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Six county offices on election ballot for March primary

by Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

November 7, 2000 will be the general election day for eight county and district public offices. Six of the positions on the ballot are county offices. These include county attorney, sheriff, tax assessor-collector, constable and commissioners for precinct 1 and 3.

The basic qualifications for all of these county positions are the same. The candidate must be 18 years old, U.S. citizen, a Texas resident for the past 12 months, and except for the position of County Attorney doesn't need a law degree. However, you do not need to be a registered voter.

The sheriff and constable positions have the added requirement of a high school diploma or G.E.D. and you must be eligible to be licensed under the Texas Government Codes. The term for

all offices is 4 years. Before anyone can be placed on the November ballot a primary election must be held to determine a candidate for each party. The primary election will be held March 14, 1999.

Anyone desiring to run for office will need to contact Democratic chairperson, Mary Flores. Flores has been Kinney County's Democratic Party leader for many years and is familiar with the procedures.

"They are going to Dora Sandoval (Kinney County Clerk) to get the petitions. They need to understand the primary election belongs to the Secretary of the State and that's me," Flores said.

The filing fee for the respective offices are: \$600 for sheriff, tax assessor-collector and commissioner, \$800 for constable and \$600 - \$1000 for county attorney, depending on the duties performed.

Candidates filing fees pay for supplies and election workers needed for the primary election. The primary election is not funded by the county.

The state will fund counties that can't collect the necessary revenue needed to pay for a primary election. However, the state is considering asking for volunteers to work the polls on election day.

"If I don't have the money because the candidates did not pay, I have to request it from the Secretary of State," said Flores.

"What the candidates don't know, and maybe do not understand, is where do I get the money for the ballots and wages. Last election the bill was over \$5,000 and all I collected was \$400," added Flores.

A person may supply a petition in lieu of the filing fee. The petition requires 2% of the registered

voters in the applicable precinct(s). According to Flores, an average of 50 signatures is required.

The petition is for people that can't afford the filing fee.

"I can understand if this is your first time and you have never been in the office before," said Flores. "These people that have been here for years, (been elected) time after time, they should have money, right?"

If someone besides the candidate obtains the required number of signatures, they are required to sign the affidavit.

Friday, December 3rd is the first day to file an application for the primary election. January 3rd 1999 is the final day to file.

Republican party chairperson in the last election was Ray Melton. Melton could not be reached as of Tuesday afternoon to clarify his position on the matter.

Flores has received four inquiries regarding commissioner, precinct 3, two for commissioner, precinct 1, two each for tax assessor-collector and constable.

As of Tuesday afternoon Flores had not heard from any incumbents seeking reelection.

"They may have let their intentions be known to Dora Sandoval (County Clerk), but they have not informed me. Every candidate needs to contact me for the general primary election," Flores said. "I do expect to hear from the present elected officials on or shortly after December 3rd."

Anyone can obtain a copy of registered voters at the tax assessor-collector's office. The cost is \$5 per precinct.

For more details and information concerning the primary election, contact Mary Flores at 563-9414.

Briefs ...

1,055.5 lbs of marijuana seized
Del Rio-U.S. Border Patrol Agents from Eagle Pass Station seized 1,055.5 pounds of marijuana Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25, 1999).

While performing line watch duties around 10 P.M. Thanksgiving day, agents from the Eagle Pass Station discovered several bundles of marijuana near a well used trail leading from the Rio Grande River approximately 19 miles west of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry.

Further investigation revealed there were 10 bundles in the immediate area. While performing the search, agents observed two individuals running towards the river. They evaded capture. A more thorough search of the area revealed eight more bundles along the river.

The marijuana, valued at \$844,400 was turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

1,796.1 lbs of marijuana seized
Del Rio-U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 1,796.1 pounds of marijuana, November 26, 1999.

Friday morning, agents returned to an area along the Rio Grande River approximately 19 miles West of Eagle Pass where 1,055.5 pounds of marijuana had been found around 10 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. The agents conducted an expanded search of the area west of the location of the original seizure.

The agents first located a large burlap sack containing bundles of marijuana along the river more than 25 yards west of the original seizure site. They also located another well-worn trail that led to a clearing approximately 15 yards from the Rio Grande River.

In the clearing, agents found more large burlap sacks containing individually wrapped bundles of marijuana.

The 165 bundles of marijuana, valued at \$1,436,880, were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

1,129.6 lbs of marijuana seized
Del Rio-U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 1,129.6 pounds of marijuana Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999.

While performing line watch duties around 3 p.m. Sunday, agents from the Eagle Pass Station discovered 20 bundles of marijuana along a well used trail leading from the Rio Grande River approximately 19 miles west of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry.

The marijuana, valued at \$903,680, was turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

County begins site preparation for EMS building

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

Cliff Fritter, Road and Bridge Supervisor for Kinney County and his crew started preparing the site for the new EMS building.

The new building will be located behind the Nutrition Center and telephone company.

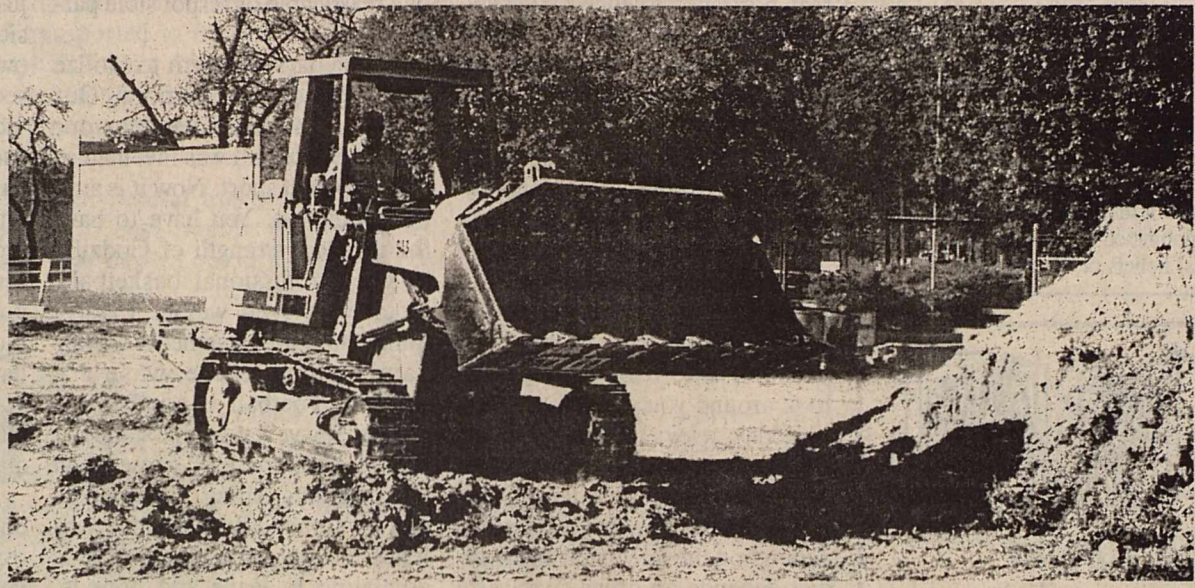
County employees will prepare the site for Hill Construction to lay the foundation.

Last Monday the road crew scraped the top four inches of soil off, so tests can be done on the

site for soil density. Density effects the compaction the workers give the site when they fill. The tests will show if the soil is up to the architect's specifications.

Two companies have scheduled to give the county estimates. Geo-Tech from Del Rio and In-Tech from San Antonio.

If either one of the estimates are within reason Judge Senne said, "Then in all probability we'll go ahead with the soil tests in the next few days."



Pictured above David Garza operating a loader during the site preparation for the new EMS building. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

Arizona man dies in one vehical roll over

by Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving morning at 6:40 a.m., Tyler S. Dodge, 18, construction worker from Meza, Arizona had fallen asleep at the wheel of his 95 Chevy and lost control of the vehicle.

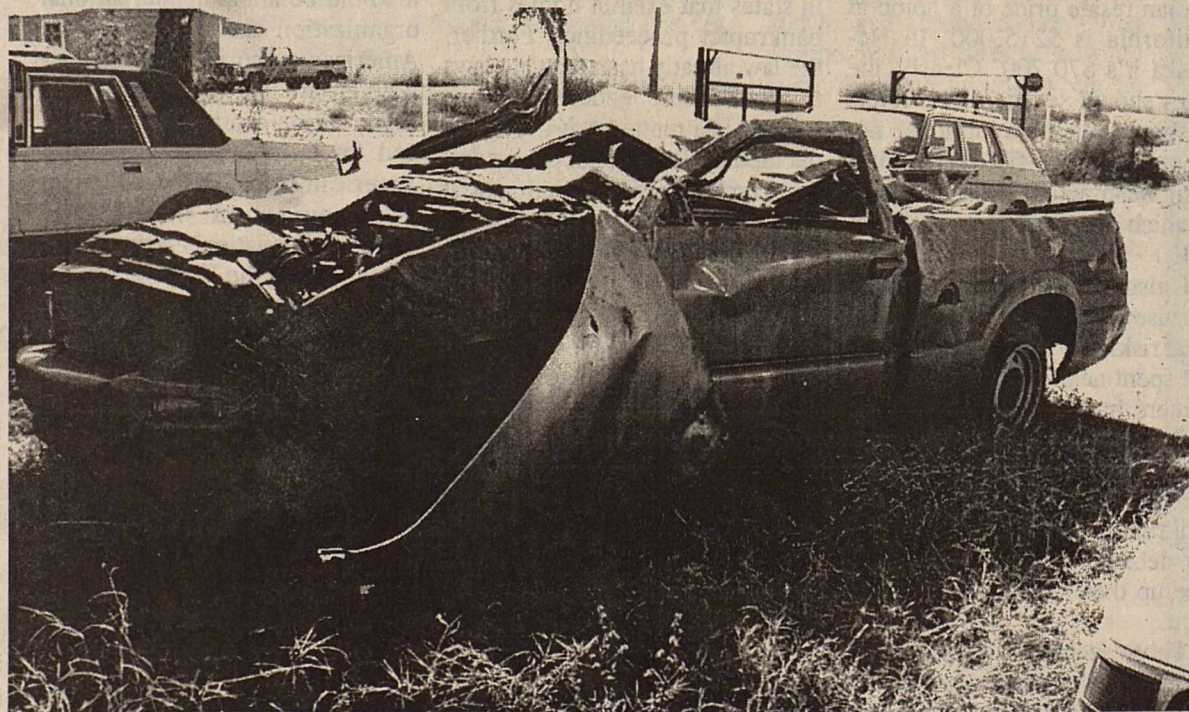
Dodge was traveling westbound on Hwy 90, when he was 3.5 miles west of Brackettville he crossed the center line, flipped and rolled over

several times coming to rest upside down. Dodge was thrown out of the vehicle and his passenger Leroy Marvin Martin, 40, also a construction worker from Casa Grande, Arizona remained inside. Neither one were wearing their seatbelts.

An unidentified cellular phone call reported the accident and Trooper Ashley was sent to investigate. Also dispatched was EMS, fire department and the Department of Transportation.

Justice of the Peace John Ford was requested to come to the scene and pronounced Dodge dead at 7:00 a.m. Dodge was taken to Del Rio Funeral Home and relatives notified.

Passenger, Martin was transported to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio in serious condition with head injuries and his status is unknown at this time.



95 Chevy truck driven by Tyler S. Dodge, of Mesa, Arizona after the Thanksgiving day rollover.

Voter registration renewal certificates have been issued

by Martha Pena Hooten
Contributing Writer

Voter registration renewal certificates have been issued to each voter in the county whose registration is effective on the preceding November 14. Our mass mailout will be complete by December 6, 1999.

The new certificates are pantone mustard yellow and white in color and are valid for two years (January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2001).

The renewal certificates are being delivered by mail to the mailing address on the voter's registration application currently on file. We have instructed the Postmaster not to forward the certificate to any other address and to return to the Voter Registrar's office if the addressee is no longer at the address to which the certificate was mailed to.

If at any time since your initial registration you have moved to

another precinct, changed your mailing address or your name or if there was an error made by my office on any information on your certificate, please bring it to my

"The new certificates are pantone mustard yellow and white in color and are valid for two years." - Martha Hooten.

attention so that I can make the appropriate corrections on your certificate as well as our voter registration records. Also, please be advised that corrections can be made on the back of your certificate by providing the correct information, sign and return to my office as soon as possible.

If by December 6, 1999, you have not received your renewal certificate, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 563-2688 or come by my office in the County Courthouse.

Indian Artifacts

by Frank Cheaney
Contributing Writer

Local amateur archeologist Russell White was the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society on Saturday morning, November 27. About forty members of the Society, meeting in Fort Clark's historic Palisado Building, were intrigued with hearing Russell's experiences during his lifelong interest in archeology and seeing his display of a portion of his extensive collection of projectile points, utensils, and tools. Equally fascinating was the fact that all of the items had been collected by Russell personally in Kinney County over a period of many years and that some of the artifacts were known to be about

14,000 years old. Some of his artifacts had originated a great distance from Kinney County, indicating that there had been trading and travel among the various groups of early Indian settlers.

At a business meeting preceding the program, the Society re-elected Larry Mendeke, Helen Peck, and Amie Skelton to a new three-year term on the Society's Board of Directors. Society President Frank Cheaney announced that the Society's Christmas party would be held in the Palisado Building at 7:00 on the evening of Friday, December 10, and that there would be no regular meeting in December. Ten new members joined the Society during the meeting, and the door prize of a \$5 gift certificate at the Sutler's Store was won by Rose Jenkins.

National Spirit Scholarship Competition

Dallas - Susannah Davis and Helena Flores from Brackett High School Varsity Cheer Squad will be competing in America's premier individual spirit contest - the 2nd Annual National Spirit Scholarship Competition in Dallas, Texas on December 4-5, 1999.

Over \$20,000 in college scholarships and prizes will be awarded to cheerleaders, dancers and mascots who will be competing.

Susannah and Helena received bids this summer at Cheer Camp in Sequin to try out for the All-American Cheer Squad. Both girls

competed and were selected to the National Cheerleader Association All-American Cheer Squad. National Spirit Group has invited cheerleaders, dancers and mascots from across the nation to compete in this exciting Scholarship Competition. NSG administers this as the first and only championship of its kind dedicated to individual cheerleaders, dancers and mascots.

Susannah and Helena will leave on Thursday, December 2, 1999, to begin a grueling two-day schedule which includes over 16 hours

of practice for both the parade and competition, site seeing, shopping, participation in the parade on Saturday morning followed by the competition Saturday night.

The National Spirit Scholarship Championship participants will perform in the 1999 Neiman Marcus Adolphus Children's Christmas Parade, which will be televised in more than 150 million homes on Saturday, December 4, 1999. KENS-TV (Channel 5) of San Antonio will delay broadcast of the parade on Saturday, December 25, 1999, at 12:30 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

Recently a tragic fire destroyed a dwelling and contents of Becky Resendez and her 6 children.

The children were placed with relatives for a short time.

The community responded with help for the misplaced family.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church along with the resources of Lutheran Brotherhood, Winter Garden #8871 and Aid Associa-

tion of Lutherans #11061 discussed needs.

Two bunkbeds and a sectional sofa made life easier and allowed the entire family to once again become a family.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is monitoring the progress and stands ready with a "Helping Hand."

Jerry O'Brien

I'm still thankful!

I could be wrong!
by Chuck Hall

I Am Thankful For.....

...the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

...the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

...the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

...my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

...a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

...all the complaining I hear about our government because it

means we have freedom of speech.

...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.

...my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

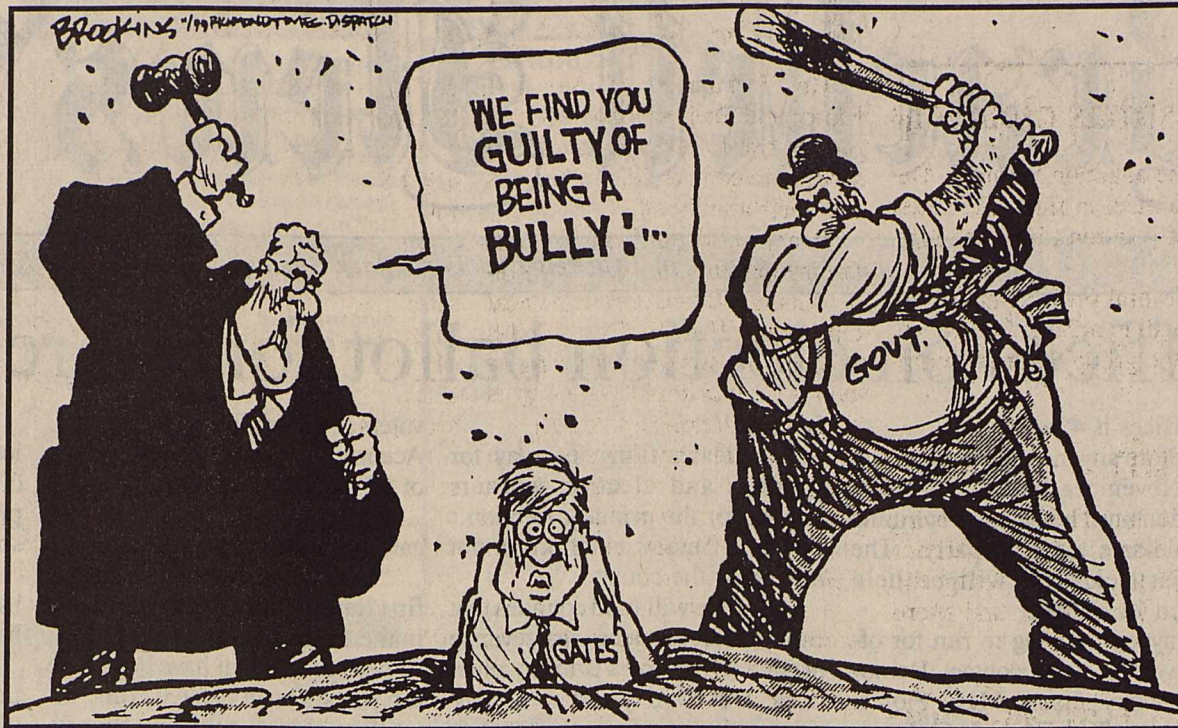
...the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.

...the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.

...weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

...the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.

But I could be wrong.



A Culture of Violence

The way I see it!
by Steven R. LaMascus

I read the other day that the average child, by the time he or she reaches age 12, has seen several thousand violent deaths on television. In addition to that they get to watch professional wrestling, Roller Derby, Power Rangers, and I don't know what else that portrays violence as acceptable entertainment.

Did you happen to notice that there is no longer a family hour on television? The traditional 8 to 9 p.m. timeslot that was once reserved for wholesome family entertainment has now gone the way to the dinosaur. I am astounded at the sex, violence and vulgarity I see now on television. And if you don't think this has a negative impact on American society, just look around you.

Today, television in particular, and the entertainment industry in general, is the greatest danger your family faces. We have come to depend on the television as an addict depends on drugs. We waste (yes, waste!) an average of three to five hours a day watching television. Then we gripe that we have no time to get things done.

By the time our children reach puberty they are more accustomed to violent death than combat-hardened troops. They see the way people act on television, where homosexuality, marital unfaithfulness, premarital and recreational sex, witchcraft, dishonesty, and a multitude of other unacceptable

practices are portrayed as normal and acceptable, and try to emulate those larger-than-life, exciting characters. Nothing shocks them, because they've seen it all! By allowing our children to be entertained by television we are destroying their ability to use their imaginations and instilling in them the very things we all (at least most of us) detest. Are these the actions of a reasonable or responsible parent?

These days we seem to idolize anything violent or immoral. Our violence has extended into our sports. Basketball was invented as a non-contact sport. Now it is anything but that. You have to have the physical strength of Godzilla to play professional basketball. Hockey is even worse. I don't think I have ever watched a hockey game where there wasn't a fistfight. Football is another example. I have sat in the stands at high school football games and heard parents yelling, "get in there and hit somebody!" We love violence as entertainment and it is escalating in leaps and bounds. Professional wrestling, which I mentioned above, is the fastest growing form of entertainment in the United States. We all, I hope, realize that it is choreographed and rehearsed, but it is still a representation of wanton violence that effects the minds of all of us, especially our children. I have seen the young 'uns many times at play, acting out the moves and actions of the wrestlers. Many of the

youngsters don't realize that it's fake. They think that all those seemingly devastating blows are real and that it's okay to fight that way. Have you ever explained to your children that it is just acting?

Aw shoot, I'm probably overreacting. After all, "it's just television," or, "it's only a movie." Well folks I've got news for you. It is not only television, and it isn't just a movie. Movies and television are a direct reflection of our own morals and beliefs. If all you see on television is sex, drugs, and violence, then you had better get used to it, because that is what is happening on the streets of our cities. If we become more and more acceptant of trash on the screens we had better like trash on the streets. If television and movies reflect our society as violent, idolatrous, and immoral then you can be sure that it really is. Otherwise the society wouldn't allow such filth on the screens.

You have some really simple choices here. You can either control what is watched on television, voice your disgust at the garbage that is shown, boycott the shows that are violent, vile and immoral, write the sponsors and indicate your displeasure, or you can join the other side and help destroy your country. You simply can't have it both ways. No matter how humorously the immorality and violence is portrayed on television, it is still wrong, and that's a fact! And it will get worse if we allow it.

The Battle in Seattle

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

It's being called "The Battle in Seattle" by some and "The Carnival Against Capitalism" by others. The World Trade Organization's summit this week marks the first time trade talks have gotten a second thought from most Americans, much less the massive protests the summit's attracting this week.

The World Trade Organization was officially born in 1995, though a similar organization existed before that for more than forty years under a different name. The last world trade talks ended in 1993, after eight years of negotiations. At this moment, trade ministers from 135 nations, including the United States, are meeting at the Washington State Trade and Convention Center to decide what trade regulations they'll debate at a later meeting. In other words, they're negotiating about what to negotiate.

As debate rages inside the convention center, it's reaching a fever pitch on the other side of the walls as well. An estimated 50,000 demonstrators have come to town to have their voices heard. Some protestors are against the idea of a world trade organization altogether, while others are demonstrating for or against specific policies.

WTO's member countries are supposed to ensure free market competition in the world market. Our economic future depends on the opening of foreign markets to American goods. This is critical to American farmers and ranchers, who need to sell agricultural products in other countries to survive. More than one-third of U.S. agricultural production was exported in 1998, with a value of \$52 billion. The WTO can prevent a country from claiming American agricultural products are unhealthy when they're really not. This happened last year when it ruled that Europe should accept American beef. European governments had claimed that growth-promoting hormones used to produce the meat were dangerous, despite scientific evidence to the contrary. The organization's rules can also limit the ability of foreign governments to restrict agricultural trade through tariffs, quotas, subsidies, and a variety of other policies and regulations. The WTO is able to prevent countries from selling huge amounts of their products at prices that are lower than what they're really worth. This practice, known as "dumping," can quickly drive an American company into debt.

When the WTO was founded, many people were concerned that it would be another international organization that could trample American authority. We must always ensure that any international organization works for freedom and for fairness and not against American principles. No group or organization should ever threaten our nation's sovereignty. So as long as the WTO works for free and fair trade, while respecting nation's boundaries, it will help our country grow stronger. Where free market competition can prosper, Americans come out ahead.

Unsung Hero

At the age of 19, this man was called by the Lord to preach the gospel. His first sermon was in a one-room country school house. The lights were coal-oil lamps and the nearest town was 16 miles away. He married his high school sweetheart and they both went to seminary training. They spent a brief time as missionaries in China. He has been pastor of many churches the 65 years since he was called to preach. The wife of a preacher must also serve in many ways. Some time in the 60's they moved to Brackettville. He has always been there when called upon to help. He always carried extra gasoline and water in his car in case someone was stranded. She was a teacher for many years. They are both well respected and honorable people. Surely Joe and Oleta Townsend are "Unsung Heroes"

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Sez!



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Fighting to preserve Texas' rights

submitted by
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson

On November 10 the Senate voted to override a 160-year old Texas tradition: the right to keep one's family home when facing bankruptcy.

The U.S. Constitution gives the federal government the power to establish bankruptcy laws. For more than 130 years, Washington has properly allowed states to determine how much personal and residential property should be exempt when assets are used to pay debts. Before Texas became a state, our constitution allowed farmers and homeowners to keep their homestead even during times of crop loss or financial hardship. The Supreme Court upheld the right of states to do just this in 1902.

It is a terrible mistake for the federal government to consider reversing these precedents by seeking to substitute its will for the Texas Constitution and the laws of 10 other states.

The Senate bill does more than trample states' rights. It is bad news for our farmers and senior citizens as well. By 2020, 54 million Americans will be over age 65. Because 81 percent of seniors own their homes, they are most at risk when creditors seize homes to pay debts.

The Senate action that I fought to defeat would let homeowners keep only \$100,000 in home equity during a bankruptcy, but the median resale value of an existing home in Texas is \$125,200. The average senior citizen in our state - especially those facing high medical bills - would be hurt if

this legislation becomes law.

In addition, property values across the nation vary widely. The median resale price of a home in California is \$215,000. In Nebraska it's \$70,200. Clearly, the states should set their own levels for bankruptcy exemptions, not adopt a one-size-fits all mandate from Washington. This is an area in which states' rights should prevail.

I also oppose this legislation because it puts Texas family farmers at risk. The federal government just spent nearly \$9 billion to aid farmers hurt by low commodity prices and bad weather. In an ironic twist, should small family farmers in Texas have to declare bankruptcy under the law now being debated, they might have to give up their home or the family farm.

Those seeking to overturn 132 years' worth of states rights on this issue cite abuses by a very small number of wealthy people. But the office that oversees all bankruptcy cases stated that it "...did not find a single debtor who came close to the popular stereotype of homestead abuse...this is a relatively rare phenomenon."

We should pursue those who abuse the system - not everyone else. Good safeguards are to be enacted. For example, the bankruptcy bill now being debated requires that debtors must live in a state for at least two years before their house can be exempt from bankruptcy proceedings. Not many people plan their bankruptcies 24 months in advance. And judges now have enough power to ferret out and punish would-be cheaters.

Banks and other lenders are sophisticated. They know better than to use a house as collateral in states that exempt homes from bankruptcy proceedings. Further, the law already has adequate laws to protect these lenders.

This is a matter that should be decided by Texans, not the federal government. I feel strongly about this because of the homestead exemption's place in the Texas Constitution.

The Senate rejected my amendment that would have allowed states - not the federal government - to set their own homestead exemptions. The House of Representatives has its own version of the bill and it includes this provision. I am working hard to make sure that when the dust clears, the final bill allows states to decide their own homestead exemption policies.

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Briefs ...

Community Council Christmas clean-up

It's Community Council's "clean-up" time again on Saturday, December 4th. Volunteer workers are urged to meet in front of Shafter Hall at 9:00 a.m. and bring cleaning rags. If you don't have the rags, come anyway.

The Community Council is attempting several projects and it depends on the number of people that help. So all members that wish to "Spruce Up" Ft. Clark for Christmas, join the group Saturday morning for food, fun and fellowship.

Duplicate Bridge Club

Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Nov. 23 - playing Mitchell Movement. Winners were: N/S 1. Blake and Jeanette Hinton 2. Diane Daniels and Mylo Unruh 3. Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant. E/W 1. Nancy O'Brien and Mary Edgar 2. Ruth Potter and Mona Miller 3. Ruth Wilks and LaVerne Schaefer.

SW Texas Genealogical Bar-B-Que

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 4, 1999 at Cow-Pokes Bar-B-Que in Pearsall, Texas at 10:00 a.m. Cow-Pokes is located off I-35 at Farm Road 140 exit.

Guest speaker, Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., a member of the San Antonio Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution and editor of The Texas Compatriot Quarterly, will speak on "Preparing a Guide for Genealogical Research".

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Friday, November 19

5:15 p.m., A local resident called and reported someone was calling her and would not speak when she answered. Deputy Guidry assured the lady she would be on their security check list and would continue to watch her house.

6:03 p.m., A Fort Clark resident called to report a break in at her home. Deputy Chism was dispatched to investigate.

Saturday, November 20

12:23 a.m., An unknown caller reported a domestic disturbance on West Thomas Street. Deputy Chism was sent to check it out.

9:39 a.m., A cellular telephone caller reported an accident in Fort Clark Springs in front of the Teen Center. Deputy Pena and Police Chief Ron Ring responded to the call. Ambulance, fire department and a wrecker was dispatched to the scene.

11:17 a.m., The Cline Border Patrol checkpoint called in and requested transportation for an intoxicated driver that was in their custody. Trooper Ashley went to transport the subject.

10:11 p.m., A Spofford resident reported a Union Pacific train had been blocking Hwy 131 for more than two hours. Notified the railroads main office in Houston for assistance.

Sunday, November 21

7:21 a.m., A caller from LaFonda Ranch reported a telephone pole was on fire at the ranch. The fire department and Rio Grande Electric was dispatched to the scene.

5:30 p.m., An unknown caller reported hearing gun shots around Sheedy and Spring Streets. Chief of Police Ron Ring went to the area and reported that he could not find or hear any activity.

8:28 p.m., An employee of Security Link called to report the alarm was going off at one of the buildings at the school. Deputy Chism went to the area notified that Coach Nowlin would meet him and the area was secured by 8:40 p.m.

Monday, November 22

Cinnamon Cherele Cody, 30, of San Antonio was arrested for DWI 1st offense, by Trooper Ashley. Transferred to Val Verde County Jail for holding. Bonded out on a \$1800 bond.

10:30 a.m., The manager of the Fort Clark Springs Restaurant reported a break-in and the theft of 12 cases of Miller Lite beer from the bar. Chief of Police Ron Ring is still investigating the case.

6:02 p.m., A local resident called and reported someone had broken the windows out of his van. Chief of Police was sent to investigate.

Tuesday, November 23

Sidney Raymond, Jr., Kenner, LA was arrested by Trooper Ashley for outstanding warrants from Louisiana. Raymond is being held in the Kinney County Jail for transportation back to Louisiana.

5:15 p.m., A lady called and

reported a sick raccoon in a tree in her neighbors yard. City employee Oscar Martinez was notified and he went and took care of the animal.

5:44 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported a break-in. Chief Deputy Fritter was notified and went to investigate the situation.

8:01 p.m., Uvalde Police Department called and requested assistance in locating a vehicle traveling East on Highway 90. The travelers needed to be intercepted and notified of a family situation. Deputy Guidry traveled that direction but never found the 98 GMC vehicle.

Wednesday, November 24

Reinaldo Rios, Jr., 21 of Uvalde was arrested by Trooper Ashley for two outstanding DPS warrants. Rios paid the fines on November 24th and was released.

1:09 p.m., The Maverick Sheriff's Department requested assistance from the Kinney County Sheriff's Department with apprehending a person that had stolen a Maverick County Road and Bridge vehicle. It was reported to be heading towards Brackett through Spofford and there was a rifle located in the truck. Sheriff Burgess was advised of the situation. The checkpoint and Border Patrol was also informed of the situation in progress.

5:58 p.m., A local resident reported in person a domestic situation concerning her ex-husband. Chief Deputy Fritter spoke with the lady and addressed her concerns.

5:59 p.m., Unit 4670 reported cattle on 277 South by Goat Creek. The unit was able to get the cattle back in but they wouldn't stay because the fence had a big hole in it. The owner was notified.

7:01 p.m., A local resident called and reported she had locked her keys up in her vehicle. Chief Deputy Fritter went to help the lady get her car unlocked.

Thursday, November 25

12:30 a.m., Deputy Guidry and Trooper Wylie investigated a suspicious man around the fence at Conrad's Trading Post. The man stated that someone was peeping in his windows and he came out to see who it was. Deputy Guidry instructed the man to go back home and if he saw anything to give the sheriff's department a call and they would check it out for him.

1:36 a.m., A local resident reported a vehicle accident and requested a police report be made out for the insurance claim. Deputy Guidry took the man to the sight of the accident and found that he had hit and killed a deer. Deputy Guidry helped to clear the roadway and made out the report as requested.

6:40 a.m., A cellular call reported a one car rollover 3.5 miles West of Brackett on Hwy 90. Trooper Ashley was dispatched. Justice of the Peace John Ford announced the driver Tyler S. Dodge, 18 of Mesa, AZ dead at the scene at 7:00 a.m. The pas-

How fortunate the Hallers are! Elmer and Patsy's hobby encompasses their heritage in which seeds planted in childhood blooms into their adulthood.

Every collection has a special fascinating story. So, the "99 Kinney County Arts Councils Annual Christmas Homes Tour," adds another unusual entertaining as well as educational plum to its cultural enrichment program.

The Haller's comfortable white brick home rests at an angle on the northwest corner of El Paso and Pafford Streets in Brackettville.

For the sake of viewing the rooms with continuity, the tour will start with the northside entry from the patio.

You may hear a lonesome steam train whistle or the honking of a diesel engine as a greeting when you enter the "Train Room." On a vast display platform, an intriguing panorama of a train's route unfolds, which includes a village, farm (complete with a garden and animals), a logging mill (river included), ranches (with horses and

cattle), a full makeup of passenger and freight trains with accompanying flashing lights, and an aggregate of mechanized equipment.

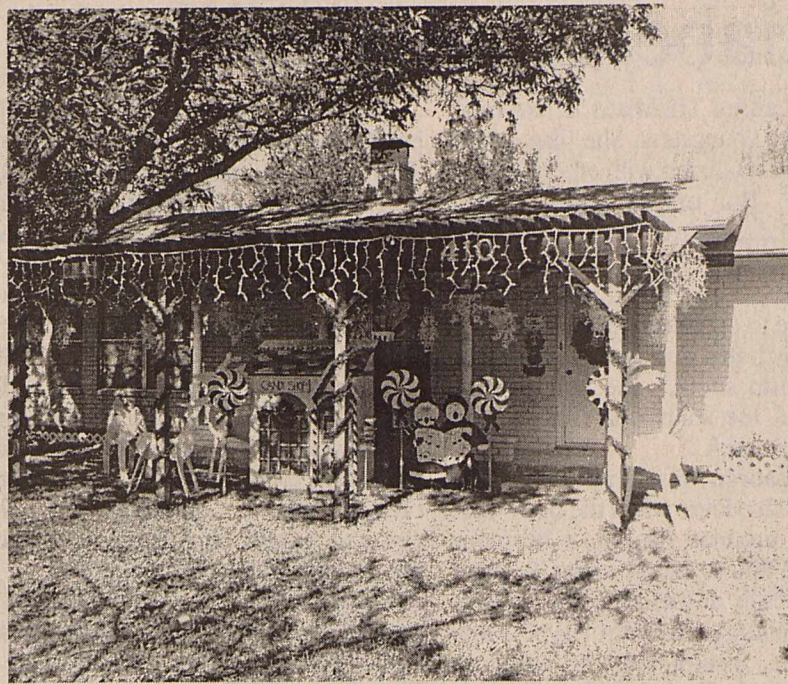
It's fabulous and hard to describe. Four genuine railroad lanterns hang from the ceiling and range from 35 plus to 80 plus years old and used by Patsy's deceased grandfather and father, also daughter Martha's father.

Reluctantly moving on - you enter the "Snowman Room," with "Snowmen" everywhere. They range in size from big to babies and looking closer you can see their different personalities emerge.

"The Victorian Room," and also the "Master Bedroom" houses the 1897 replica of "Harper Bazaar's," June Bride.

The model, the gown and the stance is a detailed reproduction. Also on wooden tables and stands built by Elmer is the "She walks in beauty," display.

Bride dolls that enfold four generations grace a special place that is centered by "Elizabeth" in the



late 1800's style bridal gown, to her left is daughter "Betty," who modified the dress of the 1920's and 30's. Then granddaughter "Beth," adjusted to the style of the 1950's and 60's and going full circle is great-great granddaughter "Lisa," who returned to "Elizabeth's" basic design with a few alterations.

Also, Patsy's pig dolls have their special places, particularly the one from France, Suzette Pigay, but one must move on - there's so much more.

Animated Teddy Bears welcome you in the "Teddy Bear" room - and what a sight to see!

One bear sitting in a high-chair is made of material that was pieced for a quilt, but not finished.

Elmer's grandmother died before completion; however an aunt made a "Teddy Bear" for each of the grandchildren. Elmer's bear overlooks from his perch - the antics of his fellow bears.

The "Garden Room" is also the guest bedroom and houses an exhibit of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" in doll form. Also, Shirley temple dolls, and brides representing the different seasons.

A Christmas Tree is being decorated by a three year old life-sized doll, which had belonged to the daughter of the family, Martha.

The "Grand Finale," is the exit room, which is surrounded by miniature village stores, houses, and fire station complete with a fire truck.

The west wall is tiered in steps that extend to the width of the room. Patsy's latest acquisition is a gift from Elmer, Snow White surrounded by the seven dwarf's in front of Snow White's cottage.

As you leave the Haller Home, you are the recipient of a special gift - the sharing of family treasures, Christmas's past and Christmas present.

The '99 Christmas Homes Tour participants have the gratitude of the Kinney County Arts Council. Their support assured that cultural events will be available to the children of Kinney County.

Tickets for the December 5th tour are \$5.

Tickets for the raffle of a \$150 Christmas Wreath can be obtained from the bank, Middle Rio Grande Development Council and Fort Clark's Adult Center. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5. or \$1 apiece.

was sent to stop the reckless driving.

Monday, November 29

3:27 a.m., There was a one vehicle accident on Hwy 90 West; of Ranch Road 693, driven by Jennifer Ann Dill a resident of Laughlin Air Force Base. Deputy

Chism went to the scene. Dill was traveling West on Hwy 90, went off the road onto the gravel, lost control, crossed the center line and hit the south side of the stone entrance into Bader Ranch. No injuries or charges were filed.

Deputy Chism described the driving conditions as dark-not lighted, it was clear weather, on a dry surface with the road surface very good. Just re-taped loose materials on roadway.

senger Leroy Marvin Martin, 40 of Casa Grande, AZ. was in serious condition, with head injuries and transported to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. It was determined that Dodge had fallen asleep at the wheel, lost control; proceeded across center line and rolled over several times before coming to rest upside down. Dodge was thrown out of the vehicle and Martin remained in. Neither were wearing their seat belts.

11:03 a.m., Del Rio Police Department reported a minor vehicle accident 4 miles East of Sycamore Bridge, in front of AJ Foyt's Ranch. Trooper Ashley reported no injuries and the driver was able to drive his car away.

11:51 a.m., A traveler reported a hit and run accident at Fritter Park. The vehicle was described as a small gray or blue truck pulling a trailer and after hitting her vehicle continued East on Highway 90. Trooper Wylie was advised of the situation so was the Border Patrol Checkpoint, Uvalde and Sabinas Police Departments. The truck was never found.

3:26 p.m., A local woman reported loud music coming from somewhere around her residence. Chief Deputy Fritter went and couldn't hear or see any activity. But he would make his rounds and listen.

9:12 p.m., A local woman reported someone keeps knocking on her door. Deputy Guidry went and looked around couldn't find anyone. Assured the lady he would keep checking around while he was on patrol.

9:24 p.m., Reserved Deputy Pena reported that someone had hit a hog and that someone would probably come into the Sheriff's Department and file a report.

10:58 p.m., A relative from out-of-town called and requested a deputy go to a local ranch and check on his father-in-law. The deputy needed permission from the ranch owner to obtain access. The ranch owner requested the relative call him for the permission.

Saturday, November 27

11:15 a.m., Jesse Smith, Jr., 53, Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry for theft by check. Smith was released on a P.R. bond.

5:50 p.m., David L. Labuda, 44, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar for DWI 3rd offense and no inspection sticker. Labuda is still being held at the Kinney County Jail.

6:00 p.m., Robert W. Webb, 43, of Campwood was arrested by Trooper Slubar for Public Intoxication. Webb was released on the 28th for time served and fine paid in cash.

10:26 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported a White Chevy pickup driven by a local young man was racing a Dully truck driven by another young man in the back of Fort Clark Springs. They both had been warned. Deputy Chism

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More children falling victim to diabetes, related health problems

Lauren Trinkhaus is like most other youngsters. She likes tennis and socializing with other kids her age. But unlike many of her friends, Lauren must check her blood sugar level four times a day because she has diabetes. "You have to eat different stuff like carbohydrates and you have to take insulin shots," she commented. "But the shots don't really hurt very much."

Lauren has Type 1 diabetes which occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. To control Type 1 diabetes, insulin must be regularly injected. Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body does not effectively use or produce enough insulin and can often be controlled with diet and exercise. Most diabetics have Type 2 diabetes; only 5 to 10 percent of diabetics have Type 1.

Diabetes is often silent and can be deadly. Of about 1.6 million Texans - 12 percent of the population - who have diabetes, 680,000 have the disease and don't know it. Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas and contributed to the deaths of at least 12,299 Texans in 1996.

As more youngsters have become less physically active and gained weight, the number of children with Type 2 diabetes has increased. Type 2 is linked to obesity and usually occurs in those age 45 and older, but a study of schoolchildren in Cincinnati showed that over a 12 year period, the number of children who had Type 2 increased by 12 percent. Most children developed diabetes between the ages of 10 and 14, researchers said. Other studies have found similar trends in other cities.

Overweight youngsters are most

likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, and doctors are concerned about the increase in the number of children with weight problems over the past two decades. "Only about 4 percent of the kids back in the late '60's and '70's were considered obese," said Dr. Phil Huang, chief of the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Disease and Injury Prevention. "Some studies now show that it's up to 10 percent. More kids watch more television, sit in front of the computer and eat more fast foods."

This lack of physical activity and poor diet play a big role in causing preventable illnesses such as diabetes. Exercising regularly, eating healthy meals and maintaining a healthy body weight go a long way in preventing a host of major diseases.

Diabetes can lead to severely debilitating or fatal complications, such as blindness, kidney and heart disease, stroke and amputations of toes or other parts of the feet or legs. But with proper care and medication, diabetes can be managed. Getting an early and correct diagnosis is key in preventing severe complications or even death. If you are extremely thirsty, urinate frequently or have unexplained weight loss, call your doctor for a diabetes checkup.

Those who may be at risk for diabetes may have some or all of these risk factors: African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American. Family history of diabetes. High or low blood sugar. Overweight (more than 20 percent ideal weight). Limited physical exercise. Age 45 or older. Previous diabetes with pregnancy or you've had a baby weighing more than 9 pounds at birth.

If you have diabetes, keys to controlling the disease and staying healthy include: Eat healthy meals and snacks. Take medications as prescribed. Monitor blood sugar levels and keep a daily log. Exercise for 20 minutes most days of the week. Live a healthy lifestyle (reduce stress, get adequate sleep, avoid smoking and excessive alcohol). Lose weight if overweight. Maintain recommended weight. Reduce/control high blood pressure. Adjust meal plans and physical activity to keep blood sugar levels in the desired range. Check and take special care of feet and skin every day. Make and keep follow-up appointments with doctors.

If you have diabetes, one other simple precaution can save your life: get a flu shot. People with diabetes are six times more likely to go to the hospital with the flu and almost three times more likely to die from influenza or pneumonia.

The lineup can be almost overwhelming - row upon row of colorful, enchanting and educational toys for children of all ages. The choices are endless. What Product Safety Division inspectors at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) hope is that high on the list of considerations is safety.

To emphasize the point to both consumers and retailers, TDH inspectors make the rounds of retail stores one week each fall to look for children's toys that have been recalled. This year's Toy Sweep was Nov. 15-19, highlighted by a list of nine toys from among hundreds of items recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

"The toy sweep is a good time to remind people that they need to keep safety in mind when they are choosing toys for children," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH product Safety Division. "The safety check also alerts retailers that they need to be sure that recalled products are not still for sale on the shelves."

Although the one-week toy sweep serves as a vivid reminder, TDH's product safety inspectors investigate problems and head off potential dangers year around.

"We take the safety of children very seriously," Branton said. "We check for dangerous children's products of all types including furniture and household items all the time."

State safety inspectors have a list of nine toys to look for this year, each of which has been recalled because of a problem involving the potential for choking

on or inhaling small parts, burn injuries, face and eye injuries or puncture wounds.

The items include a puzzle with small parts, children's riding vehicles that can overheat, a notebook with coils that can break off, swimming pool dive sticks that have caused severe face and body injuries, beanbags that can separate and release plastic pellets that can be inhaled, a doll with a small ball that can be a choking hazard to children under age 3, a toy piano with a section that can break off, flammable spray string and stuffed toys with small parts that can come off.

CPSC sends its notices to major retail stores throughout the country. Store managers then are to remove the recalled items and return them to the manufacturer. Some stores also post notices to inform consumers who may have bought the item before the recall.

"Occasionally, items are still on the shelves," Branton said. "The retailers may not have received the recall or the items may have been in the back and overlooked. Most retailers are happy to have our help getting unsafe items off the shelves." Inspectors who find a recalled item still for sale will ask the store manager to remove the item and return it to the manufacturer.

"The next step in selecting the safest toy for a child is a matching game," Branton said. "What may be safe and appropriate for children of one group may be uninteresting or worse - dangerous - to those of another age or skill level."

A good toy should be: • Safe for that child's age, well constructed and durable. • Appealing and interesting to the child. • Suited to the child's physical capabilities. • Suited to the child's mental and social development.

Labels help answer many questions about a toy's safety and suitability. "Check the label for clear instructions, age recommendations and a list of potential hazards," Branton said. "Consumers should take these recommendations seriously. If the label says the item is not recommended for a child under 3 years of age, then it really is not. Toys safely designed for older children have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child."

Branton said to look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other small parts. Also, discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately before they become deadly playthings. And always give a helmet and other protective gear along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment. Be sure a helmet fits the child's head.

People who find what they believe are dangerous, defective or mislabeled toys may call the TDH product Safety Division at 512-834-6773. Information is available about toy and product hazards on the TDH Product Safety Web site at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps.htm>. TDH together with CPSC also offers an extensive checklist on Safety Suggestions for Gift Giving at the same Web site.

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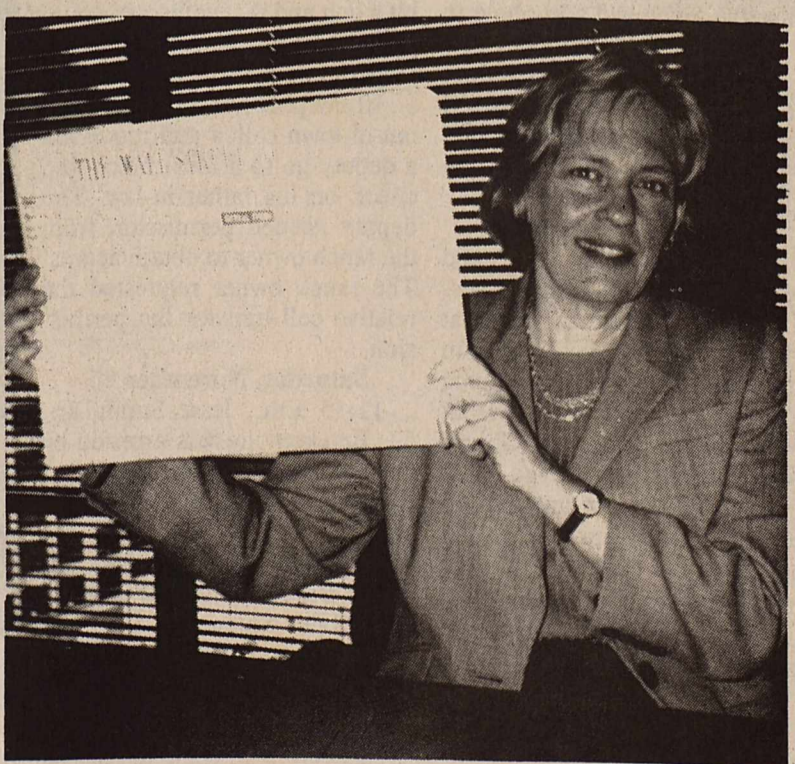
Maria Johnson, one of the lawyers who staffs the Legal Hotline for Older Texans, remembers the caller well. "She sounded frail," Johnson says, recalling their first encounter. Johnson eventually learned that the woman was partially blind and had just come home from a stay in the hospital when a vacuum cleaner salesman had come to her door.

"The salesman left with a check for \$1,600," Johnson says. "He'd even taken the old woman's Dirt Devil!"

The problem was this: the woman had succumbed to the salesman's pitch, but once he was gone, she realized she didn't want the new vacuum cleaner after all. But the check had been cashed and all of the calls that the woman and her friends made to the company asking that the money be returned was unsuccessful.

Could the Hotline help? "We can't actually represent people who call the Hotline," Johnson says. "I sent her consumer information and at one point I even called the customer service office at the vacuum cleaner company myself."

But to no avail. Reluctantly, Johnson prepared to close the woman's file. Then Johnson saw an article in the Wall Street Journal,



Attorney Maria Johnson holds up the Wall Street Journal that helped her find the answers.

which she reads every day. "It was a front page story about the tactics used by the same vacuum cleaner company. But it mentioned some sort of golden age clause which allowed people over age 65 to change their minds about a purchase and get a refund."

The time period for the refund

the child from resting. Wheezing is a high-pitched sound that asthmatic children sometimes make when breathing. The wheezing might only occur periodically. A child who is short of breath may complain that his or her chest feels tight, which can lead to breathing difficulties.

Identifying symptoms early can prevent more serious breathing problems or frequent asthmatic episodes. Early warning signs of an asthmatic episode include a runny, stuffy or itchy nose; pale skin; dark circles under the eyes; a stomach ache or headache; crankiness or restlessness; poor appetite; sneezing; a sore throat; or an itchy chin, throat or back.

At the Children's Asthma Center at Texas Children's, parents learn to avoid the triggers that can make asthma worse. Triggers, which are different for each child, include irritants such as smoke, strong odors and sprays, weather

and pollution, exercise, dust mites, animal dander, pollen, molds and viruses.

Asthma usually is treated with anti-inflammatory medication. These medicines keep the child's airways from becoming inflamed. Inflammation causes bronchospasm and more mucus in the airways.

Asthmatic children who have viral triggers are very susceptible this time of year because they are more likely to be around other children and adults with seasonal viruses like colds and flu.

"An important thing is to try to minimize the respiratory viral infections by avoiding exposure to people who have colds or flu," Seilheimer said. "The most effective way to do that is hand washing. Most viruses are passed by hand rather than through the air, and washing the hands frequently can reduce exposure to the virus."

Hotline Lawyer helps woman get refund

laughs, "but her dentist did. She ran down to the dentist's office," to get the additional ammunition. The letter was sent certified mail, but Johnson says she could hear an imaginary clock ticking away in the background.

The result? Just under the wire, "The caller got a refund from the company for the full \$1600," Johnson says, grinning with satisfaction. She doesn't know whether the company ever returned the Dirt Devil that the salesman had taken.

"But this is what the Hotline is all about," Johnson continues. "You give the people who call the legal tools to solve the problem-in this case, without hiring an attorney." A lot of older people balk at hiring an attorney, Johnson says, either because they can't afford it or they're embarrassed by the problem or they just don't want the hassle of a lawsuit. "But they have rights," Johnson says, "and the attorneys here want to preserve their rights."

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans can be reached at 1-800-622-2520. Its primary mission is to serve low-income clients over the age of 60. The Hotline is funded through grants from the Texas Department on Aging and the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation.

Practical Accuracy In spite of dry conditions

Gunsmoke and Campfires
by Steven R. LaMascus

I have an old Remington Model 760 pump in .35 Remington caliber. It is ugly, not overly accurate, rather war-scarred, but I love it just the same. It is deadly; like Mary Poppins, it is "practically perfect in every way," for the purpose for which it was intended.

I also have a Winchester Model 70 Classic with a 26" stainless steel barrel and a synthetic stock. It will virtually stack 150-grain .284 caliber bullets on top of one another at two hundred yards. It is as deadly a deer gun as was ever invented. It is the best I have ever used for its intended purpose.

Another of my favorites is a Remington Model 7, in 7/08. It is short light and reasonably powerful. It is a delight to carry over the mountains for extended periods of time. It is one of the best rifles ever made for its intended purpose.

Sounds rather like I am having an attack of schizophrenia, doesn't it? How many perfect deer rifles can there be? The true answer is, lots of them. It depends entirely on the circumstances.

The .35 Remington shoots a 200-grain round-nosed bullet at a

velocity of about 2200 feet per second. It has a trajectory, when compared to many of today's hotrod, super magnums, rather like a rainbow. It is a pump action, which does not enhance its inherent accuracy. It is, in short, anything but a long-range tack-driver. However, if you, or I, were hunting in really thick brush where you were certain that no shot would be presented at beyond, say, 150 yards, and where any shot would likely be a snapshot through thick brush at a running deer, it would be the perfect choice.

The 7-mm Remington Magnum is a high velocity, flat shooting, powerful rifle, of supreme accuracy. It shoots a fairly lightweight bullet at tremendous velocities. Sighted in to hit three inches high at 100 yards it is perfectly reasonable to expect to hold dead center on a deer and kill him cleanly to well over 300 yards. When you or I are expecting to be hunting in an area where long shots are the norm, it would be the perfect choice.

The 7/08 is short, light, quick, accurate and pleasant to carry. It is sufficiently lightweight to be easy to carry over very rough terrain for long periods of time. It is

also sufficiently powerful to cleanly take deer, and with the proper bullets, elk and moose. If I were contemplating a backpack hunt into high altitude, rough and precipitous terrain, this would be the perfect rifle.

I once loaned a fancy, scope-sighted .25-06 to a friend to hunt deer with while his rifle was in the shop. He used it for a couple of weeks and then sent it back with a note telling me it was the sorriest deer rifle he had ever seen. Now everyone knows that the .25-06 is one of the finest deer cartridges on the market today. So why then was my friend so displeased with the results? Simple, he was trying to use a long-range rifle, shooting lightweight, sharp-pointed bullets to hunt in heavy brush. Practically every buck he shot at was partially concealed by a screen of brush, or was going other places at flank speed, and he was getting brush deflections when the bullet struck a branch.

So the answer to the question "what is the perfect deer rifle?" is best answered by another question: where do you hunt? You simply need to tailor the rifle to the terrain, or you need to be very careful of the shots you take.

A little on the Wildlife side
by Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — Expressing concerns about a shortage of deer forage should current dry conditions persist into winter, state wildlife biologists are encouraging an early season whitetail harvest wherever possible.

"In areas that haven't seen rain in some time, hunters need to be taking deer off that range by Thanksgiving if at all possible," urged Butch Young, whitetail deer program director with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). "We had a tremendous fawn crop and spring rains set us up for high survival rates. Consequently, there's a lot of young deer and since we haven't had any rainfall for several months in some areas, there's not much for them to live on through the winter."

Young expressed concern about dry conditions in the Edwards Plateau, the Rolling Plains and Cross Timbers ecological regions, suggesting that hunters pay close attention to the physical condition of deer and the availability of natural food. "There should still be plenty of browse on plants like oak," he noted. "If you're seeing where deer are hitting low-quality browse or poor browse like juniper right now, for example, you've got a problem." Look at the does and fawns," Young added. "If the hip bones or ribs are showing, those deer are in poor condition and might not survive the winter." Deer taken early in the season have reflected range conditions, according to TPW reports from field biologists. In South Texas, where range conditions re-

main excellent as a result of rainfall brought on by Hurricane Bret, deer appear to be in good shape.

In the Hill Country, Kerrville-based biologist Max Traweck reported that while bucks harvested were in good shape and showed excellent antler development, the does were "a little on the thin side."

"The brief rain we saw before the start of the season in the Hill Country gave us a green-up of forbs and that held deer, but I don't expect conditions to last unless we get more rain soon," Young said.

"Because bucks are in rut and aren't concerned about food right now, there isn't as much pressure on the habitat. But, once they come out of the rut, we could see some problems. Bucks may go through an early antler cast, as early as December, which may create some problems for hunters trying to identify a buck from a doe. It could also mean we see bucks going into winter in poor condition."

Deer season runs through Jan. 2 in the North Zone and Jan. 16 in the South Zone.

4-H Food Show in San Antonio

Food show contestants that will be representing our county at the District 10 4-H Food Show in San Antonio, Saturday, December 4th are:

Pre Junior Division
Main Dish - Cristi Gomez,
Fruits and Vegetables - Bailee Allen,
Breads and Cereal - Anoeda Watkins,
Nutritious Snacks - Summer Allen.

Junior Division
Main Dish - Cassandra Gomez,
Fruits and Vegetables - Whitney Hobbs,
Breads and Cereal - Stephanie Bonner,
Nutritious Snacks - Jacquelyn Conoly.

Senior Division
Main Dish - Sarah Gammill.



Pictured above: Back Row (left to right) Jacquelyn Conoly, Bailee Allen, Cassandra Gomez, Stephanie Bonner and Whitney Hobbs. Front Row: (left to right) Summer Allen, Cristi Gomez and Anoeda Watkins.

Stay on track for the next three weeks

Making a Difference
by Taylor Stephenson

The first semester ends Friday, December 17. There are many things for the students and staff to get done before the end of this semester. I urge students to stay on track for the next three weeks and to try to get the best grades recorded on permanent records. Parents can help by asking students what is due, when are the deadlines, and making sure that students have study time between now and the end of this semester.

The Board of Trustees, Brackett ISD, will meet Monday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. The meeting has been moved up a week to allow the elementary school time for a music program on Monday, December 12.

The School Board met for a three hour team building session Monday, November 29. The training is required by law. All members of the Board and the superintendent of schools must be present in each district in Texas for the training hours to count. Larry Stavinoha and Rick Alvarado of the Region 20 Educational Service Center presented the training. The culmination of the training was in a self evaluation of the Board's effectiveness and the setting of goals for the next school year. The goals will be formalized and presented at a later time (probably January, 2000).

The lights of Christmas are starting to warm up Brackettville's spirit. This time of the year is the Advent Season on the Liturgical calendar. We're preparing our hearts and lives for the upcoming birth of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day. Lights help me get ready for Christmas.

The trip to California was a nice experience. Air travel over the

Thanksgiving holidays is filled to capacity. LA International or LAX reportedly had 200,000 passengers Wednesday before Thanksgiving. It's amazing to see the time sched-

ule that the airlines run. We literally ran from one plane to the other to catch a flight at LAX to Sacramento. The luggage arrived just fine. It seems to get there faster than we could run from gate to gate.

Sacramento, the capitol of California, is a beautiful city with huge trees everywhere. There are lots of rice fields in and around this

gold rush city. The Sacramento River runs north along Highway 5, and you cross it about 8 times driving toward Redding. It's nice country.

Though we've had no rain in Brackettville for quite a while, our county and city are still as beautiful a spot as you could find. The weather is better. We like to travel; particularly to see our children and grandchildren; but, it's nice to be back home in Brackettville, USA. Get those Christmas decorations unwrapped and get into the spirit. Have a great week!

Mozart wrote the Jupiter symphony—his last—in less than 16 days.

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Monday, December 6 Waffles & Syrup Fruit or Juice	Monday, December 6 Corn Dogs & Oven Fries Fruit & Cookie
Tuesday, December 7 Breakfast Tacos Picante Sauce Fruit or Juice	Tuesday, December 7 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Vegetables & Garlic Sticks Fruit
Wednesday, December 8 Breakfast Bagel Fruit or Juice	Wednesday, December 8 Cheese Enchiladas Beans & Spanish Rice Fruit Cobbler
Thursday, December 9 French Toast & Syrup Fruit or Juice	Thursday, December 9 Hamburger & Oven Fries Burger Salad & Pudding

Happy Holidays!

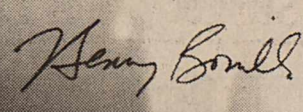
Now is the time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, particularly for the people who fill us with joy year-round.

As a community, our children are perhaps our most precious blessing. As we anticipate the arrival of the Year 2000, we can look with confidence at how, together, we are striving to make changes in the world that will mean a better future for our children.


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May you and your family enjoy a safe and joyous holiday season.

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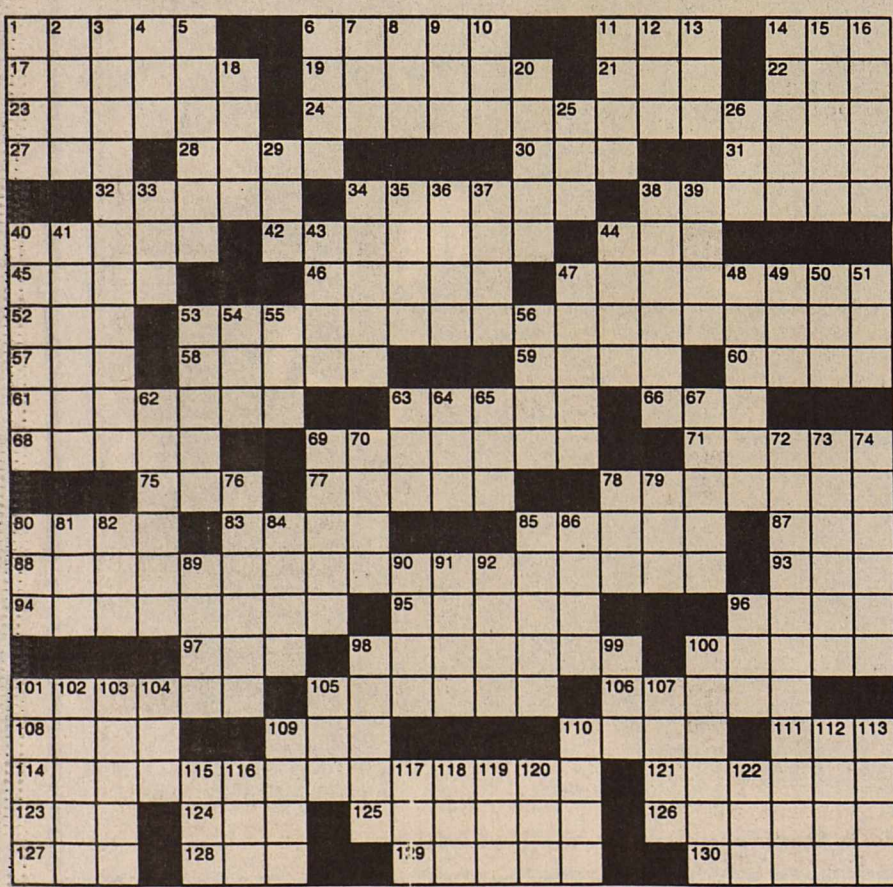
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| ACROSS | 1 Big hit? | 52 Morning hrs. | 105 Actor Timothy | 11 An Everly brother | 49 Spy org. | 84 Time in office |
| 6 Toy toter | 53 Hollywood redundancy | 106 Motionless | 12 Bread spread | 50 Minify a midi, maybe? | 85 Criminal | 86 Neighbor of Turkey |
| 11 Short nightwear? | 57 Turn bad | 109 Potok's "My Name is" | 13 Use a straw | 51 Sixth sense | 89 Green org. | 90 Say "Hey!" |
| 14 Rila | 58 - garde | Asher | 14 Tie the knot | 53 '80 Dom DeLuise film | 91 Tizzy | 92 Gigio |
| 17 Let up | 59 The yoke's on them | 110 code | 15 "Addams Family" actor | 54 "Hi, Horace!" | 96 Cage part | 98 Releish |
| 19 Peter of "Becket" | 60 Compact | 111 Network | 16 Rocker David | 55 "Crazed" | 99 "Duke" ("77 song) | 100 Pop-ular animal? |
| 21 "Ball" | 61 Put up | 114 Military redundancy | 18 Exploit | 20 Urge | 101 Flabbergast | 102 Che's cmony |
| 22 Palm Sunday | 62 Building feature | 121 Seek ambitiously | 25 "Platoon" setting | 63 Solidify | 103 Tell the truth | 104 Actress |
| 23 Comfort | 68 Gaggle's "Bulba" | 123 Zuider | 26 "the land of the free ..." | 64 Sali | 65 TV's | 105 Rock's Leppard |
| 24 Car dealer's redundancy | 69 Beer ad | 125 Assaulted the nostrils | 29 Chum | 65 TV's | 67 "If Hammer" ("58 song) | 109 TV's "Quantum" |
| 27 Bray beginning | 71 Develop | 126 Itty-bitty | 33 Attila, to his wife | 70 Tranquil | 72 Nursery redundancy | 110 Computes |
| 28 Borrowed permanent-ly? | 75 Spit | 127 Conduit fitting | 34 Newfoundland's nose | 73 Natural gas component | 74 Wise old Greek | 111 Turkish titles |
| 30 Friday | 77 Rocker Bill | 128 Baby beagle | 35 Oodles | 76 Pious | 77 Lily of the valley | 115 Velvet feature |
| 31 New York canal | 78 Spring | 129 Love | 36 Evelyn's brother | 78 Lilly of the valley | 79 Married Milie. | 116 Actor |
| 32 Valerie Harper sitcom | 80 Twofold | 130 Endures | 37 Cremona cash | 79 Married Milie. | 80 Failure | 117 CSA soldier |
| 34 Alpine event | 83 And more of the same | DOWN | 38 Discovers | 81 Cycle starter | 82 Botanist Gray | 118 See |
| 38 It's down in the mouth | 85 Sheer | 1 Diner fare | 39 "Love Her" ("64 hit) | 82 Botanist Gray | 83 Schoolboy's shot | 119 Alias initials |
| 40 Vocalize like Vallee | 87 Religious abbr. | 2 Mitch Miller's instrument | 40 Bordeaux wine | 84 Failure | 85 Cycle starter | 120 Florida |
| 42 Clintment ingredient | 88 TV redundancy | 3 Barnyard redundancy | 41 Underwater hitchhiker? | 86 Cycle starter | 87 Schoolboy's shot | 122 Schoolboy's shot |
| 44 Post | 93 Inform | 4 Dulles abbr. | 42 Like a teddy bear river | 88 Cycle starter | 89 Schoolboy's shot | |
| 45 Baseball's Cadore | 94 Migration | 5 Calculate | 43 Bard's river | 89 Schoolboy's shot | 90 Schoolboy's shot | |
| 46 Elector | 95 "Gay" | 6 Like a teddy bear river | 44 Actress Neuwirth | 91 Schoolboy's shot | 92 Schoolboy's shot | |
| 47 Nuisance | 96 Singer | 7 From Z | 47 Put the whammy on | 92 Schoolboy's shot | 93 Schoolboy's shot | |
| | 98 Some shoes | 8 Negative correlative | 48 Reach | 93 Schoolboy's shot | 94 Schoolboy's shot | |
| | 100 Kind of cookie | 9 Low digit | | 94 Schoolboy's shot | 95 Schoolboy's shot | |
| | 101 Drifting | 10 Lord of the ring | | 95 Schoolboy's shot | 96 Schoolboy's shot | |



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Your Horoscope by Natasha

Here's a quick way to find out your horoscope with 10 being the best possible week and 0 the most difficult.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Magic is on the center stage, and you find that you know all of the tricks of the trade. There is no need to share your secrets; just let people believe in the tricks that they see before their eyes. This week is a 9.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Shake out your blurry vision and seek out a focal point. Don't overreact if your focus feels quite fleeting. Your emotions aim to slightly stress you out. This week is a 5.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Deal with the issues that confront you as soon as they present themselves. It may not involve a straightforward introduction, so look for the signs that are more subtle. This week is a 6.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You find yourself asking the same sorts of questions for which the great philosophers are known. The specific answers are not as important as the quest to find them. This week is an 8.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your inner drive has a route mapped out that is quite extraordinary. You still need to take control of the wheel, but the signs by the side of the road could become quite irrelevant in determining your proper direction. This week is a 7.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Hone in on the reactions of others in order to gain insight into the emotions that are beneath the surface. If you move quickly, you make the discovery before they boil over. This week is an 8.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) If you feel that you need help, take the time to seek it out. You are not bothering anyone by sharing the secrets that make you a bit vulnerable. Your true friends have been awaiting the opportunity to support you. This week is a 10.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sensitivity allows you to notice things that others fail to catch. It may not be as obvious as a home run, so think about the smaller steps that get everyone closer to scoring. This week is an 8.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your intuition is worth more than any tuition that you have ever paid. You hold an esteemed degree in high energy and its applications. Wear your cap and gown with pride. This week is a 10.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There is some putting going on when people don't get what they originally wanted. This could include you if you are not careful. Make sure there is some leeway in your expectations. This week is a 6.

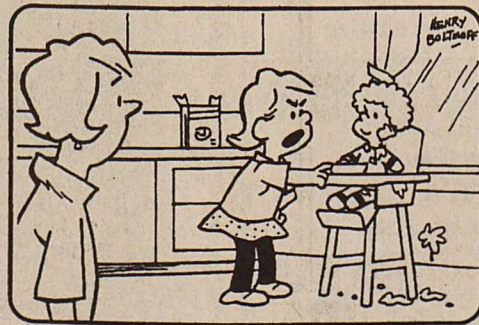
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 19) Deep down, you know the answers to the issues that confront you. Clear your mind and allow the voices in your head to work it all out. A diplomatic discussion could ensue. This week is a 7.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20) Focusing in on your picture of health could be at the forefront of your mind. Determine a suitable frame and the proper protective glass. There are no negatives with which to make copies. This week is an 8.

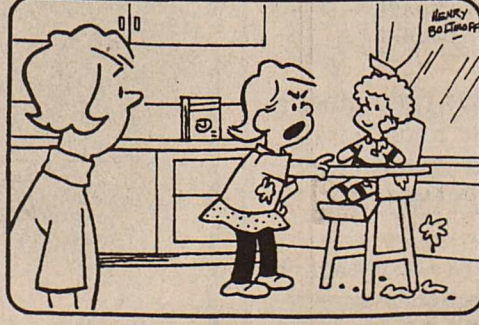
YOU BORN THIS WEEK: Your performance is as close to perfection as possible. Whether it is a drama or a comedy, you have the abilities to take on the appropriate roles with style. Life takes you through every possible combination. Changing your costume at a moment's notice and the understudy roles that you choose even when you are in the limelight get you rave reviews.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earring is missing. 2. Box is closed. 3. Doll's collar is different. 4. Girl's shirt is stained. 5. Mom's dish is missing. 6. Cabinet handles are added.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Dec. 2.....Ester Aguilar | Dec. 4.....Inga Haglund |
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| Dec. 3.....Genovena Gutierrez | Dec. 7.....Fay Gooch |
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| Dec. 3.....Margaret Parry | Dec. 7.....Becky Moore |
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| Dec. 4.....Opal Groce | Dec. 8.....Carol Benefield |
| Dec. 8.....Viola Peel | |

A season of giving Blessed are the peacemakers

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charollette Corey

The gift of giving is for all year long. God tells us "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." (Prov. 18:16)

Some are inclined to curl their lips at people who have less and don't understand how to get out of the rut they've gotten in. They judge others who are not blessed as themselves with an attitude towards the poor like people had for Jesus when they sneered and said, "...Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46).

The word also says "Who so stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." (Prov. 21:13) Jesus, himself said, "...Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me... Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:34-40)

You may pat yourself on the back for giving gifts to the poor as well as the rich. What about giving gifts to honor your parents. We are told to continue to honor them and watch over them as we become adults. One way to honor them is to remember them with gifts too. They gave the gift of life to you. Show them you are grateful. Too often Christmas time becomes focused just on children. The older ones should also be remembered. (Mark 7:10-13, Matt.

Thank you for all the helping hands

Oh Lord, we thank you for all the helping hands to make our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner a success.

For this, remember them, Oh Jesus, guide and bless them and all their needs as they blessed us with ours.

Help us all to always remember that we are all helping hands from you to each other.

From all the Youth Ministry and Directors this is our special thanks to all those who made our event possible. God Bless.

46:16-17).

God gives us physical gifts as the word says that "every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God." (Ecc.3:13) and "Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof,

I thank God for my "extra lap"

Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
by Lynn McNew

I am about one week late in remembering what I have to be thankful for. I'll get back to that later.

In recent weeks, I have had the opportunity to experience first hand what it means to be handicapped. It is a whole different world. Until this point in my life I have never given a thought to my ability to get into and out of a store, church or public building. I've never had to look for a parking place with space for a wheelchair. In fact, I have never had to wait for someone to take me someplace-I just went on my own.

There are so many barriers-a public building with a wheelchair

and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor: this is the gift of God." (Ecc.5:19).

We have made mention of the physical gifts that we are to share with one another. Next we will talk about the spiritual gifts.

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

ramp, but when you get to the door there is a rubber mat you can't possibly get over and a door you can't possibly open. Stores with so much "stuff" in the aisles that a wheelchair won't go through. People who treat you like you are stupid-it's my legs that don't work, not my brain.

My husband says people don't help the handicapped because they are afraid of offending someone. I say you can ask, "Do you need help?" and the handicapped person can decide. Jesus says in Matthew's gospel "What so ever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

I hope my life is going to be different. I hope I won't take so much for granted. I hope I will look at others in a whole new light.

St. John's Missionary Church
by Rev. William P. Adams

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the chil-

dren of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. St. Matthew 5:1-12. Praise the Lord!

What do I have to be thankful for? A handicap that is temporary, a husband and daughter who go out of their way to take care of me, friends and family who come to visit, bring meals, send cards and flowers.

At the Community Thanksgiving Service, Rev. Bill Adams talked about how people of Jericho walked around the walls of the city. When the Sabbath came, they thought they would get to rest. Instead the priests and leaders told them to walk one extra lap. I thank God for my "extra lap" patience, prayer, trying a little harder.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

Holidays are festive but road rage is not

The holidays bring a time of peace, so why are people so short tempered on roadways? Roads are more congested this time of year with travelers and locals buzzing all over town. The stresses of day-to-day business combined with holiday preparations can often cause anxiety and loss of composure on overcrowded highways, a frustration that can make some people crazy with rage - road rage.

Because more instances of aggressive driving are being seen on a regular basis, Texas highways are marked with reminders to "Drive Friendly." With aggressive drivers on the road, the potential for automobile accidents is high, especially during this busy time of year.

Progressive Insurance offers these proactive tips to guard against road rage:

- A good rule of thumb is to follow all the laws of the road.
- Slower traffic should keep right so the left lane can be used for passing.
- Do not offend drivers with hand gestures, verbal abuse or intimidating driving. This type of

behavior can only antagonize an already aggressive driver.

- Avoid eye contact to keep the situation from becoming personal.
- You should not provoke drivers by flashing your lights or honking your horn.
- Do not tailgate. Try to keep a two second following distance.
- Use your signals to alert other drivers to your intentions.
- Pull off the road to make your cellular calls.
- Be a defensive driver. Awareness will minimize your accident risk.
- If you are threatened or harassed by another driver, do not

engage. Participation will only encourage an undesirable situation.

Allow plenty of time for your trip: and make your vehicle as comfortable as possible to keep you relaxed on your vacation.

If you are in an accident with an aggressive driver, be courteous and calm to bring the tension of the incident down. If the situation is not safe, stay in your vehicle until the police arrive to secure the scene.

Once you have told your story to the police, contact your insurance agent or representative to report damages to your car.

Get well soon Joe!

Joe Townsend is in the hospital and his columns will not be in this weeks paper.

Joe is experiencing weakness and loss of energy due to his chronic arthritis.

Mrs. Townsend who was by his side when we called she said he was getting better, but wasn't sure when he would be out of the hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joe and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Mr. Townsend has been a long time resident of the community and has given many hours of his personal time to the citizens' spiritual and physical well being.

May God bless you and be with you in your time of need.

The Brackett News

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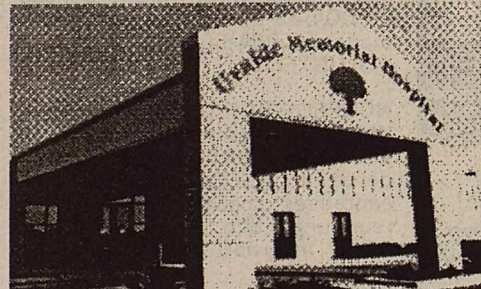
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ACTIVE STAFF SPECIALISTS Regular office hours. Bezerra, Heminio, M.D. International Medicine.....278-7105 Bitar, Jamil, M.D. Internal Medicine & Cardiology.....591-1294 Box, Gloria G., M.D. Orthopedic Surgeon.....278-2292 Carpinteyro, Ralph, M.D. Internal Medicine.....278-6681 Flanders, Barry, M.D. Radiologist.....278-6251 Gaitonde, G.V., M.D. Surgery.....278-4568 Garza, Steve R., M.D. Family Practice/OB.....278-4453 Guajardo, Frank, D.O. Family Practice 108.....278-1494 Lewis, Brandon J., M.D. Family Practice.....278-4426 Lutton, Richard B., M.D. Family Practice/OB.....278-4453 Mazloum, Bassem W., M.D. Internal Medicine & Gastroenterology.....278-8096 Preddy, John, D.O. Family Practice/OB.....278-7101 Shah, Jayesh B., M.D. Internal Medicine.....591-1955 Shudde, John L., M.D. Family Practice.....278-3118 Sosa, Isaac, M.D. Internal Medicine.....278-6265 Utterback, Carl, M.D. Family Practice/OB.....278-4588 Watkins, Harry O., M.D. Surgery.....278-3213 OTHER SPECIALISTS 1042 GARNER FIELD ROAD Dr. Arlo Terry - (Every Tues.) Ophthalmologist.....278-9465 Dr. Christine Truitt - (12/09) Neurologist.....(210) 614-3959 Dr. Matthew Mossbacker - (12/02) Rheumatologist.....(210) 690-8067 Dr. John Huff - (12/16) Rheumatologist.....(210) 690-8067 Dr. Rodolfo Molina - (12/23) Rheumatologist.....(210) 690-8067 Dr. Joshua Goldman - Every Mon. Neurologist.....(830)-757-2082	Dr. Sammy Vick 6 UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Hjalmar Contreras 7 PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Sanjiv Kumar 13 OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020 Dr. Jerry Kruse 14 UROLOGIST (830)-278-6251 ext. 1430 Dr. Catherine Rezendes 15 PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Sammy Vick 20 UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Catherine Rezendes 21 PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Sammy Vick 23 UROLOGIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. James Simpson 28 PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST 1-800-242-0008 Dr. Hjalmar Contreras 29 PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430	Dr. Stephen Miller 1 DERMATOLOGIST (830)-278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Elizabeth Parten 8 GENERAL PSYCHIATRY (830) 816-2251 Dr. Moises Bucay 15 CARDIOLOGIST (210) 614-5400 Dr. Elizabeth Parten 22 GENERAL PSYCHIATRY (830) 816-2251 Dr. Hjalmar Contreras 28 PODIATRIST (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430	Dr. George Swanson 2 OTOLARYNGOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 ext 1430 Dr. L. Prasad Vemulapalli 16 CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430 Dr. George Swanson 23 OTOLARYNGOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430 Dr. L. Prasad Vemulapalli 30 CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430 Nova Care * 31 ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS (210) 227-2471 Dr. L. Prasad Vemulapalli 31 CARDIOLOGIST (830) 278-6251 Ext. 1430	Dr. David Dean 3 NEUROSURGEON (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Sanjiv Kumar 10 OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020 Dr. Kenneth Bloom 17 PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST 1-800-697-7008 Dr. David Dean 24 NEUROSURGEON (830) 278-6251, Ext. 1430 Dr. Sanjiv Kumar 31 OPHTHAMOLOGIST (830) 278-2020

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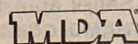
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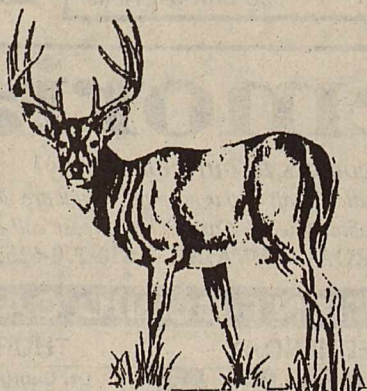
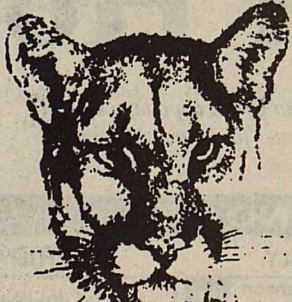
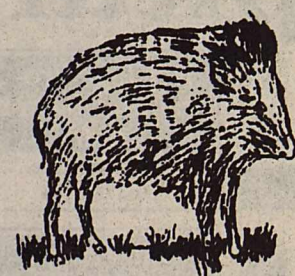
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