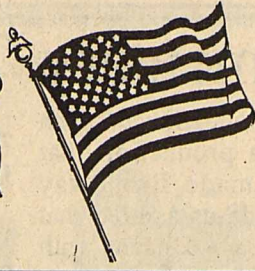


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Border Patrol Agents have busy week: Local woman missing **Briefs ...**

Seize more than 2,500 pounds of marijuana

Del Rio, Texas - U.S. Border Patrol Agents with the Del Rio Sector were busy during the week of Oct. 30, 2000, seizing 2,539.35 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$2,031,480.

Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 31, Agents from the Del Rio Station seized 375.25 pounds of marijuana approximately 5 miles west of Del Rio on Highway 90. The marijuana was found while agents were following the trail of a group of people who had apparently entered the United States illegally earlier that day. The marijuana was valued at \$300,200.

Tuesday evening, Agents from the Carrizo Springs Station assisted the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Unit and the Eagle Pass Border Patrol Anti-Smuggling Unit in stopping a tractor-trailer rig on Highway 277 approximately 13 miles west of Carrizo Springs. A canine alerted to the odor of marijuana and Agents found 865 pounds of marijuana inside the sleeper. The marijuana was valued at \$692,000.

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 1, Agents from the Del Rio Station assisted the Del Rio Border Patrol Anti-Smuggling Unit and the U.S. Customs Service in seizing 295.45 pounds of marijuana near a residence on West Martin in Del Rio. As the agents approached a pickup truck at the location, they saw three men and noticed what appeared to be several burlap sacks similar to those used in hauling

marijuana. Two of the men fled, with one later being apprehended. The marijuana was valued at \$236,360.

Thursday morning, Nov. 2, Agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 199 pounds of marijuana on Highway 277 approximately 9 miles up river from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. Agents performing linewatch duties near the Rio Grande River observed four individuals cross the river and illegally enter the United States. As the agents approached the individuals, they noticed they were carrying large bags on their back. One of the individuals was able to abscond into the brush. The marijuana was valued at \$159,200.

Shortly after midnight, Friday, Nov. 3, Agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 642.45 pounds of marijuana 10 miles down river from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. Agents performing linewatch duties near the Rio Grande River heard a group of individuals cross the river and illegally enter the United States. As they followed the sounds they reached a clearing where the agents observed 10-15 individuals carrying large bundles on their backs. As the agents approached, the group dropped the bundles and fled back to the river. Seven Mexican Nationals were apprehended. The marijuana was valued at \$513,960.

Saturday Nov. 4, Agents at the Eagle Pass Station seized 162.2 pounds of marijuana approxi-

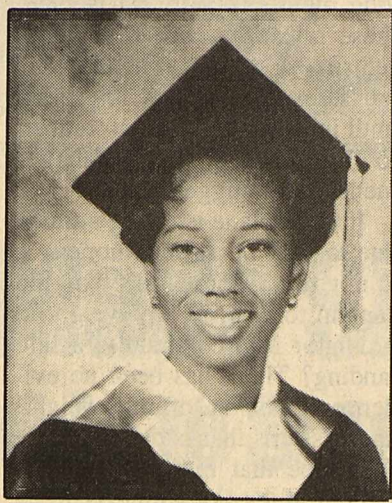
mately 9 miles down river from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. While performing linewatch duties, agents responded to sensor activity along the Rio Grande River. They followed a grass trail from the river and found two truck tires near a road. The tires contained small cellophane packages. The marijuana was valued at \$129,760.

All marijuana, individuals apprehended and vehicles seized were turned over to the appropriate agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Customs, or the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

A missing person report was filed Monday November 13, 2000 on Latoya M. Wright, of Brackettville. Wright was last seen Saturday, November 11, 2000 at the Up and Down Club in Acuna, Mexico. It was reported that she was with a male friend.

Wright graduated from Brackett High School in May of this year. She is 5' 11" and weighs 150 lbs. She has brown eyes and black hair.

All law enforcement agencies in the surrounding area have been notified. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having any information on Wright please call the Kinney County Sheriff's Department at (830) 563-2788.



Latoya M. Wright

Hill Country Community MHMR Center receives Peace Officer Program Grant

KERRVILLE - The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR) awarded a Peace Officer Program Grant to the Hill Country Community MHMR Center, headquartered in Kerrville. The grant in the amount of \$ 4,868.00 has been issued for the counties of Edwards, Kinney, Menard, Schleicher and Uvalde in order to assist local law enforcement agencies with initial start-up costs, officer training costs, and other expenses associated with establishing a mental health peace officer program.

According to actual outcome statistics at TXMHMR, Mental health peace officer programs already in operation have proven

highly effective in increasing the respect and dignity afforded to individuals in mental health crisis by law enforcement. A strong and supportive relationship between local law enforcement and the local mental health authority is critical to the establishment of an effective mental health peace officer program.

Linda J. Parker, Executive Director of the Hill Country Community MHMR Center explains: "Peace officers are often the initial contact for individuals with mental illness and mental retardation who are in a crisis. The mental health training program will help our peace officers to better understand the symptoms and behaviors of persons with mental illness and mental retardation. The cooperation between County Judges, the local mental health authority, and local law enforcement can increase the effectiveness of services provided to our fellow citizens with mental illness and mental retardation."

Presently, Hill Country Community MHMR Center is serving more than 3,000 consumers in 19 counties in Central Texas. Its mission statement "Together we will support and assist people to lead lives in dignity" reflects the civic, social and professional commitment of this publicly funded, community based organization.

LaMascus speaks to Brackettville Rotary Club

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

David Alexander, November program-chairman, introduced Steven LaMascus as the speaker for the Rotary Meeting on November 9, 2000. Steven wasn't quite sure why he was invited to speak but he was tremendously grateful for the opportunity. The main reason Steven became a writer was because "I speak more like Jed Clampett and that's why I seldom get invited back the second time. I'm kinda like the pretty girl with the room temperature IQ-not too many second dates."

Steven strives to be the opposite of what most people think of when they think of outdoor writers. "Most of the outdoor writers like Robert Ruark and Ernest Hemingway were hard drinking, crude, abrasive and abusive individuals who were primarily into booze, broads and bucks. They did what they did and apologized to no one. They seldom let facts interfere with their tales." Steve on

the other hand, very seldom drinks alcohol, is a devout Christian and tries to be polite and open minded. He is almost never a hundred percent sure about anything and feels that the day he fails to learn something new, should be a good day to pass on. He hopes never to cease to learn. He has a loving wife and two daughters who are the center of his life and he will not do anything to interfere with his family. His motto in life is "God and family first." It is his belief that one of the main problems faced by America today is the breakdown of the family.

Steven became a professional outdoor writer about ten years ago. He had wanted to be a writer since his childhood and as a child, he filled notebooks with stories about hunting. At one point he became interested in science fiction, but that was only a passing fancy. One day he began to write a story about things that had happened to him over the years and then he rewrote it several times and finally mailed it to a magazine. It was rejected.

He read it again, decided it was pretty good and mailed it off to another magazine and it was again rejected. It had now become a matter of honor and pride, so it was mailed to "The Varmint Hunter Magazine" and he got an offer of \$90 for the piece. "Suddenly I was a WORDSMITH." His wife, Kandace, had to carry his hat for him because his head swelled so much. He suddenly had visions of hunting for red grouse in Scotland with the "Royals", blue sheep in Tibet, bongo in Mozambique, Cape buffalo in South Africa, all on the expense accounts of various publications. The real world is that most of the traveling that Steven does, he pays for, hoping to generate enough money to pay for the trip and have enough left over to buy lunch at Sonic.

For those contemplating becoming a writer he has these words of advice. If you have a problem with rejection, pick another field. Sometimes an article must be sent to a dozen different magazines

before someone accepts. Sometimes it won't sell at all. Also be aware of what kind of material a magazine uses. He sent in an article to a magazine about the efficiency of various deer cartridges and big game rifles. He received a reply from the editor saying that he had enjoyed reading the story, but felt that it should have gone to a magazine that didn't specialize in shotguns and upland bird hunt-

ing. So read the magazine before you send in the story.

After 22 years in the US Border Patrol, Steven is retiring. He has a book that should be out in the next year called "A Journey Across the Texas Uplands" which is about bird hunting in Texas. He is also hoping to find outlets for some of his Christian oriented material.

Arts Council Tour/Raffle

The Kinney County Arts Council will host the annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000. Homes to be shown on this year's tour include the Brackettville home of Ann Legg, the Fort Clark Springs homes of Bill and Lisa Stuart and Robert and Sherry Elledge, as well as the Brown and Root house known as Greywolf.

In conjunction with the home tour, the Arts Council will raffle an outstanding centerpiece/mantle

decoration designed by Nelda Archer. The large centerpiece is an arrangement of greenery and beautiful frosted fruit, centered with golden nuts, poinsettia leaves and ribbon. It would definitely be a gorgeous addition to anyone's holiday decorations.

Tickets are on sale from Arts Council members, Bank and Trust and the Adult Center for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Tickets for the home tour will be available at a later date.

Lions Zone meeting hears about diabetes

The Brackettville Lions Club hosted the second meeting for Zone 1-A, Region 1, District 2-2A on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Zone Chairman and President of the Brackettville Lions Club, Lion Wilma Lewis, with 48 members and guests in attendance. Lion President Wilma welcomed Vice District Governor Marvin Koenig, District Ear Board Vice Chairman Linda Roberson, District Diabetes Chairman Eddie Williams, and Region 1 Chairman Ken Amlung.

A delicious bar-b-cue dinner with all the trimmings, catered by Lions Tom and Donna Saylor, was enjoyed by all.

The guest speaker for the evening was Lion Eddie Williams from Buffalo Grove Lions Club. Lion Eddie is the District 2-A2 Diabetes Chairman. He presented a very informative talk about diabetes. November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes prevents the body from using starch and sugars as it should, either be-

cause the pancreas quits producing insulin or the cells of the body aren't absorbing it. A diabetic literally starves to death because the body doesn't get the starches and sugars it needs.

There are two types of diabetes. Type I, also known as juvenile diabetes, is insulin dependent. It is the less common type of diabetes, however the onset is more abrupt. Type I frequently occurs initially in children and young adults. Overweight is not a factor in Type I diabetes, however heredity can be. With this type of diabetes insulin therapy is necessary.

Type II diabetes is commonly non-insulin dependent. It is the more common type of diabetes and is less abrupt in its onset. Type II diabetes often occurs in overweight adults. It can usually be controlled with diet and exercise.

Balance is the key to living with diabetes. Exercise is also important. Occasionally the diabetic's body can get out of balance and then one of two things can occur.

Insulin reaction results when the body gets too much insulin. This can be caused by delayed meals, excessive amount of exercise or a larger than normal dose of insulin. The other and more serious problem is diabetic coma. This occurs when the body does not get enough insulin or gets too much sugar. Causes include eating too much, infection or illness or skipping an insulin injection.

The minority population is more susceptible to diabetes, thought to be due to heredity and/or diet and culture. One in six African Americans will be likely to become diabetic, while one in two Hispanics will contract the disease.

One of the major side effects of diabetes is eye disease. People with diabetes are twice as likely to get cataracts, a clouding of the eye lens, or glaucoma, a build-up of fluid pressure in the eye which leads to progressive optic nerve damage. By far, the most serious eye disease associated with diabe-

tes is diabetic retinopathy, when blood vessels in the retina burst. Sixteen million Americans have diabetes and approximately half of them have early signs of diabetic retinopathy. Early intervention is necessary if eyesight is to be saved. A comprehensive eye exam in which the pupils are dilated and inner eye examined is very important to early detection of diabetes related eye problems.

Lion Eddie gave a helpful list of things Lions Clubs can do in the community. (1) Solicit help from other service organizations and community groups. (2) Distribute brochures and information, possible calling on local police and firemen who regularly move throughout the community. (3) Work with local supermarkets holding workshops to help diabetics select the proper foods.

The main signs or symptoms of diabetes are excessive thirst and/or frequent urination. Lion Eddie again reiterated that once a per-

son has been diagnosed with diabetes, a yearly comprehensive eye exam is a must.

Each club in the zone gave a report, indicating again the extent in which Lions are involved in their communities.

Lion District Vice Governor Marvin Koenig spoke on Stride For Sight, which will be in March 2001. His goal is to raise \$50,000 with 100% club participation.

A highlight of the evening was the induction of three new Lion members, Tom and Charlotte Powell of Brackettville Lions Club and Kirk Johnson of Del Rio Host Lions Club. Lion Eddie Williams inducted the new members and shared with the members present that this was a memorable event for him because it was the first time he had been privileged to induct new members into Lionism.

The next zone meeting will be in Eagle Pass in March, 2001, at a time and place to be announced later.

Health Fair Today

The Health Fair is today from 12-6:00 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center. Flu Vaccine will be available.

"Ham" Radio Classes

Amateur "Ham" radio classes will begin Monday November 20th at 7 p.m. in the new EMS building in Brackettville. Anyone interested call Walt Bauguess 563-9360. There will be no charge, however, some books, etc. may be needed. Classes will continue each Monday evening as long as necessary for the students to be able to take the Federal Communications Commission examination to obtain a license to operate a radio station.

Host Families Needed

Caring host families needed for foreign high school students! Interested host families are encouraged to apply immediately. For more information visit our web page at www.emfusa.org or call Marie-Claude Dijoud at (800) 467-8363.

CPR classes in Spanish

The American Red Cross will be offering a six hour class in Spanish that trains people to act in emergency situations, and to recognize and care for life threatening emergencies such as respiratory or cardiac problems, sudden illness or injuries to infants, children or adults. Meets childcare licensing requirements. Pass written quizzes and skill check to receive a CPR card. This will be held Saturday, November 18th at the Eagle room at 1926 Bedell Avenue. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. call the ARC office at 775-8626 to sign up.

Manuel Menchaca will be the instructor and the cost of course is \$25.00. The class is limited to ten students. Amateur "Ham" Radio Classes

Texas Sheep Dog Association

Uvalde, Texas - The Texas Sheep Dog Association, celebrating its 37th year, will be coming to Uvalde on November 17th, 18th and 19th as Uvalde plays host to its State Finals and Year-end Trial. The trial, to be held at the City Fairgrounds, will see handlers and their dogs from all over the state of Texas competing for cash awards and year-end honors. The three day event will begin at 8:00 a.m. each morning. For more information, please call Kimbra Peirce at 800-588-2533.

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Thank you Jones Elementary Total commitment and unbounded loyalty

On behalf of all veterans I would like to thank the Jones Elementary School for the wonderful tribute they gave to Veterans at the Civic Center on November 13, 2000. It was a marvelous tribute and so well done! We were impressed with the coop-

eration and dedication of each one. It was a production that would have made Broadway proud and made us assured that America is in good hands with these leaders coming up.

Lt. Col. (USAF Ret)
Robert L. Conrey

Why should we pay assessments?

The Ft. Clark Springs Association Budget for 2000 - 2001 has not been approved as of 11/10. Under these circumstances why should members pay their assessments? Why is the administration of Ft. Clark Springs unwilling to provide the board with any information regarding the true financial condition of the association? What is being hidden and who is doing it? Or is it just stupidity? Does the Ft. have any money to pay employees and other just expenses? Why does management ignore suggestions to save money? How many computer 'glitches' can our 'upgraded' computers pro-

vide monthly? With answers to these questions will credibility return? Or should we just hold our assessment money in escrow until integrity and fidelity returns to Ft. Clark Springs management? Any suggestions?

If an airplane is losing altitude due to lack of power (money) is it not the responsibility of the captain to cast off any weight in order for it to continue to a safe landing? There has been no evidence of casting 'off any weight' and it seems that under past performance that the airplane will fall out of the sky with disastrous results.

Pat Heesacker

The Way I See It By Steven R. LaMascus

I just got an e-mail from my brother David. It was short but incredibly poignant. It said simply, "I buried Sam. He was a faithful friend." Sam was David's Labrador retriever.

One of the great inequities of life is that humans live so much longer than dogs. A great dog will enter into your life and then, in just a few short years, grow old before your eyes and pass on to wherever dogs pass on to. It is sad. It is seemingly unfair. It is so seldom that we have the opportunity to receive total commitment and unbounded loyalty - from anything - that when it is freely given, we want to keep it, preserve it, bathe in it. But we can't. I would like to think that there is a place in heaven for dogs. They deserve it - more than most people.

It is a downright shame that humans don't have the ability to give themselves to their friends in the same way that dogs do. A dog gives love, respect, and loyalty, and expects nothing in re-

turn. They love you just because you are you, and not because you are wealthy, or can help them in a business deal, or because you once lent Old Spot money when the kids were sick. There are no strings attached to the love of a dog. There are no exceptions, or ands, or buts, or ifs; just total unearned, almost Christ-like commitment. It makes me feel inadequate when I contemplate that thought.

Why can't I be like my dogs? They have nothing—but they don't care. I give them food and water and shelter. I don't pay enough attention to them. I get angry with them when they bark too much. They don't care. They don't hold grudges. If I have been too harsh with them and out of guilt pamper them a bit, they are happy. They aren't happy just because I have pampered them, but because their friend has shown interest in them. It is incredible. It is humbling.

People should be like dogs. I wish I were like a dog. I could be totally honest, all the time. I wouldn't have to hide my emotions. I could display my likes,

dislikes, loyalties, and emotions without being embarrassed.

But I'm not like my dogs. I am a human, with all the emotional baggage that carries with it. I lie. I cheat. I deceive. I try not to, but my nature sometimes overcomes my desire to do good. The difference between Sam and me is that God made me to have free will and self-awareness. I do things that are evil knowing full well that they are evil. Sam never, not once did anything evil. He didn't have the ability to make decisions based on his own perception of right or wrong. He acted out of loyalty and love because God made him that way. He had no choice. I do. So do you. Every time I make a decision I have a choice of doing right or wrong - good or evil. It is a terrible burden.

However, terrible burdens carry great rewards. I also have the choice to accept Christ as my saviour or to reject him. Sam, loving and faithful as he was, never had to make that decision. Wherever Sam is now, he was destined to go there from the moment he was born. Our re-

ward for making the right choice is eternal life. I hope Sam is there when I get there. I hope he and David are reunited. I guess that's possible. But there is one thing of which I am absolutely positive. By my faith in Christ I will have eternal life. So will David. We have both made our decisions. Have you? If not, it's not too late, at least not yet. But I wouldn't wait too long. And about the total commitment and unbounded loyalty that I mentioned above, that is precisely what Christ demonstrated by his willing death on the cross - unconditional love. Don't waste it.

On Thanksgiving Day (please, not "turkey day") instead of just overeating, get down on your knees and give thanks for all the blessings that a loving God showers on his children.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Steve

Romans 1:17 - "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith."

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U.S. Energy Security tied to domestic production

Washington, D.C. - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison made the following statement Friday regarding U.S. energy policy:

"Few issues before Congress demonstrate policy differences more starkly than the current debate over energy prices and energy supplies.

"On one side of this vast divide is a bipartisan congressional proposal to increase domestic oil and gas production, increase fuel efficiency and increase the use of alternative energy sources. On the other is a recent executive branch decision to release oil from our national emergency reserve, a step that has been taken only once previously when we were at war with Iraq.

"The release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, at a rate of 1 million barrels a day as has been proposed, represents 5 percent of our total daily oil consumption, an amount highly unlikely to reduce the price of crude oil in any appreciable way. I worry that if we were to release even more oil to exert additional downward pressure on price, we would become vulnerable to supply shocks and potential blackmail by foreign exporters such as Iraq.

"Congress established the

Strategic Petroleum Reserve in 1975 after the OPEC oil embargo threw our economy into a tailspin. At the time we had no strategic reserves; we were literally at the mercy of OPEC and other foreign exporters. And in 1975 we imported only 36 percent of our oil needs from overseas. Today our dependence on foreign oil stands at a record high 56 percent.

"If we deplete our emergency reserve now, even relatively slight supply disruptions -- such as a decision by Saddam Hussein to turn off the 2 million-plus barrels of oil per day he exports -- could have a devastating impact, bringing our economic expansion to an abrupt halt.

"Nor does the administration's actions take into account the fact that U.S. oil refineries already are operating at or near maximum capacity. Even when emergency reserve oil is released, we may not have the capacity to refine it because costly regulations and red tape have made it virtually impossible to build new refineries. There has not been a major refinery built in the United States in 25 years.

"I and many of my colleagues in Congress, on both sides of the aisle, know there is a better way. We simply must take steps to increase the amount of oil and

natural gas we produce here at home. There is no doubt we have the potential to do this. The United States has proven reserves of as much as 160 billion barrels of oil, and as much as 1,700 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. This is enough to fuel the U.S. economy for 60 years without importing a single drop of foreign oil. While shutting off foreign oil completely may not be realistic, it is realistic to tap our own resources much more than we do today.

"That's why I have introduced legislation that includes tax and other incentives to help strengthen and stabilize domestic energy production.

"Included in the bill is a proposal to aid low-yielding, so-called "marginal" oil and a gas wells. These wells are owned primarily by small, independent producers. Despite their low yield, such wells collectively make up 20 percent of our domestic supply of oil -- about as much oil as we import each year from Saudi Arabia.

"Unfortunately, these wells are the most susceptible to price fluctuations. When prices crashed 18 months ago, 150,000 marginal oil and gas wells closed, more than a quarter of all marginal wells in the country. We also lost more than

65,000 well paying American jobs, 18,000 in Texas alone.

"The legislation we are proposing will put us back in charge of our own destiny. By preserving domestic energy production when the price of oil is low, we help ensure that the price does not go sky high when foreign nations decide to turn off the tap.

"The legislation is designed to keep marginal wells producing during low price periods. Supply would be maintained and consumer prices less volatile. The United States does not have to be at the mercy of market forces beyond our control.

"I am urging Congress to move this and other tax initiatives to stimulate domestic production to the top of its agenda. The legislation I support, titled the National Energy Security Act, would also spur the development of alternative fuels and technologies to make our cars, homes and businesses more fuel efficient.

"A wise energy policy is one that encourages exploration and production on American soil. Energy independence is the lynchpin of our national security, of our continued economic stability and growth, and of jobs that stay in America."

OUTDOORS

TPW unveils proposed hunting and fishing regulations

AUSTIN, Texas — Managing the state's wildlife and fisheries resources is somewhat similar to upkeep on an automobile — it requires regular maintenance for optimum performance and reliability. Keeping the analogy in mind, it's time for the annual tune-up of the state's hunting and fishing regulations.

Next year's regulations will be a tune-up, not an overhaul. State biologists presented a laundry list of hunting and fishing issues to the Regulations Committee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Biologists noted that there is always room for improvement but recommended no drastic changes.

Each year, TPW considers changes in hunting and fishing regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities. The regulatory review process begins each fall and is based on resource assessments by biologists and independent recommendations received from various user groups. During this scoping portion of the process, TPW gathers public input and weighs the biological implications of each issue before presenting the commission a set of proposed regulation changes in January. Additional discourse is sought

during special public meetings in the spring, and the commission at its April meeting determines the final regulation changes.

This year, TPW will ask the public for comment on a variety of fish and wildlife issues based on the common themes of increased opportunity, rule simplification and resource enhancement. Among the issues are: —Expanding youth-only hunting opportunities to potentially include any of the weekends in October and/or the three

weekends following the second Sunday in January. —Setting a uniform statewide opening day for white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey hunting seasons on the first Saturday in November. — Changing the harvest regulations for mourning dove to a 12-bird daily bag limit and 70-day season. —Allowing the use of Antlerless and Spike-buck Deer Control Permits statewide from the Saturday nearest Sept. 30 through the last day of any open season in a given county. —Investigate the possibility of

allowing hunters to harvest a buck deer in more than one one-buck county. —Increase the Texas Spanish mackerel bag limit from seven fish to 15 fish per person daily to be consistent with those in federal waters.

Public comment on these issues and others of interest may be made to TPW, Regulations Coordinator, 4200 Smith School Road, 78744, or by phoning (800) 792-1112 and following the automated menu and on the Internet (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>).

Big Bend's black bears head south

Candy is one of the female black bears that helped re-establish a breeding population in Big Bend National Park. She is 16 years old and was probably among the first to cross the Rio Grande in the mid-1980s to take up residence in the Chisos Mountains. (Bear researchers in the park have given her, and many other animals that they work with, names as well as numbers.) Now she's gone back to Mexico. No one knows what happened to the two cubs she bore in her Chisos Mountains den last winter. They may have been too small to keep up with their mother across the desert.

Candy is not the only one leaving; half of the 14 radio-col-

lared bears from Big Bend, out of an estimated population of 30, are known to have left just in the last month. Most have turned up in the more hospitable Sierra del Carmen range in Northern Coahuila, though not all have survived. Several of the females have set distance records, some traveling as much as 100 kilometers. Big Bend has been in a drought for many years. Scientists still debate the role of global warming in the continuing drought in the Southwest, but in Big Bend it has meant that there just isn't enough food for all the bears.

For the last three years Dave Onorato has led a study of Big Bend's bears and his collaring

program, monitored in large part from the park's airplane, revealed the exodus. On October 28 Onorato presented this new information on the dynamic change in the park's bear population in his seminar titled, ironically, "Return of the Natives: Black Bears in Big Bend." When the seminar originated, it was designed to herald the healthy breeding population and all that has been learned here about these fascinating creatures. Now there is different news to report. How many bears are left in Big Bend? How many more will leave? What are the chances now that visitors will see one? Will any of the bears return, and if so, when?

Expanded Horizon Workshop Celebrates Halloween

On October 27, the Expanded Horizon Workshop here in Brackettville celebrated Halloween, with ghosts, vampires, cowboys, and clowns, just to name a few of the goblins that attended the workshop's first Halloween party.

The clients of the workshop have been working for many weeks, making decorations, consisting of a 6' tall Headless Horse-

man and Swamp Thing along with Bob and Harry, as they were named, the 5 1/2 foot skeletons, all handmade by the clients out of plywood, then painted. Not only were wooden spoons in attendance with clients from Brackett and the Hill Country Uvalde workshop, we were very fortunate to have our local EMS, Jessie Garcia, our local D.J., and Mr. Jim Sweeten donate their time to make our party even better. Mr. Garcia played music for us to dance to, and Mr. Sweeten and a friend

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Church Alliance of Brackettville

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.
Contributing Writer

As is our custom, the community of faith in Brackettville will gather Sunday evening, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Service.

The service will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church with Rev. Nathan Lafrenz of our Redeemer Lutheran Church bringing the message.

We have much to be thankful for in this community.

We have a wonderful school system where the teachers and the administration are giving our children the tools they need to be knowledgeable, thoughtful and caring members of society.

We have a city government that works hard to bring us the services and amenities that make living comfortable, clean and safe.

We have a community spirit that allows us to celebrate our ethnic, economic and religious diversity.

We have a communal value system that reaches out to those who are in need of assistance, both physical and financial.

But most of all we have a gracious God who reaches out to all of us offering forgiveness, mercy and peace.

Let us join together once again as children of God, offering thanks to the One who guides us and loves us everyday in every way, especially when we don't really deserve it.

Are you a victim of TVA?

By Tony Weissgarber

TVA? Television Addiction. Since TV has entered our lives fifty years ago, it has changed how we live. The result has been disastrous.

How can you tell if you suffer from TVA? To find out, answer the following questions "YES" or "NO."

1. Do you watch more than two hours of TV per day?
2. Do you own more than one TV set?
3. Do you watch TV when the weather is gorgeous?
4. Do you turn on your TV when you enter your home?
5. When you stay at a hotel or motel, do you turn on the TV?
6. Do you leave your TV on when someone drops in to visit?
7. Do you prefer TV watching to reading a book?
8. Would you allow the TV to "baby-sit" pre-schoolers?
9. Do you frequently discuss last night's TV programs with friends?
10. Does the idea of having 500 channels from a dish sound appealing?

Total your "YES" answers.
Three or more: you suffer from TVA.

Four or five: you are a TV couch potato, headed down hill.

Six, seven or eight: You are close to hopeless.

Nine or ten: you are glassy-eyed and almost brain dead.

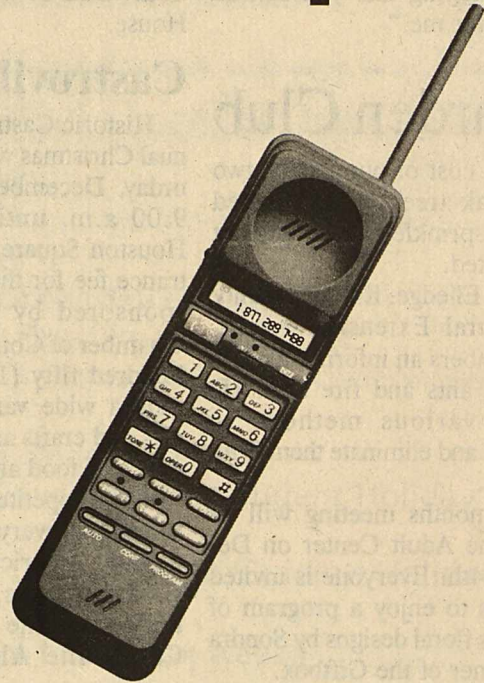
If you want to get over TVA, you have to do it like every other addiction.

Start by unplugging your TV. You'll find you have more time for those many good things you know you should be doing for your physical and mental well being. If you can't unplug the TV, cut back to two hours per day. Replace TV watching with conversation, reading and listening to music.

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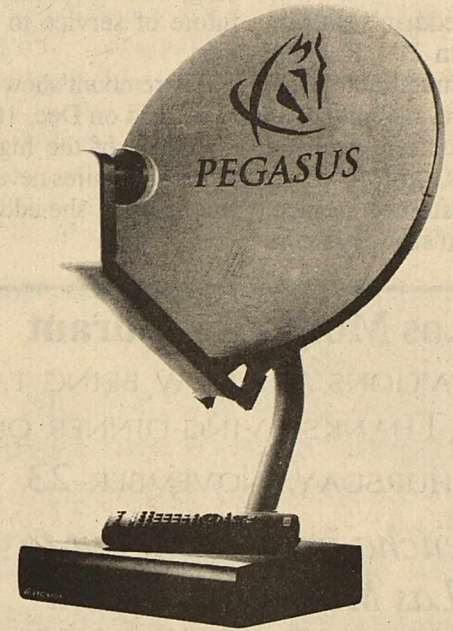


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Friedman's Jewelers set to open What do your children learn from your marriage?

Friedman's Jewelers announced the opening of a unique new store in the Plaza del Sol Mall.

Store Manager Benita B. Patuel and her staff of sales associates will host a grand opening at the store Nov. 18.

Friedman's Jewelers, established in 1920, has a chain of 620 stores nationwide. The store in Plaza del Sol will be the fifty-fifth Friedman's in Texas. The Del Rio store will highlight a beautiful selection of fine diamond, gold and precious gemstone jewelry. Friedman's also offers jewelry repair.

The grand opening at the store will feature an opening day sale and a \$1,000 shopping spree for the lucky winner of a drawing. Free gifts to the first 150 preapproved credit customers will also be featured. Music will add to the festive atmosphere at the store, located near the center court of Plaza del Sol.

The entire Friedman's staff invites everyone in Del Rio and neighboring communities to come and celebrate the availability of an option for lovers of fine jewelry at affordable prices, instore credit and first-rate customer service. The new Friedman's Jewelers store

assistant manager is Beatrice Charles, known for her expertise in the jewelry business.

Patuel also has many years of experience with and knowledge of jewelry, with particular focus on diamonds and precious gems. After attending a recent Friedman's Jewelers Managers' Seminar in Dallas, Patuel said, "What distinguishes Friedman's is our pledge to guaranteed lowest pricing, uncompromising quality and style, superior service, instant credit and a 30-day money back guarantee."

Regarding the staff that has been developed for the new Friedman's Jewelers store, Patuel said, "We will be known not for hiring people to be nice, but for hiring nice people. Everyone can rest assured of unrivaled customer service. We want to be your personal jeweler and invite everyone to come out on Nov. 18. Help us celebrate not only a new beginning, but the promise of a long future of service to the community."

"A remount show is scheduled to be held on Dec. 16 showcasing diamonds of the highest caliber, such as solitaires never seen in Del Rio before," she added.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Jonathan, the kids are in bed. We need to talk. Can you pry yourself away from the TV?"

"Look Deb, I want to see the rest of this game. Can't it wait?"

Deb, growing impatient, retorted, "You don't care anything about the kids and me. All you care about is your sports." Turning away she left the room in anger.

"Well, why can't we do our talking at another time," Jonathan shouted after her.

Deb shouted back, "The only time you have is taken up with TV and ball games."

Jonathan, feeling some guilt decided it would be best to talk. "OK Deb, I'm sorry for my reaction. Let's start this all over and I promise to listen. What's on your mind?"

Sitting down at the kitchen table, they continued the conversation in a more civil tone. Deb spoke first. "I was reading something today by Dr. James Dobson about families. He says that married couples need to acknowledge each other's contributions to the family in the presence of the children. I realized that you and I have gotten into a rut of being more critical than constructive."

"What do you suggest?" Jonathan inquired.

"I can't speak for you," Deb replied, "but I have decided that I need to acknowledge to the children what a good provider you are. You work hard and bring the money home for the family. And there are other things too. I'm going to try to say something kind to you in front of the children every day. I'm hoping that you can do the same for me."

"You are right," Jonathan said. "I need to do the same. Our children need to see more of us in love rather than in anger. You really are a wonderful wife, Deb. I hope that our boys will use you as a pattern when they grow up and look for wives of their own."

What do your children learn from your marriage? Do you need help? The counseling ministry of the St. Henry deOsso Family Project can help. Call 563-2285 for information. A good marriage is the foundation of good parenting.

Sororities Celebrate Halloween

Members of Brackettville's three Beta Sigma Phi chapters joined together for a fun filled night in Uvalde recently. Beginning with dinner at The Lunch Box...and More, then continuing on the Ghost Lantern Tour, the second annual fund raiser for the Uvalde Historical Commission and the proposed new regional library. The group ended the evening by attending Annie Get Your Gun at the Grand Opera House.

Those members and guests attending from Brackettville were Hawkins and Jack Huey, Barb and Bob Miller, Hazel and Gerald Ivey, Woodie Hornburg and sister, Modgie Hudson, Bobbie Waddill and granddaughter, Luella and Dwyte Gilliland, Lynn and Tom McNew, Amy Skelton, Rose Jenkins, Dee Curry, Opal Groce, Evelyn Whitley, P M Moore, Pat and Clemmy McKelvy. Meeting the group from Pearsall was Patsy and Dever Edwards.

Castroville's Old Fashioned Christmas

Historic Castroville's 16th Annual Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Houston Square. There is no entrance fee for the event, which is sponsored by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce. Over one hundred fifty (150) vendors provide a wide variety of gifts and arts and crafts as well as an abundance of food and drink to satisfy visitor's appetites. Guests are able to sample everything from traditionally American to Mexican to Alsatian fares. Entertainment throughout the day features the Castroville Alsatian Dancers,

accordion player "Buck" Schirmer, Scottish Bagpipers and Drums, the Castrovilles Hermann Son's Dancers, the school choir, church choir and old cars. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also pay their annual visit at 1:00 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to talk to Santa and have their pictures taken with him.

Top off the day with a leisurely stroll through the town to view the historic homes and churches, visit the antique shops, dine at one of several find restaurants, and stop at the local bakery for some Christmas goodies as carols ring in the air.

Mountain Laurel Garden Club

By Joyce Bergey
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meeting was held on November 9th at the Adult Center. Members and guests were welcomed to a Thanksgiving themed refreshment table prepared by hostess Ella Chambers.

The main project being sponsored by the Garden Club presently is the installation of the sprinkler system at the Service Club. President Clara McCord is working with members to prepare a flyer to promote personal and organizational donations to go towards the cost of purchasing two scarlet oak trees to be planted when the sprinkler system project is completed.

Robert Elledge, Kinney County Agricultural Extension Agent, gave members an informative talk on cutter ants and fire ants. He told of various methods to discourage and eliminate them from our yards.

Next months meeting will be held at the Adult Center on December 14th. Everyone is invited to join us to enjoy a program of Christmas floral designs by Sondra Meil, owner of the Giftbox.

Texas Highway Patrol museum to induct three individuals into Hall of Fame

San Antonio, Texas - The Texas Highway Patrol Museum, located at 812 S. Alamo St. in San Antonio, Texas, unveils its newest permanent exhibit, the "Hall of Fame" on November 18, 2000 with an induction ceremony beginning at 10 a.m.

Three individuals who have a combined service to the Department of Public Safety of over 70 years will be honored for their dedication. Former Chief of the Highway Patrol, L.G. Phares, and former DPS Director, Homer Garrison, will be inducted posthumously. Former DPS Director Wilson E. Speir, who currently lives in Austin, will also be inducted.

"This exhibit recognizes the achievements of this select group whose contributions to the Texas Highway Patrol have made it one of the most revered branches of law enforcement," said Senior Trooper and Museum Board Chairman Mark Lockridge.

The new exhibit will join the other permanent exhibits such as the "Hall of Honor", a tribute to the 75 troopers killed in the line of duty, the History of the High-

way Patrol, and the Medal of Valor display. The "Hall of Fame" induction ceremony comes just over two years after the Museum's grand opening on June 6, 1998.

"Texas Highway Patrol officers put their lives on the line every time they leave for a day at work. Seventy-five officers have died in the line of duty since 1932. The Museum honors all troopers for their service and dedication to the citizens of Texas," said Lockridge.

Along with educating the public of the service and dedication of these officers, the Texas Highway Patrol Museum reaches out to the community with educational programs geared toward both teens and school-aged children.

These programs include Cruisin' to Coffins, which instructs students on the perils of drinking and driving and winner of the 1999 ALLSTATE Insurance Safety Award for Texas. The Super Trooper Kids Summer Safety Zone helps to educate young children about safety issues in a manner in which they can understand.

Highway Patrol Association to award Medal of Valor

Boerne, Texas - The Texas Highway Patrol Association will present Highway Patrol officer, Derome Daniel West with the 2000 Medal of Valor at 1 p.m. on November 19, 2000 in Boerne, Texas. West is the ninth recipient of the award, and will receive a \$1,000 check and an award plaque. He will also be honored with a permanent plaque in the Texas Highway Patrol Museum, located in San Antonio.

The award is given annually to a Texas Highway Patrol officer whose actions are deemed heroic by Association members. West was selected to receive the award for his actions at a disturbance call in

October of 1999.

On October 2, 1999, West responded to a disturbance call in Boerne, Texas and exposed himself to gunfire in order to divert the attention of a gunman who had shot and killed Larry Kolb of the Kendall County Sheriff's office. West fired three times at the assailant, killing him.

West also received a Medal of Valor from the Department of Public Safety for the same incident.

Winner: DPS Trooper Derome Daniel West of Boerne, Texas
When: Sunday, November 19, 2000 1 p.m.

Where: Kendall County Courthouse

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Sheriff's Report

Monday, Nov. 6
10:53 p.m., A DPS dispatcher from Val Verde county reported a stranded 18 wheeler, 21 miles east of Del Rio on Hwy 90. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the location. The truck had ran out of fuel and was waiting for a fuel truck from Del Rio.

Tuesday, Nov. 7
4:42 p.m., A 911 caller asked

for a wrecker to pull them out of the mud. ABC Wrecker was dispatched to the location.

Wednesday, Nov. 8
6:03 p.m., A local man requested a deputy to come to his house, because someone had broken in. Chief of Police Ron Ring went to the location.

8:15 p.m., A lady requested help to unlock her vehicle. Deputy Pena responded.

8:18 p.m., A DPS Trooper reported a railroad van broke down at mile marker 454 east of Brackett. Help was dispatched.

Thursday, Nov. 9
3:30 p.m., Harry Edward Bauder age 47 of Manor, Texas was arrested by Trooper Welch for DWI 1st and DWLS. He is still being held.

7:00 p.m., Chase Neuman of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for reckless driving. He was released on a PR bond the same day.

Friday, Nov. 10
7:04 a.m., A man called to report a fire in his truck. He did not have a fire extinguisher. The fire department was paged. Fire was reported out at 7:20 a.m.

1:50 p.m., A local woman called for a deputy because she had bought a car and it no longer worked. She said she was not going to finish paying for the car. She stated that she did not want the daughter of the man she bought the car from bothering her. Deputy Pena spoke to the daughter and was informed that ABC Wrecker would repo the car today.

2:21 p.m., A man reported a head on wreck on FM 208 in Edwards County. Advised Edwards County and DPS was in route to the accident.

3:25 p.m., An anonymous caller stated that 3 vehicles were driving the wrong way on Fulton St. and almost caused a wreck.

11:25 p.m., John Martin Vasquez, of Houston, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for no drivers license and no insurance. He was released the next day for time served and showed proof of insurance.

Saturday, Nov. 11
3:30 p.m., A local rancher reported 2 exotic animals had been poached at his ranch on Highway 1572. After investigating, the 2 deputies determined that one ani-

mal was killed by coyotes and the other one died of natural causes.

6:30 p.m., A motorist reported 5 cows on Highway 90 east of A.J.Foyt's ranch. A local rancher was called and his employees took care of the matter.

7:57 p.m., A local woman called to report someone throwing rocks at her house. Deputy Chism went to the location, but could not find anyone, he will check again during the night.

9:30 p.m. An unknown caller advised that a red Nissan pickup was driving all over the road 3 miles east of Brackett. Trooper Richard Slubar stated everything was ok, subject was just tired.

Sunday, Nov. 12
12:14 p.m., A Spofford citizen advised the Border Patrol about a red truck with hunters in the back with rifles. The Border Patrol stopped the truck near the church in Spofford and advised the 2 teenagers to put the pellet guns up.

6:05 p.m., A local man called and stated a teenage male was driving real fast on Ann St. and almost hit his truck. Deputy Chism contacted the young man. The situation was taken care of.

THANK YOU!
To all who voted and expressed their confidence in me. The victory was a "Team Effort". As a team we will work towards the future of Kinney County. Special Thanks to my friends who campaigned for me. Also, to those who worked so hard on November 7, 2000. As before, I pledge to work for you to the best of my ability. Remaining fair and equal to all. God Bless you and our county.
Cordelia Mendeke.

Watch out here come the Tigers Tigers in playoffs third year in a row

By Christina Luna
Contributing Writer

What a game it was between the Brackett Tigers and the Dilley Wolves. It was one of the most amazing games that I have ever seen in my high school years.

Jesse Hidalgo ran for a total of 164 yards, where he scored on a 19 yard run a 7 yard run and a 3 yard run.

J.J. Rivas ran for a total 31 yards.

Manuel Madrid has come out of hiding and did what he has been doing, making interceptions. He had one on Friday night, which brings him to a total of 6 for the year with 1 touchdown and 6 points.

Jared Hobbs has a total of 49 rushing yards. Then on defense he got an interception and ran for an 85 yard touchdown.

Going in to playoffs Hidalgo has a total of 1,638 yards, 25 touchdowns, and 3 extra point conversions for a total of 154 points, with an interception for the season.

John Wylie completed a total of 20 yards. Chris Campos has 1 touchdown for a total of 6 points, with 58 yards in all. John Wylie has a total of 96 rushing yards, 3 touchdowns, and 5 extra point conversions along with 2 2-point conversions.

Sam Hunt has 3 touchdowns, and 26 1-point conversions for a total of 44 points he has 212 yards for the year.

Mojo Hernandez steals an interception where he runs for a 17 yard touchdown.

Rivas has a total of 612 yards, 5 touchdowns, and 1 extra point conversation for a total of 32 points for the season.

Raymond Gomez adds to the list with 90 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Hobbs has rushed for a total of 592 yards, 3 interceptions, 6 touchdowns and a 2-point conversation for a total of 38 points.

Both Levi Duncan and Lee Davis bring in 2 touchdowns with 6 points each.

Behind a great offense is a powerful defense. Lets just say ours is one of the best.

Still on the injured list is Chris Palomo who is out with a dislocated elbow and David Campos with a knee injury, maybe they will be back this Friday.

This up coming Friday your Brackett Tigers will battle it out with Nix-Smile Mustangs. Kick off time 7:30 at Jourdanton Stadium so everyone come out and help support our guys on their way to victory!

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Wow! The Jones Elementary Patriotic program was wonderful! We live in the greatest country that ever existed. These students and their teachers showed us in song that we owe a debt of thanks to our veterans. It's our responsibility to be flag waving Americans who support the democratic ideals that our country is founded upon. Every child had a flag and participated in the music program. Judy Burks is our music teacher who did a fine job directing a grand performance. Thanks to all for a job well done!

We're back in the football playoffs for the third year in a row! The game at Dilley was a good one. Head Coach David Yeager and his assistant coaches & the entire Tiger football team were impressive. We were behind 21-0 when the Tigers started rolling. The exciting game ended with the Tigers winning 28-21. Our Tigers showed lots of heart in coming back to beat the wolves. We play Nixon-Smiley in Jourdanton at 7:30 PM Friday night. We need to have lots of folks there backing this fine team. Go Tigers!

This Sunday night, there will be a community Thanksgiving service at the Episcopal-Lutheran Church. The Voices of Fort Clark will be singing while Father Lafrenz delivers the message. I think we can fill the church to capacity. There is so much to be thankful for this year.

We'll turn out school at 1:45 Friday to allow school buses to run early and so that our community will be able to make the trip to Jourdanton. I hope that you will continue to support our students and teachers in academic and in extra-curricular activities.

The School Board appointed a

Long Range Building Committee that will study the needs of our district and will recommend a five year plan to the Board for its consideration. Tim Ward, Rose Mary Slubar & Russell Williams help school principals Burks, Hall and Renken; maintenance director, Richard Terrazas & Superintendent Stephenson in this task. Our first objective is the remodeling of the school auditorium and annex.

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for our candidates for president to show some statesmanship and to say, let's set this as our deadline, count the absentee votes and determine who is the president. We'll both agree that whoever is ahead on this date will become the next president of the United States. It's time that politics and political parties become secondary to the needs of our country. How about it? The winner will have a difficult time governing. All involved need our prayers.

All year long, we've been saying "Brackett ISD-A Place Where Winners Go!". Our school year is proving that it's not just a hollow slogan. Keep up the great work! Have a good week!

Angel Tree

The BHS Winterguard and Tiger Band are organizing this year's Angel Tree for Christmas. The Angel Tree helps low income or needy children receive presents for Christmas.

Applications for the program will be taken November 16 - 23.

You may pick up an application at Jones Elem., Tx. Dept. of Human Services or the church of your choice.

All "angels" will be placed on a Christmas tree located at the First State Bank & Super S.

Citizens of Kinney County may then pick an Angel from the tree, honor their wish for the holidays and return the gift to be wrapped and delivered on Dec. 21 & 22nd.

Please help us in making this year's Angel Tree a success!

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

BISD School Calendar 2000-2001

- November
- 22-24 - Thanksgiving School Holiday
- December
- 19 - End of third six weeks
- 20 - Work Day/Student Holiday
- 21-29 - Christmas Break - School holiday
- January
- 1-2 - New Year - Holiday
- 3 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- 12 - School Holiday
- 24 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- February
- 23 - End of fourth six weeks
- March
- 12-16 - Spring Break - School holiday
- April
- 12 - End of fifth six weeks
- 13 - Good Friday - School Holiday
- 16 - Easter/School Holiday
- May
- 25 - End of sixth six weeks
- 25 - Last Day of School/Graduation
- 26 - Work day

BISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, November 16**
Bsktbl JH 8B/8G Comstock (H) 5,6 PM ,Community Health Fair, Civic Center, Education Week, Special Ed. Video for Parents, Library, 2:30 PM, & 5:30 PM
- Friday, November 17**
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Border Patrol "Outstanding Student Award", Auditorium 5:00 PM Bsktbl JVG/JVB, VG/VB Rock-springs (T) 7:30 PM VFB Play-off, BISD vs Nixon - Smiley CISD, in Jourdanton
- Monday, November 20**
Bsktbl JH 7B/8B Knippa (H) 5,6 PM Bsktbl JH 7G/8G Knippa (T) 5,6 PM, Dental Sealant 3rd-5th
- Tuesday, November 21**
5:30 PM Bsktbl JVB/VB Jourdanton (H), Dental Sealant 3rd - 5th ,Payday!
- Wednesday, November 22**
Thanksgiving - School Holiday

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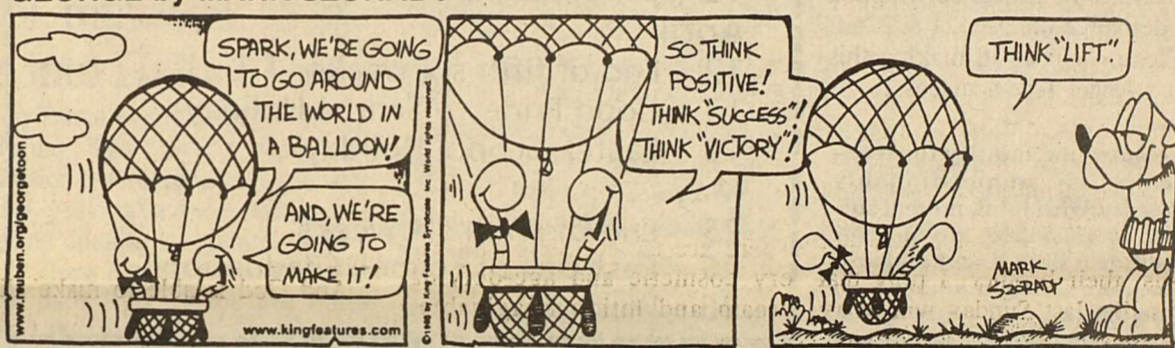
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- ACROSS**
- Turn sharply
 - Catches
 - Pinocchio, e.g.
 - Bright thought
 - D-day beach
 - Smarter-than-average bear
 - Magician Gillette
 - Moreno and Hayworth
 - "My Own" (Frost)
 - Orgy attendants
 - Solo of Star Wars
 - Pitcher Tiant
 - Showed enthusiasm, like Fido
 - Coal and oil
 - The Name of the
 - Political abbr.
 - Haute
 - Lord of the
 - African antelope
 - Polishes
 - Physique
 - Seamstress's tape
 - Toothpullers' org.
 - Rubber
 - Is an apartment dweller
 - Stylus
 - Helper
 - Window-washing spot
 - The Own (1997 Harrison Ford film)
 - Reverse, e.g.
 - Corrida cry
 - Remove freight
 - Mural surface
 - Kennel sounds
 - Cartel acronym
 - Actress Loretta
 - Skier's paradise
 - Rations roster
 - Becomes Mr. and Mrs.
 - Simon
 - Salon liquid
 - Before log or tide
 - Stone and Iron spot
 - Blues singers' sounds
 - Urging (on)
 - Give to charity
 - Kept up a running battle
 - Suave and sophisticated
 - Move smoothly
 - Kisser
 - Kind of door
 - Vanguard Group offerings
 - Pearl and Beetle
 - Studio apartment's lack
 - Bucket handle
 - Unfeigned
 - What photographers change
 - Electrical units
 - Tropical fish
 - Emulated
 - "...which nobody can
 - Vane dir.
 - Holy fear
 - Item flipped in a snit
 - Loop loopers
 - Mauna
 - Billiards need

DOWN

- Nothing, slangily
- Ominous day for Caesar
- Rowlands of films
- Karate champ Chuck
- Slightly off
- TV's Masterson
- Bearded sheep
- Telling falsehoods
- Process suffix
- Representative: abbr.
- Blame It on
- Horns
- Mortified

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Aries March 21-April 20
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Taurus April 21-May 21
The momentum to change your life is just beginning. Try hard to overcome a bad habit. Ups and downs are natural in a personal relationship. If you can be patient, the ups should become more frequent.

Gemini May 22-June 21
You deserve a pat on the back. Standing up for what you believe is not easy. Continue to stick to your guns. There may be potential for advancement. Visualize success.

Cancer June 22-July 22
Pause a few moments and reflect on your life thus far. Recalling a childhood memory may give you a sense of well-being. Put an emphasis on social skills. You may find courtesy pays off.

Leo July 23-August 23
In order to stretch and grow, you may have to do things that terrify you. You are capable of great things if you let go and have fun. Double- and triple-check holiday travel plans.

Virgo August 24-September 22
The holiday spirit propels you through the week. You may feel the urge to start an unusual Thanksgiving Day tradition. Do not allow others to put a damper on a favorite time of year.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
This week is highlighted by your strong sense of dignity. Try to avoid making a backhanded compliment. It could be taken the wrong way. Understand what drives human behavior.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
It could be time to start breaking through past limitations. Don't worry about what others think, say or do. Their opinions are of no significance. Reach out to a friend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Start the day with good thoughts. It may be difficult for you to be a team player. Attempting to be flexible and willing to change could present some new career opportunities. Improve on your computer skills.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Remaining objective in a time of crisis could be difficult. Take time to think about every option before jumping to a conclusion. Your first choice may not be the best choice.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Explore ways to make your work situation more positive. Your head may be in the clouds, but your feet are rooted on the ground. Don't give up your dreams. They can come true.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Remain alert mentally. Walk away from trouble before it begins. Use your writing talents to help out a younger person. Inspire and encourage others with kind words.

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The soul of a journey is liberty, perfect liberty, to think, feel, do just as one pleases.
—William Hazlitt

What I like in a good author is not what he says, but what he whispers.
—Logan Pearsall Smith

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Torn between opinions Putting Thanksgiving in to perspective

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Being torn between two opinions is not an uncommon predicament for a nation. We find it in the old testament and have been given the best answer.

I Kings 18:21 "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

It does not matter what the world says. God is still God. He is still in complete control. He is still Sovereign. No matter who is in the white house, no matter who is governor of a state, mayor of a city, etc., God is still in complete control.

Our choices influence how God goes about accomplishing his purposes, but nothing shall stop the outcome that God has already planned. Satan has never been able to "get a handle on this" or understand it and he never will. That is why Satan whispers his lies into the ears of people not sensitive to the things of God and mocks people who are sensitive enough to hear God and express his word.

Doubt and unbelief which were common responses to the prophets of old, has crept

heavily back into our own society. The flame of truth that revealed the one and only true God in the old testament burns surely in the hearts of the children of God today.

Things will come to pass as foretold and those who withstand the storms of the times will be those who choose Jesus. He is our banner and focus point. We keep our eyes on him as we keep marching onward. He is our "plumb line" by which we measure what is good and what is evil, what is true and what is false.

Jesus is our peace and our rock upon which our homes are built. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and his name is above all names.

His blood has paid the final price for all sin, sickness, and death. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. No matter what name ends up as president or any other position of authority, the name of Jesus is above all names and is the final authority.

We still live in the age of grace and mercy and his banner over us is unconditional love. Our prayers count for much so humble yourself and pray, pray, pray, and then pray some more ... and continue to ... Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Are we called to God's table?

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

If you drove past Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark Springs last Sunday you may have wondered what was going on. Or, if you looked closely, you may have been amazed at the number of young people you saw there. Teenagers from churches all over the area were gathered to celebrate World Day of Prayer. It was very uplifting to me to see all these young people gathered in prayer to celebrate the love of God, their Father and Jesus, their brother. I pray that days like last Sunday will carry these young people along when they are faced with tough decisions in their lives.

We all know how teenagers like to eat. God's word uses the example of food many times in explaining our needs in life.

The Bible sets many banquets before us. Wisdom, the mysterious feminine figure from Proverbs, sets a table for the simple. (Proverbs 9:1-6) Feasting at her table of food and drink will lead from foolishness to understanding. Paul warns the Ephesians (5:15-20) to become filled with the Spirit, rather than getting drunk on wine. He describes the kind of food that will fill us, pulling us out of ignorance and sustaining us. For Paul, to be filled is to be filled with the Spirit that prompts praying, singing, and giving thanks.

This is precisely what the young people did on Sunday

First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr

On October 25th, I lost a friend. He wasn't a close friend. I didn't call on him when I needed help with fixing a window that wouldn't open. I didn't call on him when I needed money because I had overspent my budget. I didn't call on him for a ride when the car wouldn't run. In fact, I rarely knew how to get in touch with him. Actually, the only times I saw him was when he needed my help or someone to listen to his problems for a few minutes. On October 25th, my friend Earl Tackett died in Beaumont, Texas. My eyes seem to be leaking as I think of him now.

By all appearances, Earl was homeless, penniless, and void of any socially redeeming features. Earl was mentally ill, and he would be the first to tell you about it. Without his medication, Earl was slightly paranoid and feared for his life. Earl had been a resident of both prison and mental facilities in his life. Earl was often in touch with either the devil or the angels, depending on the day. And...if the story he told me was correct, Earl was a veteran of that disillusioning conflict in Viet Nam. Earl was anything but normal! But he was my friend. Oh yeah, he came begging money from time to time. But, regardless of whether I gave him money for his latest medical problem or not, Earl would just say, "Thank, you, Pastor," and then we would talk about whatever topic he brought

up - a CIA conspiracy, his friend Sheriff Buddy Burgess, Earl's program for financial stability in America, or the biker gangs that were out to get him. When Earl was on one of his "hitchhiking trips" I would always miss him and wonder if he was getting help wherever he was. This last time, Earl was missing for much too long. Now I know why.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving and our community of faith will celebrate it with a service on Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. It is providential that Earl's death and Thanksgiving should be on my mind. When I offer thanks this Sunday and Thursday, it will be with a renewed appreciation for the gifts God has given me - reasonably good health (physical and mental), a place to live with my family that is dry and warm (or cool when needed), food to nourish my body, family and friends to watch over me when I need help, a church in which to worship, the ability to earn a living during hard times, and acquaintances - no, friends - like Earl Tackett who cause me to stop putting myself at the center of the universe for a few minutes here and there. I thank God for all the Earl Tackett's of this world who allow us, you and I, to live out our faith in ways we never knew we could.

Thanks Earl, for your time, for your encouragement of my ministries, for your prayers, for your smiles and for reaching out to me for help. Rest in peace, old friend, God has forgiven you

God loveth a cheerful giver

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

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God Loveth a cheerful giver.

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(As it is written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.)

Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

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