one of 13 Presidential Citations being presented nationwide to U.S. individuals and organizations for outstanding environmental achievements. Nine others will receive Presidential medals. Of almost 300 applicants, KTB was the only Keep America Beautiful affiliate to win this honor and the only winner from Texas.

The Awards program, judged by an independent panel in four categories, (Partnership, Environmental Quality Management, Innovation, and Education and Communications) is run by the Council on Environmental Quality, in partnership with the National Geographic Society, the Hearst Corporation, the Business Roundtable and the World Wildlife Fund. The program was established in 1991, and recognizes innovative and effective leaders distinguished as pioneers in protecting and conserving our environment.

"KTB won this award in the Partnership category, which just reinforces what we have known for so long - that partnerships are the key to solving Texas' environmental challenges," said KTB Board Chairman Bill Vincent, Richland Hills, Tx. "Our thanks goes out to those Texans who made this award possible, the grassroots volunteers, the corporate sponsors, teachers, chambers of commerce and local and state government agencies. This is your award."

Keep Texas Beautiful is the number one state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful for two consecutive years and serves as the grassroots arm of the "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign. KTB is celebrating 25 years of national award-winning excellence in litter prevention, solid waste education, tree and wildflower planting, community-based recycling, and litter law enforcement.

The mission of Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. is to preserve the natural beauty and environment of Texas by forging partnerships between grassroots volunteer organizations and the public and private sectors, to improve the quality of life, to enhance economic development and tourism, and to conserve public and natural resources through education and public awareness activities, including those that encourage proper solid waste management and responsible behavior by all Texans and visitors to Texas.

Since 1967, KTB has been utilizing hundreds of thousands of volunteers state-wide to excel in these areas. In 1992 alone, KTB reported over 4,000 Adopt-A-Highway groups; KTB affiliate volunteers devoted more than 596,000 volunteer hours to state-wide clean ups; and local affiliate organizations, now more than 300 communities, conservatively estimate that their programs reached 5.4 million Texas citizens.

Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., the non-profit state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., provides grassroots solutions to Texas' solid waste and litter issues. KTB and over 300 affiliate cities work with volunteers, elected officials, business and industry, state and federal agencies to eliminate litter and create a cleaner and more beautiful Texas environment.

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Uvalde Memorial Hospital Specialty Consulting Calendar
December -- 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Dr. Hugh Wolff* Urologist 210-225-4351	2 Dr. Mark Weinstein* Dermatologist 210-614-3575 Dr. M. Malain P.M.* Podiatrist 210-278-6251	3 Dr. G. Swanson** Otolaryngologist (ENT) 210-278-4537	4 Dr. David Dean* Neurosurgeon 210-616-0795	5
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Out Patient Clinic Calendar For December 1992

Active Staff Specialists With Regular Local Office Hours:

Ralph Carpinteyro, M.D.-Internal Medicine, 278-6681	Barry N. Flanders, M.D.-Radiologist, 278-6251	Wanda Angueta, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-7105
James Scheiner, M.D.-Orthopedic Surgeon, 278-6251	Martha B. Strickland, M.D.-Allergy, 278-3220	G. V. Gaitonde, M.D.-Surgery, 278-4568
Gregorio M. Martin, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-1887	J. Brandon Lewis, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4426	R. Steve Garza, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-2551
John L. Shudde, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-3118	Carl Utterback, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4588	Harry O. Watkins, M.D.-Surgery, 278-3213
Richard L. Lutton, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4453	John Freddy, D.O.-Family Practice, 278-7101	Donna Shanks, D.O.-Family Practice, 278-7105
	Charles Mendell, M.D.-Family Practice, 278-4576	

Reviews - Previews

Tiger Turf

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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

Plato Computer Lab

Carroll Petrosky told me this past week, "I can't get to computer class fast enough to beat the kids there. The student gains in learning are tremendous." Needless to say, this remark coming from a teacher needed to be investigated. Petrosky was talking about our new Plato Computer Lab that was purchased this year and installed at Brackett ISD by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council through a BIDS grant application. The computers are designated for at risk kids and are used at night for adult GED classes. Computers are just part of the cost for running a computer lab. The school system must pay for the classroom space, utilities, teachers, and the lab manager. I believe it is a great deal for all concerned. Without intervention, at risk kids today will drop out of school and become adults who will always need more help than we can give. This united effort works the way government entities should work-looking at the problem and cooperatively finding a solution that is in the best interests of the people that it serves. My analysis showed some astounding results are being achieved through this venture.

The Plato lab that is managed by Joy Ralston is new this year. She is very knowledgeable about computers and the management of the programs that are used in the labs. Joy believes that computers can make a difference, and she sets out to achieve results. Joy assists teachers to use the lab and spends time making sure that the computers work, are properly programmed and in the computation of results. She also manages the Wicat computer lab which is a separate lab that will be featured at a later date. Students are pre-tested upon entry into the program. Learning objectives that are on their grade level are identified, and students work on their weak areas. The program requires a 75% mastery before moving on to the next level. If students get stuck and can't move on, teachers can print out exercises or offer individual tutoring on the concept. Students are post tested at the end of the lessons, and the results are tabulated. Immediate feedback is given to the teacher and to the students on the results of their efforts to learn.

Brackett ISD uses the lab for at risk kids. Greg Nowlin teaches English as a second language (ESL). Tom McNew, Carroll Petrosky, and Greg teach remediation classes called TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills). TAAS is one indicator used by the Texas Education Agency to keep students and school districts on track as they teach the essential elements required in public schools in Texas. The lab is located in an attractive portable building, and it has 10

student computers. Maxine Bonner uses the lab two nights a week to teach GED classes to adults who have not yet completed their high school diplomas. Special needs students that require a different type of learning because of physical, academic or emotional problems are also using the laboratory under the supervision of Dolores Wilson who will tell you quickly the merits of the Plato lab.

How is the Plato lab working at Brackett ISD? The proof is in the pudding. We are getting results. ESL students have gained as much as two or three grade levels since this school year began. One of the special needs students has gained over 5 grade levels in reading and language, while another student has moved from a very low level of math to the 8th grade level. Bob McCall is proud of the program for at risk kids. He is quick to point out that the research shows that students involved with computer instruction must have a teacher actively involved in learning. The teacher must be walking around...helping students on an individual basis...or computer learning can actually be regressive. Mrs. Ralston, with the assistance and support of the school counselor and high school principal, is now offering ACT preparation classes from 7:30 to 8:00 in the morning for students who must take the ACT for college entrance. At last count, 93 students were using the Plato lab for TAAS, ESL, and ACT. Adults are beginning to see the advantages of the Plato Lab for GED preparation, and the numbers will quickly increase.

I walked through Mr. Petrosky's class and interviewed students about computer learning. This is what I was told:

We like the Plato computer lab because:

You learn more from computers. The computer explains when I need help.

You can work at your own rate at your own level.

It explains things to you.

You can ask for help!

One high school student who was working on TAAS remediation told me, "If I had used this program from the first grade, I would be a whiz now!" Does it work?

You bet it does! The students are receiving help on an individual basis to fit their needs through the most advanced technology that is available to public school students today. I share in the excitement of the staff and students about one of the finer programs that I have seen in a public school.

Working together, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Brackett Independent School Board, the Administration and Staff are making a difference for our greatest asset...our kids!

Thanks for making it work!

Basketball Teams Sweep Nueces Canyon

The J.V. girls and both varsity teams came up with victories just before the Thanksgiving holidays.

The J.V. Tigerettes outscored the Panthers 21-18 in the first half and maintained that lead to keep a 37-32 win.

Vicky Abrigo scored 15 points to lead all scores. Others scoring were Sandra Saminiego 8, Denise Frerich, Angie Jaso, and Teresa Perez each 4, with Angela LaGioia adding 2.

The Tigerettes remain undefeated at 2-0

TIGERETTES

After missing last weeks game at Rocksprings and several days of practice due to a sprained ankle, Wendy McDaniel led the Tigerettes to victory with 18 points and 14 rebounds in their 69-47 thrashing of the Panthers.

Guard Theresa Terrazas also gave a stellar performance with 14 points, 8 assists and 6 steals.

Kim Ahrens and Dee Frerich were all over the floor as well as they both scored 12. Frerich had 10 rebounds. Nina Gonzalez scored 4 and Tanya Frerich 2.

TIGERS

The Tigers picked up their first win 60-51 Tuesday night. Both teams got off to a slow start but the Tigers picked it up late in the second quarter for a 33-18 lead.

J.J. Sandoval scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Tigers. Lynn Floyd scored 11 and crashed the board for 13 rebounds. Jesse Terrazas scored 9, Victor Sanchez 6, and Kelly Hendricks and Ruben Terrazas each scored 4. Jesse Terrazas had 12 assists.

Although the Tigers came away with the victory, they are shooting poorly at 28%.

Cubs Hammer Asherton

The Cubs boosted their record to 2-1 after a 49-22 win in Asherton Monday.

Ramon Deleon scored 20 points and Beau Smallwood 16 to lead the Cubs to victory.

Others contributing were Moses Hernandez 7, and J.W. Ballew, Rene Luna, and Jorge Rodriguez each adding two.

Duracell Announces Scholarship Competition

All 9th through 12th grade students with an interest in technology, electronics or mechanics are invited to power their imaginations and enter the Eleventh Annual Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition to be eligible for \$32,500 in college scholarships and cash awards. Forty-one students are top winners in this national competition, which grants a first place scholarship of \$10,000, five second place \$3,000 scholarships, ten third place \$500 scholarships, and 25 cash awards of \$100 each.

Every student who submits a complete entry to this competition is given a Duracell Waist Pack. One hundred finalists are selected for special recognition and the six first and second place winners are guests of Duracell for awards festivities which conclude the competition.

The Eleventh Annual Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition culminates in Kansas City, MO on March 31 and April 1, 1993, during the 41st Annual Convention of the National Science Teachers Association. The winners, accompanied by their parents and science teachers, will be presented with their awards and congratulated by an audience of media representatives, educators and scientists.

The Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition has recognized young inventors and designers for the last ten years by honoring more than 400 students with scholarships and cash awards totalling over \$30,000. To

enter the competition, a student must design and build a battery-powered device that is educational, useful or entertaining. Past winners have made an automatic card dealer for the disabled, a talking ruler, an adjustable wrench, a walkie-talkie device for the deaf, a portable keyboard, a talking weather predictor, and a digital fish feeder, among many others.

Entrants must design and build a battery-powered device which runs on any one or a combination of Duracell batteries -- AAA, AA, D, C, 9-volt or lantern size - and submit a written description, a wiring diagram, and a photo of it by January 22, 1993. Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, and energy efficiency of the device, and on the clarity of the written description.

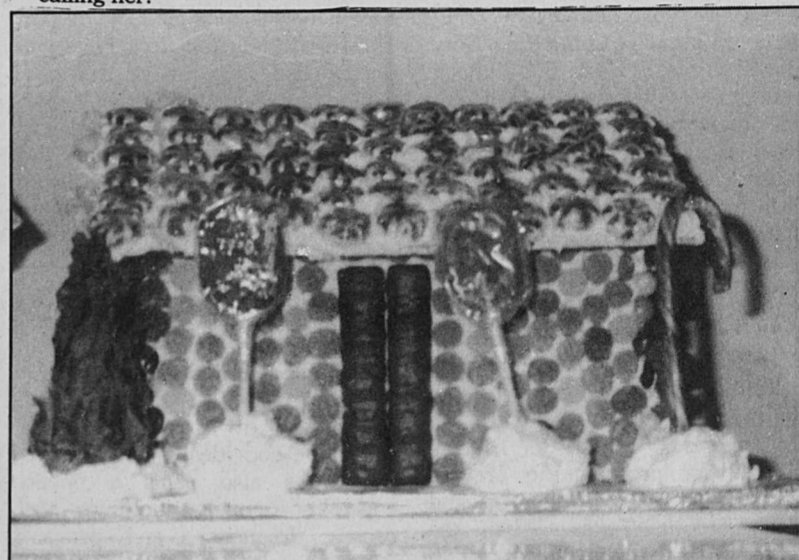
To enter, students must complete a form available from science teachers or they may write to: Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition, 1742 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009, or call 202-328-5800.

Administered by the National Science Teachers Association and sponsored by Duracell U.S.A., the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is judged by a prestigious group of scientists and science educators, headed by Dr. Arthur Eisenkraft, a physics teacher, Presidential Awardee, and Disney Science Teacher of the Year. Judging for the competition is the sole responsibility of the NSTA.



Baby Cry Signaler: Lions Club President Tom McNew, on behalf of the Brackettville Lions Club, presented a Baby Cry Signaler by Sonic Alert, Inc. to Roxanne Payne as Lions Public Relations Director Tom Faulkenberry and BIDS Interpreter for the Deaf Dolores Wilson look on.

This is the first year Roxanne has attended public school due to her deafness. Previous education has been at the State School for the Deaf. She has a 7-week old son, Robert, and this device has a flashing light that is activated by crying sounds and will enable her to know when Robert is "calling her."

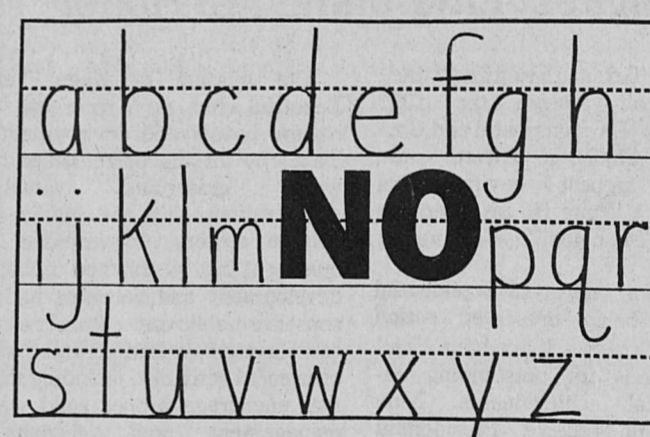


"Kids function better when they start the day with a nutritious breakfast." With that in mind, BIDS Cafeteria Manager Kaminski has added an incentive for kids to eat breakfast at the cafeteria. During December, each time a student eats breakfast at the cafeteria they will receive a ticket for the "Ginger Bread House" (made at BIDS Cafeteria).

During breakfast on the last day before Christmas vacation, some lucky youngster's ticket will be drawn and they will receive "the house." The staff will "home deliver" if the lucky winner is too small to carry the prize.)



The Brackett News will print your letter to Santa in the December 23 issue. Please have it in to us by December 16.



THE MOST IMPORTANT LETTERS WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS!!



Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 8, 5 P.M. Basketball Rocksprings, Here JVB/VG/Vb
- Monday, December 14, 7 P.M. Band Concert
- Tuesday, December 15, 7 P.M. Christmas Open House
- Friday, December 18 Teacher Work day
- December 21 Christmas Holiday Starts

SCHOOL MENU

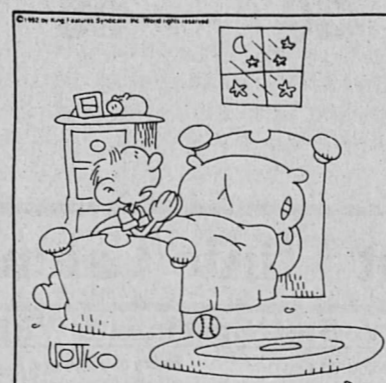
- Breakfast**
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 Hot Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit
 - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 Fruited Muffins Fruit Juice
 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 Pancakes/Syrup Fruit
 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 French Toast Fruit Juice
 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 Sweet Roll Fruit Juice
- Lunch**
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 Pizza Applesauce Green Beans
 - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 Pork Patty W/Gravy Whipped Potatoes Choice of Vegetable Roll
 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries Pudding
 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 Tacos - Taco Salad Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans Fruit
 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 Fried Chicken Whipped Potatoes Broccoli - Roll

Scholarships For Migrant Students

Scholarships for migrant students interested in attending an institution of higher education are available through the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., located on 713 East Main, Uvalde, Texas.

The monies received are for ten scholarships acquired through a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and will be offered to eligible applicants in our service area which includes Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala, Edwards, Real and Kinney counties. Scholarship awards must be used for the upcoming Spring Semester beginning in January 1993 and the awarded funds will be allowed to be used towards the college or university of the recipient's choice.

In order to qualify all applicants must be residents of the service area



"...and please, God, don't let the big money in baseball end before I grow up."

and meet the requirements and income guidelines of the CCSWTX under the Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker Program.

For further information on these scholarships please contact, Ricardo Flores, Coordinator at (210)278-6268. The deadline for these scholarships is December 28.

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**December Is 3-D Month
What's It All About?**

Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention

As Texans we have a lot to be proud of. Texas has quite a reputation for having the biggest and best of everything from the size of the state itself to the friendliness of its people. But one fact that disgraces Texas is the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes. That's something not to be proud of.

In 1991, Texas lost 1249 people in alcohol-related crashes and another 33,856 were injured. Many of these drivers were under the age of 21 where, in any state, it is illegal to drink, much less drink and drive.

Texas has long been noted for its independent will and unwillingness to follow. This is especially true when applied to obeying laws -- traffic laws in particular.

We balked when the legal drinking age in Texas increased from 18 to 19, then again to 21. We have been less than receptive to the law which stopped us from drinking alcohol while driving. And an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .10 is barely tolerable.

But what we fail to realize is that these laws are not meant to punish or quell our independent spirits but to make our roadways safer for all of us. Some people may not care but the laws mentioned above saved hundreds of lives since they went into effect.

Every 22 minutes in this country, someone's friend dies in an alcohol-related crash. Each of us can take some action to see that it doesn't

happen to a friend of ours. First, if you're going out in a group, designate a driver. Make sure someone in your group doesn't drink so he can drive the rest home safely. Second, call a cab for your friend. The cost of a cab ride is much cheaper than the cost of a wrecked car, insurance increase, jail time or lost friendship. And third, take the keys and have your friend stay the night. What may be an inconvenience could save your friend's life.

Texans can have more to be proud of than just having pretty women and great football teams. We could be proud of the fact that we take care of each other and that we won't let anything stupid happen to our friends, like a wreck after one too many. Texas is known as the friendship state. Let's protect our friends. Texans don't let friends drive drunk.

(A coalition of the organizations listed below has been put together to implement a statewide campaign. Using the slogan *Texans Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk*, the coalition hopes that Texans will look out for each other and not let a friend drive after drinking.)

- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Health
- Texas Alcoholic Beverage Comm.
- Texas Dept. of Transportation
- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Safety Association
- Mother's Against Drunk Driving

Avoid Accidents By Hunting Safely

Texas, as well as most other states, is in the midst of its heaviest hunting pressure of the year now through the end of the holidays, a prime time for hunting accidents to occur by careless hunters.

Most hunting accidents can be avoided by following the rules of shooting safely and by successfully completing the hunter education which is mandatory for those born on or after September 2, 1971.

There are several rules to follow while hunting. One of the most often violated rules is, "Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger; know the identifying features of the game you hunt."

"If you can't identify it, why are you shooting at it?" asks Terry Erwin, recreation coordinator at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Everything you see and hear in the woods should be considered a human until there's absolutely no doubt. That's before you ever raise a gun. If there's any doubt, raise the binoculars. Bird hunters should stick to their 'safe zone-of-fire' and know where their companions are at all times."

In addition to identifying the target before shooting, here are some other tips to remember:

- ***always point the muzzle in a safe direction, never in someone's direction;
- ***make sure the firearm is unloaded every time you pick it up;
- ***unload and put firearms in their case when traveling, separating them from locked-up ammunition;
- ***do not load the firearm until you're in the field and actually hunting;
- ***use a hauling line to raise and lower unloaded firearms into and out of tower blinds and tree stands;
- ***keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot;
- ***know where your companions are at all times, never swing a gun towards them outside of your safe zone of fire;
- ***control your emotions by thinking safety first at all times;
- ***avoid alcohol and drugs before or during a hunt.

Many other accidents may be avoided by wearing hunter orange

clothing which is now required in 40 states. In Texas, at least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn while hunting on Type I or Type II Wildlife Management Areas. National Forest lands require all hunters and those accompanying them to wear a minimum of 144 square inches on both chest and back plus a cap or hat. Non-hunters should also wear orange if moving about on public lands or in the field during general hunting seasons.

Many Texas hunters have waited to take the mandatory hunter education course and now are panicking because hunting season is here and they haven't taken the course. Also, any big game or upland game bird hunters headed out of state should check to see if they need hunter education certification.

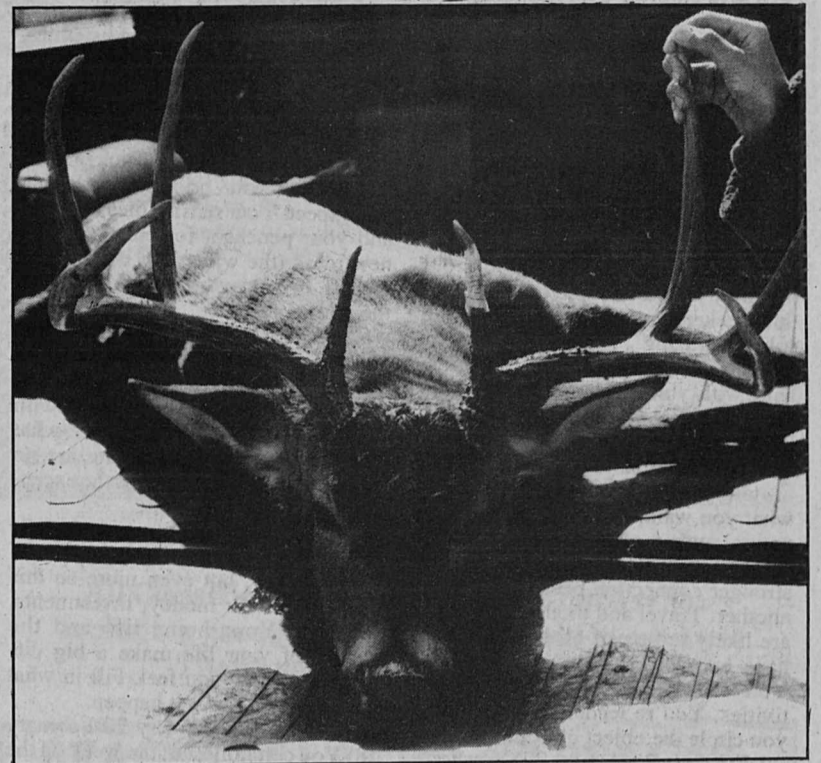
Volunteer instructors, teachers and TPWD employees conduct the hunter education course in Texas. Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, and 17 years old and older, must successfully complete a hunter education course; ages 12 - 16, must successfully complete the course or be accompanied - within normal voice distance - by a licensed hunter 17 years old or older; and under 12 years old, must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years old or older. The program also is reciprocal with all other states and Canadian provinces.

The minimum 10-hour course, which must be scheduled over a minimum of two days, focuses primarily on hunting safety, responsibility, ethics, game laws, and a number of other topics. The course costs \$5. Certification is not required to purchase a license, but the person must carry certification while hunting.

For information on a hunter or bow hunter education course, or becoming an instructor in your area, or for information on hunter education requirements in other states, contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-253-4536 or 512-389-4999.

Locally, Game Warden Dennis Gazaway, or FFA Instructor Leslie Hudson can be contacted for information and for possibly organizing classes.

Leona Ranch Deer Harvest Pleases Hunters



Deer hunting on the Leona Ranch has proven exciting for property owners this year.

Top photo: On Friday morning, November 27, Armando Luna killed this 8-point buck with a twenty-two inch spread.

Bottom photo: Saturday, November 28, Bob McWilliams killed his 10-point buck with a seventeen inch spread.

Both deer were exceptionally large and in excellent condition.



Smoking Gun on Maternal Smoking

A study published by the American Lung Association found that children with asthma were 57 percent more likely to have a mother or maternal care giver who smoked. After analyzing the data, researchers determined that mothers who smoke are doubling the risk their children will develop this common lung disease.

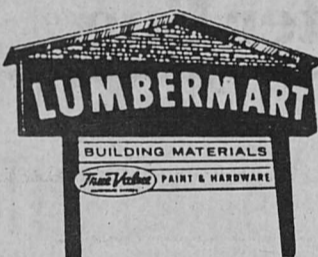
Percentage of Kids in Study With Mothers Who Smoke

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Kids without asthma

Kids with asthma



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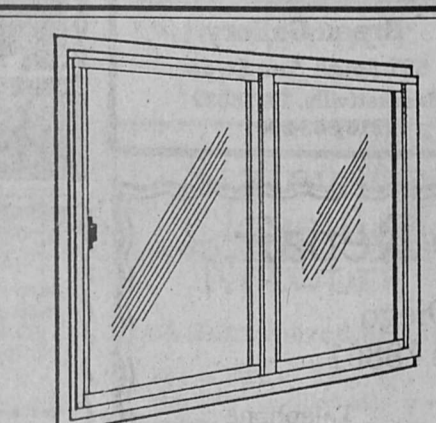
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be more in synch with your own vibes right now. You get what you want easily this week, but the real question is, do you want it? By the weekend (phew!), you know if you want it or not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You experience a lot of highs and low this week, and when you reach that highest peak or pinnacle, be ready for the downward spiral. Recognize the old bull may just need some time off, and this weekend may be perfect for some solitary grazing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Touch base with your desires and tune into your fantasies on all levels, Gemini, because this is your week to play out. You find solutions for the unresolvable — take the lead at work. You to get what you want, and celebration is the natural outcome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Build a stronger connection between you and another. Travel and thoughts of travel are likely to be part of the week, perhaps because of escape or business. You take the lead in the weekend activities. You're leader of the band as you circle the object of desire.

LEO (July 23-August 22) You don't have to do anything — others seek you out big time. Get down to a one-to-one level and reach out for another. Touch base with a distant friend. Let your imagination go as you play out your favorite fantasies.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Get your work done quickly and effectively. Give into another's desires this week, be it the boss, a loved one or a friend. You get really frisky as the week ends, and in this spirit, you smile and gleam all weekend long.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Your more "frisky" side emerges this

week and you put it to good use, be it to a creative end or for a positive, new beginning. Do a better job of listening, and you see a more positive response from others. Plan on some "couple time" this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) You need to really "center" this week about your priorities and what you expect. Your sensitivities are high, and your penchant for creativity and new ideas (the wilder the better!) can pay off. Plan on working hard long into the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) While you're good at talking, you're even better at flirting. All of this is good news, because, with the exception of a few days, this is what your week is made of. There are no problems here, with perhaps the exception of getting work done.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) You are always aware of your security, but even more so this week. You talk money, investments, security. Your home life and the quality of your life make a big difference in how you feel. Fill in what you want and make it happen.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) You certainly start the week on the right foot. You learn more about money, investments and what makes you truly happy. Count on a busy weekend, getting to know those you love better.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) By midweek, you are truly a terror to deal with. You are determined that life must go your way or not at all. Somebody may put the clamp on you and let you know you are suffering from an overly enlarged ego. By the weekend, you re-evaluate.

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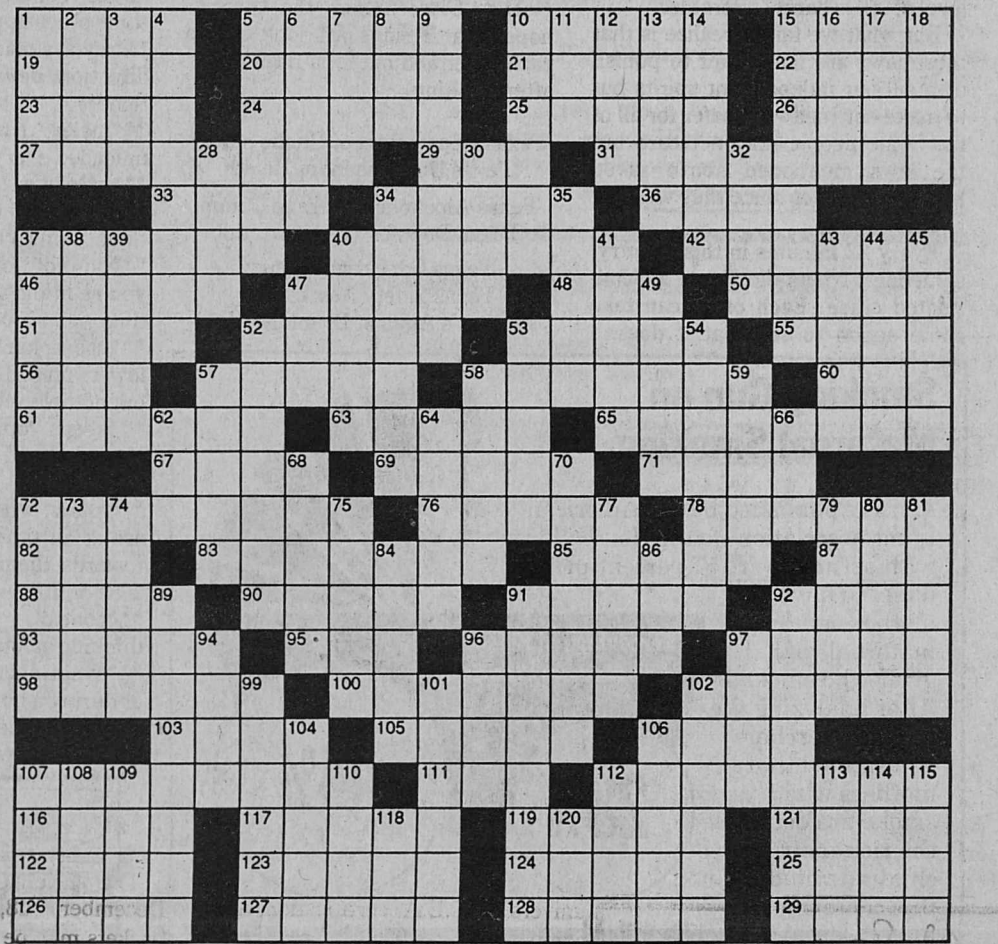
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(Answer On Page 3)

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Brewer's need
51 Knotty swelling
52 — on My Pillow (song)
53 — one's pockets (made money)
55 Prim, precise one
56 Before
57 Smallest
58 Colonizes
60 Timetable info.
61 Tenant
63 Western plains Indian
65 Smoky fuel
67 "Beetle Bailey" dog
69 Sonata
71 Pianist Peter
72 Shrewd person
76 Scandinavian goblin
78 "The Return of the —"
117 City in Arizona
82 Miss Gardner
83 Irregular
85 "The — Bunch"
87 "Yes I —" (Davis book)
88 Today's roast, tomorrow
90 Pinnacle of glacier ice
91 Sharpens
92 Indirect suggestion
93 State of India
95 Dolores — Rio
96 Female burros
97 Midget or monkey
98 Cubic meters
100 Induces another to commit perjury
102 Supreme Court chief justice
103 Blockhead
105 Famous jockey
106 Pay close attention
107 Computer programs
111 Inexperienced
112 Salesperson's use of suggestion
116 Exchange premium
15 Flattery
16 Odd, in Glasgow
17 Sir Guinness
18 Quick look
28 Mental leaning
30 Solemn promise
32 Actor Michael, of the new "Star Trek"
34 Written grant
128 Word after oil or fire
129 Actor Sean DOWN
1 Mortar troughs
2 Bread spread
3 Chantouse Edith
4 Vaudeville highlight
5 European ermine
6 Fine, hard cotton thread
7 Dye indigo
8 "I'll — You in My Dreams"
9 Construction workers
10 Dislike intensely
11 Actress Merkel
12 "The Man in Black"
13 Essence of roses
14 Gazed maliciously
15 Flattery
16 Odd, in Glasgow
17 Sir Guinness
18 Quick look
28 Mental leaning
30 Solemn promise
32 Actor Michael, of the new "Star Trek"
34 Written grant
35 Deserve jury
37 The whole
38 Worship
39 Takes the part of
40 "The — is clear"
41 Leases
43 Small American bird
44 Broadway musical
45 Stately
47 Actress Thompson
49 Criminal
52 Wobbles
53 Doors a banking job
54 Acts as lawyer for
57 River of forgetfulness
58 Word before barrier or boom
59 Wander away
62 Square of turf
64 Hair dressing
66 Camp bed
68 Rowed
70 "Look Back in Anger" playwright
73 Stop, on shipboard
74 Black-marked civet
75 Challenges
77 White-tailed eagles
79 It tops the cake
80 Detective Philo —
81 Door sign
84 The entire ankle
86 DDE's opponent
89 Certain auto styles
91 Ash or oak
92 "... our garment" (Churchill)
94 Cat's call
95 — Lisa
97 Song for two
99 Lists of candidates
101 Merest
102 Came to pass
104 Pick up the tab
106 Small, miserable dwelling
107 Japanese beverage
108 Curved molding
109 Word before in, out or up
110 Jane Austen heroine
112 Enthusiastic assent, in Seville
113 Department in France
114 Meager
115 Singer Loretta
118 Through
120 Native Persian



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Dec. 4 Inga Haglund
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Dec. 5 John Taunt
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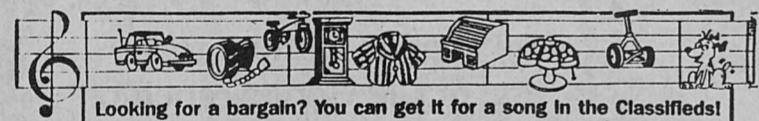
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June	1.32	0	4.12	2.84
July	0	7.95	1.60	2.81
Aug	2.22	3.20	0	1.62
Sept	0	2.75	5.69	.35
Oct	2.75	.31	.50	.02
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"When you get immunized, you are injected with microscopic parts of a virus that has been weakened so as not to cause disease," he explains. "Your body reacts to this injection by producing antibodies - proteins that fight infection." These antibodies provide long-lasting protection from the disease in case you are exposed to the infecting organism, he added.

As with childhood immunizations, the time to receive vaccinations is almost as important as which shots you receive, Dr. Bouchard says. "Adolescents and young adults should receive booster doses of combined tetanus/diphtheria every 10 years. Also, people in this group born after 1956 should receive two doses of the measles vaccine."

Adults between ages 25 and 64 also need tetanus/diphtheria booster doses at 10 year intervals. Those born before 1957 are considered to be immune to measles, mumps and rubella, as are those with records of immunization. Influenza

vaccine is optional for people in this group as it may provide added protection. Those with heart and lung diseases should receive influenza and pneumococcal vaccine.

* People age 65 and older are more susceptible to serious respiratory tract infections. They should be immunized with an influenza and pneumococcal vaccine. Tetanus/diphtheria boosters are also recommended every 10 years for this age group.

Other special groups of people that may require immunizations are pregnant women, nursing home residents, healthcare workers and sexually active homosexual and bisexual men, Dr. Bouchard added.

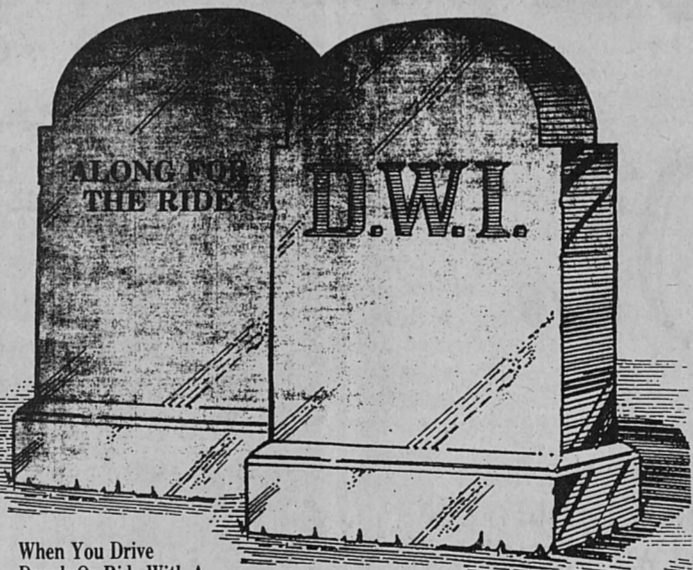
Immunizations can be a safe, effective way to prevent serious illnesses in adults. Most vaccines are between 75 and 100 percent effective. Side effects, although not serious, are usually caused by proteins or antibiotics in the vaccine, not the virus ingredient itself. More importantly, the vaccine rarely causes the disease it's protecting against to occur in people who receive the shot.

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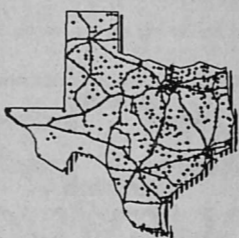
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We need to remind the VA to abide by its original mission to provide support and care - with respect - to those who have earned the nation's gratitude.

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Meditations

If you have a pencil and paper near you, why not write a few reasons for "Thanks to God" for His many blessings?

Start with a deep sense of gratitude for God Himself. He is the God of all grace, the Lord of wisdom, the God of all power. Yes, He is the Eternal Lord.

We may be thankful for our families. My wife loves and supports me. Thus, she is God's gift to me for which I'm deeply grateful.

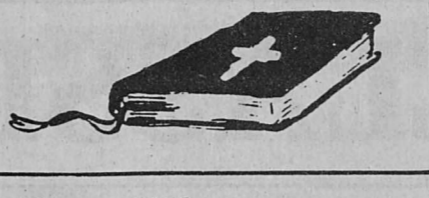
God has blessed my wife and me with two fine children - and five grandchildren. For all this I say, "Thank you, Lord!"

We may be grateful for Christian fellowship, for the Church which enriches our lives. We have life in Jesus Christ. The Spirit of the Lord dwells with His people to help and challenge us in our duties every day. We are a part of a big spiritual family. Be grateful for this!

Think how your life has been blessed across the years. If you've not been thankful, then put aside the grouchy mood and be thankful.

Say thanks to your family. Say thank you to a friend. Say thank you to God. Let this be a real "Thanksgiving Season" for you, and your life will be richer for it.

Obituary



Rebecca B. Clayton Little

A native Seminole passed away on Thursday morning, November 25, 1992, when Mrs. Rebecca B. Clayton Little died in Palo Alto, California.

Mrs. Little was born on the Fort Clark Seminole Reservation adjoining Brackettville, Texas, and was the daughter of Mary July Clayton who preceded her in death.

Rebecca attended grade school in Brackettville, completed her high school and undergraduate work at Tillotson College, Austin, Texas.

She was married to Sgt. B. J. Little of San Antonio, Texas, who preceded her in death.

Services will be held on Friday, December 4, 2:30 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, Brackettville, with Rev. Pastor William Adams officiating.

Doran Humphrey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors are nieces and nephews: Jo Alice Bronson, Denver, Colorado; Mary Kay, Los Angeles, California; Arnette K. Perryman, Kerrville, Texas; Sidney Hall, Inglewood, California, and John M. Perryman, Austin, Texas. A host of other relatives and friends also mourn her passing.

Pets: Lost Or Found

Thanks to the generosity of *The Brackett News* a new column: "Pets: Lost - Found" will begin as a service to the community - free of charge.

We will list and describe (perhaps print a picture) of your lost pet so it will be recognized if found. Likewise, those found will be highlighted with the hope of being reunited with their owner.

Also, the City will provide the necessary information on the stray animals they pick up. They may actually be lost pets. If not, you may wish to adopt one.

If you have **lost** or **found** a pet, please call Norma Gould at 563-2704.

This column will run as needed. Thanks for your cooperation.

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, 512-563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M., and 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. regular 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. & Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, 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.

Holiday Toy Savings With "Holiday Meal"

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The coupon booklet features individual toy coupons ranging in value from \$1.00 to \$30.00. This offer runs through December 24, or while supplies last.

Southwest Texas Genealogical Society

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet December 5, 10:00 a.m., at the Kincaid Restaurant in Uvalde. Guest speaker will be Frank Faulkner of the History Department of the San Antonio Public Library.

There is an \$8.00 charge for the meeting and lunch. Pre-register to SWTGS, P.O. Box 295, Uvalde TX 78801, or pay at the door.

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