

October 1999 is...

I could be wrong
Chuck Hall

- Adopt-A-Shelter-Animal Month (How does an animal adopt a shelter?)
- Child Health Month and Family Health Month (Isn't a child part of the family?)
- Computer Learning Month (My computer is very dumb!)
- Diversity Awareness Month (No, no, no, let's get together.)
- Healthy Lung Month/Flu & Pneumonia Campaign (Why are we campaigning for these things?)
- Lupus Awareness Month (I'm itching already.)
- Month of the Dinosaur (Are they still here?)
- Month of the Young Adolescent (What is an old adolescent?)
- National Car Care Month (All right!)
- National Caramel Month (Is this about Waco?)
- National Communicate With Your Kid Month (And mine too.)
- National Crime Prevention Month (And 11 months without prevention?)
- National Dental Hygiene Month (Gargle!)

- National Depression Education and Awareness Month (Why is education so depressed?)
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month (My job isn't able to work.)
- National Family Sexuality Education Month (Better family than strangers.)
- National Liver Awareness Month (My liver is acutely aware!)
- National Medical Librarians Month (What???)
- National Orthodontic Health Month (We've had this already.)
- National Pasta Month (Pasta whata?)
- National Popcorn Poppin' Month (What else can we do with it?)
- National Pork Month (National pig month is later.)
- National Roller Skating Month (For a MONTH?)
- National Spinal Health Month (My spine is very healthy.)
- National Stamp Collecting Month (I tried but my head got caught in the little slot.)
- Polish American Heritage Month (When is American Polish heritage month?)

Home run for Texas Producers

Submitted by
Henry Bonilla

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla today announced good news for producers across the state of Texas. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which passed the House today, contained many key provisions that ensure that U.S. producers are able to fairly compete in the global market.

Among the highlights of the bill are: Increased funding Boll Weevil Eradication: The House approved Bonilla's request for \$17 million in direct funding and \$100 million in boll weevil eradication loan programs. "Texas is the largest cotton producing state in the country," Bonilla said. "This boll weevil eradication funding will help rid Texas cotton producers of a pest that has plagued the cotton industry for years.

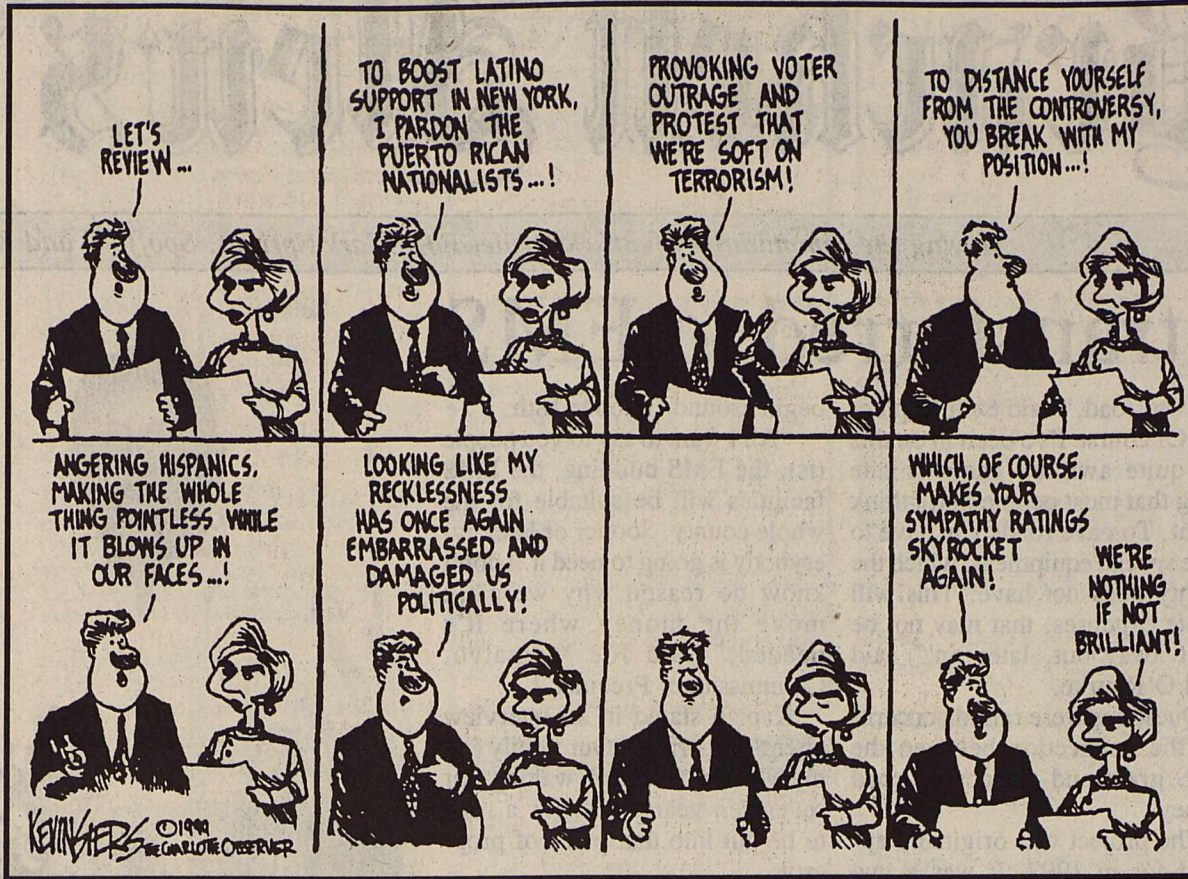
Reactivation of Step II funding: Bonilla included \$201 million to reinstate Step II funding. The bill allows Step II to operate as needed for the remainder of the 1996 farm law which ends in 2003. "U.S. cotton producers have been playing on an uneven playing field for far too long," Bonilla said. "Reinstating Step II funding will help level that playing field so U.S. cotton producers can be more competitive in the world market"

Extension of the mohair loan program: Bonilla secured a year long extension of the mohair loan program. The loan program will help producers remain competitive while developing new markets. "Mohair producers are in a bind," Bonilla said. "Virtually no mohair has been sold in the last four or five years. Extending this important loan program will provide producers the money they so desperately need to keep afloat through this down time in the mohair market."

Cut red tape at National Sheep Industry Improvement Center loans and grants: Bonilla cut the red tape at the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center so the center can begin distributing important loans and grants. "The bureaucratic road blocks have been cleared," Bonilla said. "The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center will now be more able to do what it was designed to do - to help provide a firm base for the U.S. sheep and goat industries."

Agriculture research funding: Bonilla won approval for \$834 million for agriculture research. Livestock Assistance: The appropriations bill also included \$322 million in livestock assistance to compensate livestock producers for economic losses in 1999.

"We must do all we can to help our agriculture producers," Bonilla said. "This agriculture appropriations bill goes a long way in providing producers in Texas and across the country much needed support during this economically depressed time in the agriculture industry."



Adjust the desires not the grant

Between Us
Joe Townsend

I don't know who is the angel of the EMS but I'm less than impressed. The proposed building is symptomatic of the tangled web of the entire idea.

If \$300,000 plus is not enough to build the desired building, the desires need to be trimmed. The EMS should limit its activities to transporting those in need. The idea of a "detoxification room" raises grave questions. Such a facility should be a part of the clinic if its needed at all. Even so, whatever motivation drives the project, good judgement should prevail.

You would have a hard time convincing me that such an overblown building is more important than the street improvements for which the money had been set aside. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know the money set aside for street improvements is meager when compared to the need,

but to misplace the money all together and thus allow the streets to further deteriorate is unconscionable. If more money is needed and can be justified why not go back to MRGDC and get an additional grant?

After all if a person can talk a federal bureaucracy out of a grant of \$300,000 it should not be a giant leap to get whatever is needed. Of course this would reveal the lack of proper planning to begin with, but that is the reality.

A review of EMS shows a drastic need for improvement. I needed an ambulance to take me to the hospital in February. I finally received a bill about a week ago.

I found that an outside company was paid a percent of all the bills collected. It's difficult to understand why the EMS staff can't handle the billing and collecting.

When I received a bill I was shocked. I found, for the cost of pick up, a patient was charged

\$225. An additional cost was .40 cents per mile. If transporting a patient to the local clinic, half a mile away, the charge is for a mile. The real shocker was a charge of \$6.00 for rubber gloves. These can be bought at any pharmacy for far less than \$1 a pair.

In all honesty I must pay tribute to the crews I've had personal experience with. On one occasion, I knew nothing about anything connected with the entire matter, or the next 48 hours in the hospital, but from what I'm told the EMS crew were truly professional.

There is a need for an ambulance service here, but there is also a need street improvements. With good judgement and common sense both can be taken care of. It just doesn't make good sense to get a grant, then change the project to meet someone's fancy, and use money tagged for street improvements to suit that fancy.

If we abandon God, He will abandon us

The Way I See It
Steven R. LaMascus

Psychics are everywhere today. You can't seem to turn on the television without seeing a commercial screaming about a "psychic reading."

"We have real psychics here," says one commercial. "Don't be fooled by fakes."

Imagine that, fake psychics. Sounds like a redundancy to me. And witches too. There are at least three current TV shows that are based on witchcraft. Oh, they are good witches, though, so that's okay. They use their powers to fight evil demons and help people. Witches are just normal folks with supernatural powers, right?

There are also shows on today that deal with demons, spirits, ghosts, poltergeists, and who knows what other "paranormal phenomena."

One of the fastest growing religions in the United States today, besides Satan Worship, is called Wiccan - so-called white witchcraft. What this actually is, is the pagan worship of creation instead of The Creator. The witches profess to believe that everything has a spirit. They profess to worship nature itself. They worship trees, and flowers, and grass, and birds, gods and goddesses, and say that all living things are spiritual. It is basically, I understand, an attempt to return to the misbegotten polytheistic pagan beliefs of the Druids and other ancient (and dead) religions. It is, in reality, a ploy by the originator of evil to pull weak-minded people away from the one true God. Most people, Jesse (the mouth) Ventura not withstanding, need something to believe in. Wiccan gives them an alternative to worshipping Almighty God.

And whether they will admit it or not, two of the basic principals of witchcraft are ritual blood sacrifice and ritual sex. Priestess prostitutes are an integral part of most of these archaic religions. The fact that it is forbidden by God doesn't matter. Hey, we live in the good ole U S of A and every-

body has a right to do whatever they want to, right?

Yeah, idol worship, ritual sex, magic spells, psychics, Satan worship, extraterrestrial spirit guides, the great god L. Ron Hubbard; we should be happy that we live in a country where all that is legal, and we should be tolerant of all these things. Hey! I know! Let's legalize child sacrifice to appease Baal. It won't hurt anything. We already kill thousands of children every year by abortion anyway. Now we can just say they are sacrifices and kill two children with one scalpel. Works for me! The simple fact that this kind of thing is exactly what destroyed all the civilizations that came before us should not worry us at all. We are, after all, the United States of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. We are strong enough to make it work. The reason that this never worked before is just because we weren't there to help.

Isaiah 46:9-10 - "Remember the former things, those of long ago;

I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like me.

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say: my purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."

For those of you who are hard of hearing, that says we are not special.

If we commit the same sins as those of the past we will suffer the same fate. If we, as a nation, deny God we will be destroyed just like those other nations; just like Israel, when they fell from grace through sin and idol worship. We're not better, or smarter, or stronger, or more moral. We are stupid, because we were blessed by God and He made us prosper, because of our faith in Him. Now we have deserted him and our nation is beset with evil on all sides. We have not learned from history, so we are doomed to repeat it.

The Bible forbids Satan wor-

ship, idolatry, sexual impurity, ritual prostitution disguised as religion, psychics, mediums, and a myriad of other things that we are told we must tolerate. These are, we are told, protected by the Constitution. But the great men who wrote the Constitution did not tolerate such things, so it seems reasonable to me to assume that the Constitution was not written to protect those things. However, the wording of the Constitution, which is so clear if viewed within the context of Christianity, which is how it was intended to be viewed, has been perverted by modern liberal interpretations until it is a danger to the sanctity of this nation. If you believe the sarcasm I wrote above is how it really should be, then you too are dangerous.

The United States of America became a great world power because it was founded on Christian principals. It will crumble into the dust of oblivion because it has abandoned those principals. If we abandon God, He will abandon us. It is just exactly that simple.

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Unsung Hero

Joe Townsend

Another of our outstanding citizens has gone to be with the Lord. Eric McMasters is no longer with us.

After an illustrious career in Houston, Eric and his lovely wife Frances retired and moved to Fort Clark. They both became active in the affairs of Fort Clark and the community. For many months Eric has had serious physical problems.

Finally God lovingly took him home. All of his friends and Frances will miss Eric but we all rejoice in the fact he no longer suffers from his problems. Eric was a faithful member of Rotary. Eric was a man of strong principles and high morals. He was truly a warm hearted friendly individual. He was helpful in many ways to many people. He was truly an inspiration to this writer and will be sorely missed.

Surely Eric McMasters is an Unsung Hero.

Big Mama Sez!

The best things in life are free but it cost a lot of time and money before you find this out.

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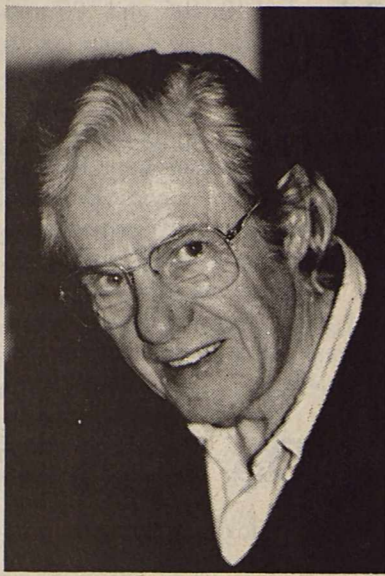
W. Eric McMaster

W. Eric McMaster passed away on Friday, October 8th, at his home in Fort Clark Springs where he and his wife, Frances, had lived since retiring from the Houston Chronicle Newspaper in 1987. Eric was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, attended The Belfast Royal Academy, and came to the United States at the age of 22.

His career in the newspaper business began with the Indianapolis News. He later headed the Branham Co. Newspaper Representatives office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He worked in National Advertising for the Dallas Morning News and for 30 years with the Houston Chronicle in National Advertising. In 1973 and 74 he served as President of the Emerson Unitarian Church of Houston. In 1981 and 82 he served as President of the Board of Directors of the Houston Unity Church of Christianity.

After moving to Fort Clark, he served as Bishop's Warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Mr. McMaster and his wife served as team members of three Cursillas sponsored by the Episcopal Church. McMaster an active Rotarian, was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Brackettville Rotary Club three years ago.

Mr. McMaster was preceded in death by his daughter Karen. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and his son, David Alan McMaster of Houston, niece Ruth



Toy of Bangor, Northern Ireland, and nephew Eric McMaster of London, England who will attend the funeral service. Two cousins, whose parents sponsored his immigration to the United States, Mrs. Charles Walters and Mrs. Flora Jane Grosbeck, live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The funeral service will be held at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 16. The Rev. John Dunham of Llano, Texas will conduct the service, assisted by the Rev. Michael Davis of San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please give to your favorite charity, to the memorial fund of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, P.O.Box 429, or to the scholarship fund of the Rotary Club of Brackettville, P.O.Box 931.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Tuesday, October 5

7:20 p.m., A local couple reported in person to Judge John Ford and filed a complaint about someone cursing at them. Judge Ford agreed to meet with both parties at a later date to settle the dispute.

8:15 p.m., Heidi Janeale Childs, 18, and Nikkie Nicole Davis, 17, of Vidor, Texas along with Nathan Emanuel Edwards, 20, of Beaumont, Texas were arrested by Trooper Richard Slubar for possession of a controlled substance and booked into the Kinney County Jail. All were released the next day on a \$2500 bail bond each.

11:00 p.m., Armando R. Soto, Jr., 44, of Del Rio, Texas was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for failure to appear. He is being held in the Kinney County Jail.

Wednesday, October 6

6:30 a.m., Ernestine Maria Canales, 37, of San Antonio, Texas was arrested by Trooper Richard Slubar for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd offense and disorderly conduct. Canales was booked into the Kinney County Jail and transported the same day to the Val Verde Sheriff's Department.

Thursday, October 7

1:00 p.m., Ernestine Lumbererai, 28, of Uvalde, Texas was arrested for tampering with government records by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Lumbererai was booked into the Kinney County Jail and released on bond the same day. No amount was given.

5:09 p.m., A concerned citizen called 911 reporting a one vehicle rollover. He said that it was 9-10 miles east of Brackett. EMS, Fire Department, and

Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene. Two to Five minutes later, two more calls were received reporting the same accident 9-10 miles west of Brackettville. After verifying they were not far from Elm Creek, the dispatcher called all units and gave them the right directions.

5:43 p.m., A local man came into the Sheriff's Department to report a Ford 4-door, grey Pickup truck driving around town fast and swerving. He said it was parked at Ora's Drive-In. Chief of Police Ron Ring was notified but the vehicle could not be found.

6:35 p.m., Del Rio DPS called and reported a black bull was loose on highway 693. The owner was notified at 6:40 p.m.

10:00 p.m., Resident of Fort Clark Springs reported a woman setting in a white station wagon on his property who would not leave. Upon arriving Deputies Guidry and Robinson spoke to a woman who commented, "I'm not hurting anything". When it was determined she was intoxicated, the Deputies explained she could be arrested for trespassing and public intoxication. A mixed drink was found in her car which the deputies poured out. The intoxicated woman was escorted to the Sheriff's Department. After the deputies talked to her she agreed to go home and stay overnight, then pick up her car at the Sheriff's Department in the morning and leave for Houston, for good. The Deputies felt she was only a danger if left in possession of her vehicle. The complainant did not wish to press charges and the woman was left at her residence in Fort Clark.

Friday, October 8

5:10 p.m., The son of a Fort Clark resident reported a woman who was setting in a white station wagon the previous day was back. She was again refusing to leave his father's property. Deputy Guidry arrived on the scene and spoke with the previous complainant. The man still had no desire to file charges, he simply wanted her off his property. The consequences were explained to the woman again, who stated she just wanted to talk to the son of the complainant, then she would leave and not come back. She did not appear to be intoxicated. The complainant stated he would come into the Sheriff's Department and make a statement.

8:22 p.m., A resident who lives east of Spofford reported that someone had smashed into the gate and cut the chain and lock at southwest Anacacho Ranch.

8:57 p.m., Mario's Pub phoned the Sheriff's Department to report a fight in progress. Deputy Chism was notified of the situation along with DPS and the Chief of Police. The fight was brought under control, no arrest were made.

Saturday, October 9

6:55 p.m., A Fed-X Driver called on his cell phone requesting an officer to be sent to Fritter Park. The driver had been resting and someone was around his truck. He was afraid to look out because when he drove up no one was around. Trooper Wylie was sent to investigate.

10:07 p.m., Border Patrol called and reported a possible intoxicated driver at the checkpoint. Trooper Wylie was sent to investigate.

11:11 p.m., An unidentified

motorist reported a white van traveling at 35 mph on highway 90 and weaving all over the road. Dispatcher informed Deputy Chism of the situation.

Sunday, October 10

9:45 p.m., A local resident called the Sheriff's Department and reported his bike was missing. Deputy Chism took the description and information. The complainant described the bike as a 10 speed chrome Roadmaster, valued at approx. \$80.00. The bike has no front brakes and no front peg's.

12:00 a.m., A man reported a vehicle parked on the side of road on 334, with a man trying to flag down motorist to stop. Deputy Chism was dispatched and found the subject was in need of a wrecker because he had hit a deer. A local wrecker company was called and took the man's car to Del Rio.

Monday, October 11

1:38 p.m., A local man called and reported that a pick-up had rolled over approximately 25 miles north of Brackett on 674. He stated there were no injuries. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene.

6:51 p.m., A resident of Brackett called and stated that there was a "coon", in front of her house that looked sick. She informed the dispatcher her husband was going to shoot it. She was advised that the animal control would be called to take care of it.

6:52 p.m., Unknown caller called 911 to report a burgundy colored Mustang, driving at a high rate of speed. The dispatcher called Del Rio DPS and advised them to be on the look out for it.

Lydia Joan Cremer

Lydia Joan Cremer, beloved wife, mother and dedicated homemaker passed away on October 5, 1999 at her home in Albuquerque, NM after a long illness. Born on March 27, 1926 in Jefferson City, MO, she was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Rose Stockman and brothers Leonard, Harold, Elmer and Earl all of Jefferson City, MO.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Lee Cremer, and sons, Joseph and wife Frances of Albuquerque, NM. George and wife Marsha of O'Fallon, IL, Thomas of Jefferson City, MO, William and wife Carol of St. Louis, MO, John and wife Diana of Del Rio, Tx, and Richard of Houston, Tx, daughters Marianne and husband Sid Gutierrez of Albuquerque, NM, Linda and husband Lynn Blackburn of San Antonio, Tx, and Theresa and husband Richard Portales of Del Rio, Tx. She has 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Paul and wife Betty Stockman, sisters Rose-

mary Long, Donna and husband Fred Straub, all from Jefferson City, Mo, Ann and husband Ron Schenk of Chandler, AZ, and Carol and husband Dennis Jacknewitz of Belleville, IL, and sisters-in-law Dixie Stockman of Shalimar, FL, and Pat Stockman of Jefferson City, MO.

She was a Life Member of the VFW Auxilliary and held numerous offices with the Brackettville, TX Post. She loved her family and friends, and enjoyed traveling, reading, crafts and a good game of Bunco. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held in Del Rio, Texas under the direction of Cox Memorial Funeral Home. Viewing was held Friday with a Rosery at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made to the MDA/ALS Foundation for Research, 6733 Academy NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

Briefs ...

Voices of Fort Clark rehearsals

The Voices of Fort Clark will resume rehearsals for the 1999-2000 season on Monday, October 18, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at Post Theater on Fort Clark Springs. Anyone who would like to sing with us is welcome.

We will be preparing for a Christmas Concert on Dec. 11. We will also be participating in the community Thanksgiving service in November.

Voices is under the direction of Lynn McNew, with Cathy Conrey as accompanist. Joe Goebel is president of the organization and Cubie Kurtz is treasurer. If you have any questions, please call 563-9229.

Plan on joining us on Monday, October 18, at 7:00 at Post Theater.

Monthly Border Patrol statistics

Del Rio, Texas- The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Oct. 4-10, 1999. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene - 20, Brackettville - 344, Carrizo Springs - 334, Comstock - 4, Del Rio - 238, Eagle Pass - 885, Llano - 7, Rocksprings - 32, San Angelo - 21, Uvalde - 102. Sector Total: 1,987. Other than Mexicans - 244.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets

Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met October 5th playing Howell Movement winners were: 1. Dena Scott and Mona Miller, 2. Joyce Bell and Mary Edgar and 3. Sara Richhart and Ella Chambers.

WHAT A TEXAN MEANS WHEN HE SAYS "IT'S TOO HOT TO SPIT"



SHOULDA BOUGHT METCO.

Texas heat can fry eggs on a sidewalk, bake the chrome off a pickup bumper, and wilt prickly pear like pansies—and all before noon. If your home, farm, school, church, or equipment building isn't up to taking on the Texas sun, maybe it wasn't designed by folks who understand a Texas hot seat.

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National Fire Prevention Week

Tino Gomez
Contributing Writer

It was another hot week, no rest during National Fire Prevention Week. Six fire department volunteers visited Headstart and Kindergarten through the 4th grade students. Fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire was discussed with the students. The department also responded to six grass fires and one vehicle roll-over.

Although fire prevention is very important, proper and effective communication is next in line. If you or someone else has to report an accident, fire or any emergency, please provide as much detail as you can. It only takes a few seconds to create confusion and many precious minutes to correct. The information that you

provide is normally relayed through several personnel before the driver(s) of the emergency vehicles respond.

Some hints to remember: Speak slowly and identify yourself. Provide your phone number (including mobile cellular phone if being used). Do not turn off your mobile phone for a while, just in case emergency personnel need to contact you for additional information. When providing directions, try to give at least a 2 point brief location. For example, "fire is located 3 miles west of Brackettville on HWY 90." Reporting a location is very hard when you are traveling in new and unfamiliar territory. Vehicle accidents require additional information when responding to injuries, fire and whether rescue equipment is required, etc.

Is your tow hitch strong enough?

"Stronger is Better" is the obvious rule as you determine what type of hitch you're going to put between your vehicle and the trailer you're pulling. This critical link-the hitch and hitch ball- should be strong enough to handle the load. If you have any doubt about the weight, go up in class.

The best hitches are those that bolt to your vehicle's frame, says the experts at Draw-Tite, world's largest manufacturer of trailer hitches and towing accessories which offer over 750 trailer hitches, 600 different accessories and parts, and thousands of vehicle applications. There are four classes of hitches. The higher the class, the stronger the hitch.

For additional towing hints, contact your local Draw-Tite dealer. Look in the Yellow Pages under Trailer Hitches, or write Draw-Tite P.O. Box 805, Wayne, MI 48184.

The Texas Horseracing Hall of Fame

The directors of the The Texas Horseracing Hall of Fame and Museum decided several weeks ago to display their exhibits once again at the old Texan Club building in Barksdale, Texas. The Texas Horseracing Hall of Fame and Museum is a State of Texas chartered non-profit corporation organized by Mickey Burleson of Brackettville, who serves as president and director. The artifacts and memorabilia have been housed and/or displayed there on and off since 1992.

Burleson reports that the exhibits used to have a portion of the

building when it was the Texan Club in '92 and '93. When the club closed, the exhibits remained there in the building until it was reopened under the name of Texas Cedar, Ltd. in '95 and '96 and they were displayed once again during that period for the simple reason that the Burleson family refused to give up their dream of The Texas Horseracing Hall of Fame. Burleson says: "But now the THHFM gets its' own room." Evidently the building has been in the family a long time and is partial to anything with the name "Texas" in it. Inductees are be-

ing considered and a "Grand Opening" is in the offing.

Burleson also has disclosed that the group is in discussions with a major display trailer manufacturer to build a mobile unit that can be taken to all of the racetracks in Texas and possibly to county fairs so that the renowned history of Horseracing in Texas can be taken directly to the Horseracing Fans of Texas. He believes that the Fans should have easy access to the education and historical memories and says everyone he has talked to thinks a mobile Texas Horseracing Hall of Fame is the way to go.

Halloween tips to keep you safe

* Remove obstacles in the yard, such as hoses, sprinklers, lawn furniture and potted plants. Turn your porch light on to let children know they're welcome.

* Keep lighted Jack-o'-lanterns or candles away from the front door. A child's costume could possibly brush against the open flame and catch fire.

* Pets, especially dogs, may become agitated with so many visitors. Keep your pets indoors or out of harm's way for a few hours.

* Treats don't have to be full of sugar and fat. Consider giving healthy treats such as boxes of rais-

ins, prepackaged granola bars and sugar-free bubble gum. Some families give away pencils and colorful erasers for school instead of candy.

Obey traffic rules. Parents should emphasize traffic safety rules before their children's nighttime trek. "In the excitement of Halloween, some children forget the rules they have learned about crossing the street. Encourage youngsters to remember the traffic rules-even on Halloween," Dr. Smith said. These rules include:

* Travel with a group and walk on sidewalks or close to the curb.
* Start trick-or-treating early

while it's still light. Give each child a flashlight to carry no matter what the lighting.

* Use seat belts and child safety seats while driving. In excitement to go trick-or-treating, children may forget to buckle up. Parents should not let their children hang on the back of pickup trucks and ride on bumpers.

* Parents should accompany children on their haunting journeys or enlist the aid of a responsible older sibling who can serve as an escort.

* Instruct children to go to only lighted homes and to avoid houses where lights are turned off.

BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents Welcome To Join Their Children At Breakfast Or Lunch
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1. Printed Menu; 2. Cereal & Toast ;
3. Two Toast; Milk is offered with every meal along with fruit or juice.
Have a save Halloween!

Breakfast Menu

- Friday, October 15
Sweet Rolls
Fruit or Juice
- Monday, October 18
Cheese Toast
Fruit or Juice
- Tuesday, October 19
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit or Juice
- Wednesday, October 20
Scrambled eggs
Toast & Jelly
Fruit or Juice
- Thursday, October 21
Grilled Ham
Hash Browns
Fruit or Juice

21 School Days in the Month of October
Elementary @ \$1.10 = \$23.10
Middle and High School @ \$1.25 = \$26.25

Lunch Menu

- Friday, October 15
Pizza & Veggie Sticks
Orange Cream Bar/
Peanut Butter Cup
- Monday, October 18
BBQ Sandwich/Pickle Slices
Oven Fries & Fruit
- Tuesday, October 19
Chicken Fried Steak
Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetables & rolls
- Wednesday, October 20
Enchiladas
Spanish Rice & Pinto Beans
Fruit Cobbler
- Thursday, October 21
Hamburger & Oven Fries
Burger Salad & Pudding

TRAILERING CHECKLIST

There's a basic checklist you should run through every time you hitch up, advised Draw-Tite, the world's largest manufacturer of trailer hitches and towing accessories.

- ✓ Make sure your trailer load is tied down, so it won't move around.
- ✓ Are the trailer brakes O.K.?
- ✓ Make sure all tires are properly inflated.
- ✓ Check your wheel bearings before you head out, at least once a year.
- ✓ Check your trailer's brake lights and turn signals.
- ✓ Make sure the hitch ball is tight, the hitch coupler is locked, and the trailer safety chains are securely hooked to your vehicle.

Commissioners approve new employees

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and approved pending the submission of a budget adjustment by Julie Molano, Director of the Nutrition Center.

The positions are part time 20 hours a week and 32 hours a week, respectively. No rate of pay was mentioned.

The following issues were discussed, concerning the upcoming Constitutional Amendment election, all carried unanimously. Robert Williamson was hired as Precinct 4 election Judge, Josie Meyer was hired to assist the County Clerk's office with early voting. The hourly wage for elec-

tion workers was set at \$6. Early voting begins Monday, October 18th and runs through October 29th.

Commissioners approved a one year agreement with District Resource Investments, Inc. for grant writing services. James Crumley, from the Soil & Water Conservation District, originally presented the Court with a five year agreement. After discussion it was decided to change the agreement to read annually, since the county cannot make any agreements for more than one year at a time. Pending review by the County

Attorney, a motion was passed to establish Internet Guidelines and procedures for the Kinney County Library. They would require a parents signature before a child could access the internet. The procedures would help librarian Sara Terrazas monitor childrens use of the internet.

No action was taken on establishing guidelines or procedures for adding eligible retirees to the county health insurance program. The court had questions concerning any additional expense and qualifications required to return to the county insurance program.

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Tigers plunder Pirates Patriotism, Honesty, Loyalty, Respect

Jacob Hughes
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigers beat Center Point 25-20

Brackett-Friday night proved to be a big test for the Brackett Tigers by beating their District 30AA opponents 25-20. The Tigers faced off against the Center Point Pirates in front of 900 fans. The gridiron contest would later bring out the character and faith in all Tigers and Tiger fans.

Brackett was the first team to draw blood as junior tailback Jesse Hildalgo punched in a two yard run to cap off the Tigers drive but, Center Point didn't remain on their back for very long.

The Pirates answered Brackett with a 90-yard return by Randy Flach. Noah Armas would be the next to score on a 1 yard run. The Pirates held on to the lead 13-6.

Senior fullback Brandon Moore tied things up with 31 seconds remaining in the half. The score was now 13-13.

Tommy Sandoval returned a 72-yard punt and reclaimed the lead for the Tigers.

Center Point would again answer the Tigers 6 on a 1-yard run by quarterback John Jay. The Pirates reclaimed the lead making it 20-19 with 2:38 left in the third

quarter. The Tigers would face their greatest challenge in the fourth. With the clock winding down Zach Davis connected with tight end Sam Hunt for a 52-yard pass. The catch put the Tigers on the 5-yard line. With 40 seconds remaining Jesse Hildalgo capped off the victory with a devastating 1-yard touchdown.

"We showed great character by coming from behind and winning the ball game." Coach Yeager.

The Tigers offense racked up 265 total yards. Davis was 3 for 13. Individual receiving was lead by Sam Hunt with 52 yards. Tommy Sandoval had 26 yards, while Alex Deleon had 21 yards.

The Tigers backfield scampered for 166 yards. Hildalgo raced for 64 yards and 2 touchdowns. Brandon Moore scampered for 54 yards with 1 touchdown. Zach Davis rushed for 48 yards during the game.

The Tigers defense held the Pirates to 200 yards offensively. The Tigers defense recovered 1 of the Pirates 2 fumbles. They also made Center Point punt 5 times. The Tigers continue their district championship race by playing Jourdanon this Friday night. Other District 30AA competition will be Comfort-Dilley; Center Point-Natalia.

Making a Difference
Taylor Stephenson

The Brackett Football Tigers are 5 & 1! What a great ending for the game with Center Point! The long pass from Zachry Davis to Sam Hunt was a moment that I'll not soon forget. I looked around at the stands and everyone was standing cheering. We won. I hope you didn't miss the last minute of play. It was wonderful.

Carroll Petrosky had lots of excitement for the post game show. Tami Clardy, Tom and Lynn McNew's daughter, was there and gave CPR to our fine teacher, Carroll. The family believes that Tami saved Carroll's life. EMS arrived and took Carroll away to the hospital to be checked out. Reports today are very good

Cubs route Sabinal 28-6

Congratulations to the Cubs football team on a great victory. The Cubs beat Sabinal 28-6. Glenn Morgan scored 2 touchdowns and 2 extra point conversions. Ceasar Montoya recovered a fumble caused by Wacy Taylor for a touchdown. Also scoring for the Cubs was Nathan Luna on a long run.

on Carroll. The Petrosky family helps lots of folks in Brackettville.

I am setting up a fund to help teachers or school employees who suffer financial loss to their vehicles or property. It can't be with tax dollars; that's not a legal expenditure of tax dollars. One of the girl's coaches had four tires slashed after a ball game this past month. His cost was \$400. He tries to do the right thing, and the board has authorized my establishing a fund to help. The first \$400 will go to pay for new tires. So, if you have an extra \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 that you want to contribute, send a check to BISD and mark it as a donation to the "Help Fund". You can call Susan Esparza for additional instructions. I'm very serious about this fund. I think it's time we helped some of those folks who suffer

hardship in the line of duty. Will you help?

I'm proud of the Brackett Board of Trustees. They work hard to try to guide our district in the right direction. It's not an easy job. Everyone went to school and most know what the answer to problems is. The Board has the responsibility and the authority to guide the fix. They have been most helpful to me this past year. Thanks for a job well done. By the way, they don't receive a dollar for their efforts. A thank you would be appreciated by the Board.

The audit turned out wonderful. We had almost \$600,000 more in our fund balance than we anticipated. Thanks to our fine central office team, Dixie Brown - business manager, Marla Madrid - payroll, and Susan Esparza -

Superintendent's secretary.

The values that the school has chosen to try to work on this year are Patriotism, Honesty, Loyalty and Respect. You can help at home by working to teach your children these values. I suggest reading stories or telling stories about these values and how they made stronger citizens and a stronger country. Just talking to the children once in a while about values to add to their lives will help us all. It's a community effort. We'll try to do our part at school.

That's it for the week. My wife and I will be in Columbia, Missouri, for a few days visiting our son and his family. We're very anxious to see little Taylor who is now 16 months old. Have a great week!

West Texas mule deer

Camfires and Gunsmoke
Steven R. LaMascus

Deer hunting is one of the things for which Texas is known all over the world. The Texas whitetailed deer herd is the largest in the country. The Hill Country has the densest population of deer. The Brush Country has fewer deer but is the fabled home of the Muy Grande, Papisito, mossy-horned bucks with racks the size of a healthy moose. Hey, I live where I live for a reason, and it ain't because of the climate.

But what about poor old West Texas; the land west of the Pecos? The Trans-Pecos region is not the place to go for trophy whitetails. You do not see a couple of hundred deer, grazing like a herd of cows, in a field of winter oats. But what you do find is a wonderful country, still untamed, with almost endless vistas of open desert and arid mountains. And in those thinly clothed, sparsely watered prairies, draws and mountains is a deer every bit as exciting, wily, and wary as the most battle-hardened whitetail.

The desert mule deer of West Texas is an often-overlooked game animal; even by Texas residents. I don't mind that at all, because I love to hunt him, and I don't have to compete with a zillion camouflage-clad, urban Rambos. The hunting of West Texas mules is a more solitary endeavor and usually requires copious amounts of physical exercise.

You hunt desert mules on foot. (Yes, you can hunt them from a truck, but that is cheating.) You also hunt them in some of the roughest and loneliest real estate in the continental U.S. This means you will be doing a lot of walking and, probably, a lot of climbing. Last year I spent some time in a lonely mountain range near Sierra Blanca. I spent most of every day walking and very little of it was horizontal. I began to dream of a large expanse of flat plains where I could just stroll along without having my knees feel like they were being attacked by vicious Leprechauns with dull tack hammers.

There are several items of equipment that I feel are absolutely indispensable when hunting desert mule deer. First and foremost is a good binocular. If you are doing it properly you will be doing a lot of glassing. I will move from observation point to observation point, stopping to glass at each. A good 7 to 10 power binocular is worth its weight in diamonds. I use a 7X42 Zeiss or a 7X35 Steiner.

An accurate, flat shooting rifle is also a must. A man with a "thuddy-thuddy" Winchester is go-

ing to be terribly frustrated by the immense distances of West Texas. The chances are very good that the shot you get will be over 200 yards. For this type of shooting a .270 Winchester, 7MM Remington Magnum, or some other equally high velocity, flat shooting number is needed. I prefer a bolt action 7MM Magnum with a 3X9 Leupold, or a .270 Winchester with a 4X12 Redfield. Sighted in 3 inches high at 100 yards, either is capable of hitting the kill zone of a mule out to 350 yards with a center chest hold. The last item you will need is a large canteen. There is practically no water in the country and the low humidity will suck the moisture from your body. Do not take a chance of becoming dehydrated.

Wear clothing that is designed to withstand rough conditions. This is genuine desert and as such is harsh, filled with thorny plants and cactus. Make sure your boots and clothes are of top quality. Boots especially are important. If you try to hunt in West Texas in the glorified tennis shoes I see quail hunters wearing you will end up with feet that resemble raw hamburger.

You know, on second thought, you probably shouldn't even go. Better to stay home and watch football on TV. Let the idiots like me stumble and stagger around in the rocks and cactus and cat claw. You probably wouldn't enjoy it anyway. Yeah, that's better. Just forget I said anything. Okay?

Firearm Safety Week

The week of October 18-22, 1999 has been declared as Children's Firearm Safety Week in Texas by Governor George W. Bush.

The resolution passed by the 76th Legislature of the State of Texas and signed by the Governor reads in part "Teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical step in the efforts to reduce the number of firearm related accidents among our nation's young people."

There are a number of things that parents and children can do to prevent firearms accidents. First of all, if there is a gun in the house, teach your children to respect it for what it is and what it can do. Teach them that it is a deadly weapon and that it can seriously injure or kill someone. At the proper age, teach them how to properly use the firearm and how to safely handle it. This helps take away the curiosity a child has with a gun that usually gets them into trouble. Many accidents occur when a child gets a hold of a gun and is showing it off to a friend. Help promote gun safety by having your children take a Hunter Education Course. And Finally, keep the weapon away from young children. Store the weapon unloaded, keeping the ammunition in a different place than the gun, and put both gun and ammo in a safe place inaccessible

to children. Chapter 46.13 of the Texas Penal Code makes it an offense or crime if a child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm if the person was negligent and failed to secure the firearm or left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access. Examples of accessible places would be keeping a gun in a dresser or nightstand drawer, or under the bed, between the mattresses, or just standing in a corner behind the door.

The resolution goes on to promote the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety program for use in the state's schools. The "program teaches the fundamentals of firearm safety to elementary school-age children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them the lifesaving message that when they see a gun they should stop, immediately leave the area, and tell an adult," according to the Resolution. This safety message should apply to children regardless of where they see a gun lying around, whether at home or on the street.

For more information on the law on accessible firearms or on gun safety, contact your local Game Warden or Sheriff Department.

Record turn out for Hunter Education

A little on the Wildlife side
Henry Lutz

Sixteen local students and adults recently completed a 10 hour Hunter Education Training Course held at the Brackett High School. The course was held during the evening hours over a three day period. The students received instruction and materials covering Ethics and Hunting, Gun and Shooting Safety, Archery and Muzzleloading, Hunting Laws including what happens when those laws are broken, and many other topics related to hunting and the outdoors. The course is held once a year, every year in Brackettville for those persons who hunt and were born on or after September 2, 1971 and for those who need to take a Hunter Education course to hunt out of state.

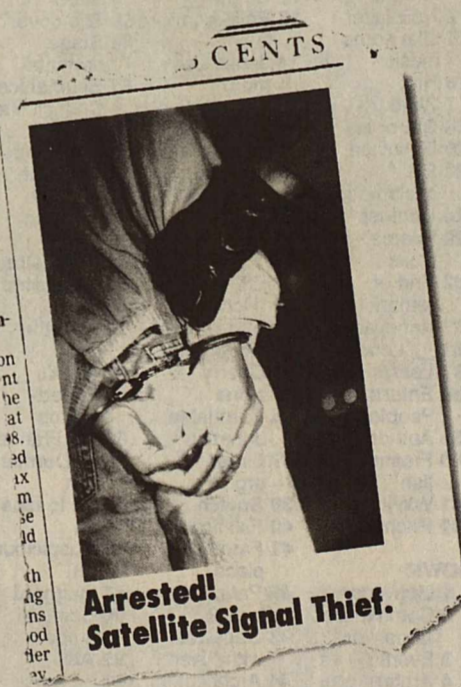
Game Warden Henry Lutz and instructor Jack Frerich taught the 16 people who attended the course. It is believed that this was the largest Hunter Education class



ever held in Brackettville. More hunters are taking the course every year since the course became mandatory for hunters born after September 2, 1971. Also increased enforcement of the Hunter Education Law by Game Wardens is reminding hunters, who have either forgotten or just put off taking the course, to get into the

classroom. There are also people across the state who did not hunt until they were older and are now taking the course to get certified. The instructors would like to thank Mr. Steve LaMascus for speaking to the class about archery and muzzleloading and the Brackett ISD for providing the facilities in which to hold the class.

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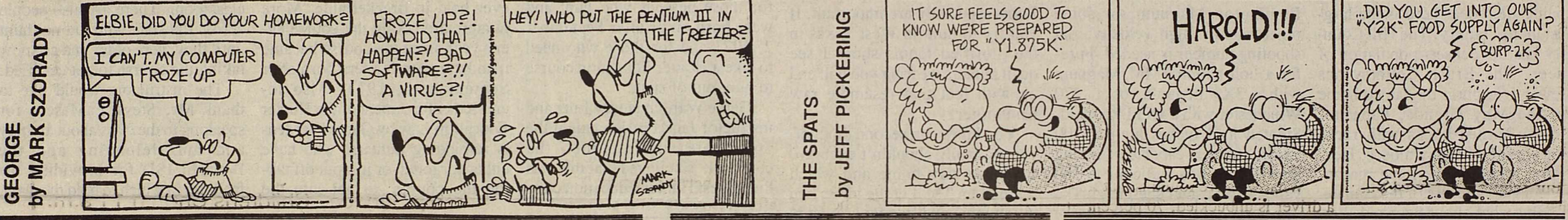
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

For a fast way to look at how your week will be, check the rating: 10 is the best week, 0 the most difficult.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week is a 9. You're quite indispensable, both in the home and in the office. A crisis is forestalled thanks to your ingenuity and quick thinking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week is a 6. Don't attempt to force a situation which is quite beyond your control. Sometimes, it may be much better to just cut your losses.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week is a 10. You are likely to have the Midas touch at this time, and a wise bet could pay handsomely. Single Geminis captivate a stranger with their unique style.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This week is a 7. While you are determined to see the best in a situation, someone else may be determined to be pessimistic. Don't waste your energy hanging around with emotional vampires.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This week is a 7. You are likely to be unexpectedly reunited with an old friend or family member. Finally, you may be able to ask those stored-up questions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This week is a 6. As the saying goes, it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Let go of your fears; allow yourself to be a little bit vulnerable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This week is a 9. Inspiration comes easily at this time, so make the most of it. A creative project will lift your spirits and open your eyes to potential.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This week is a 10. Justice is truly satisfying when it occurs to those who most deserve it.

Aquarius (November 22 to December 21) This week is a 5. Make sure that you are not shutting your eyes to some of your options. You may be seeing things as you wish they were, rather than as they are.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This week is a 6. Remember that how you see yourself is bound to affect how others treat yourself. It might be time for a boost in the self-confidence department.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) This week is an 8. Don't be thrown if someone tries to deliver you an ultimatum. If you stand your ground, you'll find out that he or she might have been bluffing all along.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This week is an 8. Don't get so caught up in the details that you forget the bigger picture. A friendship made at this time is likely to last forever.

YOU BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to feign modesty is the only thing that keeps people from being envious of your many creative talents. You have an extremely large heart and giving nature. A touch of naivete may make it easy for others to take advantage of you.
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