

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



Luna Receives Degree

At 9:30 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 1994, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, commencement exercises were held in which Yvonne M. Luna was awarded a diploma from the School of Fine Arts and Communication.

A Brackett High School graduate, Ms. Luna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Luna who attended the ceremonies.

Former Lt. Governor William P. Hobby was the guest speaker. Mr. Hobby currently holds the Sid Richardson Chair in Public Affairs at the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin, and is also Radoslav Tsanoff

Lynn Floyd To Fill Pulpit At St. John's Church

On Thursday evening, December 29, 1994, 6:00 p.m. Lynn Floyd will be preaching at St. John's Baptist Church during the regular evening services. The public is invited and young people are especially urged to come and hear what Lynn has to say about what the Lord is doing in his life.

Floyd is a 1993 graduate of Brackett High School. He is currently enrolled at Howard Payne University, Corpus Chrisiti campus, as well as taking additional work at Del Mar College.

He serves as youth minister at Travis Baptist Church, Corpus, and on campus he is president of the Baptist Student Union and chairman of the Evangelism Division.

On December 11, 1994, the Travis Baptist Church licensed Lynn to the ministry, and this will be the first time he has filled a pulpit since he was licensed.

He spent the summer of 1994 as a student missionary in Wyoming. A former member of the First Baptist Church, Brackettville, Lynn was a leader in youth activities both at church and in the community. He was an honor roll student at BHS, lettered in football, basketball, golf, and baseball, won honors in UIL One-Act play competition, served as president of the Student Council.

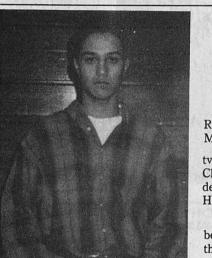
He is the son of Harrell Floyd and Janis Floyd of Brackettville. He has two older brothers, Lee Floyd who is also a licensed minister, and Lesly Floyd who lives in Odessa.

Lynn said his message on Thursday would be on "The Last Days," and he looked forward to seeing family, friends, and former class mates at the services.

Hunter Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

A rewarding, exciting hunting excursion ended in sadness Saturday morning, December 17, 1994, when Bobby Dewayne George was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack by Kinney County Judge Tim Ward.

Marie Sofaly, and Beatrice Kuhns arrived. The crew could detect no vital signs and radioed for Judge Ward who met them at the intersection of Hwy. 90 East and Schubach Lane where he had been transported by pickup truck by hunting companions.



All-State DeLeon

Brackett High School sophomore Ramon DeLeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon DeLeon of Bracket

tville, was named to the All-State, Class 2-AAA, football team. As a defensive back, he was named to Honorable Mention status.

Part of his qualifications was being a 2-year starter for BHS and in the 1994 season racking up 8 interceptions and 85 tackles.

Vandals Fail To Destroy The Spirit Of Christmas

In the early morning minutes between 12:30 and 1:00 Saturday morning, vandals attacked the beautiful Christmas decorations at City Hall. Wiring to the light displays were cut and pulled down, bulbs were broken, fragile figures were crushed, and in general, everything was trashed. This, at a time when all kids - big and little - should be at home instead of prowling around the city looking for something to multilate. This, to one of the most strikingly beautiful settings of any city.

The culprits were spotted by a passer-by who contacted David Martinez who in turn contacted the Kinney County Sheriff's Department who responded immediately.

Covered by darkness the "low-lifes" were not immediately detected. City employees spent all of Saturday cleaning up the mess, sweeping up broken glass, repairing the decorations (many could not be repaired) and by mid-afternoon...if a person did not know the extent of the distruction...again, the city gardens were breath-takingly beautiful.

What pleasure was derived from this act of senseless destruction? None can be thought of by a rational person. It cost the city a lot of money to decorate in the first place. It cost the city more money to repair the

Professor at Rice University.

Hobby is chairman of the board of the H&C Communications broadcasting company, serves on the board of directors of Southwest Airlines, board of trustees of St. Edward's University, board of trustees of the Texas Center for Education Research, on the Education Commission of the States, and as Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner.

Ms. Luna plans to remain in San Marcos where she is manager of a San Marcos Outlet Mall store where she also worked during her student career. She also worked at various other vocations while helping finance her education.

Alamo Survivor Susanna Dickerson's Life Is Subject Of Live Documentary

By MIKE BOWLIN Alamo Village PR Department

Alamo Village, the famed movie set built for John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo," served as the back drop for an educational documentary on the life of Alamo survivor Susanna Dickerson.

The documentary, produced by the Educational Management Group based in Scottsdale, Arizona, spent Sunday and Monday of last week filming background scenes for the production inside the only full-scale replica of the Alamo in the world.

Then on Friday, December 9, 1994, seventh grade history students of the Spring Branch School District, outside of Houston, viewed the video and then were transported, through the magic of a satellite uplink, to the famed Brackettville movie set where, during two live shows, Texas historian Richard Curilla answered questions about the famous battle and about Alamo heroine Susanna Dickerson.

Curilla, a well-known figure in Brackettville, is a former instructor at Penn State College in Pennsylvania, and is now in charge of the film and video department at Alamo Village.

Dickerson (played by Pearland school teacher Sylvia Arehart in the documentary) along with her 15month old daughter Angelina, were the lone Anglo survivors of the battle of the Alamo.

"She (Dickerson) certainly is one of the most fascinating women in the history of Texas," said Cassandra Spudic-Jackson, video programming mananger for EMG.

"We are excited about being able to bring her story to life and about being able to film the documentary at Alamo Village. It's like being there at the time of the actual battle," Spudic-Jackson added.

EMG, which employs about 150 people in offices throughout the United States, provides educational resources including computer software packages, CD-ROM and customized videos to over 200 classrooms in 30 states, Spudic-Jackson explained.

"While this customized video is being produced for the Spring Branch School District it will later be made available to the other schools that we service," she added.

Ray Guy, owner of GuyCom, the satellite truck that was responsible for beaming the show into the classroom, said he was pleased to be involved in such a project. "It's very rewarding," Guy said.

McClintock Wins Christmas Stocking

At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly was at the First State Bank for the drawing of a winner of the giant eight foot Christmas stocking.

The lucky winner was Edith Mc-Clintock. Congratulations, Mrs. McClintock, and thank you for your participation...and thanks to each person who participated.



Mr. George along with his son, Alex George, nephews Brandon Mize and G.K. Lane, and friend, Jeff Worman, had been hunting on the Dunbar Ranch in Kinney County and Mr. George, earlier in the morning, had bagged the largest white-tail buck of his hunting career. Shortly thereafter while riding a four-wheeler he was struck with chest pains, returned to camp, and a heart attack occurred. CPR was started immediately (about 9:30 a.m.) and administered unsuccessfully until 10:30 a.m. at which time the Kinney County EMS crew of Joe Morelli, Debra Haye Morelli,

Mr. George, age 53, of Brazoria, Texas, was retired military currently associated with DOW Chemicals. He had no known health problems and kept himself physically fit. The week prior to his death, he had hunted in Idaho and killed a trophy Elk.

The decedent was relased by Judge Ward to the Brackettville Funeral Home at approximately 12:00 noon Saturday.

Brackett Funeral Home, in turn, released the body to Baker Funeral Homes of Brazoria.

(See Obituary column)

Contract To Construct Pinto Creek Bridge Awarded To J. Miller Construction

Kinney County Judge Tim Ward declared a recessed session of the Commissioners Court in session at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 1994. Present were Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure.

The court approved:

---A resolution establishing that all County personnel (non-elected) who are employed directly by the Commissioners Court serve at the discretion of the Commissioners Court and that the Court may designate a County official to serve as their immediate supervisor towit: (1) Librarian, (2) Nutrition Center Director, (3) Road and Bridge Administrator, (4) EMS Coordinator, (5) Maintenance and Ground person, (6) Courthouse Custodian.

---Resolution on TCDP Grant Contract #703419 (ADA and Pinto Creek).

---Interlocal agreement with the Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District to handle all surface and ground water issues relating to Kinney County.

---Audit Report submitted by Beyer, Telford & Company on December 12, 1994. ---Beyer, Telford & Co. as outside auditing firm for Kinney County for 1995/1996 (will also close out the books for the county judge's office and the county treasurer's office). ---Rio Grande Electric Coop utility connection and PCI's proposal to in-

stall a Storm Warning siren for Fort Clark Springs. ---Furnishing the SCS office space at

no charge (as leverage to keep the office in Kinney County).

---Bid (to J. Miller Construction) for construction of a low water crossing (bridge) on Pinto Creek - Standard Road under TCDP Grant Contract #703419.

---A resolution authorizing the new County Treasurer - Janis Floyd - to be placed on all signature cards invovling County Finances effective January 1, 1995.

---Issuing pay check for December 31, 1994, early, on December 22.

--- Changing the filing fee for plat records from \$101.00 to \$500.00.

---Employing William E. McDonald as Field Commander for the AAN-TF effective December 31, 1994, at an annual salary of \$25,000, salary to be paid from CJD and TNCP grant funds.

--- Payment of bills.

The following items were deferred either awaiting additional information and/or proper documentation:

---Kinney County Personnel Policy. ---Subdivision Plat on Unit 37permanent RV, Fort Clark Springs. ---Purchasing computer software to implement bar coding system for maintaining fixed assets inventory for Kinney County. damage. More than a few city employees gave up their Saturday to again get the grounds in shape for Sunday's first annual Christmas Gathering, an event that gained county wide support.

Sunday evening's activities were extremely well received by all who participated. So, the vandals did not destroy the "Community Unity," but they sure created a lot of stress and expense...and that expense will hit somebody in the pocketbook...through taxes...through utility rates...through fines and replacement costs when they are caught...and they will be.

Did it make anybody feel good...it is doubtful that even the knot-heads doing the vandalism gained much pleasure. Whoever is responsible is to be pitied...and punished.



Triplets Will Be Three Tomorrow

The Molinar Triplets of Brackettville will be three years old tomorrow (December 23, 1994). They are pictured from left, Elidia Molinar, Daniel Molinar, and Elena Molinar three days before their birthday.



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Home In Brackettville Owners are unidentified but the lighted sleigh above the porch and the accompanying light features are just beautiful.

Bonilla To Serve On Top Subcommittees

As he prepares to enter his second term in the House of Representatives, U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas-23) has announced that he has been selected to serve on the top two Appropriations subcommittees during the next Congress.

Bonilla will serve on the National Security (formerly Defense) subcommittee, as well as continue to serve on the subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. These two subcommittees have jurisdiction over more than half of federal discretionary spending.

ment Beginning in 1995, Senator Madla will serve the district that includes Kinney County.

committees. Those are Health and

Human Services, Intergovernmental

Relations, and Economic Develop-

In The New Year ng With The **Brackettville** Volunteer Fire Department Kinney County Civic Center

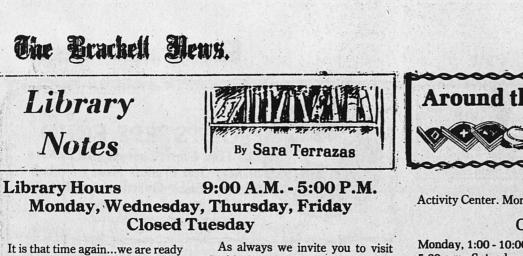


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to begin recruiting new members for the Friends of the Library. This group of people is such an asset to our library. The Friends of the Library are very dedicated and work very hard to meet the needs of the library. Members should feel very proud to belong to such a group. The membership is only \$2.00 each and we would love to have you join us.

The library will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, but on the days that we are open we would like to help entertain your children. You might get tired of them being home all day. We will even take your teenager...we are always looking for volunteers.

New books: Spencerville by Nelson DeMille; The Hot Zone by Richard Preston, and Murders by John Griffin

We want to thank everyone who donated books and magazines this week, and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from the bottom of our hearts.

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

> Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers

Unsung Hero

About a couple of years ago a man

came to Brackettville to work at

Alamo Village. He has come to be a

very important part of the staff of

He is an entertainer. He is a

He maintains a fine relationship

He is considerate of others and

Surely Dave Crowe is an "Un-

with his God. He is morally clean

creditable poet, having written a number of outstanding poems.

the Village.

and straight.

friendly to all.

sung Hero."

by Joe Townsend



Ladies Exercise Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Monday, 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00 -5:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.



Manger Of Recyclables

Not only is the manger in this picture made from recycled materials but from materials of historical value as well. The roof is shingles from the Commisary building on Fort Clark. The siding (boards) and the 2x2s are from the old Mess Hall, some even still have the square nails still in them. The only newer lumber is the skids the manger is built on.

lawn of their (Norma and Marshall Conner, Unit 3) home.



December 17, the Fort Clark Recreation Department sponsored its first annual Christmas Lights Golf Cart Parade with good participation.



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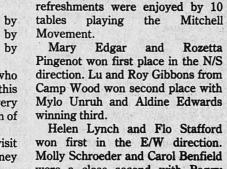
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Willie

By NORMA GOULD

Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford won first in the E/W direction. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield were a close second with Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch winning third

Happy Birthday

and Merry Christmas

Mom (Norma Conner) December 24

Love,

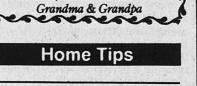
Marshall, Wayne, Gary,

Keith, Judy, Jeff, Bernie,

Ashley Is A Winner

Ashley Smith came by The Brackett News office Thursday afternoon and correctly identified the mystery picture as the bannister of the steps of the band stand at Fort Clark. She said she knew what it was last week but was too shy to come in and try.

Having her picture taken was not part of what Ashley called fun so no picture.



Happy 1st Birthday

Yanira Perez

December 22, 1994

Love, Mom & Dad Uncles, Aunts and Cousins

PEST CONTROL - To help control fleas in your home, put the extra length left over from your pet's flea collar in your vacuum-cleaner bag. Rita K., Gilbert, S.C.



AA: Mondays, 8 pm, Slator Hall, 109 W. James St. Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall. BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm, School Board Room. **Beta Sigma Phi**

R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 pm Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Laureate Iota Epsilon (All year) 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, (Sept-May) 10 am Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cavalry Room.

City Council, Brackettville: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6 pm, City Hall.

City Council, Spofford: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Spofford City Hall. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 am, Court House.

Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, San Felipe Country Club, Reservations required.

FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.

Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.

FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 am, meeting 1st Monday, 1 pm, Art Studio.

FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall.

FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 am, Board Room.

FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall.

FCS Museum/Sutlers Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 pm.

FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservation at Adult Center.

FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7 pm Meetings, Service Club.

FCS Bingo: Friday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.

FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm.

KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 pm, Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Service Club.

Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.

Lions Club: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant. Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Lodge Hall, Ann St. Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Masonic Hall,

407 Bedell St., Del Rio. Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant.

Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.

Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 am, Golf Club Snack Bar.

Fort Clark Gun Club, 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.



Preceptor Chapter

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday evening, December 19, 1994, at the home of Lou Green for their annual Christmas party.

Refreshments were plentiful as members brought favorite finger foods that were served on a beautifully decorated table.

A short business meeting followed refreshments. Jan Chism passed the "Star Pin - To Light The Way" to Marty Isenberg who will wear it until the next meeting.

This year's secret sisters were revealed as presents were handed out by Ashley who is visiting her grandmother, Pat McKelvy, for the holidays.

Luella Gilliland won the door prize.

Attending in addition to the hostess Lou Green were President Dee Gaston, Pat McKelvy, Clara McCord, Betty Inman, Marty Isenberg, Doraline Keller, Jean Land, Vickie Bell, Luella Gilliland, and Jana Ring.

Laureate Epsilon Iota

Laureate Epsilon Iota celebrated their annual Christmas party in the home of Mildred Borden Monday evening, December 19.

Secret sister gifts were exchanged and other games played for gifts brought by each member. Orlean Riley collected the cookies for the Nutrition Center Christmas Party.

A very festive and delicious buffet supper was enjoyed by Oleta Townsend, Orlean Riley, Shirley Hadsell, Walela Gum, Nakai Breen, Betty Schlatterer, Gloria Boroughs, Hawkins Huey, Lily Schwandner and the hostess, Mildred Borden.

Sponsored by Amistad Christian Academy December 22 & 23, 7:30 p.m. Paul Poag Theatre, Del Rio

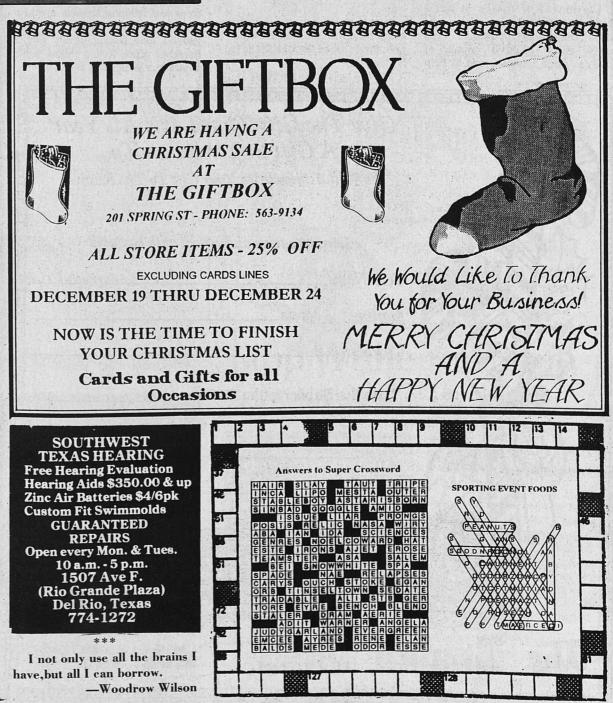
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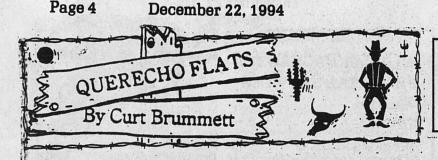
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Querecho Christmas One More Time

Well Christmas time is here once again, and once again I've been banned from associating with the youth of Querecho Flats.

Seems to me like them high dollar Christians would start practicing what they preach and forgive and forget. But as long as some of the little darlings mothers is still around that probably won't happen.

I've made my apologies for all my little mess ups, and Lord knows I've tried to behave myself, but there is just something that keeps me from being good more than two or three years in a row.

I apologized for telling all the little kids that there wasn't gonna be any Christmas because Santa got caught stealing caribou during the big reindeer quarantine, and the caribou ranchers hung 'im.

Boy that was a wreck.

Before I knew just what I had said, I had 12 or 15 little kids crying like you had cut off their toes or something. It took a couple of days before the mothers figured out who had said what and my phone went to ringing off the hook.

I finally told 'em I would straighten out the misunderstanding the next day when the kids got off the school bus. I thought I did pretty good.

I was waiting at Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office when the school bus unloaded the little rug rats. I gathered 'em all up and took 'em inside and bought 'em each a soda pop. Then I told 'em how sorry I was for lying about Santa getting hung for stealing caribou. But I thought it sounded a whole lot better than telling 'em the truth. Because the truth was a whole lot gorier than a hanging.

Curiosity got to 'em and I had to tell 'em the truth or at least what could 'ave been if the circumstances were right.

Yep I told 'em old Santa was killed in a train wreck about 27 miles due east of Billings, Montana. He could 'ave survived if help was a little closer, but as it was he just laid there and froze to death along with 43 of his little helpers.

Garlan run me out of the store.

That night I had to go to a bunch of different houses and explain to a bunch of really stupid kids that I was just pulling their leg.

One of the mothers

themselves to an early Christmas dinner of my fighting cocks.

The only gun that I had handy was a 50 caliber muzzle loader that was fully loaded and very loud.

I touched that cannon off, killed one coyote, and woke up the whole damn town. Within a matter of minutes, I was explaining to a bunch of bawling squalling kids that it was a coyote I shot not old Rudolf.

You don't know what spooky is till you have to walk up to a house with a bawling kid in it and a mad mother standing at the door waiting for you.

I guess last year kinda clinched my having anything to do with the youth of Querecho Flats.

You see, the good ladies of the Church Of The Better Than Thou and Pert-Near Perfect People asked me if I would be Santa Claus for the church program.

No problem.

I don't know why I do things like I do, when I do 'em or how I even think 'em up. But sometimes I get the neatest ideas on the spur of the moment and they seem really great at the time.

Last year, Querecho's Pert-Near Perfect People's Christmas party.

I was to stay plumb out of sight till the exact moment when I was to make my appearance as Santa. I knew the program was gonna be fairly long and I had everything I needed to make old Santa's appearance one the youth of Querecho Flats would never forget.

I had gone to Roswell and borrowed a cassette tape of a 27-car pile up that a disc-jockey friend of mine had. I had my tape player rigged up to the speaker on the fire truck radio and had a second tape of horses running rigged up to the speaker on my pick up.

The scene went something like this.

My cue to enter.

I turned on the horse tape. (Hoping they would think it was reindeer) then I went to hollering into the microphone "whoa you powder headed, overfed, underworked, hay burning, miserable excuses for reindeer, WHOA I SAID, then I flipped on the car wreck tape. Just as I flipped on the car wreck tape I fired my 38 special pistol into the air and screamed into my pickup microphone by GOD WHEN I SAY



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A Double Oak Hero

The underside of the leaning half of the double oak tree, the part nearest the picnic table where I was had great rows of beige shelf. mushrooms. They hadn't hardened and looked like cake. A double oak tree is one that appears to be two separate trees from there on upward. I guess it's one tree just seems like two. It also had some ball moss problem and its bark in places retained too much moisture. You could tell because of much rotting and limb death. Where the one half leaned most, a great carpet of sand spike moss grew to help beautify plus enhance the deterioration process of the tree. The other straighter tree half was hearty and clear of growths, its leaves bigger and more abundant.

On observation it was evident the straight, dry portion of this growing was much healthier than the leaning part. They shared the same ground nutrients so it was a prime example of environment being the contributing factor. There was no choice here as to which part would end the best, survive the longest, enjoy the conditions to the fullest. There was an obvious outcome beginning to come into play. One section of this tree would take full advantage of the bad circumstances that were taking place on the companion. In effect the companion would eventually become the source of the healthier half's nutrients. The quickly deteriorating half would someday be the substance of the other. What was wrong about the conditions affecting the one would destroy it only to provide for the other. Neither half would care. Only me, some squirrels, and some picnickers would benefit.

I started this because of how interesting the deteriorating portion of the oak was and then almost finished with the survivor being heroic. I wonder, of course, ya'll know I do that all the time. I wonder though how many lessons are missed. How many answers are blowing far off into the tangled undergrowth of our minds and hearts? How many of us with large clumps of shelf mushrooms in our minds and spike moss on our backs and ball moss as hearts help the heroes that are standing in the sun?



Rambling Around Kinney County By THE K.C. RAMBLER reseaseseses

The Spirit of Christmas was certainly in evidence Sunday night at the first annual Community Unity party in Kinney County. Over 500 celebrating citizens enjoyed hot dogs, cookies, cake, punch, candy

canes, hot chocolate, and more, all of which was lovingly provided by different people and businesses in our area.

Everyone was entertained with Christmas Carols sung by several

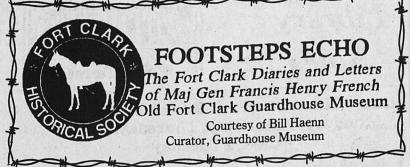
groups. The entire audience sang along, clapping their hands in rythmn, to the music. There was a feeling of happiness and peace in the group.

reserveses Santa Claus was there for each child to tell their wishes. And each child walked away with a gift! Candy canes were also passed through the crowd.

Lights twinkled on the trees of the City Hall gardens and eyes twinkled just at the joy of everyone forgetting for at least this moment in time any sadnesses or animosities.

Sunday night the Nativity Scene glowed softly in the manger. Certainly we were all blessed at this gathering. I'm sure I saw the baby smile.

MERRY CHRISTMAS **FELIZ NAVIDAD**



The Brackett Mens.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years. The Fort Clark period of these diaries and Lt French's letters home from Fort Clark are being shared with the Fort Clark Historical Society by Lt French's granddaughter, Mrs. Lyn Beliveau of Jericho, Vermont, who visited Fort Clark last February with an Elderhostel.

The diaries and letters are an intriguing window to late 19th century Army life at Fort Clark and to the American experience of the Victorian Era. You will find Lt French to be a caring and sensitive man who, like us all, has opinions on people and politics. He is a bachelor and immersed in the "society" of Fort Clark. However, always in the background is his profession of being a soldier and an officer, which he takes quite seriously.

This is his first letter home after arriving at Fort Clark with his regiment in December of 1882.

> Fort Clark, Texas Dec, 21, 1882

My Dear Parents and Sisters:

At last, I am seated at my own desk writing a letter. This is the first time I have used this desk since the latter part of August, just before we left Brown for the quarantine camp. The desk was not packed properly and was very much rubbed on the way here from Brown. Yesterday I was busy all day and unable to write you as usual. Today a norther is blowing and the dust is flying in a way that is very annoying. The country around Clark is much more interesting than that in the vicinity of Brown. It is rolling and in the distance can be seen mountains, reminding a person somewhat of the Plains as you approach the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains. But we miss the flowers and green vegetation that can be found at Brown almost all the time. This place is a little over 1000 feet above the level of the sea. Since we came ice has been formed in pitchers in the house. I like the Post very much indeed and think that we will have a very pleasant time here. Your letters of the 7th reached a day or two ago, making the trip to Brown before coming here. I am hoping to receive one direct from Fort Wayne soon so as to see just how long it takes for letters to pass between us. I have not had time to see about those pecan nuts yet, but will do so as soon as time will permit. Capt. Hall started from Portland Me. last Monday for this place and ought to arrive in a day or two. I shall be very glad when he comes because I want to get back to "E" Co. I think Gen'l Smith will recommend me to Gen. Auger for the command of those Seminole Negro Indian Scouts. This will bring me \$125 a month, but I will be obliged to buy a pony to ride; and will have to spend a large part of the time in camp. I am very desirous of getting this command as I want to save all the money I can in order to take a leave next Summer. There are four (4) troops of the 8th Cavalry stationed here, "A", "E", "G" & "L". Capt. Wells is in command of "A" Troop with Lt Ellis as his first lieutenant. They are brothers-in-law their wives being sisters; so that this company arrangements suits them very well. Capt. Kauffman has charge of "E' Troop with Kendall as his 2nd lieutenant and Weeks, the first lieutenant is temporarily in command of "G" Troop all the officers of that troop being away. "L" Troop is in Capt. Morris' com-

gone to San Antonio with the head-

quarters of his regiment. All these

officers are very pleasant gentle-

men. Most of them are married,

in fact all but Kendall and Hammond and the latter is to be married next month to Capt. Kauffman's daughter. Luff's wife is not here now. In addition to these officers, the Post Surgeon Dr. Ogden is a very pleasant gentleman and has a charming wife. She was stationed at Willet's Point and knew Fiebeger, Abbot, Casey, Townsend, and Cunningham very well. She likes Fiebeger very much and spoke quite nicely about him. As for Abbot she has the same opinion that almost all his acquaintances have, and that is that his father has spoiled him. Abbot can talk of nothing else except his duties and how much he is accomplishing. It is true he is a smart fellow but I think Fiebeger will make more of a name than he will.

I have met most of the ladies and find them all very pleasant. Last Tuesday I took dinner at Capt. Wells'. His wife is very fleshy, a very unfortunate circumstance for her. They have four children, all small. I was the only guest and enjoyed the meal very much, I have not been there to call yet but shall do so as soon as possible. We are to have a dress parade this evening, something that do not fancy very much except for the music. It hardly seems possible that Christmas is so near at hand, next Monday. Father, I sent to Mr. {?} to subscribe for the Harper's Magazine for you for the next year. I hope you will all have the merriest kind of a Xmas and that we all will be spared to enjoy many happy returns of the day. What plans have you made for the day? Mother, I concluded it would be best to bring all my furniture with me here as it cost nothing to transport it and I thought it might be utilized here. I sold the mattress some time ago in Brown as the hair had commenced to get rolled up into balls and it was not comfortable to sleep on. At present my cot serves as a bed and a very good one too. Well, Sue, how did you enjoy your trip to Chicago? Lula, I think those ladies who said they knew me at West Point were mistaken, as I most certainly do not remember any lady by the name of Tallant of Denver. There were four Frenches in the Corps for one year and three for two years while I was a cadet and it must have been one of the others. Before this you must have received my letter saying that the shoes had reached me all right. They are just a trifle too large, but I expect to get good service out of them. I received a letter from Mattie Withers and one from Theodor Meyer; this will be a sad Christmas for both of them. Miss Marie expects to remain here until next April or May when she and Mrs. Lyster will go to Cincinnati to spend the summer in the North. Col. Lyster intends to take a leave about June or July and will join them there. I don't know whether Miss Marie will return to spend next winter here or not. Lula, Cunningham is stationed at Fort McIntosh near Laredo. I received a letter from him recently. When we left Leavenworth he kept that picture you painted for me, the pausy picture. He returned it to me lately and sent this letter with it. Last evening Maj. Bernard the new Major of the 8th Cavy arrived. He has just been promoted from Captain in the 1st Cavy and is ordered here for station. His family consists of his wife and six children, all young; so that they will not make much of an addition to the society of the Post. He told me that he knows Mills and Robertson of my class and that they are doing very well. Foltz was to be made the adjutant of the regiment (1st Cavy) on condition that he would not marry. But when the vacancy occurred he went to the Colonel of the regiment and said he was engaged and gave up the adjutancy. The young lady to whom he is engaged is a Miss Kiefer, daughter of a paymaster of the Army. Remember me to Mr. & Mrs. McDonald and to all friends. Love to Grandmother and to all the relatives. Much love to you all, from



head pulling should anything like that ever happen again.

Then I apologized for the time that I was acting really mad just before Christmas and told all the little kids that I was gonna wait up for Santa and when he come flying over the edge of the caprock, I was gonna kill Rudolf and cook 'em for Christmas dinner.

The kids wasn't real sure about that, but they did tell their mothers what I had planned to do. The mothers assured 'em that I was just joking and not to worry about it.

Christmas eve was on us and I had forgotten telling them kids about the murder of Rudolf. That night about 10:00 a couple of coyotes came into the yard to help

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WHOA I MEAN WHOA!!! The kids loved the sound effects

but the pistol shot and the squealing of brakes caused 3 different women to have minor bladder problems and old Rosalee Scalebender passed smooth out.

A couple of the husbands helped me get out of my Santa suit and Garlan put it on. As quick as I could I got out of town. I tried to tell the ladies how sorry I was, but I don't think they believed me.

I think it was the way I was grinning while I was trying to talk to 'em.

I not only got banned from associating with the kids, they didn't even invite me to the Christmas party this year.

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Christmas Poinsettia The Perfect Gift

The poinsettia is one of the most popular gifts of the Yuletide season. Its showy bracts or modified leaves give it a distinctive appearance which has become a traditional Christmas symbol. These plants are grown in 4-inch and 6-inch pots but trees and hanging baskets are also available. The poinsettia can provide long lasting beauty in the home or office if you follow some basics in selection and care.

When purchasing a poinsettia examine the plant carefully. Avoid one which has dropped the yellow flowers at the end of each branch. Select plants which have only three to five fully opened flowers in a tight cluster. Also, avoid plants which have brown or moldy bracts. Look for strong upright plants that are well-rounded.

Once in its new environment a poinsettia can easily last for more than a month if given proper care:

1) Remove or punch holes through any decorative foil or wrapping on the pot. Although it may be attractive, foil wrapping prevents drainage and holds water. This can cause the roots to rot and the plant will deteriorate quickly.

2) Keep the plants out of hot or cold drafts. Excessively hot, dry air from heating ducts and appliances will reduce the quality of the plant.

3) Poinsettias cannot tolerate cold or rapidly changing temperatures. Keep the plant where temperatures remain above 60 degrees F, between 65 and 70 degrees F is ideal.

4) Place the plant in good light, but not in direct sun.

5) Poinsettias use a moderate amount of water and should be checked daily. Make sure the soil remains moist but be careful not to over-water. When adding water, allow some to run through the root mass and allow some to drain out of the pot.

To be sure to receive a quality poinsettia, ask for a Texas product. You can be fairly assured of a locally-grown plant at its peak freshness.

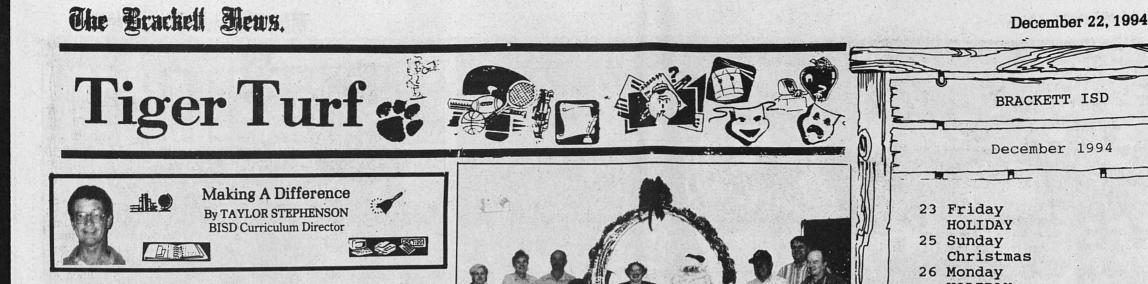
The Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be closed Friday December 23rd and Monday December 26th for the Christmas holidays. Hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas.

Show Your Tiger Spirit 🧩

© The Vinton Trust 1994 mand with Godwin and Hammond for lieutenants. Lt Godwin is Post quartermaster. Lt Luff regimental quartermaster of the 8th Cavy {?} stationed here as Post Commissary. I don't know how long he will remain here; he ought to have

Frank





Christmas Time In Brackettville

It's a grand season that seems to begin earlier each year. Even at my home, we unpacked the red and green, the day after Thanksgiving. And why not? I like the way people are at Christmas time. They smile more and even seem to be more interested in thinking about others. That kind of thinking isn't too far removed from the reason for the season -- LOVE -- through the incarnation of Jesus.

We think about children more at Christmas. Who can image a manger scene without the Baby? We try to give love to all children at Christmas. And how about the extended family of Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles and cousins. Somehow, they become more important to all of us at Christmas. The love that the season is about needs to be wrapped in a beautiful package and placed into our hearts for use all year long. Families help solve lots of problems just by being there. Please be there all year! Please remember that the idea of family or community can be extended to include others who are not blood kin. How about the community of Brackettville, Fort Clark, and Kinney County, Texas? I know that's the way it's supposed to be, but somehow in the last few years of the 20th century, we forget about building a community of support...

Okay, the stage is set with Christmas on Sunday this year. in Brackettville, Christmas seems to be brighter than it was a year ago. I noticed more lights at Fort Clark and Brackettville. They're everywhere. Others are trying to bring cheer to all of us by putting up a light or two outside. There are red bows, angels, houses outlined in white, and red and green. Luminarias line driveways, and poinsettias are everywhere. The city's holiday luster can be seen for miles in every direction.

But, above the lights, there is a spirit of oneness that I sense this year. It's thinking about our fellow man as a community that lives Christmases even as I write this article. They do a grand job here. Churches have had their cantatas, and the Voices of Fort Clark have presented an unusually good Christmas concert.

More about community. I liked the city celebration this past Sunday night. I overheard a very nice lady say "it was a time when the whole city could come together and do something as a community." The City Hall was decorated beautifully with the Nativity as the center of the celebration. Choirs sang the traditions of Christmas. We heard prayers from three ministers who just happened to represent three different cultures -- Anglo, Hispanic, and Black. We heard prayers in two languages -- English and Spanish. There were Christmas cookies and cakes, roasted marshmallows, hot dogs, and soft drinks. The kids lined up supported by their parents to see Santa Claus. The man with the jolly laugh and twinkle in his eye had brought a toy for every child that came to him. People stopped to visit, to tell stories and to just be with each other in Brackettville, USA, at Christmas time.

Lots of folks should be thanked for this Celebration. I would not know where to begin. I know there were many donations. I noticed our mayor, city manager, and Rosemary Slubar taking leading roles. The Ministerial Alliance and Lions Club were there doing a super job. The city staff had done an outstanding job getting the site ready. It was just beautiful.

Sometimes, we think about those things that divide us rather than unite us. Christmas is a time when we can take the time to express our love and support for those that make things better. In Brackettville and Fort Clark, I sense a new spirit of looking for the positive and realizing we're so fortunate to live in Kinney County. Enjoy it. Learn from it. When the Christmas lights are unplugged, remember it. Let the memory of those happy days at Christmas, 1994, warm your hearts





Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 3, Brackettville tried a new type of celebration called "Breakfast with Santa." Sponsored by the breakfast with Santa Committee and Chairperson, Susan Harrison, the purpose was to raise funds for the end of year drugfree graduation party. The plan was a breakfast chat with Santa Claus and a 5x7 professional portrait of your child with Santa.

The plan was enhanced by Judy Burks playing Christmas songs. There was a coloring table for children to use as an activity. Next year, plans include a place to write a

letter to Santa Claus. The idea came from a community nearby, and it was conceived partially as a service to the community.

that were green so you couldn't see them pin-

ned to the tree. In those days not every one

had electricity, especially out on a ranch. Every family bought their little candles. Some

were red, green, blue and yellow, and only on

Christmas Eve would Daddy take a match

and light all the candles on the tree. What a

Christmas and how it all began. How a baby

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how people

came from everywhere bringing gifts and

Mama kept a family tradition that was

carried from generation to generation. On

Christmas Eve she made crinkle fritters (also known as bunvelos). They were round as a

pie shell, thin as paper and sprinkled with

sugar and cinnamon. She said these resem-

bled the little frowns the baby Jesus made

when he wanted to cry. She believed in this

Soon it was Christmas morning. Irene and

Ora woke me up with their excitement over

the dolls that Santa had brought. Henry was

pointing his bow and arrow at one of the dolls.

Arthur, the oldest of my brothers, found

Ernest didn't have any thing under the

tree. He didn't say a word but Daddy was

quick to ask him to help with some chores.

"Go to the woodshed an bring in some wood,

Later Mama would tell us the story about

beautiful sight that was!

rejoicing in the birth of our Lord.

way. What a wonderful thought!

some silver coins in his shoes.

Santa has not been able to get to Brackettville before Christmas in the past few years, so here he came. The cost was \$10.00 for breakfast and a picture of the children with Santa. There were lots of donors to make sure that all children could attend.

Cakes donated and made "by parents and Home Economics students under the help of Mrs. Haby were enjoyed by those who came to the breakfast. The breakfast included sausage, pancakes, milk and juice.

was a great time for the children of Brackettville. Thanks Breakfast with Santa volunteers for giving of your time and money to support this activity.



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our needs. The folks that put together the food baskets are working hard to make happier

Brackettville).

than they could carry.

Christmas stands for.

sooner, so I thought.

around the tree.

(This story is a personal Christmas remem-

brance of Roberta V. Schafer, an. El Paso

resident, and cousin of Marita Reschman.

Last year, as my grandchildren gathered

around me, the Christmas tree lights reflec-

ted in the sparkle of their young bright eyes.

Their small arms were laden with more toys

They all joined in with excitement of

Christmas conversation. As I listened I was

filled with nostalgia. My thoughts carried me

back to another time. I felt as though I could

hear my sisters and brothers at another

Christmas. Too many things have changed

but the reason we can all identify with

Christmas is because of the Spirit and what

I decided to sit close to my grandchildren

and tell them what Christmas was like when I

was a little girl. The year was 1929. The place

was a ranch in Southwest Texas (known as

the Tom Martin Ranch). There was frost in

the land. The trees were all covered with ice

flakes. It was Christmas Eve. I went to bed as

early as I could so morning could come

It was in the early dawn that I awoke. I

could hear the wind whistling outside our

ranch home. It was an old house, gray from

lack of paint, but what a wonderful house it

was. A happy family lived here, I thought.

There were three brothers and four of us

home. My younger sisters, Irene and Ora,

and my youngest brother Henry made

beautiful chains out of paper colored with

crayons, glued them together and hung them

popcorn. There also were little candle holders

We also hung apples, oranges, and strung

Christmas I drifted back to sleep.

together and supports each other in and spirits the entire year. Keep thinking community and the love that makes life worthwhile. Merry Christmas, Brackettville.

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DECORATIONS

Plaza del Sol Mall, Nelda Archer, Joy Ralston, Norma Sandoval, Gracie Escamilla, Jean Seargeant Annie Barron sold 72 tickets and won a cash prize of \$150 to be given to her at the all-night senior party.

Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

1. What were the New York Titans known as after 1963?

2. What college bowl game started as an East-West contest between Michigan and Stanford in 1902? 3. What is the 19th hole on a golf course?

4. How many gold medals were captured by Jesse Owens during the 1936 Olympics?

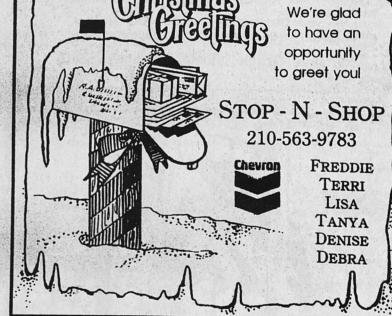
5. How many warm-up pitches is a reliever allowed prior to coming into a baseball game?

6. What is the height of a soccer goal? 7. What caused Rocky Marciano's

death?

8. What is the name of Muhammad Ali's autobiography?





Home Tips

The following tips are all from Lori Lynn-G. of Willard, Ohio:

ANT REPELLANT - I've found another way to rid your home of ants is to take salt and place it in the places they are coming in - windows, doorways, etc. Baking soda works just as well.

COLOR MY WORLD -Another way to recycle old newspapers, etc., is to let your kids color in them or cut out the pictures they like and paste them onto paper bags as construction paper.

STASH IT - Shoe boxes make good storage spots for old photos, toys and cards.

Texas Receives 2000 Ed. Reform Grant

Seven more states, including Texas, will receive federal funds to develop comprehensive, statewide school improvement plans, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley announced, bringing the number of approved applications to 38 states and five U.S. territories. The awards are under the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, signed by President Clinton March 31.

Texas' grant was designated at \$7,112,610. Goals 2000 encourages bottom-up reform involving states, communities, parents and teachers, businesses and service organizations.



Sports Quiz Answers

clubhouse, 4. 4; 5. 8; 6. 8 feet; 7. a plane crash; 8. "The Greatest" ©1994 by King Features Synd.

No.

1. Jets; 2. the Rose Bowl; 3. the

Son, and hurry," implored Daddy. Ernest ran girls, and, of course, our wonderful Mama out the house to get the wood. "I have a and Daddy (Josephine and John Villarreal, bicycle!" Santa had left his bicycle in the formerly of Brackettville). Thinking about woodshed. We heard loud thunder and rain started to pour. "Oh, no," Ernest said, "it's, We had helped Daddy decorate the tree the raining and I've wanted a bicycle for the day before. The decorations were so different in those days. Many of them were made at

longest time." You see, at the ranch, it would usually rain for days and days. The ground would get really muddy. He stood out on the porch watching rain and he said, "I'm still glad I have my bike."

Eloise and I had asked Santa for clothes. She said to me, "Bobbie, we can always use more clothes, besides we both need a coat."

December 22, 1994



Beta Epsilon Omicron met at the Nutrition Center December 16 and decorated tables for Christmas. Participating were Patsy Callnan, Ruby Cheaney, Francine Collins, Dorothy Frank, Betty Gibbs, Opal Groce, Helen Lynch, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller, Marge Maderich, Helen Peck, Hazel Ivey, Flo Stafford, and Linda Conrey.



Home of Spofford Mayor and Mrs. J.B. Herndon gaily decorated for Christmas.



5:35 p.m. December 11, 1994 **First Buck** It was Cassandra's first buck. The deer field dressed at 126 pounds and Cassandra Price, age 10, daughter had a rack of 12 points with a 15 inof Mr. and Mrs. Steve Price of Hunt ch inside spread. She used a 243 took this buck in Kinney County at Winchester. May Christmas Bring Friends to your Fireside Peace to your Pathway, Good Health throughout the New Year Tom & Jean Faulkenberry



The Brackell Henrs.

Brackett Housing Authority Christmas Party Special guests were Santa Claus, Border Patrol agents Armando Alcaraz and Mike Moreno with WADE, Rev. Gil Ash, and Les Roper.



Breen Gallery

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May the Holy Season inspire love within our hearts. We wish you a blessed Christmas.

First Baptist Church of Brackettville





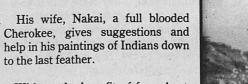
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unfinished task by the end of the week. The weekend is favored for holiday get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a happy week for partnership interests. You'll enjoy visiting with friends, and your partner has a wonderful suggestion that you should listen to. A surprise holiday gift is the answer to a long-held fantasy

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Not much may come from this week's romantic flirtation, but you'll be meeting with important business opportunities. Dealings with those in high places are particularly favored. A company holiday party is not the time to let loose.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good week to meet with teachers to discuss a child's progress in school. Creative types should contact agents. You may make plans for a vacation trip coming up in the new year. A quiet family holiday is just what you need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for property interests and family matters. You may make arrangements to refinance a mortgage. However, it's a wise idea to check on the current interest rate before making a decision. Entertain at home this holiday.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're persuasive and articulate this week. It's a good time to sign contracts and reach accords with others. Couples will enjoy going out to someplace special right before the holiday. Family is accented this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Exercise initiative this week and you'll be opening doors to future business and financial gains. You're especially productive at work, probably because of your buoyant

holiday spirits. Shopping is a plus. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll greet the world with a smile early this week and not surprisingly, the world will smile back. Things go very much your way this week. Dating and fun activities are highlighted. The weekend is one big holiday whirl.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Impulsive shopping could lead to a costly error and long waiting in lines after the holidays. Take the time and trouble to get the right gift for the right person. The holiday is successful.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a banner week for social interests. Benefits come

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new business opportunity looks especially promising. It's a good week for making money and meeting with higher-ups. You'll have a renewed incentive to get ahead. The weekend is a social success

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You may receive an invitation to visit friends at a distance. Dealings with agents and advisers are especially favored. Exciting news comes through a visiting relative. Pay attention to a family member's needs. ©1994 by King Features Synd.

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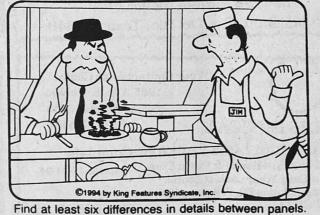
"Yo! Mom! Got an earring to go with this?"

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in														

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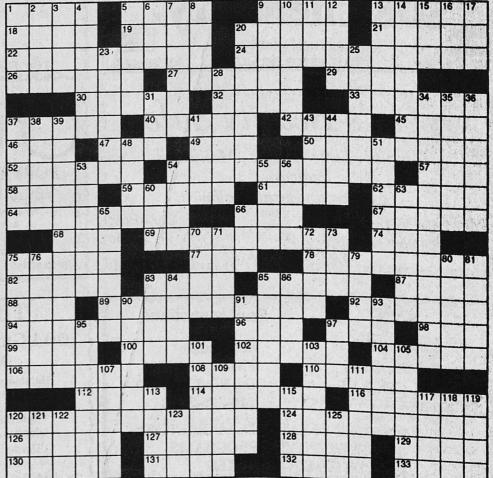






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JTPA eligible individuals will qualify for paid tuition and other related training expenses. DUE TO A LENGTHY APPLICATION PROCESS, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO IMMEDIATELY APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM. The JTPA offices will be closed from December 24 to January 1. The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy will only accept 200 applicantions for the class.

Following is a timetable for the training program.

Application due at SWTJC no later than 5:00 p.m., January 9, 1995 TDCJ TESTING: January 24, 1995 TDCJ INTERVIEWS: January 25-27, 1995 TDCJ NOTIFICATION TO ELIGIBLES: February 6, 1995. CLASSES BEGIN: February 15, 1995 CLASSES END: March 10, 1995 **TOTAL INSTRUCTION HOURS: 149.5 Classes are held 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

** If you miss this application deadline, you may apply for the Spring training session. Applications for the Spring session will be accepted begin ning March 1, 1995. The Spring application deadline is April 10, 1995. REQUIREMENTS

*Must be eligible for employment in the U.S. *Must have no outstanding warrants for arrest *Must have no criminal charges or be serving probation *Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age cap) *Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D. *Must not be active duty in the U.S. Military

*Must have had no Class A misdemeanor convictions within the past 12 months; no Class B misdemeanor convictions within the past 6 months; no DWI or DUI convictions within the past 2 years; and no completion of a sentence for a felony conviction within the past 15 years.

This project is sponsored by the Middle Rio Grande Development in association with Southwest Texas Junior College, The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justicas All entities subscribe to EEOC practices.

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Activities Of Brackett Headstart Center

Finally, the waiting was over. their crafts, they turned to making Santa arrived Thursday, December 15. The children had the opportunity to talk with him and each was given a nice bag of goodies. This was followed by a Christmas party and presents from the parents group, a doll for the girls and a car for the boys.

The children were dismissed from school to go home to await Santa and to enjoy the holiday with their families.

A lot of exciting things have been going on at the Brackett Headstart Center. The children are learning many new and wonderful things. They are eating well, and having a lot of fun. A big thank you goes from the parents to Mrs. Yolanda Williams and Ms. Augusta Pines, the teachers. These two teachers are making learning fun, as it should be.

The children were very excited this last week as they helped to decorate their live Nobel Fir Christmas Tree. Each child was given ornaments to hang on the tree where they thought they would look nice. After decorating the tree, the children began their Christmas crafts. They made the cutest little trees, and wreaths, and little reindeer hats complete with horns and a little bell. When the children had completed

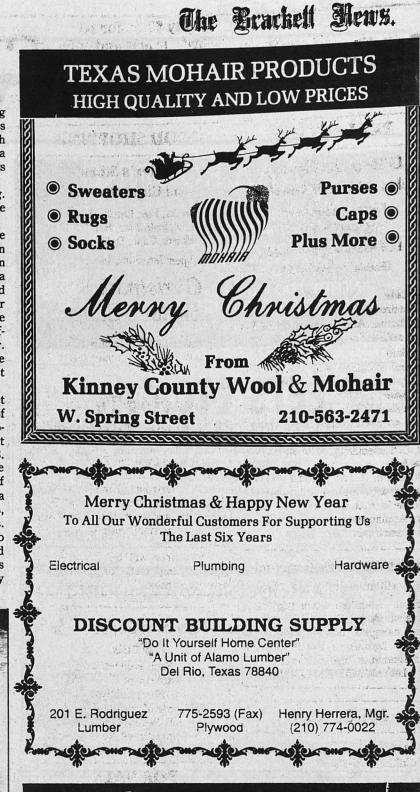
table decorations for the teachers Christmas party in Uvalde. Each child made a little Santa from a styro-foam cup and they were as cute as could be.

Finally the stockings were hung. The presents were placed under the tree. The wait for Santa began.

During the previous week, the children and their families had been selling raffle tickets. Mrs. Sharyn Everitt of Fort Clark donated a snowman, a Santa, and a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus which were four foot pieces of yard art. The snowman and Santa were to be raffled to raise money for the Center. The Mr. and Mrs. Claus was a prize for the family who sold the most tickets.

Thank you, Brackettville! ticket sales were great and the support of the community is greatly appreciated. The drawing was at the Center Tuesday, December 13. Jane Jaso of Brackettville won the snowman. Ivy Garcia, also of Brackettville, won the Santa. Jolisa Wright, who sold the most tickets. was awarded the Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Smaller prizes went to Natalie Aguirre, Dan Villarreal and Jessica Garza for their efforts. It was a close contest, and a completely successful project.







The Christmas season reminds us that there is hope for peace on earth. May the terrad and peace that passes understanding begin in V each heart and encompass the whole world at Christmas and throughout the coming vear.

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For more information or assistance contact: your local **JTPA** Office

Drunk Drivers Face License Revocation

By Zudith Zaffirini State Senator, Dist. 21

During this holiday season of joyous celebrations too many Texans unfortunately can identify with poet Eugenio Montale's observation that "holidays have no pity." Among them are those whose lives were changed forever by drunk drivers.

Rudy Steinbruck never will forget the night in 1992 when the call came informing him that his 20-year-old son. Derek, had been killed by a drunk driver. The head-on collision in Caldwell County also claimed the lives of two other members of the University of Texas at San Antonio's golf team.

After his son's death, Steinbruck campaigned for the passage of the Administrative License Revocation Bill sponsored by Zaffirini and Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, during the 73rd Legislature. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock signaled his strong support by designating the measure Senate Bill 1.

ALR becomes effective on January 1, 1995. Under ALR, motorists arrested for driving while intoxicated who fail or refuse to take a chemical test to measure blood alcohol concentration will be issued a notice of suspension by officers. In Texas, a reading of .10 or higher is legal intoxication.

The suspensions can be contested by requesting a hearing within 15 days. Suspensions will be effective on the date the court makes a final decision or on the 40th day after notice is served, whichever occurs last.

Alcohol-related traffic deaths and injuries dropped dramatically in states with ALR. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that ALR will save more than 100 lives in Texas in 1995.

Texas is the 34th state to pass ALR. The new law will deter responsible citizens from taking a chance by driving drunk and also will remove the most dangerous drivers from the road quickly and keep them off for extended periods.

NHTSA reports that first-time offenders cause 80% of all fatal DWI crashes. Typically, first-time offenders are habitual drunk drivers who finally are arrested. The driver who swerved into the center lane and killed Derek Steinbruck and the other golfers was a first-time offender.

A person arrested for DWI in Texas has driven an average of 200 times at a .10 BAC level or 100 times at a .15 BAC level before that "first arrest," according to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The new law is a civil remedy, separate from criminal charges a driver could face. Attorneys hired by the Texas Department of Public Safety and judges from the State Office of Administrative Hearings are being trained to administer the ALR hearings.

The only issues the hearing judge will consider are if the driver refused the breath test or had a BAC at or above .10 and whether officers had reasonable suspicion to stop the motorist and probable cause to make an arrest. If the judge finds in the affirmative on these issues, the suspension will be sustained.

The first hearings will be held in February, according to SOAH officials. Robert Owen, DPS assistant director of hearings, projects that up to 40,000 motorists arrested for : DWI will request hearings.

First offenders could lose their licenses for 60 days for failing the test and 90 days for refusing the test. Repeat offenders could lose their licenses for 120 days for failing the test and 180 days for refusing it.

Drivers previously suspended for a DWI or involuntary manslaughter conviction could lose their licenses for 180 days for failing the test and one year for refusing it.

DPS will send failure to surrender notices to offenders who do not give up their licenses on effective suspension dates. Offenders who do not comply with the DPS demand to relinquish their licenses could have their suspensions extended.

All offenders must pay a \$100 license-reinstatement fee, which helps fund the program. More information about ALR is available via 800/394-5513.

Ivy Garcia



Kinney County Heritage Museum Seeks Old Photos

The Kinney County Heritage Museum is interested in collecting old photographs of people, places, buildings, etc. of Kinney County.

Photographs are one of the most important ways to document the history of Kinney County and its people. Your museum is attempting to preserve the history and heritage of the County but it must be a commitment of all to be successful.

Photographs from the past will excite all of us to want to find out more about our past heritage and instill pride in our future.

The Kinney County Heritage Museum will not be open on the 4th Saturday of December (December 24). We will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturday in January, 1 to 4 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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requesting proposals for archeological testing. The property involved is all in the Fort Clark Springs Reservation. The construction project consists

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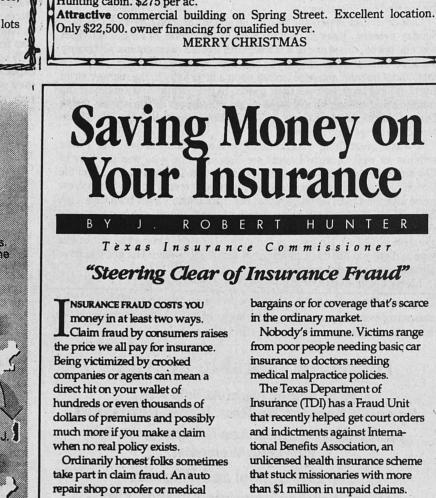
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The purpose of the investigation will be as follows:

The project calls for formal testing on 11 archeological sites at Fort Clark/Brackettville. Testing is to determine the sites eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and/or designation as State Archeological Landmarks. The sites (described in Warron and Uecker, 1994) to be tested include: 41KY26 41KY68 41KY73 41KY75 41KY67 41KY70 41KY74

Testing will involve mechanical excavation of trenches and manual excavation of controlled test units. The primary purpose of trenching is to provide subsurface views of the depositional environment for site burial in order to assess the integrity of subsurface cultural remains. The primary purpose of manual excavations is to determine the depths and contents of cultural materials in order to determine whether such materials can be used to address significant research issues.

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provider says, "Don't worry about your deductible. I'll pay it." What they mean is: "I'll pad the bill by \$250 or more. The insurance company will pay, and I've got a happy customer." Claims that are padded in this

fraudulent way drive up rates. Worse yet is agreeing to allege an injury in order to get some extra money out of an auto accident. In Texas' competitive insurance markets, rates should drop when claim costs go down and rise when they increase. Resisting the temptation to pad claims can save money for all of us.

Another type of consumer fraud against insurers is staged accidents. This criminal behavior usually is undertaken by organized gangs who seek to profit from false injuries after these "accidents." It's also important to know how to avoid becoming a fraud victim. Two of the most common kinds of fraud perpetrated by insurers or agents are: Agents who pocket your premium instead of sending it to the insurance company to pay for your policy. More agents lose their licenses in Texas for stealing premiums than for any other offense.

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1994 report and the Scope of Work may be obtained by contacting the City of Brackettville at the address shown below.

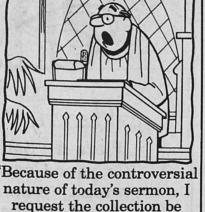
The proposal must be for a total price based upon units shown in the Scope of Work.

All proposals shall be submitted to David Luna, City Manager, City of Brackettville, 119 W. Spring St., Brackettville TX 78832, not later than 4:00 p.m. January 10, 1995. Any proposals received after that time and day may not be considered.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Middle Rio Grande Development Foundtion is seeking financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Section 16b(2) grant program. Grant funds will be used to purchase six (6) 15 passenger vans for the elderly/disabled of the Middle Rio Grande region. Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection one basis. Instead, send for your own by the public at 1904 North 1st, Carrizo Springs TX 78834.

If requested in writing by January 02, 1995, a public hearing will be held by Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation on January 14, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., 1904 North 1st Street, Carrizo Springs Texas, to accept comments on the proposed continuation of elderly and disabled transportation services within the Middle Rio Grande Region. Written comments on the proposed project may be submitted to Middle Rio Grande Development Foundation, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs TX 78834 prior to January 13, 1995. #4306



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2 Ground nutmeg

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and vanilla until smooth in large bowl; gradually beat in hot milk. Pour mixture into 10 custard cups or 1-1/2quart glass casserole; sprinkle top generously with nutmeg.

Place custard cups in baking pan; add 1-inch hot water.

3. Bake, uncovered. in preheated 325 degree F. oven until sharp knife inserted halfway between center and edge of custard comes out clean, 45 to 60 minutes. Remove custard dishes from baking pan; cool on wire rack. Refrigerate until chilled. Makes 10 halfcup servings.

Nutrition Informa-

tion per Serving: 90 calories; 8g carbohydrates, 7g protein, 3g fat, 129mg cholesterol, 142mg sodium. Diabetic Food Exchanges: 1/2 Milk;

1/2 Meat.

This recipe is 51% lower in calories vs. a recipe made with whole milk and 1 cup sugar.

- **Cream Cheese and Jelly Cookies**
- 3/4 cup margarine, softened

pkg. (8 ounces) reduced-fat

cream cheese, softened 2-1/2 teaspoons Equal[®] Measure™ or 8 packets Equal®

- sweetener
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 cup black cherry or seedless

raspberry spreadable fruit

1. Beat margarine, cream cheese and Equal Measure until fluffy in medium bowl; mix in flour and salt, forming a soft dough. Refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours.

2. Roll dough on lightly floured surface into 1/8-inch thickness; cut into rounds with 3-inch cutter. Place rounded 1/4 teaspoon spreadable fruit



Cream Cheese and Jelly Cookies

in center of each round; fold rounds into halves and crimp edges firmly... with tines of fork. Pierce tops of cookies with tip of sharp knife.

3. Bake cookies on greased cookie sheets in preheated 350 degree F. oven until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 3 dozen.

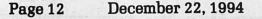
Nutrition Information per Cookie: 80 calories, 7g carbohydrates, 1g protein, 7 5g fat, 4mg cholesterol, 78mg sodium. Diabetic Food Exchanges: 1/2 Bread; 1 Fat.

This recipe is 15% lower in calories vs. a recipe made with full fat cream, cheese and 1/3 cup sugar.

For more cookies, pies and otherdeliciously sweet treats made with Equal[®] sweetener, write to: "Home Sweet Home," P.O. Box 7777-E50, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-7777.

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First Baptist Church Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

The eyes of children and the silver hair of senior citizens sparkled under the twinkle of the Christmas lights while the face of the moon shone brightly beside the Kinney County Courthouse clock tower. Santa was "Ho-ho-hooing" as parents were leading their children to his side so they could climb on his lap and he could hand a gift to them. Folks were talking and laughing while children were playing with their freshly opened gifts from Santa. Many others were sipping hot chocolate (almost), eating hotdogs, munching on cookies or wiping from their chins the roasted marshmallows.

That describes in part the sights and sounds around City Hall this past Sunday evening. I say in part because in the center of all the activities was one scene, the scene of a stable, with lighted mannequins portraying the first Christmas as shepherds and their animals, wise men from the east, and a huband and wife looked upon a little baby in the manger as an angel of light hovered over their heads. In the background amidst all the laughing and talking choirs were singing the songs of Christmas: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild; O Come All Ye Faithful; Go Tell It On The Mountain; Silent Night and others.

It was a great time, a fun time to be there but sprinkled with a little sadness as well because I could see how the One who was the Star of Christmas could be easily forgotten and left out. The fact of Jesus and the fiction of Santa Claus separated by only twenty feet or so and Santa drew more attention than Jesus. Without the truth of the Virgin born Child, the Son of God, there would be no fiction of Santa. Santa, we know, cannot really bring us a gift. But Jesus, on the other hand, has given us the greatest gift of all. He gave us the gift of Himself. Accept the gift of His love and eternal life this Christmas or share with others His gift you have already received and experienced.

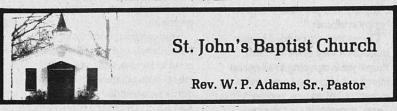
Merry Christ-mas!

Sunday, December 25, there will be no Sunday School. The morning worship service will begin at 10:30. Evening services have been dismissed only for Christmas Day.

Hispanic Worship Services

Each Friday Night At 6:00 P.M. Spanish Service By Rev. Israel Rodriguez First Baptist Church, Ann & Veltman Streets **Everyone Welcome!**

Sunday School and Worship Each Sunday beginning at 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church



And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she (Mary) should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



Frontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

the opportunity.

heaven.

Today, on the spot stands a shrine

marking another event. Where

every person has opportunity to

welcome Jesus into their hearts, can

be found forgiveness of sin and an

eternity in heaven. Those who

refuse to make room for Jesus have

no forgiveness, no high priest at the

right hand of God and no hope of

time to hang the welcome sign on

service on Christmas Day at Fron-

your heart and open it to Jesus.

tier Baptist Church.

Come and see.

This Christmas season is the ideal

Sunday you can enjoy a worship

Just inside the walls of Bethlehem was a caravansari or inn. It was there before the time of David, about 1000 years before Christ. It was the main gathering place for caravans going to Egypt some 250 miles to the south. It was also available to travelers. These were could be traumatic. places for people to have protection in rooms. There was also an open area for the animals.

When Mary and Joseph arrived expecting to find refuge in the inn they were turned away. The Scripture says, "there was no room." They were crowded out because of other committments.

Too often Jesus is crowded out of people's lives because of other committments. They falsely think other things are more important than welcoming Jesus into their hearts.

It was plain to be seen that Mary was close to the birth of a baby. The inn refused room because the festive occasion had no room for the birth of a child.

Many people refuse room for

Gateway Ministries

Gateway Ministries would like to thank First Baptist Church for the donation of song books.

We give thanks to Gary Pylon for the donation of an electric heater for the children's room.

We also would like to thank the Lions Club for the donation of curtain rods. The Lions Club also helped us give a needy family a Christmas tree and decorations so that they may have a little Christmas spirit in their home.

This family has experienced two fires in three months and still could use some bedding. This single mother's biggest need is extra strength to take care of her sick daughter who has children of her own and lives nearby. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thanks to all of you who have kept Gateway Ministries in your prayers...and have a Merry Christmas!

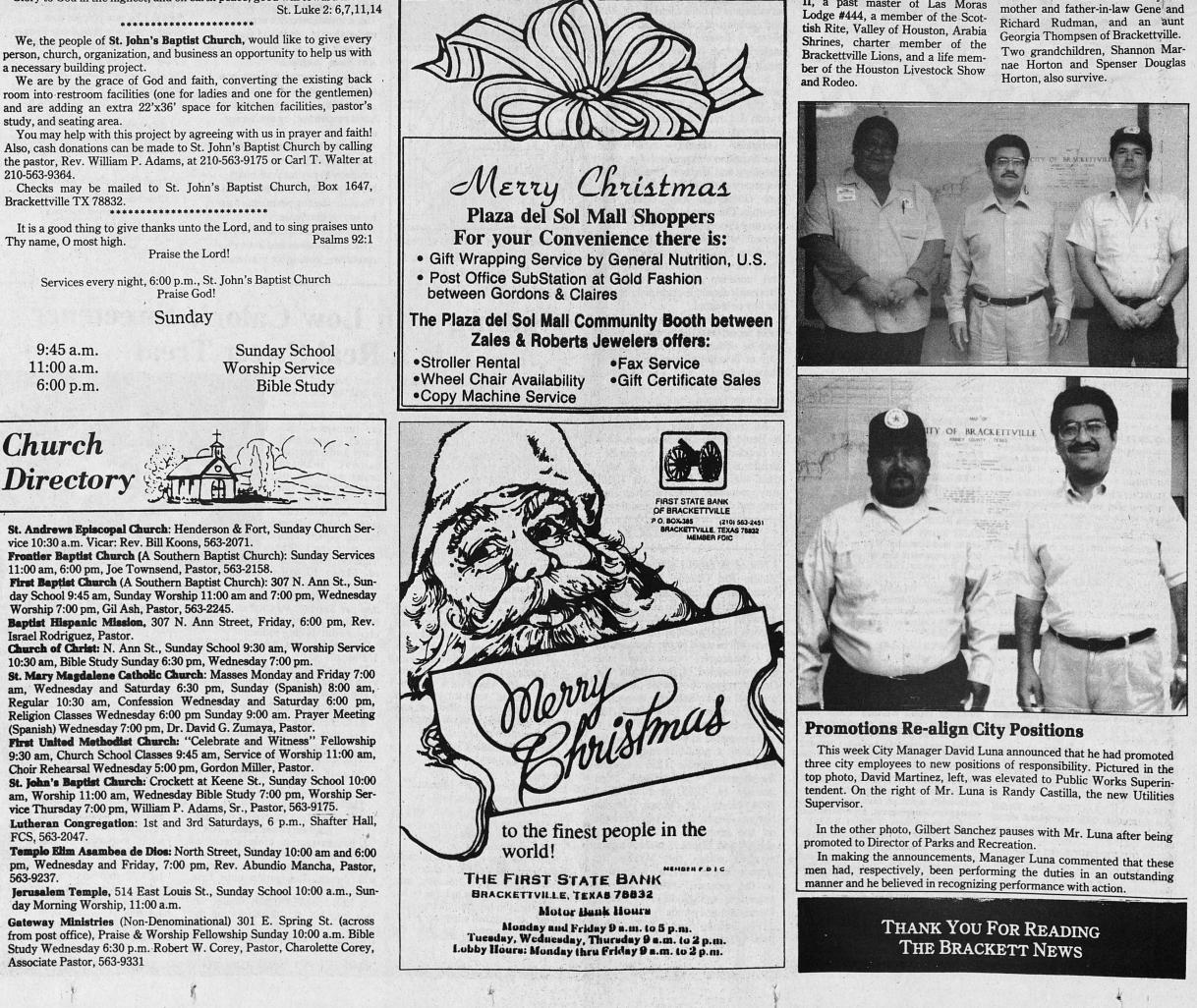
THANK YOU

The staff and I wish to thank all of the individuals and the organizations who participated in our first annual Christmas Gathering held on December 18, 1994, on the City Hall grounds.

We sincerely appreciate each of you and your assistance in our effort to provide our community with the opportunity to unite and to have a great time during this special season.

By working together, we were successful.

Su Amigo, /s/ David G. Luna acht anticivity er bidarbie car ann a'r



The Brackell Hews.

Brackettville Funeral Home (Formerly Humphreys) 114 North Street Brackettville 210/563-9600 New Name - New Lower Prices order. They will inevitably face troubles and problems which Jesus could help with; but without Him Where the inn had an opportunity Obituary to be famous for all eternity in the exegencies of the moment spurned

Savlador Hernandez

He had served in the United

Survivors include a sister, Raquel Falcon of Brackettville, and numerous nephews and nieces.

ber George, Elizabeth Wilson,

Angela George, George Lane, and

Stephanie Lane. Brother Kenneth

George of Lake Jackson, Donnie

George of Old Ocean, Steve George

of Parks, Ark., and a sister, Gail

His Masonic brethren served as

Mize of Jones Creek, also survive.

pallbearers.

H.B. "Nick" Nixon

Bobby Dewayne George

George were Monday, December 19, 1994, 3:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Brazoria, with Rev. B.F. Flowers officiating. Burial followed at Restwood Memorial Park.

Mr. George had worked with the Brazoria Little League for many years and was active in the Brazoria Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge, A.M.&F.M., of Brazoria.

Surviving are his wife, Glynda L. George; sons Tony (Christine)

was born October 21, 1926, in

Menard, Texas. Services are scheduled Thursday, December 22, 1994 (today) at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville. Memorial services will be held in Houston at a later date.

Interment will be at the Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville, with arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home.

Nick was a veteran of World War II, a past master of Las Moras

He was a comptroller for Frank Gillman Pontiac in Houston for many years. After retiring he moved to Brackettville where he lived for twelve years. At the time of his death, Nick and Genie were living at Onalaska, Texas, on Lake Livingston.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Genie Nixon; their son Dub Nixon; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and John Horton: a sister Byrnell Smith and a brother J.F. Nixon, a sister-in-law Francis Nixon. He is also surived by his

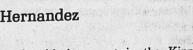
H.B. "Nick" Nixon, age 68, went to his light Decmeber 18, 1994. He

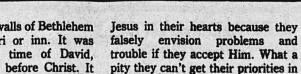
Long time Brackettville resident, Salvador Hernandez, died in Del Rio December 12, 1994.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon, December 14, 1994, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Chur-

Funeral services for Bobby D. George, Alex (Dominique) George; daughter Karen (Thomas) Wilson; and his parents Nolan & Tennie George all of Brazoria. Five grandchildren survive - Am-

ch with interment in the Kinney County cemetery. States Marine Corps.





The Brackett Mews.

December 22, 1994

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Letters To Santa And Other Things Of Christmas Dear Santa: These are the letters from the Jones Elementary These are the letters from the Jones Elementary School Kindergarten

Love.

Kristin

Loye,

Love,

Monica Gonzalez

Mrs. Bonner's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa.

My name is JuLisa Luna. I live in Brackettvill, Texas. I live on N Lock Street. I live in a white house. I've been good. I want some rollerblades and a Barbie car and a Barbie doll house.

Love, JuLisa Luna

Love,

Paul

Love.

Oscar

Dear Santa.

My name is Paul Carrion. I live in Brackettvill, Texeas. I live in Rancho Rio Granay. I want Sonic and Knuckles. I want Hot Shot. I want Bat Man.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Oscar Sierra. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live in Unit 15 Street. My house is blue and white. Here is what I want...a sega and a vaeranda TV. I will loeve you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Julian Ashbranner. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live on Fort Clark Springs Street. My house is brown. I've been good and my sister good too. How are you and mrs. Claus? How are the elves and rudoph? I would like a Barbie car and Barbies and a little dollhouse.

Love.

Stocking Stuffers

he practice of hanging Christmas stockings on a mantle is believed to have originated from the benevolence of St. Nicholas,

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Ray Smith. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live on Brown street. I live in a red house. I left cookies with milk. How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus ok? Are the elves working. can you give me a bike segd and skates.

Love, **Ray Smith**

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Jared Grubbs. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live on Crocket Street. I have been very good. How is Santa and Radolph doing? How is Mrs. Claud doing? My house is made out of rocks. I would like a batman toy and a basketball.

Love, Iared

Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Noe Talamantez. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live in a rock house. My street name is El Paso. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you bring the toys I want. here is waht I want a basketball hoop and a Lion King game and a batman toy.

Love Noe Talamantez

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Cassandra Rios. I live in Brackettville, Taxas. I live on First street. I want a Barbie car and a Barbie house and a T.V. I will leave Julian you cookies and milk. Love,

Cassandra Rios

Dear Santa Claus. My name is Ernestina Gallegos. I live in Bratrebille, Texas. I love Santa Claus. I live in a white house. I would like a Barbie car and a TV.

in the holiday season.

Love, **Ernestine Gallegos**

Why The Yule Log?

The Yule log originally had a

practical purpose - a large log was

burned simply to keep the great halls of chilly English houses warm

In pagan England, a log was bur-

ned as part of the mid-winter Yule:

festival. Eventually the lighting of a

Yule log from the unburned remnant;

of the previous year's log became a

cold and less

radition of the Christmas season.

the state when a state when the

classes. The following students wish for:

- Room 16, Miss Wallace's Class
- 1. A toy and a horse... Ivan Pinales
- 2. A horse and a dinosaur, Thank you...David Cano
- 3. A dog and a doll with black hair. Merry Christmas...Dolores Cano 4. Cool Tools and a necklace, earrings, diamong rings with a butterfly
- on it. Is it cold at the North Pole? I love Santa Claus...Katelyn Johnson
- 5. A tire and a skateboard. It's baby Jesus' birthday...Robert Davis
- 6. A Barbie and a Barbie car. merry Christmas...Lisa Morgan
- 7. A baby doll and a book. Merry Christmas...Leslie Galindo
- 8. A Barbie and a Barbie car. Merry Christmas...Christie Dodson
- 9. A set of play tools and a Nintendo. Merry Christmas. Hope to see you on Christmas Day...(no name)
- 10. A Barbie Fun House. Merry Christmas...Betty Rose Lattimer

11. A bike and a swing set. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...Mar sha Smith

12. Horses and a motorcycle. Merry Christmas and thank you...Justin Perez

13. A train, with a bridge over it and a top on it with a race track. Thank you...Cullen Duncan

14. A skate board and a bike. I will be seeing you on Christmas...Albaro Duran

15. Cool Tools and a basketball set. Merry Christmas...Michael Stephenson

Room 17, Mrs. Hoyle's Class

1. A walkie talkie and a motorcycle-bike...Adan Aguirre 2. Roller blades and an army jeep with big batteries...Clinton Conrad 3. A bike and a Santa Claus doll ... Skyler Easter 4. To be good and a sword...Arnie Garcia 5. A train and a motorbike ... Tommy Garcia 6. A My Size Barbie and a Barbie car...Nicole Blanton 7. A doctor Barbie, a doll house...Cynthia Jaso 8. A My Size Barbie, toy Power Rangers...Ashley Garey 9. A Power Ranger and that's all...Joaquin Flores 10: A bike and a flying bike...James Gass 11. A doll house and a My Size Barbie...Monica Talamantes 12. A bed and toys...Christina Hernandez 13. A motorcycle bike and a walkie talkie...Adam Sandoval 14. A bike and Barbies...Emily Valenzuela 15. A dirt bike and a toy car...William Adams Room 18, Mrs. Hagler's Class 1. A moped...Seth 2. A dirt bike...Stanford 3. A Penny Secret...Caytlyn 4. A baby doll...Sharon 5. A Barbie...Diana

- 6. A car...Johnny
- 7. A bike...Oscar
- 8. A Barbie and a Barbie car...Nadine 9. A bike...Berenice
- 10. A Barbie car...Jessica
- 11. A car and truck...Normando
- 12. A car...Chad 13. A car...Chad
- 13. A Mr. Potato Head 14. A toy...Hayley





Mrs. Jones' **2nd Grade Class**

Dear Santa:

My name is James. I wut a bebe gun and my brudr wants a bebe gun. My brudr wants a phone and my mom wants a glas cat. My seter wants a suff bear and my dad wants a eglo watch. I hop you fin Brackettet. Hav a good tirep.

Your frend, **James Smith**

Dear Santa

My mame is Whitneym. Haow are you doing. I hope you are doing fine. I hope my grapoll fill beter on Christmas eve. Brend him some madsun, Santa. Can you make it snow. If you can do it. I want a ratler. Savanah wants a twin. My mom wants to be rick. My dad wants to be rick to.

> Your friend. Whitne Massingill

Dear Santa,

My name is Lito. I would like a three wheeler and my brother to, I have been good all yar. I want a car. Please bring my siter a lot of dolls My mom needs money. My dad needs a day off to put up the tree. Your friend. Lito Escamilla

Dear Santa,

My name is Celina. I would like a rocking horse. For my dad he would like a watch cause he lost his other. My mom would like a remind chart. My big sister would like her own telephone and I'd like a telephone too. For my cuzin Julie she would like a dairy. How are you doing?

Your friend, lina Terra

the ancestor of Santa Claus. Legend has it that the kindly saint dropped three bags of

live in Brackettville, Texas. I live in Fort Clark Springs on Broken Arrow Street. I have been good. I will leave a snack. May I have a

rudolph?

phone and a T.V. and on more thing a Barbie car.

Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kristin Meyer. I live

in Brackettville Texas. I live on

Veltman Street. My house is brown.

I been good I would like a doll house

a T.V. and a Barbie car. How is

Mrs. Claus and the elves and how is

My name is Stephanie Bonner. I

Stephanie Bonner Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Crystal Moreno. I live in Brakettville, Texas. I live on First Street. I been a little good with my daddy and I would like a Barbie and a Barbie car and a bike. Love,

Crystal

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Monica Gonzalez. I live in Brackettville, Texas. I live on Ann Street. My house is white. I will leave you some cookies and milk. How is everybody at the north pole. Say hi to Mrs. Claus. For Christmas I would like a doll her name is Baby alive I would like a foll house and a Barbie.



money down a chimney to an impoverished nobleman, who lacked dowries, for marrying off

Ribbons and Bows

his daughters. One of the bags of money dropped into a stocking hung to dry by the fire, suggesting that a stocking so hung might attract gifts on the holiday.

Young children continue to hang stockings on Christmas Eve in hopes of collecting little gifts.



Kissing Under The Mistletoe

Several accounts exist to explain the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe in the holiday season. One explanation is that hanging mistletoe is an ancient marriage and fertility rite. Another story is that hanging a sprig of the plant was an early Scandinavian truce custom, which barred people from fighting when they met in forests near mistletoe.

Further legend has it that hanging mistletoe in bygone times signaled feelings of peace and friendship, which were then sealed with a kiss.

enon in American life. It started at the turn of the century, when people stopped giving handmade gifts and instead began exchanging factory-made items. To some, these new gifts seemed

"he practice of gift wrapping is a fairly recent phenom-

intimate, and so, to restore some kind of personal touch, retailers encouraged their customers to wrap their presents.

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

The story of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer was written in 1939 by Robert May, a Montgomery Ward adman, when he was asked to write a story to be distributed to small children by in-store Santa Clauses.

May and his four-year-old daughter came up with the story of the shiny-nosed reindeer, who lights Santa's way. Denver Gillen, May's friend, illustrated the text.

More than two million copies of the story were distributed in the department store, but the give-aways were halted during World War II. In 1946 the store resumed the practice, and a year later the story was put into book form.

In 1949 Western movie star Gene Autry recorded a musical version of the song, and it went immediately to the top of the Hit Parade. Sociologists say the legend of Rudolph is the only original addition to Santa Claus folklore in the 20th century.

reservacescover

Mrs. Melancon's 2nd Grade Class

Greg

Courtney

Dear Santa,

I waunt a Mortal Combat and ana thing I waunt. I like the thing you got me last year.

Dear Santa,

I put a Christmas tree in my room. I hope you put a presents but if you dot it's ok. We haved put up are Christmes lights up vet but we wile have them up by you get hear. I have ben weting two Batons but if you can't it is ok. Santa are you ok. I am. tell Mrs. Claus hi for me. I no a new song it is called Christmes Eav. are tree is colorful. and we have a start. we have all different things. we have all different things at are cowtobargrd. I am going to leve cooking a mailk.

Dear Santa,

Thak you for the presents last year. I want a firetruck and a ball that's all Santa tell Mrs. Claus hi ok. Tell hi to the reindeer for me and the elves ok. Stevie

Dear Santa,

I am Joey. I whant a Harley Davdson bike heare is my phone number 563-20-91 and Legend of Batman and a sego game. What is it be like in the Nouth Pole.

Joey

Dear Santa,

I want a Dart set with a target and a football or a new basketball and new clothes. Anthony

Dear Santa.

I want a bicke and a Sega and a Harley Davidson and Mortal Combat and a trampoline. Rolando

Dear Santa,

Tanck you for all the other things but I want a trampoline. How are you filing today. Santa I help you whil fill beter if you are sike Valerie

Dear Santa,

I want a corvette I want some new clothes I want a taoo I want a 4 wiln Evanisto

Dear Santa, I don't rearle won't that much presents. I just wont a little bit of presents. first gift my size bride barbie your nice santa 2ed gift a trampoline 3ed gift a bell. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. My phone number is 210-563-9292.

Christina

Dear Santa, I want a Tatoo Barbie for Christmas Eve. How are you at the North Pole Sanat. Phounb 563-9901.

Dear Santa.

I have ben good. I hop you git me a four whiller and a trampoline. I went to ask how ar you boing. I am going to live you some coukes and malk.

Michael Blain

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike with a dart seat with some new paint for my creepy raislers Tillman

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline for Christ-

mas. For Christmas I want a bick for Christmas. I want a barbie for Christmas. Stephanie

Dear Santa,

Thank you for 2XL last year. Please get me this year a trampoine. Thank you. bye-bye. Merry Christmas. phone number 563-9655. Jaclynn M.D.

Origin Of Holiday Greeting Cards

The custom of exchanging holiday cards was begun in 1843 by Englishman Henry Cole, who commissioned an artist to draw a festive scene to decorate printed greetings. One thousand cards were printed, and these first greetings, which sold for a shilling each, featured a family seated at a Christmas dinner. The inscription was the now familiar "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

The custom of sending holiday greetings in America was introduced later in Boston by lithographer Louis Prang. His sentimental cards featured flowers and Christmas decorations. Prang dominated the American holiday-greeting market until the 1890s, when cheaper cards imported



Whitney Hitt

That terrible time. The time Santa forgot to come to my house, I felt horrible. I almost died of crying. I looked in my stocking. It was empty. And under my tree there was just an ornament that fell off the tree. And then I heard Ho, Ho, Ho! I kissed Santa on the lips!

Clarissa Dear Santa,

My name is Vanessa. How are you, Santa? Will you plese breing me a barber for Christmas. My mom was a car. My dad wus a truk and my bruder wus a bike.

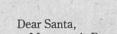
Your friend,

Vanessa Williams P.S. I holpe you have a safe tripe here.

Dear Santa.

My name is Divina. And I would like you to bring me a horse for Christmas. I have ben good all year. I wunt you to bring my mom some slippers please. Oh, and my dad wants some new pants. And my brother wunts to go to the navy today. My nephew wunts toy. Oh and I wunt you to bring my teacher a big teddy bear.

Your friend. Divina Pena



My name is Ryan. I wat a beb gun and a ring for may mom. And I will wit a pen of gote club for my dad and a T.V. for my sister.

> Your friend, Ryan Garcia

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touched with God's eternal light.

ICA Endorses New Penalties For Cattle Theft, Fence-Cutting

In its ongoing effort to represent the diverse interests of cow-calf producers, the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) in endorsing efforts to strengthen Texas laws against fence-cutting and cattle theft, while promoting a move in Congress to cut estate taxes

Each of these issues is expected to be considered by lawmakers next vear

In Austin, the Texas Legislature next year will consider legislation aimed at stiffening the penalty for fence-cutting. House Bill 302, which already has been pre-filed by State Rep. Susan Combs of Austin, would make it a Class A misdemeanor to cut fence "used for the protection of" livestock. The same provision was left out of sweeping revisions of the Texas Penal Code passed by the Legislature in 1993.

ICA is also strongly urging the Legislature to strengthen penalties for cattle theft. The new Penal Code, which became effective September 1, allows only probation for first-time thieves of cattle worth up to \$20,000 if there is no violence or weapon involved in the crime. Previously, theft of livestock valued at \$1,500 was a third-degree felony that carried sentences of up to 10 years in prison.

'The new law on cattle theft is outrageously weak," said ICA President Jim Selman, who ranches in the Gonzales area. "Only a few cattle may be involved in one of these crimes, but for a small producer, having even one head of cattle stolen is a costly blow. What's more, producers may have spent years breeding a genetic pool that is destroyed by these so-called 'small thefts,' Something must be done."

"Cattle thefts and fence-cutting are serious issues for livestock producers. That's why we've put both at the top of our priorities for the legislative session," Selman added. The Legislature convenes January 10, 1995.

In 1993, special Texas Rangers employed by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recovered or accounted for 2,145 head of cattle and horses, 17 trailers and various other ranch property worth a total of \$2.8 million. Meanwhile, at the federal level, one issue that ICA will hammer on is the need to cut estate or inheritance taxes. One proposal under discussion is to raise the estate tax exemption from \$600,000 per person to \$750,000 per person and index for inflation.

The current rate, said Selman, is hurting farm and ranch families. In

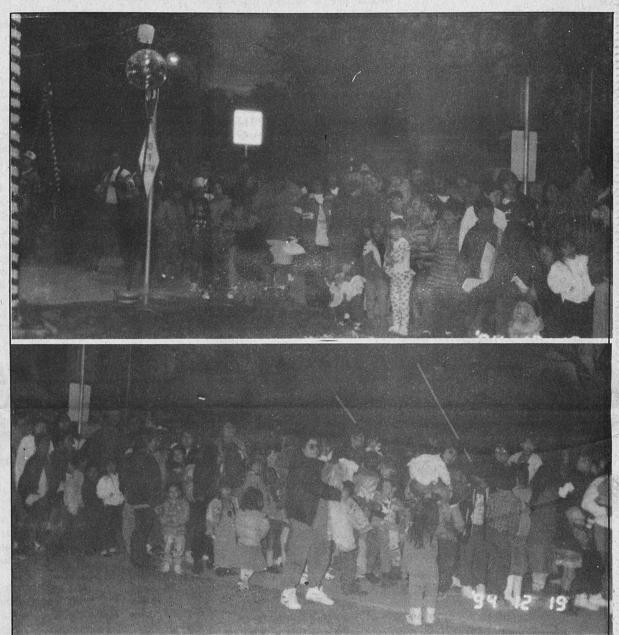
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Councilman Charles L. Bushart and Children

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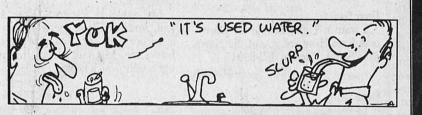
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some cases, families have been forced to sell off their land just to pay inheritance taxes.

*** Good will is the mightiest practical force in the universe. -Charles Fletcher Dole



Every glass of water you drink contains molecules of water used countless times before



This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

Christmas Tree Relish Tray

1	Styrofoam cone, about	Cherry tomatoes
	10 to 12 inches high	Zucchini slices
	Mustard greens, chicory	Cauliflower floret
	or curly endive	Carrot sticks
	Toothpicks	Radish roses

Apply floral clay or a few strips of two-sided tape to the bottom of a Styrofoam cone. Set cone firmly on a tall compote or footed cake stand.

Begin at the base and encircle cone with a layer of greens, attaching them with wire staples or upholstery pins. Add a second layer overlapping the first. Working upward, continue adding layers until entire cone is covered.

Decorate over greens with vegetables speared with toothpicks. Position extra vegetables around the base. Serve accompanied by dip.

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Community Unity

The pictures on this page are from Sunday evening's first annual Community Christmas Gathering, a "brain-child" of City Manager David Luna and graciously sponsored by the City of Brackettville. Insuring its success was the enthusiastic participation of Kinney County's churches, organizations, and individuals.

Santa visited with over 500 chiildren each of whom received a nice gift. Refreshments were provided by community organizations. Christmas Carols came from churches and The Voices.

Wonder if Marine 'One-Striper'' James Clarkson will get the additional stripes he seems to be asking Santa for.





