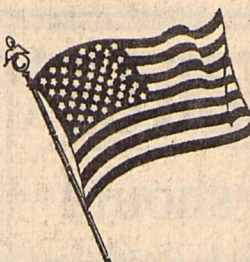


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Simple Mirror, an acoustic Christian rock band, performed last week at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville. Members of the Uvalde group are Gary Mizell (from left), Steve Miller, J.D. Miller and Chris Reed. Brackett News Photo by Amanda Ward.

## Kitchen fire forces Full Circle to close

### Manager says cafe's future uncertain

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

A kitchen fire last week has forced the Full Circle Cafe to close its doors indefinitely.

Last week's blaze occurred early Wednesday morning and ruined all of the cooking equipment in the restaurant, located three miles west of Brackettville on U.S. Highway 90.

"Most of the fire was by the door between the kitchen and the bathroom," said Steve Boutwell, manager of the Full Circle Cafe.

"Everything in the kitchen was pretty much destroyed. All of the equipment, all of the utensils and all of the pots and the pans, everything was burned up. I don't think anything will ever be usable again," he added.

Officials initially said the fire was caused by electrical problems. A fire inspector from Del Rio was scheduled to investigate the accident on Tuesday.

U.S. Border Patrol agents reported the fire to the Sheriff's Department at 1:05 a.m. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene at 1:07 and arrived at 1:10.

"We got out there and the fire was out at about 1:30," Boutwell said. "It was smoking a lot, but it was out."



The Full Circle Cafe has had to close its doors because of a kitchen fire last week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

"The Fire Department did a fantastic job. They said that if the fire lasted five more minutes the entire building would have been gone. They caught it just in time. For a small town fire department, they sure did a big time job."

Boutwell said he plans to reopen Full Circle Cafe, but he said the timing depends on the fire inspector's results.

"Right now, we don't know what's going to happen. We're just waiting to get some answers to what happened and where to go from there."

"We have plans of staying

here. Eventually, we're going to open somewhere. We plan to return, one way or another," he added.

The Full Circle Cafe opened Sept. 23 and Boutwell said "business was going well."

"I was very happy with the way things were going. We had quite a bit of town support. It was to the point where we thought we could sustain a long-term business beyond hunting season, which was the big question coming in. I think we were doing just fine. We were really looking forward to the new year until the fire occurred."

## Only one accident reported during Christmas holidays

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Only one traffic accident, which occurred Sunday afternoon and involved two vehicles, was reported in Kinney County over the Christmas holidays.

"We had a very safe holiday," Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "We just had normal complaints. Fire crackers were held down pretty good. We just had one reported accident in the city. Other than that, we had no criminal activity in Kinney County."

Sunday's traffic accident occurred at 2 p.m. in front of the Service Center on Highway 90 in Brackettville.

William Joseph Hakeem, 75, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was travelling west on Highway 90 when his 1983 Chevrolet R.V. was side-swiped by 1998

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Chevrolet Prizm, which entered the highway from the Service Center.

The driver of the Prizm, 87-year-old David Thomas Blair of Brackettville, was cited for failure to yield right of way by Brackettville Chief of Police Ron Ring.

## Officials deliver Christmas baskets to 122 needy families in Kinney County

Christmas baskets were delivered to 122 needy families in Kinney County on Dec. 23. The baskets affected 406 individuals, including 176 children.

The baskets were filled with canned foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, packaged foods, candy, fresh hams, bakery goods, toys for the children, etc. A list with the

names of all donors was enclosed in each basket.

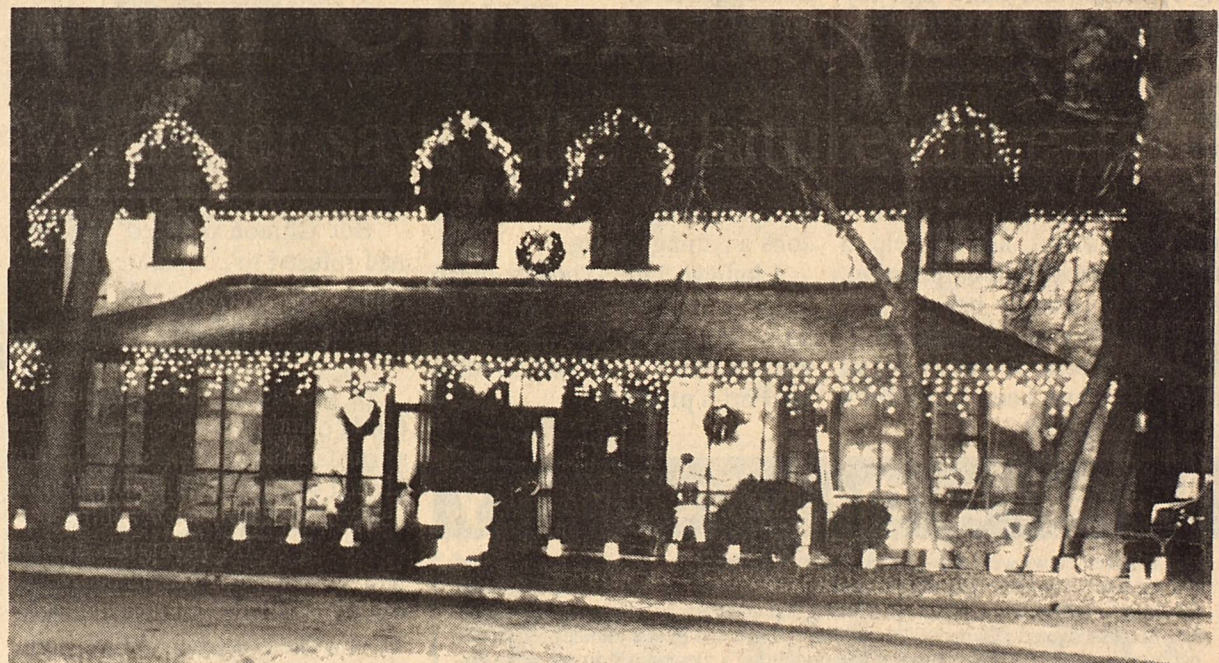
"Donations and help to this program were greatly appreciated and showed concern for our fellow man," Brackettville Lions Club President Louis Sofaly said.

This will be the last year that the Brackettville Lions Club will be able to support the Kinney

County Christmas Basket Program.

Over \$2,800 was spent this year with only a little more than half of this received from the community.

In 1999, the group will revert back to the Lion Christmas Basket Program for a limited amount of families.



Bill Haenn's home on Colony Row won top honors at Fort Clark Springs for its Christmas decorations last week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Tamara de Ruyter (right) of Holland spent the Christmas holidays with Melissa Starkweather's family in Brackettville.

## AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### Holland vet student spends Christmas in Brackettville

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Thousands of miles away from home, Tamara de Ruyter was happy to spend Christmas with a family.

The 23-year-old Holland veterinarian student spent the holidays in Brackettville last week with Melissa Starkweather's family at the home of Starkweather's mother and step-father, Sylvia and Robert Canty.

For the last nine weeks, de Ruyter has been studying with veterinarians in Floresville and Karnes City. The 23-year-old met Starkweather through a colleague of her father's and is staying with her in Karnes City.

"Christmas day was the first time since I've been here that I

had a rough time just being alone here (without my family), but it helps when you have people around you," de Ruyter said last weekend. "Melissa's family has been very nice to me, so that helps a lot."

Christmas is celebrated on two days in Holland on Dec. 5-6, de Ruyter said.

"It was interesting learning about Holland's holidays," Starkweather said. "We got to participate in celebrating Christmas on Dec. 5. Tamara's boyfriend came over and her sister had sent packages for us. It was neat. They sang their songs for us and everything."

The biggest difference between celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ in the two countries is that "Christmas is bigger," in the

United States, de Ruyter said.

"Usually, you only buy one or two presents for each other in Holland," she said. "There are no stores open on the first or second Christmas day. You can't buy any groceries. You can't go anywhere. Everything is closed."

Another difference de Ruyter pointed out between the U.S. and her homeland is the common use of automobiles.

"The roads in Holland are smaller," she said. "The cars are smaller. There are usually more people in the streets. Here, if you go shopping, you take the car. In Holland, you take your bicycle or you go by foot."

With the completion of the Christmas holidays, de Ruyter has returned to Karnes City to continue studying through Jan. 16.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Fort Clark's directors should communicate with membership

To the Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors and management:

Rumor is the venom of petty people. You are a constant subject of rumor. Why? Because you do not communicate. No one knows what you are doing, except you.

Perception is reality without communication. The perception is that you operate in secret. That you function as individuals and not as a corporate body. That individual directors peddle influence and intimidate employees into doing their bidding. Only you can change that perception.

I was dismayed by the comments in last week's paper regarding Smith Security.

Smith Security costs about the same as when we had our own security force. Smith Security does not have enforcement authority. Never has. Never will.

Each director is given a very large black binder when they begin their service on the board. The binder contains copies of all the dedicatory instruments of the association. Our dedicatory instruments are models for any home owners' association. They are legally binding on the membership.

Enforcement of our dedicatory instruments, i.e. our rules and regulations, rests squarely on the shoulders of the Board of Directors through management. They are enforceable through the Texas Property Code. It's not a secret.

You don't have to explore how to do it. Just do it!

Have the moral courage to enforce our rules and regulations or do away with them and let anarchy and chaos reign (as it does now).

By ignoring your enforcement responsibility you risk not only the safety and welfare of the members but also leave the association open to a potential deceptive trade practices suit.

As far as the issue of speeding is concerned this also can be solved. Again, it's no secret. The Texas Traffic Law provides for the setting and enforcement of speed limits on private property by Texas law enforcement officials.

Genell knows the drill. The letters are already written. You need only the resolve to follow through. You don't have to believe me. Just ask Frank Cheaney or Mary Mitchell if it can't be done.

In closing I would request you let the members in good standing know who the delinquent members are who walk among us and take the services we pay for.

They are an arrogant group. Their number and identity would shock the average honest member. They are loud and intimidating. They start the rumors and they manipulate the Board of Directors.

Who are they? Please communicate with membership, that's all I ask.

Bill Haenn

### Fort Clark Board of Directors, members should work together

This letter is in reference to the front page story "Director calls political flier bologna."

At the Dec. 19 Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meeting, one of the directors spouted off that they were elected to do the Fort's business; they were doing a good job and didn't need any help from anyone else.

As I stated at the meeting: "We are all smarter than any one of us." I still believe the board needs lots of help.

A board member also stated that this Board of Directors does not, and will not, ask for help to solve problems of the corporation, although I strongly believe they should, as they are amateurs. How many members of the Board of Directors have been hired by a real corporation?

The Fort Clark Board of Directors believe they are smarter than all of us. As I stated, "We are all smarter than any one of us."

Why don't you let us know what problems you are working on and ask for written comments and suggestions?

The good Lord knows we have lots of problems and can only work on so many at a time. Some of us are smarter than a box of rocks.

Mr. Kelly told us "we haven't done anything... so we haven't done anything wrong."

I believe him although much needs to be done - so lets all roll up our sleeves and get to work and work together as a team to solve the Fort's problems.

Glenn Heesacker

## Letters to the Editor Policy

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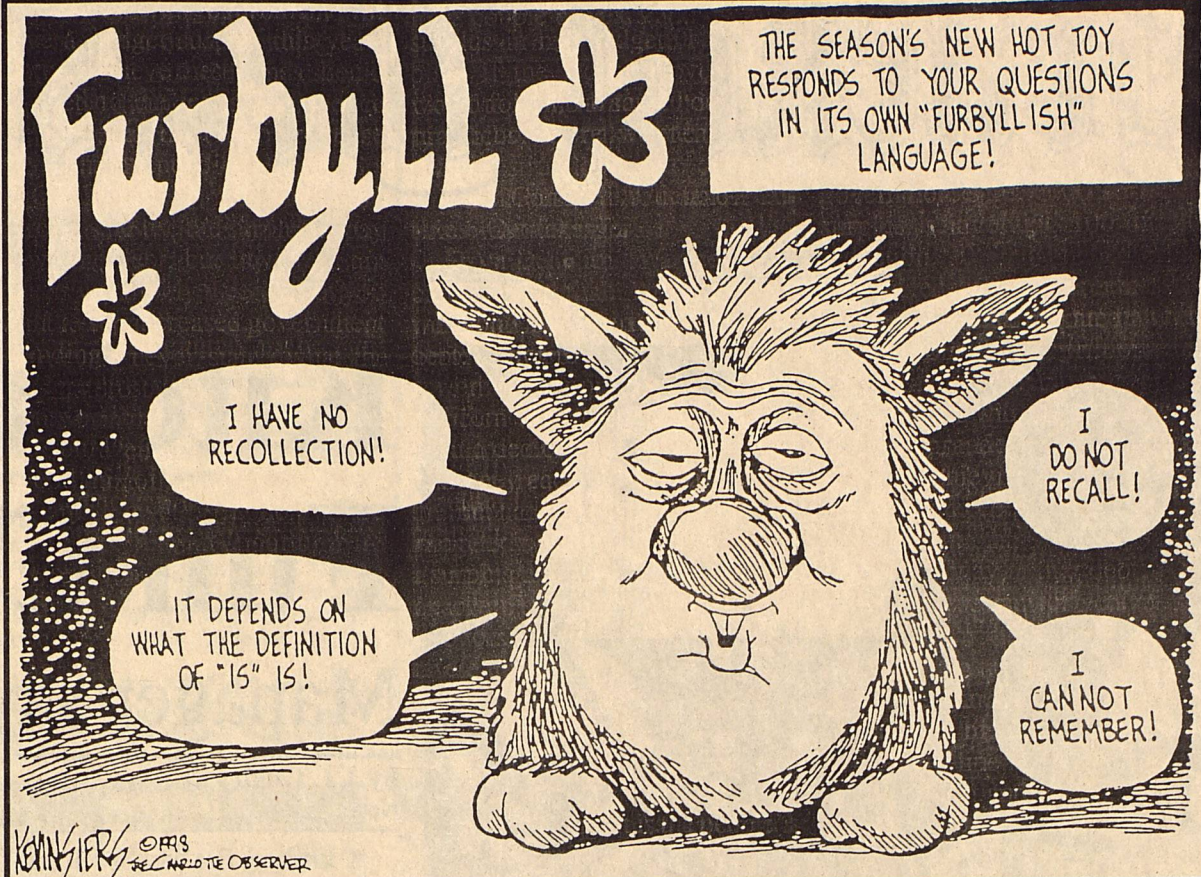
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## What is Clinton's motive?

Another side of the coin. For seven and a half years, investigators of the United Nations have sought to find and destroy "weapons of mass destruction" and the factories that make them.

Recently Bill Clinton decided the U.N. did not fit his pattern of self aggrandizement and conned his clone Tony Blair to side with him so he could claim international support. He claimed he had to protect the "neighboring countries" and the best interests of the U.S.

He has never stated what the U.S. interests are. Indeed there is not one single interest affecting the U.S. We certainly do not need their oil and they cannot bomb or invade us.

When Clinton recently started to bomb Iraq and backed down he said, "I gave them a chance, not a license." He thus bragged about him being the sole authority.

The investigators went back in. They checked 421 sites in short order. Then the bloated ego of the leader demanded to see the files of the government.

One of the women investigators demanded to interview high school students about their school work. There were two other such inane demands. This infuriated the leader of the search team and he took his ball and went home.

Bill Clinton decided Saddam had refused to cooperate and de-

*Between Us*  
By Joe Townsend



decided to bomb Iraq to "degrade" his ability to make "weapons of mass destruction," two days before the House was to consider impeachment charges.

He's an old hand at such chicanery. After all, he bombed a medicine factory in Sudan the day before Lewinsky was to appear before the grand jury and it proved to be on false charges. He had to do it that day to surprise Hussein and yet Iraq was not surprised.

Iraq had long claimed the U.N. puppets were spies. The recent attack gave credulity to the charge. How else could they have known so accurately the spots they chose to bomb?

They were bombing to destroy the capability of producing "weapons of mass destruction." So they bomb security headquarters, party political headquarters, Hussein's palace, Hussein's daughter's home, communication headquarters and soldiers barracks.

There was revealed one salient fact. All the sophistication of U.S. weaponry proved very ineffective. Keep in mind Iraq is about two-thirds the size of Texas.

This desert folly employed

30,000 American troops on the scene and 10,000 more support troops on other bases.

Air Force flew 600 sorties in four days involving 300 aircraft launching 90 air launched cruise missiles and 600 other bombs.

Forty ships participated with 10 launching 300 Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Consider the cruise missiles and bombs cost roughly \$1 million each and the cost of personnel and equipment it is not out of range to say this four day game by Bill Clinton cost \$1 billion, more or less, and for what?

In spite of the Democrats crying about the tragedy of considering impeachment while "American service men are putting their lives on the line," the House voted impeachment and not one American plane was shot down nor one life lost.

We have and will keep 20,000 troops, two aircraft carriers and attendant ships all so Bill Clinton can be doing "what the people elected him to do," so as in everything Bill Clinton does, don't blame him, he's just a servant of the people, he says.

## Texans weigh in on budget surplus

In my unscientific poll, two-thirds of Texans believe that any surplus in the federal budget should be used to both reduce the national debt and lower taxes.

My annual questionnaire, which The Brackett News published late last summer, asked Texans their opinion on the budget surplus. The question was:

"The federal government will have a budget surplus this year. Do you believe these funds should be used to cut taxes? To reduce the national debt? To increase government spending?"

Of those who responded, 66 percent said use the surplus to pay down the debt, but lower the tax rate as well. Only 9 percent of you want to see increased government spending.

Here are some of your comments on this question:

From Dallas: "We finally have a good mix of government spending and a healthy economy. We have a duty and an opportunity to pay our debt. Let's do it."

From Manvel: "What's wrong with the federal government having a budget surplus for a change? Why does that money burn a hole in Congress' pockets? Is there something wrong with saving it and letting it earn a little interest? Why does it just have to be spent this instant?"

From Tullia: "For Pete's sake pay off that huge debt. We are paying more and more taxes every year just for debt service. We'd have a lot more money to spend on things like the military and college loans if we weren't paying interest on that debt. No tax reductions until we are no longer a debtor country."

From Brookston: "If there is a



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

surplus in my budget, I pay off bills. If the federal government would follow the same household practices, there wouldn't be a debt."

From Comfort: "Cut taxes. Cut taxes. Cut taxes."

From Del Rio: "We are living on borrowed time. At some point we won't be able to pay off the debt. Better to pay it now, while it won't cause pain."

From Waxahachie: "Congress should dedicate a specific amount of money each year to paying off the debt before anything else is budgeted. We can't say we have a surplus until we have paid what we owe."

From Winters: "Lower my taxes. I can't tell you how hard it is for my family to live on what I earn after the government takes its bite out of my paycheck."

From Houston: "Tax cuts do not cost anything. It is the people's money. The federal government is not entitled to a certain amount."

From Fort Stockton: "Why should we have to wait for a tax cut? And why do we continue to give away billions of dollars every year to foreign countries who are only our friend as long as they get handouts? Let the world wait for a couple of years and use that surplus to pay off the debt and to

But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



## Happy New Year

Now that Christmas is over, I guess I need to make some New Year's resolutions.

I have lost weight, so that's out. My financial problems are beyond making resolutions about. So I guess my resolution for this year is to act my age.

I am constantly criticized for my behavior. A lot of people think I need to be more serious, more "mature."

Why? There is not one shred of evidence, scientific or otherwise, that I have ever encountered, or heard of, to support the theory that life is meant to be taken seriously. And certainly not every waking moment of every single day!

So lighten up. Laugh a little. Laugh a lot! Enjoy yourself. Life is active, not passive. Are you beginning to get the picture?

When I get old (100-plus), maybe I'll start to act my age. Maybe. But certainly not one minute before then.

Life is fun! Or at least it should be. If I can't go down the road of life with a smile on my face, then why go? I'll just sit down on the sidewalk and pout.

Give me some feedback on this one. Show me the error in my thinking. Tell me where I'm wrong.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

I have a neighbor who is truly a remarkable person. She is a devoted wife and mother.

She cares for several children of working mothers and is very popular both with the children and the mothers.

She is a friendly person and is well liked by all who know her. She has a lovely home which she keeps in immaculate fashion. She spends her time caring for her husband and family.

Surely, Mrs. Oscar Payne is an Unsung Hero.

## Correction

The Brackett News recently printed a story containing an incorrect date for a local poetry forum. We regret this mistake.

Following is the correct information as provided to The Brackett News:

**Poetry Forum Invitation**  
Share: Poetry works and writing tips.

Learn: How to find publishing companies. How to copyright. How to find poetry contests. How to create your own poems and collection.

Goals of forum: To share and do public speaking at our local schools, nursing homes and other civic community functions. Compile and publish our own poetry collection.

Meeting at Brackettville Public Library the first Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Next meeting Jan. 7.

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# What is the difference between right and wrong?

By Steven R. LaMascus  
Contributing Writer

When I was just a kid, my father was a deputy sheriff in a small North Texas county. He, like most law enforcement officers, did not have a lot of time to devote to my daily rearing. He worked nights and was called out at odd hours.

He was a strong influence and did spend as much time as possible with his family, but our base in morality and religion was gleaned primarily from our mother and the local Baptist church, reinforced at every opportunity by my father.

We were very lucky in that respect. Our home was in the living quarters of the county jail and we had ample opportunity to observe the consequences of breaking the laws of man.

At that age it was easy for us to equate the laws of man to the laws of God and come up with the observation that evil is punished. Consequently, we never got into serious trouble. Of course, we were going to do the things that kids do, and we were punished, but we never even thought about doing anything mean or vicious. That was against the laws of man and God.

I guess that is the gist of what I want to say in this piece. We were given strong moral values from birth. Our mother is a religious woman. Her father, our grandfather, was a Baptist preacher from the days when people still believed in black and white, right and wrong, and not just degrees of acceptability. Our father was a police officer.

There were things we didn't do, period, and things that we knew if we did, we would be punished. I guess that is the line that has, over the intervening years,

been blurred and moved, and in some places, erased in America.

It seems to me that of late the feeling in America is that if it isn't actually illegal, it isn't wrong - like the motto of the seventies, "if it feels good, do it." Nothing could be further from the truth. Let's examine right and wrong for a moment.

Let us assume you are at the mall. As you are leaving you find you have lost your wedding band with the one carat diamond. I suspect you would hope the person who finds it would return it to the lost and found. That would be the right thing to do. But in this day and age, how many of you think that would happen?

Would you do it? I would. Unfortunately, many of us would think that it was our lucky day. Many would not even consider keeping that expensive to be morally wrong. "Finder's keepers." That is a sad, but true, commentary of today's society.

Now let's assume you didn't find the ring, but were acquainted with the person who did. Would you mention to him that he needed to try and find the owner?

Would you tell anyone else, the police for instance, if they refused to make the attempt? Which is more important to you, your moral integrity, or your friendship with a thief?

And how about lies. Are you a liar?

You come home tired and stressed after a hard day at the office. You just get your shoes off and sit in your favorite chair when your wife reminds you that you have promised to attend a social function at the school. It starts in 15 minutes.

What are you going to say? Will you go? If you don't go and someone asks why you were absent, will you tell them the truth, or a little, innocent, white lie?

"Man I was going, but I forgot all

about it." Or, "Yeah I wanted to be there, but I got home late and missed it."

The other day I arrived home from the office just as the phone began to ring. I answered to find a candidate for local office wanting to know if I was going to vote. I really hadn't intended to. This was a primary and the guy who called was from the "other side." (Note: This was a small town election and the primary was going to decide the issue.)

"Sure. I just got home, but I'm sure going to try and make it."

It was a lie! I did not intend to go. Then as I sat on the couch I thought about the lie and decided I wasn't going to lie to anyone. I got up and went to vote (for the local candidates only). My integrity is more important to me than a little creature comfort and a moment of relaxation.

You have a friend who is a great guy but lazy. He is up for a promotion and you are asked to give your opinion of him and another man who is honest, industrious, intelligent, but not a friend.

You do what is right and choose the man best suited for the job. Now your friend asks why you didn't pick him. What are you going to tell him?

Are you going to tell him the truth and risk a friendship, or a lie that explains things and places the blame elsewhere? Tough decision, huh?

If you are lucky the decision you make will help both men. The lazy friend will learn that if he works hard it will be rewarded, and the man who truly deserves the job will be selected.

Chances are, however, the lazy friend will hold your decision against you, provided you gave an honest opinion in the first place. If not then your conscience will, or should, give you the devil for lying to the person who asked for your

honest opinion. Life isn't supposed to be easy.

I have a rule. If someone asks me for my opinion on a subject he or she had better want to hear what I truly believe. Sometimes, depending on the person and the subject, I will ask if he really wants my opinion. It is surprising how often I get a negative answer to that question.

In today's society a person's word is worth little. Everything is considered invalid unless written on a piece of paper, signed and notarized. That is a shame.

I long for the days when you could depend on a person's word and a handshake was a binding contract.

The Bible says do not swear. Let your yes be yes, and your no be no.

In the past, not so distant either, a person who broke his word would be ostracized from society. Today, much to my dismay, he is usually considered to be a shrewd businessman. The poor guy who believed him is thought to be stupid and gullible.

Just between you and me, I would rather be stupid and gullible than a liar and a cheat. Evil is evil, even when it is done in a shrewd way. And lying for personal gain is evil.

Divorce today is commonplace. Have a fight with your wife? Just get rid of her. Infidelity is no longer thought to be "that bad."

"He was just doing what any red blooded American male would have done if he had been given the chance. Why, even the president does it. Besides, sex and love aren't the same. He just had sex with another woman, but he really loves his wife."

What? We have all been tempted. Anyone who says he hasn't is either an extraordinary man or a liar, and few of

us are extraordinary.

It is human nature to think the grass is greener over yonder. We make choices every day that rely on knowledge. That was the purpose of the law of Moses. To define sin, to tell us what is right and wrong.

The decision to abide by that knowledge and do what we know is the right thing to do is what defines our moral integrity. If we were to all return to a more childlike state the world would be a much better place. Children learn to be deceitful, it is not instinctive.

That is not going to happen. We are on a downward spiral and I do not think it will end until we end. But just because we are surrounded by deception and immorality does not mean we must become a part of it.

We are bound by our beliefs to maintain our integrity. We are expected by God to be islands of morality in an immoral world.

If we all do our part to relay the fact that morality and integrity are the only acceptable solution maybe, just maybe, we can make a difference in the rest of the world. If not then we can take solace in the fact that what we are doing is right and moral and Christian and will be recognized as such at a much more important moment in time.

Contrary to today's beliefs, black is still black and white is still white, and the best reason to do something is because it is the right thing to do.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
5:15 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported loud music in Unit 15. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs where he met with a Smith Security officer who said a patrol had been dispatched to the scene.

**Monday, Dec. 21**  
2:25 p.m., A minor traffic accident was reported at the corner of Ann and Spring streets. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. He said there were no injuries and very little damage.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
9:21 a.m., Security Link officials reported that an alarm was going off at the Brackett Alterna-

tive School. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He said that there were people working in the building.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
1:05 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported a fire at Full Circle Cafe on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene. The manager of the restaurant was notified of the situation. No injuries were reported.

**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
2:07 a.m., Deputy Guidry was sitting in the parking lot at Brackett ISD when a Brackettville man asked him to remove his ex-girlfriend from his residence on Second and Ann Street because he

did not want her there anymore. The man said he needed to get some sleep because he had to work in the morning. Guidry accompanied the man to the residence and found the woman sitting in her pickup. Guidry asked the woman to leave. She said she wanted to work and she did not want to get a ticket. Guidry asked the woman if she had someone to stay with and the woman said she could stay at her daughter's house. Guidry followed the woman to her daughter's house. She said that she wanted to get her belongings from the residence. Guidry told her to contact the Sheriff's Department if she had any problems.

10:45 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that a house he is rebuilding on W. Thorn Street had been broken into. Police Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. He found a shattered window at the rear of the house. The man said the back door was also open. The only item missing was a lavatory faucet valued at \$52.40. The case is still under investigation.

7:58 p.m., A woman reported that someone was setting off fireworks inside the city limits near her residence on Fourth Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He informed the subjects of the ban on fireworks inside the city limits. The subjects

said they were out of fireworks.

**Friday, Dec. 25**  
10:49 a.m., A Brackettville man reported horses in his front yard. Police Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. He found three horses that were tied up and grazing in the yard. The owner of the horses was contacted. She removed the horses from the man's yard.

**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
4:14 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported trash on Highway 90, east of the Texas Department of Transportation building. Deputy Guidry and Police Chief Ring were dispatched to the scene. Ring later reported that the trash had been removed.

**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
1:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance at her residence on Fritter Lane because of a family dispute. She reported that a man was doing drugs. Police Chief Ring and Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter were dispatched to the scene. The man's wife was expected to pick up the couple's children.

**Monday, Dec. 28**  
12:48 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her 13-year-old son had not returned home yet. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was informed of the situation. He searched for the child around town but could not locate him.



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## Engagement



DEBBIE SPROUL and ROBERT HOOKER

## Sproul, Hooker to wed in March

Etta deBerry "Debbie" Harry V. and Lucille Hooker of Sproul and Robert Vernon San Antonio. Hooker will be married March 6, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church of Marfa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Hart of Marfa and Tom Sproul of Fort Davis.

The bridegroom is the son of



BILL and ORLEAN RILEY

## Rileys celebrate 50th anniversary

Bill and Orlean Riley are celebrating their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary today. They were married at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Brackettville on Dec. 31, 1948.

Bill has recently retired after many years of service with Rio Grande Electric Cooperative. Orlean retired eight years ago after serving as postmistress in Del Rio.

The Rileys continue to reside in Brackettville.

The couple has two daughters, Sandi Schubach and husband A. J., and Gail Woodward and husband Caven; four grandchildren, Dee Dee Brown and husband Clinton, Stormy Starks, Troy Schubach and the late Krysti Schubach; and two great-grandchildren, Morgan and Gage Brown.

## Programs outlined for Garden Club

Helen Peck outlined programs in the planning stages for the remainder of the year Dec. 10 as the Mountain Laurel Garden Club met in the Gorgas Room with 18 members present, including Edna Kroepel, a new member.

Charlene Simmons will give a full report and literature for the spring flower show at the January meeting.

Rosie Mattingly and Juanita Roberson are arranging for a live nativity scene. Volunteers who are interested in the project should contact these ladies for information.

The plant watering project continues with Bobbie Waddill in December and Patsy Callnan in January.

President Clara McCord opened the group's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a Christmas prayer.

McCord presented information about the Community Unity and Christmas Baskets for the Needy projects. Ruby Cheaney suggested that individual dona-

tions be given to the projects, and this was unanimously accepted by the members.

McCord encouraged prayers for Marshall Conner who faces surgery.

Mattingly reported difficulty in finding the native mulberry tree to be planted in memory of Howard Skelton. She was advised to have members search along the local springs for young seedlings.

The program was a lively "Chinese Exchange" game of homebaked or handcrafted gifts, with some gifts exchanged many times.

A table decorated in Christmas theme and laden with holiday goodies was provided by Callnan and Hazel Ivey, hostesses.

## Beta Sigma Phi chapter enjoys december events

The December calendar has been full of treats for the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

The sorority's Dec. 14 meeting was hosted by Hazel Ivey, where an array of goodies were enjoyed by sisters Barbara Brissette, Cathy Conrey, Dee Curry, Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Helen Peck and Evelyn Whitley.

Madrid and Melancon shared the "Night Before Christmas in Texas You Know," with Miller reading a slightly different version.

The group then sang the "12 Days of Christmas" and estimated the 1998 cost of purchasing the items of the song. Members said they never laughed so hard when trying to guess the cost of 10 lords a leaping.

Secret sister gifts were handed out, and the traditional

cookie exchange commenced.

Mathison and Miller will be helping deliver Christmas baskets for the Lions Club this year.

Earlier in the month, the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi enjoyed the Christmas Tour of Homes at Fort Clark.

The interesting history of the historic homes on Colony Row, the Wainwright and Shanahan homes, were shared by Brackett High School students.

The house of Ivey and her husband, Gerald, was a part of the Christmas Tour of Homes.

The sisters met at the home of the Iveys, who displayed their enchanting Santa collection, including rooms decorated in themes from angels to sea shells.

Joining in the festivities were Brissette, Curry, Goebel, Groce, Ivey, Madrid, Mathison, Melancon, Miller and Peck.

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

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 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. 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 30 years.

Friday, Dec. 31, 1886

Right after reveille Ives and I pitched in to clean out the rooms, roll up the carpets, take down the curtains and other decorations. Mail brought a letter & bundle of papers from home. The letter showed that they had received my presents all right and were very much pleased with them, and also that they were having such a pleasant visit from Lula and John. Ives got some men from "B" Co. and I some from "E" and sent everything home before noon. The regular inspection and muster took place just after breakfast on the company parade grounds and delayed our sending the different things home. After attending to this went to Commissary to pay bill and to Q.M. office. After lunch helped the ladies to decorate the hop room for their reception tomorrow evening. No dress parade this evening. After dinner Hewitt and I made a party call at Gen. Smith's and then called on Col. and Mrs. Jordan. After tattoo we worked at Mrs. Guard's on the programmes for tomorrow night. Almost went to sleep there and had to return to quarters and go to bed on this account. Thus ends the year and the fourth year of the existence of this diary. During the past year have not played once for money, but have played for prizes as in progressive euchre and commerce. Have contracted a new debt by buying land and will have to scratch to get money enough to pay the note by July when Hewitt wants it. Have improved in my French and read some English books as well. Have not been able to make that allowance to Lula & Mattie as I wanted to on account of this debt. Have tried to be more thorough but cannot see any improvement. Have not made much effort to check my temper or thoughts and am afraid I am becoming a fault finder and growler.

The beginning of the book found me on the steamer in the Gulf of Mexico en route to New York. The end sees me back at Clark, both times in good health and spirits.

Saturday, Jan. 1, 1887

Mail brought a letter from Lula and Mother showing how much they were enjoying Lula's visit, and another copy of the encyclopedia. After guard mounting was

put out before the gun was fired. Geary relieved me. Mail had a letter from home for me. Went over to the hospital after getting my mail to get some vaseline for my hands. And then read the papers in the Library, something that I have not had time to do for a long time back. Then stopped for a while in Walcutt's to talk over a german which Harris is trying to get up and went up to Hewitt's, but he was sick and could not dance. Made an engagement to dance with Miss Howard. After lunch went up to Capt. Vance's but the French class could not meet as he was busy at the office. Drew stationery and exchanged part for envelopes at the store. Capt. Vance took me over to town in his wagon to order some lamp shades to replace those I broke at Mrs. Guard's last week. No dress parade this evening. Played a while on the organ in the hall after returning. After dinner attended to preparing the hall for the german. Escorted Miss Howard over and had a right pleasant affair though small. Miss Coleman had no partner and could not dance. Felt vexed with Capt. Vance and Hammond who ought to have danced with her in preference to the married ladies they did have for partners. Today is Lula's birthday; may she have a great many happy and prosperous returns of the day.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1887

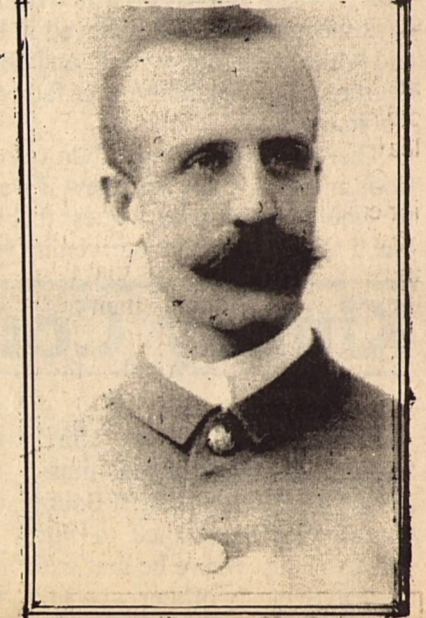
The cold weather is making Gen. Smith's unusual drill order inoperative. He has ordered three drills a week during this month but we have had none yet. Mail brought my pay for last month. Carried part down to deposit at the store. Funk, a private of "A" Co. came to my rooms with his books that he is studying to fit himself for a commission. He has asked me to help him. Have promised to do so and must do my best. Black came back last night with Mrs. Stanley who was here last February. Called in at Hammond's a while this morning and had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Stanley. Capt. Leefe and Guard also came back today. Saw latter at his house after lunch and was very glad to see him looking so well & happy. Wrote a letter to Harry Rhoads enclosing a check for \$50 to pay for the Christmas gifts. Hope this will be enough to pay this bill entirely. Black has moved in with me temporarily. This evening Harris performed a small operation on him for piles. Hammond came up & played piquet a while. Intended to make some calls this evening but have had a cold coming on and concluded best not to go out. Read

Sunday, Jan. 2, 1887

Attended inspection as usual and then marched on guard relieving Ives who was unable to attend the reception last night on account of this duty. No mail for me today. Made out pay accounts this morning and wrote a letter of transmittal to be sent with them, and also wrote usual letter home before lunch time. After lunch completed "England under Gladstone" a book that has given me a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure. It is well written and gives a concise resume of English affairs from 1880 to 1885. Then wrote letter to Lula and John and mailed it on way to dinner. In evening wrote up diary which was neglected somewhat last week and then spent rest of night reading papers from home and dozing.

Monday, Jan. 3, 1887

There was a small alarm of fire at reveille this morning but was



part of "Mr. Isaacs" after tattoo. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1887

No drill this morning on account of the cold weather. Took reveille for the last time as Guard came in later in the day and agreed to go hereafter. The order came today directing Dr. Harris to go to Eagle Pass for duty, an order that we all disliked to see very much as Harris has made himself quite popular here. Mail had nothing for me today. Sat a while in Hammond's this morning and then went over to the library to read the papers. After lunch wrote usual letter home enclosing check to pay for insurance and the usual three notes. Also took a bath before retreat. Escorted Miss Jordan to the hop in the evening. There was a small attendance but we had quite a gay time. Accepted an invitation to play whist tomorrow evening at Mrs. Guard's and engaged to escort Miss Coleman the other guest.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1887

It was a relief to sleep through reveille this morning. Mail brought nothing but a paper as advertisement. Started in to play tennis with Hammond when a man from the company came up with notice that they had a fox up a tree and wanted me to come down by the old grave yard to see the hounds capture him. The game was suspended and I went to the hunt while Hammond had his haircut. The chase was not very long as the fox went up three trees in succession after being driven down by the men, but the hounds finally got him on the ground and made short work of him. Got the brush and gave it to Mrs. Lester who was the only lady present at the death. Played tennis with Hammond against Guard and Harris and we were beaten. After lunch went up with Mrs. Guard to Mrs. Cunningham's and practiced through the Nanki Poo part of the Mikado and did not find it as hard as I expected. Believe that with practice I can sing it all right. After this played tennis with Miss Coleman against Guard and wife. Escorted Miss Coleman to Guard's in the evening and played whist until midnight. Mrs. Guard and I beat Miss Coleman and Guard by one game. Had cake and lemonade for refreshments.

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# Community continues to grow Obituary

Happy New Year! We're coming up on the millennium, and things are looking rosy for Kinney County, USA!

This week, I'll count some of the reasons that I believe that the living in our town is good and getting better!

I don't know when the millennium officially begins. Most believe it begins when the 100 years roll from 1999 to 2000. Others say we must begin on 2001. The idea here is that the first year of recording time didn't end until the year ###1. Who knows what is right?

I believe in the 2000 premise. When I write 2000, it seems as if a new 100 years begins.

Let's look back at a few great things that happened in Brackettville and Kinney County in 1998.

I'm proud of our schools, the teachers, support staff, administration and School Board. Most of all, we have good kids, supportive parents and a business community that likes and supports the school.

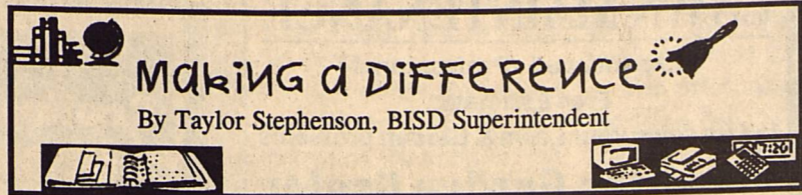
The schools had a banner year in 1998. I believe that the elementary school put a strong phonics and math program into place this past year. In years to come, our children will benefit from this new curriculum.

The elementary school has made progress trying to insure that children are prepared when they leave elementary school.

Our middle school has put major emphasis on reading. The faculty believes that our children must be good readers or that they will not be successful in their pursuit of a sound education.

The accelerated reader program has made a difference in what middle school children have learned.

At Brackett High School, major improvement has been made in academics. For the first time



ever, Brackett High School was a recognized high school in Texas because of its high test scores, low dropout rates and high attendance rates, and success in TAAS.

The athletic program has made positive progress in 1998. BHS students are better disciplined at school in their preparation for living a positive adult life.

All of our schools made tremendous progress in 1998 in technology.

Every classroom now uses the Internet to enhance the children's knowledge of the world. At BISD, we are on the cutting edge of technology.

The School Board has realized that Brackettville is growing. They have met this challenge by building a new academic wing that will be completed in June.

In 1998, the schools did their part to make Kinney County a great place to live.

The Hillcrest Foundation has again invested in Brackettville's school children. Harold Byrd and all of the Foundation board deserve a tip of the hat for helping us achieve our goals. This year, the help is for the high school science department.

The TIF grant and primary school reading grants have helped us to reach our goals in technology and in reading. Michael Schooler, Chuck Hall and faculty helpers have given us strong leadership in grant writing.

I'm proud of the city for hiring a police chief and a municipal judge. City officials did a good job with the swimming pool this past summer. Our city services are good ones, and they're trying to

get better.

The county looks forward to a great year. The promise of an improved economy and higher employment because of increased industry has folks in a more optimistic mood.

At Fort Clark, the board has wrestled many problems and has a vision of the future. They must make decisions after studying problems. I am especially proud that there was a positive solution to the restaurant.

I know they are wrestling with budget problems, but more and more homes are being built at FCS. I believe the future is bright for this grand place.

How about our medical ser-

VICES? We are so fortunate to have the fine clinic and a dedicated doctor, Dr. Luz.

This past year, we acquired physical therapy services in Brackettville with the vision that occupational therapy and speech and language therapy will soon be available.

Most of all, I'm proud that we are more positive about the future. We have tried to work together in 1998, while realizing that the best part of life is that which is yet to come.

There will always be complainers and negative folks, but as a whole we have made a better life here in Kinney County.

As we grow and strengthen our economy, we look toward the new year with hope and positive thoughts.

I'll be in Kinney County, USA, when the millennium rolls around. Let's have the best year ever! Have a good week!

## Wionna Dorothy B. Salmon

Wionna Dorothy B. Salmon, 64, passed away in Del Rio on Dec. 24, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Salmon.

Salmon is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Leslie Lee Salmon and Fay of San Diego, Henry R. Salmon and Maribel of Brackettville, and Virgil R. Salmon and Mary of Brackettville; brothers: Fredrich Earl Billings of North Carolina, James Billings, Harold Billings, Ronnie Billings

and Earl Thomas Billings all of New York, and Donald Billings of Florida; sister: Viola Billings; sisters-in-law: Tootsie Herndon, Jonnie Salmon and Joyce Douglass; and 10 grandchildren.

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**ACROSS**  
1 Kitchen appliances  
7 Goatish gamboler  
11 Merry month  
14 Jeremy's partner  
18 Tristan's tootsie  
19 - Park, Colo.  
21 Mr. Lucky's card  
22 Wahine's wiggle  
23 Leg-strengthening desserts?  
26 Give off  
27 Disconsolate  
28 Buck's beloved  
29 Melodious Murray  
30 With 78 Down, Batman's alter ego  
31 Kid at court  
33 No-nonsense city-state  
36 Originate  
37 "Cavalleria Rusticana" setting  
40 Lowest point  
41 Sale stipulation  
42 Sweatshirt size  
43 Figure-improving  
snack?  
49 Give it - (try)  
50 Pina -  
52 Had a hot dog  
53 Payable  
54 Gift-wrap items  
56 Apple or quince  
57 Darling child  
60 Inflexible  
62 Physicist  
64 Nice or Newark  
65 Use a toboggan  
66 Mind-expanding pastry?  
72 Merchandise  
73 Come in second  
74 "Rawhide" rope  
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76 Junior's job  
78 Take a hike  
79 Bush's alma mater  
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85 Most despicable cable  
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88 Vision-enhancing size dish?  
94 Japanese dog  
96 Jack of  
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97 Broadcast in July  
98 Crown  
99 Pool person  
101 Saluki or schipperke  
102 Bank (on)  
103 Revealed  
104 Film -  
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106 You can retire on it  
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1 Moves like mad  
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9 Colorado native  
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11 - cum laude  
12 Need a rubdown  
13 "By all means!"  
14 '66 Association smash  
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36 Tennis legend  
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Blues"  
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57 More malevolent  
58 Harper's Bazaar designer  
59 Ultimate  
60 James Herriot, for one  
61 At present  
63 Trick  
64 Third-rate  
66 Cavalry weapon  
67 Roman fountain  
68 Mr. Ziegfeld brother  
69 Work on a crossword?  
70 Frasier's conductor  
71 Thousand -  
72 Devour, with "down"  
76 Clay clump  
77 "And ... Love -" (64 song)  
78 See 30  
80 Surrounded by  
81 Tardy  
82 Final  
84 Curly coil  
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86 Whippet's wagger  
89 Strauss opus  
90 Unit of loudness  
91 Fall behind  
92 Shake-spearean monarch  
93 "- tu" (Verdi aria)  
95 Kysar or Starr  
98 Flaw  
99 Sales pitch  
100 Like some music  
101 Word with guard or scheme  
102 Team scream  
103 It's a long story  
104 James Mason role  
105 Conductor Klemperer  
106 Explode  
107 She, to Satie  
108 Chased away gray  
110 Actress Hooks  
111 Remotely  
112 - "Butter-milk Sky" (46 song)  
113 Crimson  
114 Humbug lead-in  
115 Time period  
Acorn  
Brain  
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S O P N M K C L J H H F E C B  
Z Y X V U T R N I B A C O P O  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
You're unsure if the financial advice you've received is going to work for you. You are wise to question this. Do some more research before deciding what to do.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
The week turns out to be a mix of progress and setbacks. You end it on the same footing you begin. Couples come to terms over a monetary concern, which is finally put to rest this weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
Don't allow yourself the luxury of inaction on the job. Your skills are necessary to complete a difficult task. Try not to worry over things which you can't control.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Early in the week, your mind is already set on the weekend and what you want to do. Try to exercise more discipline. Your concentration is needed.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
You naturally tend to keep most things to yourself. This is a trait that will come in very handy in business affairs. Instead of taking action, it's best to just sit back and observe.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
You're out and about, shopping for fripperies, despite your recent holiday purchases. While this appeals to your aesthetic sense, it's not necessarily good for your budget. Use some constraint.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Someone comes to you with a dilemma you find difficult to unravel. However, between the two of you, the answer is soon found. Financial matters get a nice boost.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Others are waiting to

hear from you, so pick up the phone. Someone to whom you've made a promise is still waiting patiently. Tend to this as soon as you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
This is the time of year to put the accent on family life and domestic harmony. However, it's wise to leave this within the family unit itself. Having guests over only complicates matters.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
It's not a good week to let things go at work, even though you're tempted to do so. Bigwigs are watching. The pursuit of pleasure is favored over the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
You're really not concentrating, so it's probably best to stick close to home and tend to domestic chores. Even so, you're tempted to let distractions get in your way.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
It's not a good time to mince words with anyone. Speak up for yourself and say what's on your mind. Any projects you do in conjunction with others are favored.

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# Leftovers from Christmas are more than scraps left from the celebration

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

So Christmas is past and what of the leftovers. There's the skeleton of the turkey, remaining scraps of the ham and a passel of leftover vegetables, pies and fixings. These soon will be disposed of.

Toys for the children will soon lose their magic and will be activated only on sparse occasions. The new clothes will be enjoyed for some time to come.

The thrill of fellowship with family and friends will continue to refresh our spirits for days to come. But is the elation of all this all that's left? In all reality, all this is only window dressing.

Before that first Christmas the world was

such a different place. The value of human life was negligible. It was very cheap.

The coming of the Christ child was a harbinger of the renewable of recognition that man is created in the image of God with an immortal soul.

When Christ came, the idea of hospitals to care for people who were ill was unknown. There was little compassion for those with physical problems. But with an arousal of concern for life engendered by the coming of Christ, there soon came to be hospitals and concern for human ailments.

A wife was considered almost as chattel property. With the coming of Christ, womanhood came to be highly enhanced.

Homes to care for orphans and elderly were

not even dreamed of, but with the coming of Christ such institutions dot the landscape.

Before Christ came there were few synagogues, but soon the skylines are by marked church buildings.

These and many more things give evidence that the leftovers from Christmas are far more than the scraps left from celebration of the coming of the baby Jesus.

As insignificant as it appeared at the time, no event in human history has left such an impact on the world. It is good to languish in the thrill of the magnificence of the fact that God sent his son to earth on the first Christmas.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

## Readings from Proverbs

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.  
St. John's Missionary Church

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

"It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase;

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine," Proverbs 3:5-10.

Happy New Year to all!

Singing, praying and preaching will be enjoyed nightly, Jan. 10-16 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Missionary Church. Everyone is invited to come.

Praise the Lord!

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# God is always there if we ask

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name ... Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6: 9-11.

Just as God provides the physical necessities and satisfactions of all creatures - the bird and the fox and the ear of corn and the flowers - so he has also provided for human economic needs.

The physical and material area are as "religious" as any other facet of living.

Abundant living is the right relationship with all life, and it is evidence of a free expectancy and a bold claiming of what is rightfully ours by the will of the Creator.

When we say, "Give us this

day our daily bread," we should say it with the arms of expectancy stretched out to receive, and with our hearts bursting with gratitude, adoration and love for the beneficence of God.

In seeking first the kingdom of God, we cultivate and tune ourselves to the abundances of heaven, and make friends with them.

"Give us this day our daily bread" means the discovery of God operating, guiding and providing in our entire economic structure.

He is always there, waiting to "burst out like a flood" if we will provide him a channel of manifestation by our asking, expectancy, claiming and serving.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

# Believers have been called to bring hope

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

"The people who sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up," Matthew 4:16.

Such was the case when Jesus lived and began to preach, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

And so it is today for those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Jesus said of us, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matthew 5:14-16.

To such a time as this, those of us who believe have been called to be lighthouses or beacons of light to a darkened world, to bring

hope where there is depression, to love where there is hatred through the power of Jesus Christ.

You were born to link arms with fellow believers, to put away pettiness, backbiting, bitterness, anger, wrath, unforgiveness and self-centeredness. Your own choices will either have you walking in the light or sitting in darkness.

God desires everyone to walk in his light, but he will not force them as he has given them free will.

Be a beacon of light this year, even as a light house helps to save ships from crashing upon the rocks. Let God's living word be lived out in your life and bring hope to a dying world.

You were born for this moment and have been being drawn to this divine appointment in time. Arise, shine in '99.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## OUTDOORS

# Deer season closes Sunday north of Highway 90

A few reminders this week: The general deer season closes north of U.S. Highway 90 in Kinney County on Sunday.

There will be a muzzleloader season, north of U.S. 90 only, Jan. 9-17, for antler-less and spike buck deer only. You need to purchase a muzzleloader stamp if hunting this particular season.

South of U.S. 90, the general season ends on Jan. 17. A special late general season will run Jan. 18-31, for antler-less and spike buck deer only. That will wrap up another season of deer hunting.

Dove season is currently open in Kinney County - but not for long! If you hunt north of U.S. 90, the season runs through Wednesday, Jan. 6. If you hunt south of 90, then it runs through Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Be careful about the closing date south of 90. Depending on where or which county you hunt, the closing days are different.

It closes on Jan. 5 in southern Kinney County because we had the special white-wing hunt for the first two weekends of September (four days) in that area.

Bag limits, rules, and regulations are the same county-wide and are the same as they were in the regular dove season in September (15 birds).

### Hunting Accident

We had a hunting accident involving a firearm in southern Kinney County a few weeks ago.

A hunter was handling a pistol when it discharged, hitting him in the upper leg. He survived. We can be 10 or 100 years old, have many hours of training and safety courses, have years of experience, and an accident can still happen.

Here are a few things to think about the next time you pick up a gun:

■ Treat every gun as if it were loaded. Treat it with respect, loaded or not. There is no room for carelessness or horseplay. Don't get in a hurry or get careless when handling weapons and

### A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

lose respect for the weapon just because you have owned it and used it for many years.

■ Know how to use the gun you have in your hand. There are many different types and manu-

facturers of weapons and there is something different about almost every one of them in how their weapon operates. If you don't know how the safety works, how to eject a cartridge, or how to

properly load the weapon, find out before you use it.

■ Know your target. Make sure you know what you are shooting at and that there is a good backstop or something else to stop the bullet from traveling farther than you intended. Be sure there is nothing between you and your intended target.

Hope everyone has a safe and prosperous New Year!

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**NOTIFICATION: LA SIGUENTE** persona se a registrado con el departamento de el sherife de el condado de Kinney, y fue convicto de una ofensa sexual: un hombre de 69 anos de edad - Walnut - Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, TX 78832, fue convicto de "indecencia con un nino" - la victima fue un nino.

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