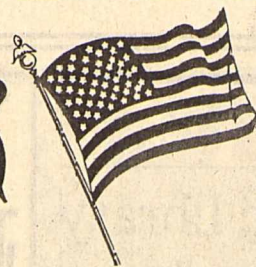


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Jean's Nash Dry Goods closes after 43 years

by Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

After 43 years, Mother to Daughter, Jean Nash Seargeant owner of Jean's Nash Dry Goods will be closing her doors. This weekend will probably be your

chance to shop at a store that has done business with movie stars like John Wayne, his wife Pilar and Richard Widmark.

"I stayed here probably two years longer than I really wanted to, simply because I hate for the town to have these vacant build-

ings," said Jean Seargeant.

Seargeant's Mother, Mrs. Vera Nash opened Nash Dry Goods on January 1st 1957 when the Peterson Company where she and her husband worked, closed their doors. Peterson was located on the corner of Ann and Spring Streets across from Davis Hardware and sold everything from notions to ranch supplies.

"She had about a fourth of the floor space to start with, then over the years she added onto it and she was the general store," explained Seargeant "At one time the Brackett Newspaper was in here and this part (towards the front) was the MacDaniels Barber Shop, later when Mother added on they moved the barber shop into the next building."

"I helped her a little from the start because we lived at the ranch, as time went by I helped her more and she knew when she wanted to retire," said Seargeant.

The origin of "Dry Goods" as part of Nash's business name has a history. "That is a word that was used in reference to general stores," Seargeant said. "It was how they described the business then, it was clothing, shoes, household items and notions."

"He (Tommy) has been a big help, I couldn't have done this without him," said Seargeant "His family has been here almost forever."

When Seargeant bought the

business from her Mother in 1971 she enlarged the floor area more towards the back, added "Jean's" to the name and she kept the employee her mother had hired in 1957, Ermenia Hernandez.

"I worked at Peterson's Department Store for nine years, when they retired, Mrs. Nash bought the

"I sold John Wayne a \$100 Stetson Hat and a hunting license." - Ermenia Hernandez

Dry Goods side and moved. In 1957 Mrs. Nash and I moved into the present building," said Hernandez.

"Mrs. Nash and I used to go to market in San Antonio about three times a year, stayed over the weekend, I really enjoyed those trips with her and I have beautiful memories of her," added Hernandez. Nash passed away in May 1999.

Hernandez recalls when the store sold bluejeans, hats, boots, hunting license, waiting on movie stars and people even paid their phone bill there. Before the expansions, merchandise went up on shelves, so high it took ladders and reaching with poles to get them down.

"When John Wayne was here filming The Alamo, they (with

wife, Pilar) did all their Christmas Shopping, I sold John Wayne a \$100 Stetson Hat and a hunting license. Richard Widmark came in to do his Christmas shopping also," said Hernandez.

When Hernandez retired, it was for health reasons. "It was a big change, I missed working with the public," added Hernandez.

"One thing I will always remember, there were a bunch of Border Patrolmen that brought some illegals in to buy themselves some stuff, and when I got through in Spanish, I said, 'o.k., thank-you, y'all come back', the Border Patrol got a big kick out of that because these guys were on their way back to Mexico," Hernandez said with a smile.

Hernandez worked there for a total of 35 years, first for Nash until 1971 and then for Seargeant until 1992 when she retired.

"I enjoyed working for Jean, she kept me from giving up so many times and I have beautiful memories," said Hernandez "I love Jean, I've been around them for over 40 years, I was there at Petersons when Mrs. Nash was there, our kids would be going in and out, all of the time, they're just like family to me."

While Hernandez worked for so many years for the Nash's, the last employee of Jean's Nash Dry Goods, Rachel Munoz Clements, was growing up most of those

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Jean Seargeant Owner of Jean's Nash Dry Goods.

Yogi-ism is the best of Yogi Berra at Rotary Luncheon

by Ella Chambers
Contributing Writer

"Yogi-isms" was the title of Tino Guzman's presentation at the regular scheduled Thursday Rotary Luncheon held at Las Moras Restaurant. After assuring his fellow Rotarians that no exercise was involved and no test would be given, he continued with his presentation.

Guzman began his program with a brief biography of Yogi Berra, an idol of Guzman who played minor league baseball as a young man. Explaining to the audience his fascination with baseball and that he had played semi-pro ball as a young man and even explained that he had played in Mexico as a "wet back" in reverse.

Berra was born to a poor, Italian immigrant family in St. Louis, Missouri. Three older brothers who were also ball players could not follow baseball careers since their help was required in the family junk business. However, they were influential in convincing Yogi's parents to allow him to play ball to earn some extra money. Berra also grew up with another

baseball great, Joe Garagiola. Both grew up in "The Hill" district of St. Louis. Garagiola describes Yogi as one of the most positive thinkers he had ever met.

Berra played in 14 World Series for the New York Yankees, was voted American League's Most Valuable Player three different years, managed the New York Yankees and the New York Mets to league pennants and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

Just a few of the Yogi-isms. "You can't hit and think at the same time" in response to the recommendations that when Yogi was at bat, he should think about what he was doing.

When asked at a Yoo-Hoo convention if the name were hyphenated, his reply was, "No ma'am, it isn't even carbonated!"

In response to a check handed him made out to "Pay to Bearer", "You've known me all this time and you still can't spell my name".

"Steve McQueen looks good in this movie. He must have made it before he died".

"90% of the game is half mental".

Hill selected 1st violin

Celeste Hill, 13 year old eighth grade student at Brackett Middle High School was selected 1st Violin, 5th chair in the Texas Music Educators Association Region XI Middle School Orchestra.

There were approximately 100 Middle School violinists from Region XI auditioning for 32 chairs or places.

The Orchestra performed Saturday, November 20, 1999 at Taft High School with Ms. Susan Williams, Orchestra Director at LBJ High School in Austin as the conductor.

The orchestra performed selections from "A La Mariachi" by Jurey, "Iphigenia in Aulis" by Gluck/arrangement Isaac, and "L'Arles-ienne Suite No. 2" by Bizet/arrangement Isaac.



Pictured: Celeste Hill, 13 year old 8th grade student at Brackett Middle School.

No. 20 approved as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

by Bill Haenn
Contributing Writer

The Texas Historical Commission has recently approved Quarters No. 20 at Fort Clark, owned by Mrs. Edith D. McClintock, for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation. This

special status, awarded to properties deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations, conveys a measure of legal protection to the building.

The Commission also congratulated Mrs. McClintock on the preservation of this fine structure

and applauded her effort to record Texas history by securing the RTHL designation. A marker inscription is being prepared and when approved the marker will be cast and delivered to Mrs. McClintock who intends to dedicate its installation in an appropriate ceremony.

The marker application, historical research, and narrative history where completed by Bill Haenn.

Quarters Number 20 was built by the United States Army in 1874. The property, which is included in the National Register Historic District of Fort Clark, is a single story structure constructed of local stone and adobe and situated in the line of company grade officer's quarters. The most unique and significant historic use of this set of quarters was as the designated quarters for the Adjutant of the 5th United States Cavalry Regiment from 1921 until 1941.

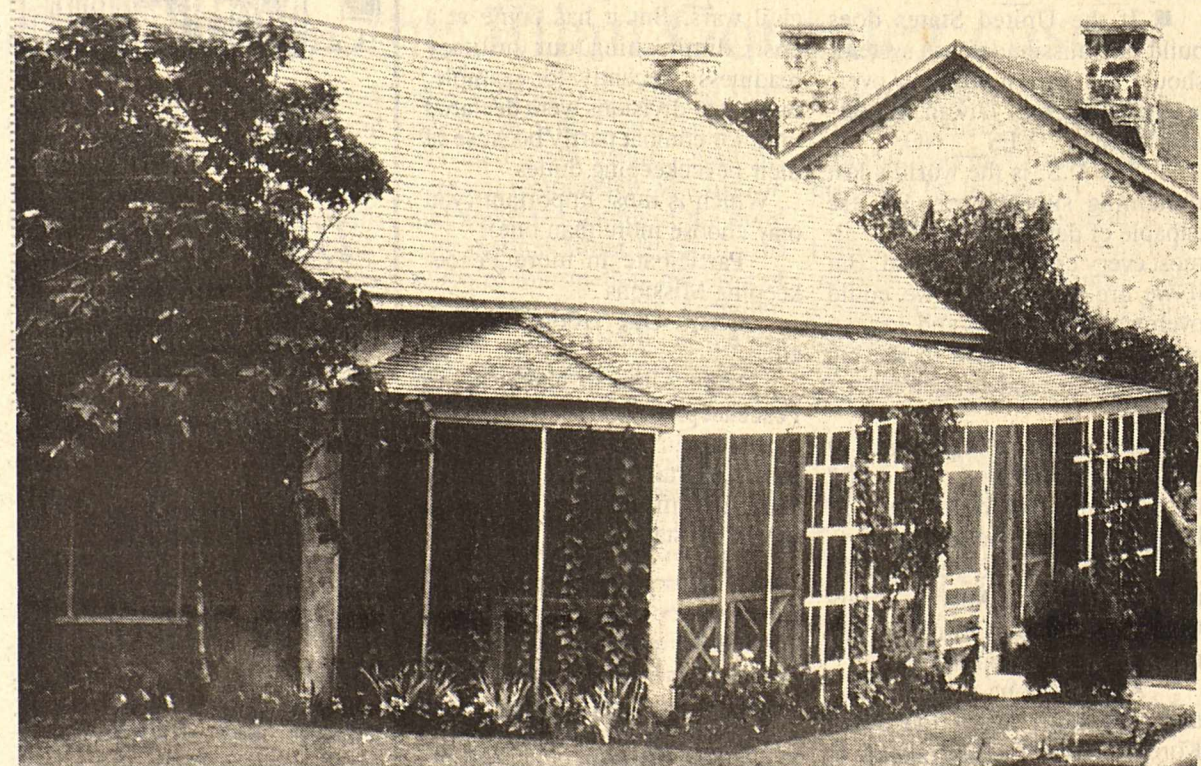
Fort Clark's prominent role in the shaping of Texas history spanned ninety-two years (1852-1944). Today more than eighty historic structures endure as testament and in tribute to that service to Texas and the nation. In December of 1979 the Texas Historical Commission nominated the Fort Clark Historical District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Since being entered in the Register, Fort Clark's rich heritage and military architecture has been recognized by the THC through the issuance of a Subject Marker ("Fort Clark" 1994), multiple RTHL Markers ("Fort Clark Guardhouse" 1962;

"Commanding Officer's Quarters" 1963; "Staff Officers' Quarters" 1990; and "Fort Clark Post Theater" 1997), and for eight sets of quarters the designation of the first RTHL District in Texas ("Officers' Row Quarters" 1991).

Fort Clark was established June 19, 1852 when two companies of the 1st Infantry commanded by Major Joseph H. LaMotte and an advance guard from the Regiment of Mounted Rifles occupied the site. The post was originally named Fort Riley, but was changed to Fort Clark on July 15, 1852 to honor Major John B. Clark, who had been killed during the Mexican War. The formal U.S. Government lease of the land was made on July 30, 1852 with Samuel A. Maverick for a period not to exceed twenty years. It was in that same year that Oscar B. Brackett established a supply and stage stop outside the fort's northern boundary on the San Antonio/El Paso Road.

Quarters No. 20 first appears on the map of Fort Clark in the "Outline Description of the Military Posts in the Division of the Missouri" dated April 15, 1876. This reference also states, "...of-ficers' quarters, twenty sets built of stone and one built of adobe..." By process of elimination the

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The home pictured above will soon be receiving an historical marker, was once the home of the Regimental Adjutant.

Briefs ...

Lutheran Church to host annual Bratwurst Meal

The tradition continues with the sixth annual "Wisconsin-style" bratwurst meal, scheduled for noon on Sunday, January 16th. It will be held at Episcopal/Lutheran Church located at the corner of Fort and Henderson, Brackettville.

The meal will consist of bratwurst "imported from Wisconsin", sauerkraut, German-Style potato salad, buns, iced tea and coffee.

The meal is \$5.00 for adults in advance or \$5.50 at the door; \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Early tickets may be purchased from any member of the Lutheran congregation.

This event is cosponsored by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance, Wintergarden Branch #8871, and Aid Association for Lutherans, Chapter #11061.

Ladies Golf Club

On December 14th, 28 golfers competed in their Tuesday Ladies League. Top golfers for the day were: 1. Pat Nelson-54, 2. Sharon Boucher-55, 3. Betty Mathison-56, 4. Carol Benfield-57, 5. Joyce Ambler-57 and 5. Ann Malin-58.

A Christmas Breakfast was held on December 21st before the ladies began their golf game. Winners for this week were: 1. Rosemary Johnson-41.5, 2. Lynn Ebert-43, 3. Jeanette Hinton-44, and 4. Joyce Ambler-44.5.

Winners for Tuesday, December 28th were: First Flight: Low Gross-Mary Stephenson-88 and Low Net-Lynn Ebert-66. Second Flight: Low Gross-Ruth Spencer-86 and Low Net-Joyce Williamson-65. Third Flight: Low Gross-Joyce Ambler-87 and Low Net-Joanne Mayberry-67.

Fort Clark Springs

Duplicate Bridge

Ft. Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met December 28th with 5 tables playing Mitchell Movement.

Winners were: N/S 1. Tina Baugess and Rosetta Pingnot, 2. Choppy and Joyce Ambler and 3. James and Flo Stafford.

E/W 1. Doc Harber and Bob Barnett, 2. Joyce Bell and Carolyn Rutledge and 3. Dena Scott and Marj Jones.

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About the time that the little ones begin to walk, they need to have a good handle of what is okay and what is not.

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Editorial

New computers at public library wrapped in bureaucratic red tape

Recently, the Kinney County Commissioners Court approved a policy concerning the behavior of patrons at the public library.

The new policy will allow library employees to issue a "notice of misconduct" to any visitor for being too loud, foul smelling, offensive to others, refusing to vacate the computer after one hour, arguing with employees, and the use of profanity. The librarian can also add to the list of offenses if other problems arise for the library staff.

Why are county officials granting a department head the ability to modify policy?

Library officials said they have had to call the Sheriff's Department "on occasion" because of recent problems with library patrons. That seems to be the logical answer to any problems that may arise.

If someone is offensive, the library employees should take the appropriate measures with law enforcement officials. But creating rules to impede the use of a public facility by the citizens that pay for it is uncalled for.

In March, the library received a \$74,961 grant to upgrade and

extend its existing Internet resources. The funds were provided by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin.

Under current library policy, a person can use a computer for one hour. After an hour away from the computer, the person can use the computer for another hour. A person is limited to two hours of use per day.

This policy makes sense if there are others wanting to use the computers. But if there is no one else waiting to use a computer, the time limit should not be enforced.

During the recent holiday break, the library was closed more than it was open. This makes absolutely no sense.

The Internet is an amazing resource. It also is good for keeping children off the streets.

When school is out, the library should extend its hours and be more accessible to the children of the community.

We hope that county officials will refrain from passing rules and regulations that hinder the use of public resources by the citizens of this community.

Letter to the Editor

Don't ever forget it- it makes you what you are!

During the past several weeks, I have noted with interest several intriguing articles in *The Brackett News*. Both the efforts to launch the greenhouse/horticulture program at the high school, and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Employment Center are striking examples of a small community making a major volunteer effort to improve the lives of their young or less fortunate citizens. It is refreshing to note that these accomplishments are the direct result of the efforts of such people as Herb Senne and Chuck Hall, and the recognition of those efforts by such people as Jewel Robinson. Time and time again, the people of Kinney County have proven themselves to be ready to leave a better world for their children than they, themselves, had found.

Approximately one year ago, my wife, Geneva Ann Tresenriter Haag, passed away, and my daughters, Amber and Tara, returned with me to Brackettville for her burial. Despite the fact that Geneva had not lived in Brackettville for nearly forty years, the

number of local people who joined us at her funeral was truly remarkable. It was clear to us why Geneva always expressed a desire to be buried "at home" - a place where she had not actually lived since 1961.

Geneva was a special person - just as the people mentioned above are - and many of those special qualities are found in those small towns scattered all across America.

During the course of my professional/business life, I have had the unique opportunity to work with five former United States Presidents - Truman, Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush, and Geneva had the opportunity to be in their presence on a number of occasions. One thing was always true - she remained "comfortable with who she was, and what she was all about." This is what "small-town Texas" is all about! Don't ever forget it - it makes you what you are!

Sincerely,
George A. Haag

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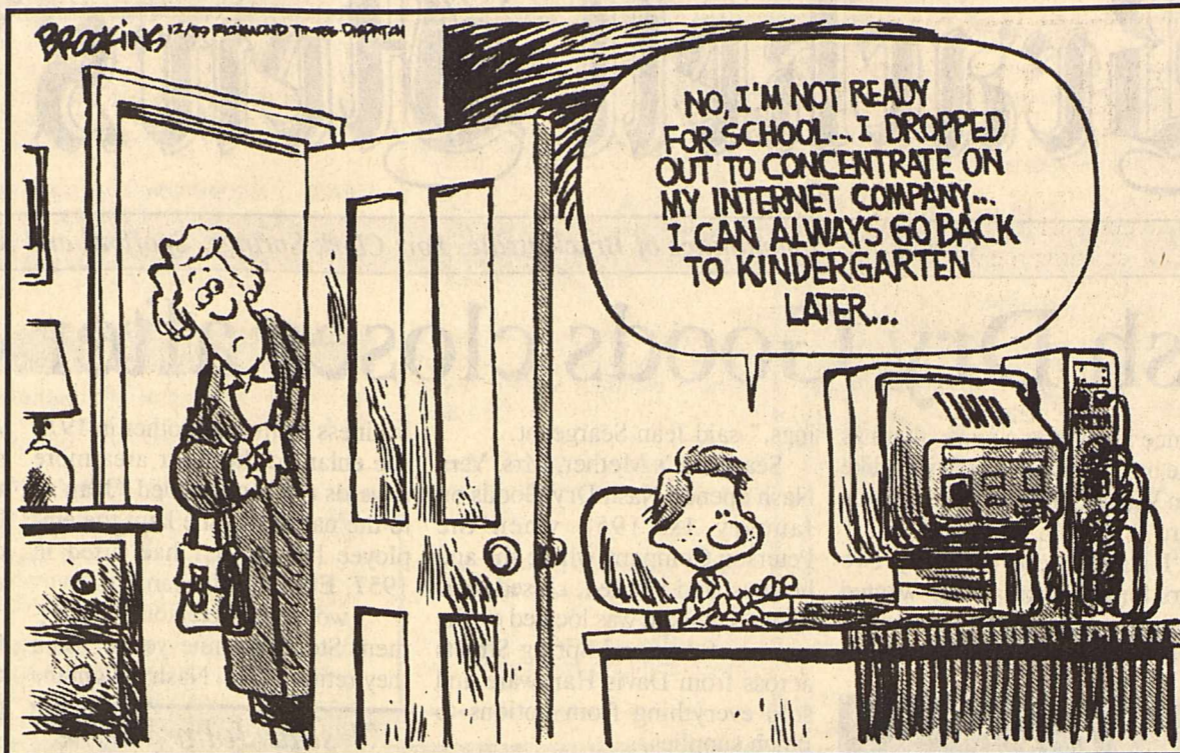
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Unproven scientific hypotheses relating to the origin of life and the universe

The way I see it!
by Steven R. LaMascus

Last week we explored the Theory of Evolution. This week I would like to expand that exploration a bit. For the purpose of this article let's include the Big Bang Theory and all the other unproven scientific hypotheses relating to the origin of life and the universe in the big bowl of primordial soup.

According to the Big Bang Theory, in eternity past there was, well, nothing. Nothing, that is, but an eternally old pinpoint of infinitely dense matter. Since there was no time, and no space, this pinpoint of matter had just been there - always. It had no beginning. Since there was no time or space it had been nowhere, forever. It was inert, inactive, and there was absolutely nothing else in the entire dimension of nothingness except that pinpoint of matter. Then one day, for no reason, without any outside influence, the pinpoint of matter exploded forming time, space, matter, gravity, light, darkness, and everything else in the universe. Make sense to you now? That's what I thought.

Now from this Big Bang the solar system we live in was formed. The coalescence of dust and rocks and other bits and pieces of proto-matter formed the earth within this solar system. Along with the earth it formed the sun and all the planets. Then after a while a large body of some type struck the earth, causing the for-

mation of the moon. More time passes, the earth cools a bit and lightning starts a chemical reaction in the magic soup that leads to life. The fact that the sun is just exactly the right distance from the earth gives this newly formed life just exactly the environment it needs to survive and prosper. Also, the fortuitous accident of the asteroidal impact that formed the moon has provided the earth with a shield that sweeps the heavens of dangerous asteroids and meteors that would otherwise strike the infant earth and cause the destruction of life. Man, are we lucky or what?

Now comes evolution, that first chemical reaction becomes a one-celled organism, which evolves into a multi-celled organism, which eventually evolves through fish, plants, plankton, insects, reptiles, dinosaurs, mammals, apes, and humans. So all the varied life on earth actually evolved from a single germ that was formed when lightning struck some kind of lukewarm goop on an earth that was formed from matter that had been nowhere forever. You, me, your pet dog Rover, and the tree in your backyard are actually related. Are you still with me?

Now according to the theories, all this happened without any outside influences, totally by accident. It is, by the way, infinitely more likely that you will suddenly win the lottery, be struck by lightning, bitten by a rattlesnake, stung

by a jellyfish, hit by a comet, struck by a falling satellite, and carried away by a tornado while making love to your favorite movie star, all at the same time. Or that the next great American novel will be written by a Gila monster.

The amazing thing to me is that atheistic scientists can embrace this ridiculous theoretical sequence of events and reject the actuality of divine intervention. They ignore simple facts such as: the coelacanth, a fish thought extinct for millions of years, was discovered near Madagascar and is identical in every detail to the 75-million year old fossils. No Evolution! And that the fossils of various insects have been discovered which also show absolutely no evolution for millions of years. Seems very odd to me that every traceable case shows no evidence of evolution. You would think that something as iron-clad as evolution would have at least some.

The universe and all life on earth didn't just happen by accident. God doesn't tell us what method He used to create life and the universe, but He does tell us He did it. If He painstakingly explained the process to us we still couldn't understand it, so what difference does it make? That is why He wants us to have faith. Some things you just have to believe, but the Big Bang and the Theory of Evolution aren't it! God and His divine plan for your salvation are!

Survey on America's Role in the future

Submitted by
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Future historians will have a hard time describing America's role in the world today. That is because no single country has ever exercised as much economic, cultural and military power as America does.

Our nation is often called upon to help settle conflicts, assist in natural disasters and make financial contributions.

Deciding how to best use our global power is one of the most important issues we face. We must prioritize our military missions. If we do not, our troops' combat edge may be dulled and military funds needed to maintain our armed forces' technological edge will be diverted.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military and foreign policy issues. Your answers will help me better understand the kind of role you believe America should shoulder in the world.

As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's help in printing this survey.

1. This year Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. More than a dozen countries have ballistic missile technology and nations like Iran and North Korea are building missiles with longer and longer ranges. Some may soon be able to strike the U.S. with missiles that can carry nuclear, chemical and biological warheads.

The U.S. has been prohibited from building a shield against such threats because of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty signed with the Soviet Union which intentionally left both nations vulnerable to each other's nuclear arsenal. But the Cold War is over and new threats are growing.

■ On a scale of 1 - 10, "1" being the most important and "10" being the least, how important is it for the United States to go ahead and build a missile defense system to protect the nation?

■ Would you feel differently if building this system forced us to withdraw from the ABM treaty? YES NO.

■ If the United States does build this missile defense system, should we share it with our overseas allies such as Taiwan, Europe and Japan? YES NO.

2. The U.S. is the world's last remaining superpower. We are capable of deploying troops to almost every crisis in the world. But if we are not careful, we could overextend our troops and weaken our ability to respond to the big crises that demand a superpower's attention.

Please rank the importance of the following regions, with "10" being the most important and "1" being the least important region.

Europe-Our 50-year involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our historic ties to Western Europe.

Asia-Our long-standing treaties with allies Japan and South Korea, our special commitment to Taiwan and the rise of a more powerful China.

Russia-Helping Russia's transition from communism to democ-

racy and a free market and trying to contain the proliferation of its nuclear arsenal.

Latin America-Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Columbia and ensuring the security of the Panama Canal.

Middle East-Our longtime commitment to Arab-Israeli peace and our protection of Persian Gulf oil supplies.

3. The U.S. has deployed troops to humanitarian crises in countries like Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo and Bosnia which do not directly threaten our national security interests. Our leadership on these missions is expected by other nations and has temporarily stopped civil wars. But it has come at a cost, diminishing our military readiness. Recently, for example, two Army divisions were declared unfit for combat partly because of their peacekeeping duties.

Which is most important (you may choose more than one):

Participate in more Peacekeeping Missions

Guard Our Troops' combat edge

Urge Allies to handle more Peacekeeping.

4. In your opinion, what is the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States?

Please clip this survey from the newspaper and mail it to me at: 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I always look forward to hearing from you.

Resolutions to keep

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Now that we have made it safely past midnight, it's time to make some resolutions for 2000.

In the spirit of this annual tradition, I propose five resolutions that our President, and my friends in Congress should make.

First, we must eliminate the marriage penalty tax. There are many wonderful reasons to say "I do" to someone, but paying more taxes is not one of them.

The marriage penalty tax punishes married couples who both work. The federal government requires married couples to file joint income tax returns. It then turns around and taxes that couple at a higher rate than if they were not married but just living together. It's time some politicians live up to their talk of family values, and get rid of this anti-family tax.

If Uncle Sam doesn't get you coming, he'll get you going. When you die, your family could get hit with the death tax. The death tax hits farmers, ranchers and small business owners particularly hard. It makes inheriting farms or ranches that may have been passed down through the family for generations more of a burden than a legacy. Often, families have to sell off part or all of their land just to pay the taxes. A family must not only come up with the thousands of dollars that can be needed for a burial but must also scrape together additional money to turn over to Washington, all the while grieving the loss of someone they love.

Both of these taxes would have been eliminated by the tax relief bill passed by Congress last year. However, the bill was not signed into law.

The third resolution we should make is to continue to stand guard over Social Security. Congress worked together with the White House last year to make sure that money for Social Security was not spent on new government programs. We must take the same stand this year.

Fourth, we must continue to strengthen our nation's military and defenses. Last year, a bill was signed into law that gave the United States Armed Forces their biggest pay raise in 18 years. The law also gives the military more resources to use for training, equipment and recruiting. We must continue this commitment to peace through strength.

Fifth, we must remember that free enterprise works best when it is just that - free. Congress must continue to work to clear red tape from the paths of hard working men and women trying to earn a living for themselves and the workers they employ.

It has become as much a tradition to make resolutions as to break them. But these are five resolutions that deserve to be kept.

Big Mama Sez!



For the ignorant, old age is as winter; for the learned, it is the harvest.

Store closing marks the end of an era

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"I thoroughly enjoyed my work at Jean's, I met a lot of wonderful people, my decision to leave had many determining factors," Clements said. "Grandchildren, husband's promotion moved him to swing shift which meant very little time together."
"I discussed this with Jean and she commented that she too had been considering retiring, enjoying time with friends and taking care of her huge lawn. So it was no surprise when she decided to close in December," added

Clements.
The 7 years she worked there left Clements with a lot of experience. Displaying the apparel was her specialty and she appreciated the compliments from the customers.
"I'll never forget going to Dallas Apparel Market and what a rude awakening when Jean reminded me there was budget to meet and how I looked forward to receiving the new merchandise, like a kid at Christmas I couldn't wait to open the boxes," explained Clements.

She recalled the customers and the personalized service the store offered, when her opinion meant a lot to the customers, especially one.
"I had a customer from Uvalde, and like a lot of people, are set in their ways. She wanted to make this purchase but she said 'this isn't me, I've been told this color isn't me', I could tell it was, I could tell her it looked great on her and as I was trying to get my point across and without thinking I started stomping my foot saying how great she would look in. The

lady looked amazed and said, 'you're the first one who has ever stomped her foot at me' with a laugh and bought the item," Clements recalls.
Jean, Ermenia and Rachel have a combined total of 71 years of experience working at Jean's Nash's Dry Goods. All three made comments that were similar, Mrs. Seargeant summed it up the best.
"I like clothes and I like people, I've had some wonderful customers and made a lot of friends doing this, hopefully we will stay friends," said Seargeant.



Ermenia Hernandez (left) the first employee of Nash Dry Goods with the last employee Rachel Clements.

Information for Kinney County elderly

Submitted by
Julie Molano-Site Director

Kinney County Aging Services is a non-profit organization approved by County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioner's Court in 1976. It has been in effect since then.

The program is designed to provide nutritional and supportive services for the elderly, sixty plus and their spouses.

A hot meal is provided (5) days a week. Transportation is another one of our services. Our first priority is to the disabled, minority and low income participants.

Special provision to the dis-

abled.
Kinney County Aging Services provides services to all elderly or disabled for Kinney County.
We have steps and grab bars equipped in all vans and the drivers assists each person in and out of the vans.
We have handbars and ramps to enter the building. This makes it assessable to wheelchairs.
We have grab bars in our bathrooms and wide doors for the wheelchair bound persons.
Any participant with a seeing disability, we assist them with all their needs.
Provide their tray for them, assist them to the bathroom and read

all information to them.
Any participants with a hearing disability we write notes or they are helped by our volunteers.
Our facility is operated by Kinney County, who subcontracts from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council for funding. Which is funded by federal, state, local monies and participants donations.
Services we provide:
1. Nutritious noon lunch. We have a suggested donation of \$2.00 per meal or whatever you can afford for participants and their spouses age 60 or older.
Non-elderly \$4.00 cost per meal. Please, call in advance for

your meals.
We provide a menu for the whole month, these can be picked up at our office.
2. Transportation: We have a suggested donation of: 25 cents per one way trip for 60+ and their spouses regardless of age. 35 cents per one way trip for non-elderly.
This service will be available to transport participants to and from community services on a priority basis as follows: 1. Medical 2. Nutrition Site 3. Service Agency Visit 4. Shopping 5. Social or Recreational Activities.
Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, December 27
3:40 p.m., Ronald James Shuford, 35, from Austin was arrested by Trooper Ashley for not having a drivers license. Shuford was released the same day.

5:24 p.m., Val Verde Sheriffs Department received a cellular call reporting a grass fire 18 miles East of Del Rio on Highway 90 within Kinney County boundaries and had already dispatched a firetruck from there. Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was advised of the situation.

Wednesday, December 29
3:00 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported underage individuals were out running around at 3 a.m. Deputy Karl Chism was informed of the situation.
8:05 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported underage drinking by juveniles. Deputy Bobby Guidry and Trooper Slubar were unable to locate the individuals.

11:30 p.m., Orlando Huerta Gonzalez, 25, from Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana by Trooper Richard Slubar. Gonzalez posted bond and was released on the 31st.

Thursday, December 30
4:00 p.m., Border Patrol reported holding three individuals at the Anacacho Ranch that were not illegals and had rifles and other hunting items in their possession. Deputy Manuel Pena arrived at the scene and arrested the intruders. They became uncooperative and Deputy Pena called for backup. The subjects were turned over to

Game Warden Henry Lutz.
6:00 p.m., Roberto Fernando Torres, 37 and Javier Torres, 26, both from Del Rio were arrested for criminal trespass with a firearm by Deputy Pena and Game Warden Lutz. Both posted bail and was released on the 31st.

10:00 p.m., Trooper Slubar requested Deputy Guidry to meet him approximately one and a half miles East of Brackett on Highway 90. Someone had hit a deer, but the deer was up and walking around. Upon arrival Deputy Guidry tried to help, but the deer made its way into the pasture on the northside of road and wasn't seen again.

11:22 p.m., A local woman called and reported loud music was disturbing her and the noise was coming from between 1st. and Veltman Streets. Deputy Guidry was dispatched and took care of the problem.
11:50 p.m., A local man reported two vehicles were driving recklessly. Deputy Guidry located the two men and gave them a warning to slow it down..

Friday, December 31
1:24 a.m., An unidentified caller reported a vehicle had hit a deer on Highway 90 West. Deputy Guidry went to the location to investigate.
6:13 p.m., Deputy Guidry was called to investigate a report of alcohol being given to minors.
11:10 p.m., A local man called to report that a deputy was needed at Ora's Bar. Deputy Chism re-

sponded to the call.
11:29 p.m., George Garcia, 27 from Brownwood was arrested for reckless driving by Trooper Ashley. Garcia was released on a P.R. bond the same day.

Saturday, January 1
1:36 a.m., A local woman requested help with her son and his step father who were fighting. Deputy Chism and EMS was dispatched to the location.

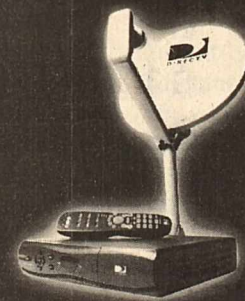
3:30 a.m., Micheal J. Ford, 24 from Brackettville was arrested for family violence and terrorist threats by Deputy Chism. As of Monday morning Ford was still being held in Kinney County Jail.

7:56 p.m., A local rancher called and reported his wife was missing. She had gone out to ride her 4-wheeler three hours earlier. The man had heard that Border Patrol had found illegals on his ranch and he was concerned for her safety. Deputy Chism went to investigate. They found the wife had an accident and requested EMS to the scene.

Monday, January 3
8:00 a.m., School officials reported a broken glass door at Jones Elementary School. Chief of Police Ron Ring went to the scene and filed report and took photos.

8:30 a.m., Chief of Police Ron Ring filed a report and took photos of a truck that had been vandalized. The truck had both the front and back windows knocked out. One rock was found inside and two in the bed of the truck.
8:50 a.m., School officials re-

ported another broken window at the Jones Elementary School. This one was located in the back in one of their temporary buildings, this time rocks were found inside. Chief Ron Ring took report and more photos.
9:15 a.m., Sahra Isabel Cortez, 25, from Dallas was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for Bench Warrant for DWLI. Cortez posted bond and was released the same day.



Immigration and Naturalization Service decision in the Elian Gonzalez case

The case of Elian Gonzalez has been a difficult one for several reasons. Elian Gonzalez is a six-year old boy, too young to make legal decisions for himself. In this circumstance, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) had to decide who could legally speak for him on immigration issues. This task was complicated by the fact that several people other than Elian's father-a great uncle as well as three lawyers-claimed to represent him. As a result, INS met with the father in Cuba, and separately, with great uncle and the lawyers in Miami. After careful evaluation of the relevant facts, INS has determined that Juan Gonzalez of Cuba has the sole legal authority to speak on behalf of his son, regarding Elian's immigration status in the United States.

There is no question that Mr. Gonzalez is Elian's father. Moreover, Mr. Gonzalez has had a close and continuous parental relation-

ship with his son. During INS' interviews with Elian's father, he provided vivid details about his parental relationship with his son and about the nature of the bond they share as father and son. This scope of information and level of detail Mr. Gonzalez provided helped inform INS as to the nature and closeness of the relationship Mr. Gonzalez shared with his son Elian.

During INS' two meetings with Mr. Gonzalez, his wishes for Elian were discussed at some length. He made it very clear during both of these meetings that he wants Elian returned to him as soon as possible. Based on these meetings, INS believes that he was expressing his true wishes, and therefore we have determined that Elian should be reunited with his father, Mr. Gonzalez.

INS has advised both Mr. Gonzalez and Elian's great uncle in Miami of this decision, and is

prepared to work with all parties involved to make the appropriate arrangements for Elian's return to his father by January 14, 2000.

Having reached a decision, INS believes there are several ways this decision can be implemented. The United States has discussed with the Government of Cuba their consideration of allowing Mr. Gonzalez, Elian's father, to travel to the United States to accompany Elian home. INS also has offered Elian's great uncle in Miami and any member of his Miami family an opportunity to escort Elian back to Cuba. We believe this decision can be carried out without INS' taking charge of Elian.

This decision has been based on the facts of the law. Both U.S. and international law recognize the unique relationship between parent and child, and family reunification has long been a cornerstone of both American immigration law and INS practice.

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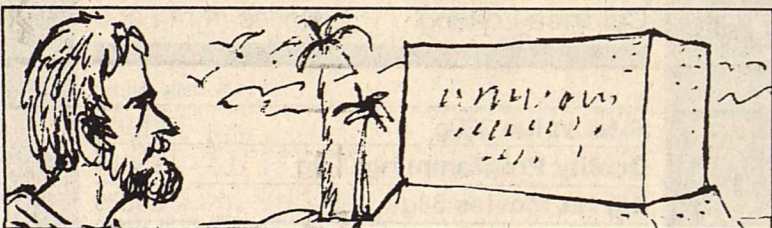
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The dangers of 'pet' deer

A little on the Wildlife side
by Henry Lutz

I have had a couple of questions lately about hummingbirds. It is true that many make the fall migration to the South, but we do have a few that sometimes stay behind.

Many people think that if they leave their hummingbird feeders up after the end of the summer that the birds will not leave and may starve and die. There is no scientific evidence to support this belief. Hummingbird migration is timed by a combination of many things such as a genetically-inherited migration clock, changes in the weather patterns, daylight and temperature. This complex system will not be altered by the presence of your feeder.

Whether a bird stays or goes will not be determined by your feeder, but the precious food source might mean life or death to a straggling hummingbird who stays behind, not making the migration to the tropics. If you decide to feed during the winter, keep the feeder clean and replace the nectar solution every 2-3 days. A source of food that is contaminated or unreliable can be worse than no feeding at all. Be sure to bring the feeder in overnight when temperatures dip below freezing for an extended period. (Not that we have to worry much about that here)

Overwintering hummingbirds are not uncommon in Texas. TPWD has found as many as 10 different species of these birds

overwinter in Texas—a greater diversity of species than most states report all year. Eighteen species of hummers in all have been recorded in Texas. Ten of these species are more common and are referred to as the Texas Ten. The other eight are rare and include the elusive Green Violet-ear and a Berylline hummingbird, documented in the Davis Mountains. Many of the rare hummingbird species that visit Texas do so during the fall migration season.

On a different note, I want to

take a moment to caution those who feed "pet" deer in their back yards. This is the time of year for the rut or breeding season. Bucks can be especially dangerous during this time of year. I heard about a woman in Texas who went out to feed her "pet" buck one morning. This deer was one of the neighborhood's tame deer and would come close to humans. She went outside, reached to pat him on the head, like she did sometimes, and he attacked. She struggled with the deer for over

30 minutes as he gored her with his antlers. Just as she was at the point of exhaustion the deer backed into a tree. Thinking that he was being attacked from behind, he raised his head just long enough for the woman to escape and get into the house. She was able to hold onto the antlers and keep the buck from killing her, but others including older persons and children have not been so lucky. Almost every year I hear of someone who has been attacked and killed by a buck.

Christmas Blues

Gunsmoke and Campfires
by Steven R. LaMascus

You know, I love Christmas. It is the only time of the year when most of the world is brought face to face with the reality of creation. Even non-believers are forced to at least hear about the birth of Jesus. Families are brought back together, maybe for the only time during the entire year. People's hearts, most of them anyway, turn from acquiring to giving. It is a time of love and kindness and I look forward to it every year. I just wish it wasn't so commercialized.

But that, I guess, is an unavoidable conviction of the avaricious nature of modern society.

There is one downside to Christmas though. If you happen to be a hunter, as I am, Christmas

also signals the end of hunting season. When the gifts are opened and the pictures taken the end of my favorite time of year is at hand. It causes moments of depression, even amid the joy of the celebration of the Messiah's birth.

Christmas, and even more so New Year, signals the beginning of the months-long period of preparation for the next hunting season; the endless hours of cleaning guns that do not need to be cleaned; working up new handloads for rifles that have shot best with an old tried-and-true handload for many, many years; and shooting all those rounds of skeet when you would rather be out somewhere, anywhere, behind a dog, with the opportunity of shooting a quail or pheasant.

I love to work up new loads,

and I like to shoot skeet, and I enjoy going to the rifle range to sight in rifles and test the handloads I have put together. However, I really prefer this to be in preparation for a nearing expedition. The thought of having to do this simply to fill the time or to force another technical magazine article out of an already over-published subject fills me with dread.

But that is a fact of life. "All good things must end." "To everything there is a season." And then during the midst of depression I realize that there is an upside to this dilemma. If it were hunting season all year long, I would have nothing to look forward to and prepare for. The horribly sudden and much too rapid arrival of the season's end also signals the fact that there will be something to look forward to; another renewal of nature's oldest urges.

The wait between January and September, though painful, is a good thing. It heightens the anticipation of the coming season. It allows a yearly rebirth of spirit. Like Christmas and the birth of the Savior it signals the fact that there really is something to come later. It allows all those oh-so-pleasant preparations that are necessary in August, and makes them so much sweeter. Anticipation really is the spice of life. So make your preparations now, because the return of hunting season and, someday, the Glorious Return of Christ, really are sure things. Don't be found unprepared.

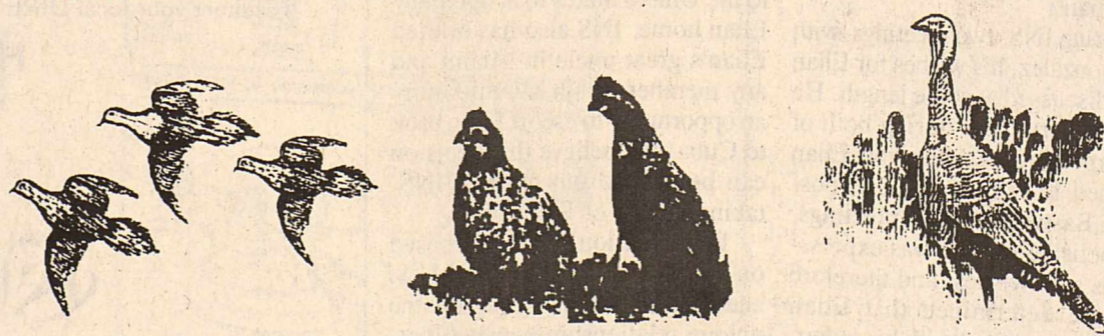


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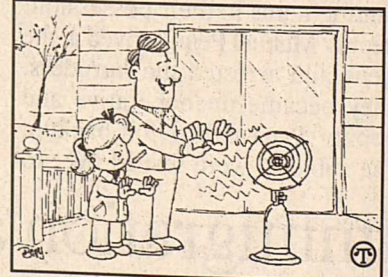


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spotlight on safety

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In the event of a power outage, keep yourself warm and safe with these tips:

- Wear layers of clothing.
- Wear a hat. Keep your head covered to avoid loss of body heat.
- Wear socks.
- Mittens keep hands warmer than gloves.
- Have extra blankets on hand.
- Eat foods that are high in protein, carbohydrates and fats for energy.

The American Red Cross has good information on their Web site, www.redcross.org.

For a free poster/brochure about the safe use of portable radiant gas heaters, call 1-888-CAMPFTR (226-7487), visit www.campheater.org, or write the Portable Radiant Heater Safety News Bureau, PO Box 45002-0002, Cleveland, OH 44145.

Volunteer host families needed for International Exchange Students

The Share! High School Exchange Program is seeking local volunteer families to host an exchange student from one of a variety of countries for the 2000/2001 school year. Students will begin arriving early August, 2000 and the program has already received applications from students in Germany, Switzerland, and Thailand who want to participate in this exciting exchange experience.

The exchange students, all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, will live with host families and attend local high schools. They are

carefully selected, speak English, have their own health insurance and spending money. Host families provide a bed and meals for their exchange student as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life. All types of families are eligible to host; those with small children or teens, "empty nest" families or those with no children, retired couples, and single parent families.

The Share! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT), a nonprofit

educational foundation that has been promoting intercultural exchange for 25 years. The local coordinator will provide information about the SHARE! Program and will help families select a stu-

dent with similar interests. Interested families are urged to call Yvette Coffman, Texas State Director, at 1-800-941-3738 or the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

Tigers edge out Comstock

The Brackett Tigers recovered from a slow start to defeat the Comstock Panthers Tuesday night. "It was our worst game of the year but to our kid's credit they found a way to win" replied Coach Thomas. The Tigers were lead by

Schiller Hill with 9, Damian Toms with 8, and Jared Hobbs with 7. The Tigers scored 17 points in the third quarter to beat Comstock 34-26. The Tigers are now 8-6 on the season.

Thank-You for teaching girls & boys

Making a Difference by Taylor Stephenson

The very first instructional day of the school year was a staff development day for teachers, principals and instructional aides. Garre LaGrone from Canyon, Texas, gave an upbeat message to the staff that was optimistic and thanked teachers for touching the future. Garre is a singer, songwriter, performer and presenter who taught for eight years, spent five years in Nashville touring with Country Music Star, Lorrie Morgan and is now a private consultant and entertainer working with churches and schools. The lyrics for two of LaGrone's songs will be featured in the next two editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

Our staff development emphasized brain based research that shows that children learn best in a low stress and highly challenging environment. He offered teaching methodologies to deal with children's different learning styles. LaGrone told teachers that they were part of the best profession in the world. He ended a song "Be the Best that You Can Be; You Taught Me to Believe in Me." LaGrone is a song writer who mixes his message of teaching with his Christian beliefs. Teacher evaluations of the staff development day were very high. We have fine teachers at Brackett ISD. I'm proud of them and hope you con-

tinue to praise them in every way possible.

So, we made it through Y2K! What now. I'm just proud to be here in the year 2000. On New Year's Day, my wife kept saying I can't believe it is 1-1-2000. Our little Grandson, Bubba, can say "Wow!" He can't draw the context to say it about Y2K, but it is a big "Wow" in his granddad's book.

We can be what we want to be in this world of 2000. I believe in the future and that this world is better today than it was when I grew up. We must continue to teach the little ones to believe in themselves and in the future of our country. As LaGrone said, "look

for the doughnut, not the hole."

I do believe that raising children today takes a strong understanding of right from wrong. About the time that the little ones begin to walk, they need to have a good handle of what is okay and what is not. That idea needs to be continued from parents at least through the children's teen-age years. It's not a world that we need to say "I've done all that I can do." We must teach while the children are young, and have them live the life that we taught.

I've very excited about our school year. The Class of 2000 is a good one that will continue to provide strong leadership for the rest of the Tigers.

How about our new Tiger?

Some folks that deserve a pat on the back are Robert Hooker, our talented sculptor. Henry Fuentes and Ruben Fuentes for helping us get the rock on the Tiger's stand. Also, to John Paul Schuster and his Vo Ag Classes for building the frame for the stand. Tim Ward originally brought the idea to the school board and he was enthusiastically supported by all members of the school board. Thanks to all of you for helping turn a great idea into fruition.

That's it for the week! Keep up the positive attitudes as many weeks as we can! Have a great week!

Tiger & Tigerettes Basketball schedule 2000

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
January 7	Center Point	JVG/VG	5:30
January 11	@Jouranton	JVG/VG	5:30
January 14	Comfort	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
January 15	J.V. Tournament	JVG/JVB	TBA
January 18	Natalia	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
January 21	@Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
January 22	@Rocksprings Tournament	JVG/JVB	TBA
January 25	@Center Point	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
January 28	Jouranton	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
February 1	@Comfort	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
February 4	@Natalia	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
February 8	Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
February 11	Center Point	JVB/VB	5:30
February 14	@Jouranton	JVB/VB	5:30

Fort Clark Springs has a new RTHL

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adobe set is Quarters No. 20. This conclusion is further substantiated by a description of the post in 1874, found in the memoirs of Lieutenant William Paulding, 10th Infantry, "South of this is an open piece of ground and the new post is built there. The houses are all two story double houses, except one, which is adobe and is single set." Lieutenant Paulding's hand sketched map confirms Quarters No. 20 as the adobe set.

Occupancy of Quarters No. 20 in the nineteenth century was characterized by the distasteful practice, at least to officers' wives, of "turning out" another officer to secure quarters. A senior officer, even by brevet rank, could force an officer junior to himself to relinquish a set of quarters simply on demand. The junior moved out, the senior moved in and the junior then looked for someone he outranked so he could continue the process. The ladies referred to the ordeal as "falling bricks," as it could at times cause wholesale

moves, effecting an entire garrison. The diary and letters of Lieutenant Francis H. French, 19th Infantry, stationed at Fort Clark 1882-1888, make regular commentary on the experience. "Eckerson and I had to move out of our quarters to another set in order to make room for Payne, who was turned out by Vedder, who was turned out by Weeks, who was turned out by Hall." Lieutenant French was a bachelor officer while at Fort Clark and was little impacted by the practice. However, for a married officer it was a source of considerable frustration and complaint.

After decades of grievances from Army wives and the advent of long term, often permanent stationing of units at the same post following the First World War, the practice of "turning out" faded away. In its place developed the custom of designating or reserving a set of quarters for the officer assigned to a particular duty position. Traditionally the only

designated quarters on a post was the house built for the Commanding Officer, always the largest and best situated. Some posts also reserved quarters for staff officers (field grade officers in the rank of major or lieutenant colonel). At Fort Clark, Quarters 25-26 and 27-28 constituted "Staff Row" and later Quarters 23-24 was built to serve as staff officer quarters. Now the policy became standard and is still in use in the Army today.

The Regimental Adjutant was an unattractive position normally

filled by a senior lieutenant or a junior captain. The Adjutant for all practical purposes was a glorified clerk for the Regimental Commander. However, the Adjutant did perform the essential function of managing the endless flow of regimental paperwork and keeping the Colonel out of trouble in that department. It was and still is a thankless job involving long hours of tedious attention to detail. Quarters No. 20 was then a fairly obvious choice for the Adjutant's house. It was in close proximity to the Colonel's house

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Monday, January 3
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Wednesday, January 5
Scrambled Eggs
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Thursday, January 6
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Lunch Menu

Friday, December 31
School Holiday

Monday, January 3
Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 4
Corn Dog
Oven Fries
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Thursday, January 6
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Tigers defeat Harper to win consolation championship

The Brackett Tigers scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to defeat the Harper Longhorns Wednesday, December 29. The Tigers were lead by Jared Hobbs with 15, Jacob Hughes with 13, and Daniel Hernandez with 10.

The Tigers won the consolation championship defeating Harper 51-41. The Tigers are now 7-6 on the year.

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28 Marge in the fridge
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32 "Mal de -"
34 More than more
34 Author
38 Dick Tracy's love
41 Laura Esquivel novel
50 Southern st.
51 Green bean
52 Artist Joan
53 Arrives
54 Most painful
57 Drivers' lics., e.g.
59 Band of baseball
60 Yarn purchases

61 - drum
62 Coolidge or
64 Conspires
66 Where the buoys are
67 Dachshund or dik-dik
70 Pop
72 Antipollution grp.
73 Porker's palace
74 With "The," John Irving book
79 Russian jet
82 Dogpatch's Daisy -
83 Ballet movement
84 "Dreaming of You"
87 Private pension
88 Insect stage
90 Canvas cover
92 Layette fasteners
94 Patriot Hale
96 Kind
98 Zlich
99 Sardou drama
100 Be nosy
101 Actress Purviance
103 Mount-batten's rank
105 Like Austin Powers

106 Jimmie Rodgers hit
112 - machine
113 Stagger
114 Loreita Young's birthplace
115 Lawyers' org.
118 - nobis
120 Certain Slav
123 Restaurateur
127 "Angel of the Morning" singer
133 "No, No, Nanette" song
135 Actress Eve
136 Basketball
137 Valuable
138 Chiles or "Waltons"
139 Baggage checkers?
140 Sociable starling
141 German
142 - lily
1 "Friday the 13th" setting
2 Sayao solo
3 Painter
4 "You - Feel Like Dancing" (76 hit)

5 - Jima
6 "The Consul" composer
7 Role for Rigg
8 - terrier
9 Wine word
10 Dam org.
11 Acorn, eventually
12 Poems of praise
13 Spanish explorer
14 Road to enlightenment
15 Antiquity, archaically
16 Novelist
17 Tropical spot
18 Will of "The Waltons"
24 Catty remark?
26 Baldwin of "Outside Providence"
29 Lout
33 It's good in a pinch
35 Morticia,
36 Rainbow goddess
37 Remnant
39 White House pet
40 - gin fizz
41 Glasgow girl
42 Actress Massey

43 Designer
44 Islamic ruler
45 Salad veggie
46 Shout
47 Off the mark
48 Belief
49 Lamb product
55 95 Down's real name
56 Big rig
58 Bend
60 No longer fresh
63 Man or stallion
65 Artistic output
68 Big pitcher?
69 Tragic monarch
71 Laolian native
75 Study for exams
76 More macabre
77 Or - (threat words)
78 "You - Me" (57 hit)
79 Capital of Belarus
80 Persian, presently
81 Los -, CA
85 Ruth's mother-in-law
86 Chef's shield?

88 Stickpin locale
89 Cabinet wood
91 Really map
93 Mean
95 "Bonanza" brother
97 Patella's place
99 Inspid
102 Dug in
104 Pie filling
107 Any time now
108 Flow
109 High rails
110 West. alliance
111 Spirals
115 Trojan War hero
116 Raymond of "Cecilia"
117 "Celeste -" (Verdi aria)
119 Crooked
121 Raison d -
122 Authentic native
124 Nebraska branch
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128 Dodger Ron
129 Minnesota twins?
130 Hamilton bill
131 Out - limb
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Socializing gets you out of your shell, and then you become the life of the party! Partners are on the same wavelength. The weekend promises to be fun.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A private talk relates to financial interests. Your ideas elicit positive feedback. Couples are in happy agreement about mutual concerns.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
In-depth thinking leads to accomplishments. It's a great week for making travel plans and for discussions with advisers. This weekend, your confidence grows.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You're very much on the ball where career interests are concerned. Talks with those in authority bring happy results. Finances take a turn for the better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You'll be putting the finishing touches on a creative project. You'll enjoy remarkable rapport with a friend. This weekend, you make plans to give a party.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Bring work home from the office if necessary. A private talk relates to a family concern. You'll accomplish much from behind the scenes. Mental interests are favored at night.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Although it's a good time for making new starts, you still have to exercise diplomacy in your dealings. Don't become bossy. Things should go your way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
It should be a moneymaking week for you, with important career doors opening. Concentration powers are excellent. Guard against overspending.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
It's an excellent week for reaching agreements with others. One person might need more time to make up his or her mind, however. Some will be making travel plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You'll be busy at work this week. Talks relating to financial interests are favored. You'll receive helpful advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You're in a no-nonsense mood. However, later in the week, the accent is on having fun, and that's just what you'll be doing. Enjoy romance and entertainment this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You'll have extra incentive and will accomplish more than usual. Further your career by exercising initiative. It's a week of progress!

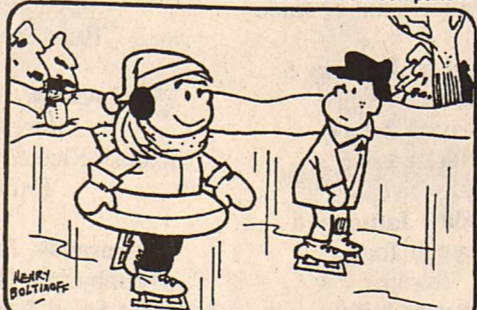
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Living, learning and growing together An encouraging word can make a person's day change

Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
by Lynn McNew

I love my family. Since this seems to be the time of year when I do a lot of reminiscing, I am going to tell you about my family.

I grew up in a family that liked to have fun. Did we have problems? Sure we did, but what I remember about my childhood is not problems, but fun. Music was always a part of our life. You always knew when my dad was coming because you could hear him whistling. One of our Christmas traditions was to gather around the piano while Mother played and we all sang. My sister, brothers and I were all fortunate enough to have music lessons and a college education. Did we have everything we wanted? No. Did we have everything we needed? Yes. We went to church together and we prayed together.

This was good. My husband is the number one person in my life. He has shown his love for me time after time over the last thirty-three years. Sometimes I wonder how he could continue to be as patient and tolerant as he is when I "get on a roll" about something. Our Marriage Encounter experience taught us that love is a decision. I can make a decision to love and I can make a decision to be lovable. But that is material for a different column. The important thing is that we decide to love each other warts and all. God gives us the grace to do this.

We have three wonderful children. They have all made us very proud over the years. When they were kids we raised them in the Catholic faith. We went to church together. When we went somewhere in the car, we prayed the rosary together. They participated in church activities. My kids are

beautiful and smart. Did I make them that way? No, God did.

Now we have three wonderful grandchildren. They are truly the joy of my life. I hope someday to have more grandchildren, because I enjoy them so much and they are God's greatest gift to our lives. I wish I could spend time with them every day, but since this isn't possible, I do the best I can to offer prayers and blessings for them.

Luke's gospel talks about Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family. We know from history that they lived the simple life of that time and that Jesus was a good son. I would assume that he was like any normal child—we know he disobeyed his parents on at least one occasion.

As parents we can take a lesson from Mary and Joseph. Many mysterious wonders accompanied each new phase of their lives from the time that Jesus was conceived. Yet, they lived as a family, loving and growing together until the time when Jesus left home to begin His public ministry. Then they had to learn to let go. They had done all they could in His life.

My parents had to learn to let go when I was the first child to move away with my family. I had to learn to let go as our children one by one flew out of the nest. They have shown me that the guidance we gave them was enough for them to become good adults. This makes me thankful.

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

by Pat Sitzes
Contributing Writer

How easy it is to tell someone a kind word that will make him or her feel that they are important. It only takes a moment to say a kind word, but the feeling of "I do count" can last all day long. An encouraging word can make a person's day change from bleak and blue to light and airy. I know for myself that when I am encouraged, I feel renewed and able to continue to do whatever task is before me with new enthusiasm and with resolve to finish it, because someone let me know it was needed and the work was being appreciated.

As Christians, we are called to be encouragers. We are to encourage those who are oppressed. God sends people in our lives to encourage us. At the very moment, when I am getting discouraged, God sends an encouraging word my way through someone in my path that day. As encouragers, we need to be willing to hear God's command to encourage someone.

Have you ever had an idea for something that God was giving you the faith to believe that you could do it, only to have someone discourage you in being able to accomplish it? Words such as, "We have never done it that way" or "We don't have the money to accomplish it" are not encouraging. Words of encouragement are, "I support you in this project", "I know you can accomplish it and I will help you in whatever way I

can", or "I will lift you up in prayer".

Being an encourager, requires being open to the Holy Spirit. If you are seeking ways for God to use you as an encourager, he will provide opportunities. Let's begin 2000 by biting our tongue when we want to say something discouraging, and instead speak an encouraging word to each other. Life is better when we are encouraged, and when we encourage others.

New year, new millennium and new horizons

Gateway Ministries
by Pastor Charolette Corey

It's all an adventure. Remember Noah? He set out building an ark when he'd never seen an ark. The earth had never had rain from clouds (it had always been watered by mists from the enclosed atmosphere like a terrarium) and now he had to prepare his family for a flood. What was a flood anyhow! All this was new ground and he had to strike out in a Great Faith.

One has to commend him for enduring the taunting and teasing of his neighbors, possible nagging of his wife, and kids that probably thought that Dad had "lost it."

The most important thing was that he was obeying God.

In that, he had God's plan, God's provision, and God's promise.

So, now we are faced with a new adventure into a new millennium and, what, you may ask, do we have in common with Noah. The answer is God's plan, God's provision and God's promise...all provided through "the ark."

In our case, we have not been asked to build an ark because Jesus is our "ARK". God's plan is His Living Word. God's provision is through the power of His Holy Spirit and God's promise is eternal life through Jesus Christ. No matter what happens, He is our

shelter. He is our provision, He is our safety.

As a child of God, you can rest in who your Heavenly Father is...Sovereign God. He is in complete control!

As a child of God, He only requires your obedience to His Word. To love Him with all your soul, your strength, your heart...and to love your neighbor as yourself.

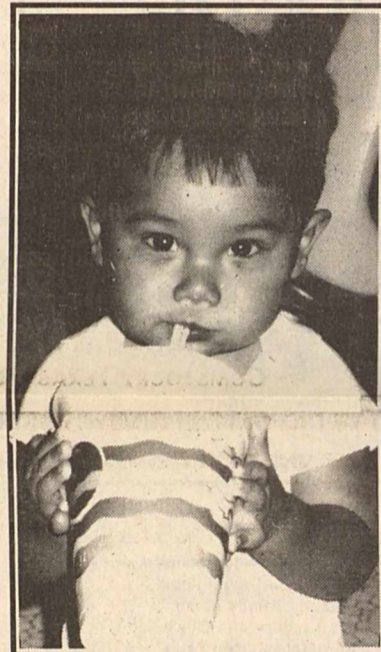
You will have many opportunities during this season of time to choose to obey God's word over man's.

You will have many opportunities to choose to forgive, choose to love, and choose to be happy...no matter what is going on around you. These choices are between you and God. No one else is in control of those choices.

It is a time for you to operate in Great Faith.

In an era where the people's love has grown cold you will have many opportunities to choose to love the unlovable. Keep your heart soft and your ears open to hear and receive the word of God. God will reveal to you how to handle each situation and give you the strength to accomplish it through the power of His Holy Spirit.

May you be blessed during this year and the new millennium. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



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by Rev. William P. Adams

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Tetanus Threat Is Very Real

Shane Maxwell, M.D.

Question:
While reading the paper, I came across an article describing a death caused by tetanus. I thought this was a thing of the past. In fact, I don't remember getting any kind of shot or vaccine for this. Is this something that I should be concerned about? I don't live on a farm or work with any kind of heavy equipment.

Answer:
Tetanus has been a killer in this country and still is in developing countries. Tetanus, commonly called lock-jaw, is the result of an infection that affects the muscles and nerves. Tetanus interferes with the normal activity of nerves, especially nerves that serve as messengers to muscles. In the United States, most cases of tetanus follow a cut or puncture. Sometimes the injury itself is so small that it was never seen by a doctor, and the tetanus bacteria grows unobserved in the wound. All children should be immunized against tetanus.

and all adult patients receive a booster every ten years to ensure immunity. Often tetanus begins with muscle spasms in the jaw, together with difficulty in swallowing, and stiffness or pain in muscles of the neck, shoulder or back. Spasms soon spread to muscles of the abdomen, upper arms and thighs. Once infected with tetanus, a patient is hospitalized and treated with antibiotics to kill tetanus bacteria and antitoxin to neutralize the toxin produced by the bacteria causing the infection along with other medications to regulate and normalize muscle activity. The best defense against tetanus is immunization.

Dr. Shane Maxwell is a senior staff physician in the Division of Family Practice at the Scott & White Clinic in Killeen, Texas, and an assistant professor at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White Public Affairs Dept., 2401 S. 31st St., Temple, TX 76508

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Nails Can Reflect State of Health

Morey Price, D.O.

Question:
My friend tells me that she's read articles about fingernails being mirrors of our health. Is this true? My nails look terrible and this has been on my mind a lot since she told me.

Answer:
Most of us take our nails for granted. We use them to pick and pry, but they can act as a mirror of your health. Your nails can and do reflect what is happening in your body. Ridges, bumps, spots and pits can be a result of a trauma crush injury to base of the nail or the nail bed. Nail biting can be a sign of anxiety, chronic tension or a compulsion. Fungus or yeast infections can produce changes in the color, texture, and shape of the nails. Bacterial infection may cause a change in color or pockets of infection under the nail or in skin surrounding the nail. Viral warts may cause a change in the shape of the nail or ingrown skin under the nail. Some questionable nail appearance may be caused by poor maintenance or neglect. For brittle nails, keep the nails short and avoid nail polish. Use an emollient cream after washing or bathing. Keep hangnails clipped and always cut nails straight across the top. Serious or life threatening conditions can be mirrored in the nails. Clubbing of the nails can be an indication of lack of oxygen in the blood associated with heart and lung diseases. Infection of the heart valve may produce red streaks in the nail bed. Severe illness or surgery can produce horizontal depressions in the nails and vitamin deficiency can cause a loss of luster or brittle nails. Call your doctor if nail abnormalities are unexplained, associated with other symptoms, or persist.

Dr. Morey L. Price is a senior staff physician in the Department of Family Practice at the Scott & White Santa Fe Center in Temple, Texas, and an assistant professor at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine.

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