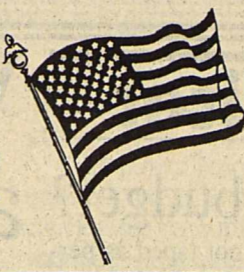


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## Art Council to hold tour Haenn Presents Program to Historical Society

The Kinney County Arts Council will host the annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 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 hunting lodge known as Grey Wolf.

In conjunction with the home tour, the Arts Council will raffish an outstanding centerpiece/mantel 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 be a gorgeous addition to anyone's holiday decorations.

The modern stone ranch style home of Robert and Sherri Elledge is located at 103 Dawn Drive on Fort Clark Springs. Each of the three bedrooms in the home will be decorated in a different motif.

The first bedroom which guests will see as they tour the home will be filled with Sherri's collection of over 200 Beanie Babies. They will cover the bed and many shelves throughout the room. The next room will be decorated in southwestern style, including Robert's first pair of boots. The master bedroom will feature a blue and white color scheme with many, many candles. The dining room table will be set with Spode "Christmas Tree" china, which the couple received as wedding gifts. Throughout the house will be a variety of wooden decorations given each year to Robert and Sherri by Sherri's mother.

As you enter the front door of the Fairway Circle home of Bill and Lisa Stuart, the first thing you will see is the beautiful and uniquely different stone fireplace, which is the focal point of the liv-

ing room. The three-year-old house features an open concept through the living area and displays a very eclectic collection of artwork; much of it painted by a sister of the couple. Following the German tradition of Lisa's childhood, there will be real candles burning on the Christmas tree, as well as traditional decorations. Visitors will be able to view an extensive collection of glassware, including steins and vases, throughout the home.

The Brackettville home of Ann Legg at 420 E. El Paso Street offers an unusual look as you drive up to the front, due to the fact that it faces the corner. As visitors enter the front door, the eye will immediately be drawn to the many fine pieces of Mexican and Indian folk art. Ann's extensive collection of creches will be seen throughout the home. Each room in the home seems to have some distinguishing feature, including the saddle room in the back and the interesting collection of American Indian baskets on the dining room wall. In the living room, large clay pots have been covered with glass and serve as end tables.

Refreshments and a bake sale will be held at the Grey Wolf Lodge, which will be decorated by members of the Arts Council. Built by Brown and Root as a hunting lodge for their employees, the house features numerous bedrooms and amenities to make hunters comfortable. The elegant centerpiece/mantelpiece will be on display and will be raffled at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$5.00 and are on sale from Arts Council members, Bank and Trust, and the Adult Center. They will also be available at each home. The raffle tickets are also on sale at the above mentioned places for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

By Frank Cheaney  
Contributing Writer

Fort Clark's historic Palisado Building was almost bursting at the seams as about seventy members and guests met on Saturday morning, November 25, for the regular monthly meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society. The program for the day was presented by local historian Bill Haenn, who always has interesting programs and is always well received by the group. Haenn's program dealt with famous San Antonio photographer Eugene O. Goldbeck and concentrated on the panoramic photos made by Goldbeck at Fort Clark over the years. Haenn explained about the special German panoramic camera Goldbeck used for his photos. Most of those in attendance were familiar with Goldbeck's "birdseye views" of Fort Clark, taken from the old fort's water tower. Haenn intrigued the group with the information that he had been in touch with Goldbeck's grandson, who

still runs the Goldbeck business in San Antonio, and that the Goldbeck company is interested in repeating a "birdseye view" of Fort Clark, taking a new picture from the water tower, using the same panoramic camera used so many years ago, but this time using color film. Haenn needs to have at least twenty to thirty people sign up to buy prints of the new picture, in order to underwrite the \$500.00 setup fee required by the photographer. Prints will be \$20.00 per copy, plus a pro rata share of the setup fee. Those interested may contact Haenn at the Appraisal District office or at his home at Fort Clark.

There was a special presentation made to the Society during the meeting by Cecil Hale, owner of the Patton House on Fort Clark. Hale, along with his family, have donated \$2,500.00 to the Society, to enable the Society to acquire a collection of Fort Clark trade tokens from the auctioneer handling the rare books and historic col-

lectibles from the estate of Ben Pingenot. Hale delivered the tokens to the Society at the meeting. An appropriate display of these items, donated in honor of Cecil Hale's deceased wife, Margie Hale, will be prepared in the Old Guardhouse Museum.

New directors were elected for the three-year period ending December 31, 2003. Allen McCord, Bill Stuart, and Glen White were elected to replace Walt Bauguess, Frank Cheaney, and Gerald Ivey, whose terms will expire at the end of this year. The door prize, a \$5.00 gift certificate for use at the Sutler's store, was won by Darlene Sandwick.

Cheaney announced that the Society's Christmas party will be at 7:00 pm on December 15, and the next regular meeting of the Society will be on January 27, with Dr. Rosalyn Rock giving a program dealing with the San Antonio missions. Visitors are always welcome at meetings of the Society.

## Briefs ...

**Wanted: Brackett Citizens**  
Anyone interested in the restoration of the downtown area of Brackettville may attend a meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. at Barbara's Table.

**There's a job for everyone**  
From the "barely crawling" to the "hopping actives," the FCS Community Council's "Calvary Brigade" has a job for the willing and caring volunteers. Instead of belching what's wrong with Ft. Clark, you'll be a solution for making things better.

All you have to do is meet Saturday, December 2nd in front of Shafter Hall at 9:00 am and join the friendly and caring crew.

Rain or shine the projects go on using the same "elbow grease" for outside as well as inside doings. The treats that await the lucky volunteers are refreshments during "break time," a delicious "free lunch" and the jolly fellowship of flocking with other caring "feathered birds."

**Lions Christmas Baskets**  
The Brackettville Lions Club is geared up to distribute Christmas baskets for those less fortunate in our town. If you would like to make a donation of canned goods, toys, or money, contact a Lion Club Member or Donna Saylor, Chairperson. Saylor's phone number is 563-3382. The Lions Club address is box 1211, Brackettville, TX 78832.

**4-H dates to remember**  
The Kinney County Livestock show January 12th & 13th. If you are interested you must sign up before December 15th. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

District Food Show will be held this weekend on Saturday, December 2nd in San Antonio.

Validation of all Meat Pen Rabbits and Breeders (Tattoo Breeders) will be on Saturday, December 9th at the Ag Shop. No rabbit will be able to be exhibited unless they are validated on this day!

The 4-H dance is Thursday, December 21st. Any parents that are interested in being a chaperone please contact the Extension Office at (830)-563-2442.

**Del Rio Sector Weekly Stats**  
Apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Nov.20-26.  
Abilene...26, Brackettville...56, Carrizo Springs...54, Comstock...6, Del Rio...78, Eagle Pass...735, Llano...4, Rock-springs...20, San Angelo...11, Uvalde...81, Sector Total...1,071, Other Than Mexicans...73

## Expanded Horizons opens Handmades Shop

The Expanded Horizons Workshop on Hwy 90 East is pleased to announce the opening of Expanded Horizon's Handmades Shop. The hours are 10 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday, with weekends and evenings by appointment.

The shop has a variety of products from birdhouses to Christmas ornaments, large and small, all made by the clients of the workshop. We also have articles made and donated by parents and friends

that the proceeds will be donated directly to the workshop, with 50% going back into their kitty to replace supplies.

We invite all of Brackettville, to come out and see our shop and visit with us, also bring a friend, we think you will be surprised at what you see. We also have available party pac's for your holiday or BBQ needs, so be sure and ask, we will be happy to help.

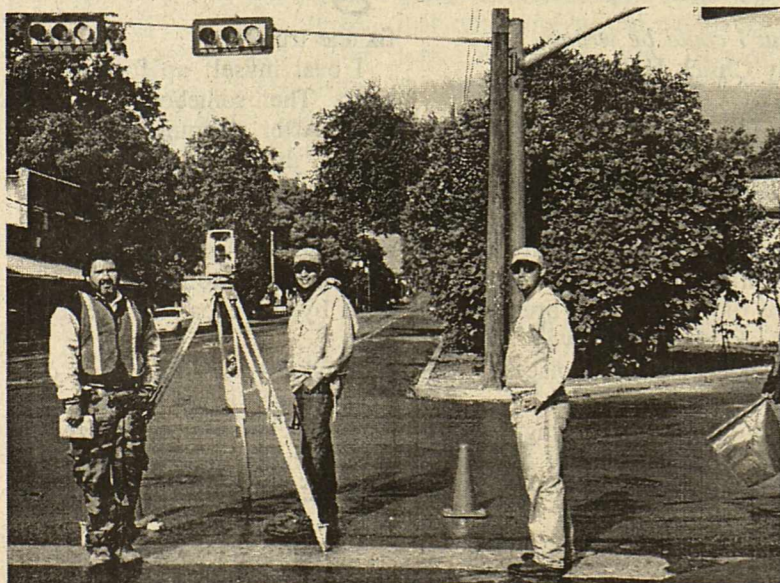
Come Shop With Expanded Horizon's Handmades.

## ARC presents "sneak preview"

The Del Rio branch of the San Antonio area chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding a "sneak preview" at the Bank and Trust in Brackettville on Wednesday, December 6th. It will be held from noon until 2:00 p.m. The annual musical presentation "A Holiday Music Spectacular" presented each year by state farm insurance will be viewed. State Farm Insurance awards fifteen \$10,000 prizes to the Red Cross branch that

has the most original presentation. The branch office in Del Rio covers over 9,000 square miles in Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde and Edwards counties. A "sneak preview" will be presented in each county with cookies an punch served by volunteers.

Come join your American Red Cross and enjoy the "sneak preview" which will be shown on Fox Broadcasting on December 23rd at 8:00 p.m.



From left, Charlie Talamantez, Martin Melendez and Corey Mosley with the Clark-Geogram Corporation out of San Antonio. The crew is doing preliminary survey work on Loop 166 to be used to make plans for new curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the roadway.

## Olympic Medalist speaks to local students



Jon Drummond, Olympic Gold Medalist, (left) with Damian Toms, Brackett High School student.

Olympic Medalist, Jon Drummond, talked with Brackett School students in Grades 5-12 on Tuesday, November 21.

Jon won a gold medal as one of the four members of the 4X100 meter relay at the Olympics in Australia. His message was one of "I don't use drugs or alcohol. I couldn't use and have the success

that I have had."

He talked about finding out he had spina bifida as a youngster. He later had meningitis. These conditions could have left him crippled or worse. He survived and it made him more determined to be successful.

Jon believes that each day of his life on this earth is a gift from

God. Jon's father was a minister, and he gave a strong message to the students and faculty of Brackett ISD.

He had his gold olympic medal with him and enthusiastically displayed it. Jon was brought to Brackettville on the invitation of Ronnie and Gracie Mata. Jon is married to Ronnie's cousin.

## Judges, Commissioners conference to be held

Uvalde - The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Southwest Texas Jr. College in Uvalde will be sponsoring the District 10 County Judges and Commissioners Conference on December 14 at the Southwest Texas Jr. College in Uvalde announced Kinney County Extension Agent in Kinney County.

"This conference will focus on issues important to our Commissioners and Judges and we are extremely pleased to be able to provide five continuing education units for our County Commissioners" said Cheryl Mapston District Extension Director - Family and Consumer Science for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Registration will be \$25 per person if registration is complete before December 1 and \$30 per person after December 1. Registration fees will cover lunch, breaks, and conference materials.

Registration forms are available through District 10 County Extension Offices. The conference topics include: Your Responsibilities Related to Redistricting, Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition/Border Issues, Update of Extension's Response to Texas Community Futures Forum Issues, Internet Resources for Counties, Resources Available Through Community College Concept/Workforce Training and Development, Juvenile Issues for County Judges, Issues Relating to Public Access of Rivers, and Issues Relating to Population Growth.

"This years conference is expected to be extremely informative including some especially timely topics such as redistricting and our partnership with Southwest Texas Junior College will enable us to conduct a even more successful conference" stated Darrell A. Dromgoole, District 10

Extension Director for Agriculture for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Extension District 10 includes Bandera, Bastrop, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Edwards, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Medina, Real, Sutton, Travis, Uvalde, and Wilson Counties. Other counties in the region are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The District 10 County Extension Agents, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Southwest Texas Jr. College invite all County Judges and Commissioners in District 10 and the Southwest Texas region to mark this important event on their calendars.

For more information, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service District 10 office at (830) 278-9151.

## Young receives Medical Director Award

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) presented its annual emergency medical services (EMS) awards at the 15th Texas Emergency Medical Services Conference in Austin, on November 21.

Included on the list of EMS award recipients was Sister Catherine Young, M.D., of the Kinney County EMS and Eagle Pass Fire Department.

She received the EMS Medical Director Award for her work and dedication as a medical director.

Though employed full-time at Fort Duncan Medical Center, she completed paramedic licensure so she could provide medical care on-scene and in the transporting ambulance. She has been at the forefront in public health community projects such as the Kinney County/Piedras Negras, Mexico, mosquito control program and the hepatitis A immunization campaign, and is active in health fairs, community CPR training, car seat safety events and mass casualty incident training scenarios.

"Because she is so instrumental in this Region, she received nominations from all over Texas," said Carolyn Rutherford, Kinney County EMS Director.

Also honored with awards were:  
• Person of the Year, Scott Bolleter, San Antonio, San Antonio AirLife  
• EMS Air Medical Service Award, San Antonio AirLife  
• Outstanding Regional Advisory Council, South Texas Regional Advisory Council

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Letter to the Editor

When will FCSA get a budget?

At the November meeting the Board of Directors of Ft. Clark Springs denied a 'town hall meeting' with members to let them know why there would be an increase in assessments effective 1/1/01. The President and Treasurer have assured the members the Association is in great financial condition. A notice in the December Sentinel may be too late for the nonresident members. Why is the "assessment increase to comply with the budget"? After several months of 'weekly' budget meetings why is there still no budget? Why is there no attempt to save money? According to the Treasurer there will be an estimated loss of 200-300 members with this increase. This plus the average of 263 annual losses would be approximately 463 for the fiscal year. Will they again raise the assessments to cover this loss? How long will it take to lose all the members, especially those nonresident members? Why is there no apparent concern by this board about the loss of members?

board meetings not taped as pertinent information is left out when offered for approval? Is it because as conditions change, truthful information must be changed or omitted to conform with the management spin? Why are the board members not allowed to know the actual financial condition and only given verbal information, if any? What is management hiding and why?

Why is Mr. Heath paying rent on his house at a lesser rate when the property could be rented or leased at a higher rate? Did Mr. Heath apply for unemployment comp. and if so did he prevail? If he prevailed why didn't the board protest the ruling - or did they know? Do they think they owe Mr. Heath anything for the declining Association funds during his tenure?

Why is the board still considering the approval of Unit 38 for the apparent few who are interested? Are there no properties currently available to opt on for RV sites?

Pat Heesacker

Why are the minutes of the

Wickedness will increase ... and then the end will come

The way I see it!  
By Steve LaMascus

Violence in the Middle East; an Ebola outbreak in Uganda, an E. Coli outbreak in a Wisconsin school, volcanic eruptions in the Caribbean, floods in the Arizona desert; wayward monks in Thailand caught sneaking out of the monastery to carouse in bars and consort with wild women, AIDS rampant in many parts of Africa, dangerous drugs everywhere, sex and violence used in almost every advertisement on television, tarot card readings advertised on prime time, the best-selling children's book is about witchcraft and wizardry, and the list goes on endlessly. These are all signs of the times. And the signs are frightening. I don't know how close we are to the End of Time, but I can tell you this, as a preacher friend of mine says, "we are closer now than we have ever been before."

There are so many evil things happening in the world today that they are actually uncountable. There are an almost equal number of "acts of God" that people are attributing to natural disasters or global warming.

From terrorist attacks on U.S. ships to equally dangerous and destructive attacks on our constitutional rights, we are surrounded by enemies. Some are foreign, some are domestic, but all are intent on destroying our way of life. The acts of God are exactly that. They are a warning from God that we'd better shape up.

The earth is now at a point

where the population is greater than the planet's ability to support. Without our mechanical devices, technology, and chemical aids, we would be in the midst of a civilization destroying famine. The vast majority of our population in the United States lives in cities. Most of those people haven't the foggiest notion how to survive in any other environment. Many of them have never been outside the city. I recently heard that should technology suddenly fail at least 90 percent of the population of the United States would die within a few weeks because they couldn't support themselves. Most of us produce nothing that would be of use in a world without modern technology.

Friends, the present rate of increase in population and development of technology cannot continue indefinitely. It may not happen in my lifetime or yours, but someday this prosperity is going to come to a screeching halt. And when it does it's gonna be ugly. This halt may be caused by an asteroid impact. It may be caused by some other seemingly natural disaster. And it may be caused by a direct and unmistakable act of God, when he decides that the time for judgement is here.

I personally believe from the signs that the end is near. I honestly hope that it is near, because it causes me great pain to contemplate the alternative. With evil in the world increasing at an exponential rate, I do not want to contemplate what the result of another hundred years of such debauchery and abandonment

of Christian principals will bring. In many areas of the world we are already experiencing a total breakdown of authority. Look at all the places in the world today, and in the recent past, where there was total chaos and anarchy. How about Somalia or Beirut or Iran or Uganda or any of the other hundred or so places that have been in the news in the last twenty years? Think about this becoming a worldwide problem.

I really don't know if it is too late for the world to repent or not. I get more pessimistic every day, but I also know that nothing is impossible for God. One thing I do know, however, is that if things are to improve, the impetus must come from us. You and I, as Christians and as Americans, must begin to take a more active stance against evil. We must not allow the present rate of decline to continue. In the United States, anyway, there are still more of us than there are of them. They, however, are much more vocal. We must learn to use their tactics, at least to a point. We cannot just sit back and let nature take its course, because nature will choose the path of least resistance, and the least resistant path is the wide and easy path to damnation.

Matthew 24:12-14 - "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

FCC wants you to pay more for TV set

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23 Dist.

They do. If the FCC has its way every American family that enjoys watching their favorite television show will soon have to pay up to \$2000 for a new television. That's right, you will have to fork out more dollars because Washington bureaucrats think they have the right to tell Americans how to live their lives.

It's because the FCC wants TV to go digital overnight. Four years ago, Congress gave broadcasters access to new wavelengths to launch new digital television service. The idea is to provide viewers with more options and a clearer and sharper picture. Since then, the FCC and Congress have been working to facilitate a transition from traditional analog television to digital television by 2003. But stations throughout the country still rely heavily on the analog channel to reach millions of viewers, especially those in rural areas of Texas.

The FCC, however, is interested in speeding up the transition process, without considering the consequences. They want to force the major networks into paying for airwaves they have used for free for over 50 years in hopes of speeding up the transition to digital television. The FCC's excitement and anticipation of digital television is understandable, but like many of Washington's efforts, it is ill-conceived. And like many of the poor decisions made in Washington, the consumers-your family-are the ones who will pay in the end.

When the transition is complete, public television has plans to provide greater accessibility to educational and interactive programming for families, adults and children. However, if the FCC gets its way, this effort will be stalled considerably and this great new technology will never become reality.

The transition to digital television will be costly for broadcasters and the FCC is well aware of that. This is why Congress and the FCC initially agreed on a 2003 target date for the transition. The FCC is now stepping away from that agreement. Consumers will have to also invest in new technology to receive the new signals. If broadcasters turned off their analog channel today, it would mean that more than 200 million analog sets now in use would be obsolete. Your TV would be obsolete and you would have to replace it at the cost of \$2000 for a new TV.

The transition from analog to digital has been very successful to date. Currently, 158 digital stations operate in 55 markets around the country. About 65 percent of television viewers have access to at least one local digital signal. This is a clear signal that the agreement made between Congress and the FCC is working.

Let's not let the FCC get trigger happy on this important issue-the result could be the shut down of televisions for millions of Americans.

ter so they could manage their withdrawals and plan how it is to be used. The United States has scrupulously observed its treaty obligations for the Colorado River basin and provided Mexico with the amount of water to which it is entitled every year - an amount roughly equal to what Mexico owes us for the Lower Rio Grande.

As of the beginning of this year, Mexico owed Texas roughly 1.5 million acre-feet of water, a debt going back to 1992 (an acre-foot of water is the volume of water that covers one acre to a depth of one foot). For this reason South Texas' Falcon and Amistad reservoirs are at dangerously low levels. During the summer of 1998, water levels fell to 18 percent of capacity - the lowest in more than 40 years. The effects of the drought could be eased considerably if Mexico would make good on its treaty obligations.

Recent studies by Texas A&M University and the Texas Water Development Board suggest the economic impact of Mexico's withholding of this water to be more than \$400 million annually. A continuing shortage could eventually jeopardize the health of local residents on top of crippling the valley's agriculture-based economy.

Last month I introduced a resolution in the Senate calling on the President to utilize the full powers of his office to require Mexico to comply with the terms of this treaty, and begin repaying the water it has impounded. It also calls on the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, which oversees the treaty's perfor-

Water treaty should be recognized

Capitol Comment  
By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Much of Texas history, and much of our literature as well, can be summed up by the statement "Water is scarce." Countless stories outline the successes and frustrations of Texas' efforts to stake claim to an adequate supply of water to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future.

In few regions is this struggle more evident than in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where a severe lack of water continues to threaten agriculture and the jobs it provides to valley residents. In addition to suffering from a protracted drought that has affected other areas of Texas as well, South Texas agricultural producers are not receiving their fair share of water from six Mexican tributaries of the Rio Grande, water to which they are entitled under the terms of a 1944 treaty with Mexico.

For nearly a half-century, the water treaty served Texas and Mexico well because both sides understood its importance. The treaty was intended to ensure water users on both sides of the river minimum amounts of wa-

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The other day I went to feed my cows. I enjoy going to the pasture. I can find a lot of solitude there. I started down a hill into a range that I really had no business going into. The roads are too rough. The brush is too thick along the way. In wet weather it is not a place to venture.

I did the smart thing. I really did. I was proud of myself. I stopped. Good sense set in before it was too late. I knew I didn't want to continue. I backed up. I hit a tree. I walked around to the back to survey the damage. Nausea set in. How could I have been so careless? Where was I going to get the money to

One new tailgate: \$750

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

fix the truck?  
I beat myself up for several hours. Then somebody else took over. After sleeping on the dilemma, the next day I somehow found relief. It's just plastic and steel. It can be replaced. It will cost, but no real, permanent, damage was done. What was built by man, can be fixed by man.

Maybe it was a wake-up call from above. I had been feeling sorry for myself and maybe it was an omen sent to me to remind me that things are never as bad as they seem.  
Problems, like watches, are to measure our endurance. I never wear a watch. And most of my problems were generated by me. But I could be wrong.


Answer to Crossword

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**Big Mama Sez!**



Some minds are like concrete; thoroughly mixed and permanently set.

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

### Monday, Nov. 20

9:00 a.m., The Justice of the Peace's office reported receiving a call from Union Pacific Railroad Police who stated they were stuck on Standard Lane, approximately 3 miles west of FM 693. ABC Wrecker was notified of the situation.

5:40 p.m., A local woman called to report someone had run over her dog. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to her residence.

### Tuesday, Nov. 21

3:15 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol reported an accident 2-3 miles west of the Cline check point. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

5:36 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol reported a stranded motorist 7-8 miles east of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched to the location.

9:11 p.m., Uvalde Police Department reported a possible Intoxicated motorist driving a brown Ford Bronco.

11:50 p.m., A local woman reported a man and his girlfriend were fighting in her front yard. The couple left before authorities arrived.

### Wednesday, Nov. 22

12:02 p.m., A Spofford woman requested a license plate check on a vehicle getting water from the Spofford water plant. Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena, Sr. was dispatched to the scene.

12:33 p.m., A local man reported seeing someone spotlighting at approximately 2 a.m. the night before. The man said they were near the old Whitworth ranch and Game Warden Henry Lutz knew the location.

4:20 p.m., Reserve Deputy Pena reported some fires on FM

1572 near the Kickapoo Ranch. After going to investigate Pena reported all of the fires were out except one; apparently someone was burning brush piles. He stated there was no need to notify the fire department.

4:25 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a red extended cab pickup, west bound on Highway 90 approximately 8 miles east of Brackettville, was driving at a high rate of speed. The caller reported the vehicle had pulled into the rest area. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to the location.

4:28 p.m., A local man called 911 to report he had been in a motor vehicle accident on Fort Clark Springs. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene. ABC wrecker was notified at 4:36 p.m.

8:17 p.m., Trooper Ashley reported a lightning strike on a utility pole near the city pool that had

knocked out power in the area. Central Power and Light was notified.

### Thursday, Nov. 23

10:43 a.m., Trooper Wylie reported he was working a traffic accident 15 miles north on FM 674.

10:49 a.m., Eagle Pass Police Department reported an accident on FM 693 approximately 17 miles out. DPS in Del Rio were notified and Kinney County EMS was dispatched to the scene.

11:17 a.m., A local rancher called to report 3 poachers on his property. Reserve Deputy Pena was dispatched to the location.

3:30 p.m., A man called and stated he needed 17 quarts of transmission fluid because a line came loose on his pickup. The man was on a ranch near FM 3008 approximately 6 1/2 miles from the highway. Deputy Robinson was sent to

assist.

4:47 p.m., Trooper Wylie requested the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint be notified that there was a possibly intoxicated motorist headed their way.

5:50 p.m., Gerardo Espinoza, 31 years old, of San Antonio was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Wylie. Espinoza was released the following day for time served.

5:50 p.m., Joe Espinoza, 45 years old, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Wylie for public intoxication. Espinoza was released the following day for time served.

5:35 p.m., Fort Clark residents complained to Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter that a neighbors dog had attacked the complainants and their dog while they were walking down the street. They stated both of the neighbors dogs frequently jump the fence and chase other dogs and/or people. They said they had previously notified representatives of Fort Clark Springs but they had done nothing.

### Friday, Nov. 24

7:55 a.m., A Fort Clark resident reported 2 dogs loose near her residence. She said the dogs would not let her out of her house. Reserve Deputy Pena was dispatched and secured the dogs in the owners yard.

8:13 p.m., Brijido Hernandez, 21 years old, of Del Rio was arrested for an outstanding DPS warrant by Trooper Ashley. Hernandez was released November 26 for time served.

### Saturday, Nov. 25

6:50 a.m., A Fort Clark woman reported a neighbors dogs were loose in her yard. At 7:10 a.m. she reported the owner had put up the dogs. At 7:50 a.m. she reported the dogs loose again. At 8:04 Deputy Manuel Pena, Jr. was dispatched and spoke with the owner who told him the dogs had broke the chain but he was getting a new one.

9:00 a.m., Deputy Pena reported an abandoned white 4 door Oldsmobile. DPS had previously tagged the vehicle and the 72 hour

period had expired. ABC Wrecker was notified.

12:15 p.m., Susana Christina Cantu, 26 years old, of San Antonio was arrested for criminal trespass and assault with bodily injury by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Cantu was released the same day on surety bond.

4:20 p.m., A local man came to the Sheriff's office to request an escort while he picked up his belongings at a local woman's residence. The woman stated the man was no longer wanted at her house and if he returned she would file trespassing charges on him.

8:18 p.m., A local man called to report 2 people arguing in front of a convenience store. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the location.

### Sunday, Nov. 26

12:15 a.m., Timothy Charles McDonald, 31 years old, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for DWI 1st offense. McDonald is still being held.

2:15 p.m., A local man reported the theft of a home made wooden model car at a local grocery store.

3:50 p.m., A local woman reported someone had stolen several plants, 3 bird feeders and 3 green chairs from in front of her residence.

7:36 p.m., A local man called to report a domestic problem near Beaumont Street. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the residence.

8:30 Trooper Ashley requested a wrecker approximately 6 miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90. ABC Wrecker was notified.

9:05 p.m., Juan Antonio Reyes, 47 years old, of Houston, was arrested for driving while license suspended by Trooper Ashley. Reyes is still being held.

### Monday, Nov. 27

2:20 a.m., Deputy Chism reported a vehicle needing assistance at a local convenience store. Deputy Chism requested the Sheriff's office contact the store manager so the motorist could purchase some gas.

## Outdoors

### TDA secures crisis exemption to use tracer on alfalfa

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a crisis exemption to use spinosad (Tracer Insecticide) on alfalfa to control various lepidopteran larvae. These are beet armyworm, fall armyworm, yellowstriped armyworm and true armyworm.

Tracer Insecticide, manufactured by Dow Argiosciences, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. Use was authorized to begin on Aug. 18, 2000, and remain in effect until EPA rules on the FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Specific Exemption that TDA will submit.

The crisis exemption applies to the following 22 counties in the Trans Pecos: Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler. It may also be used in Extension District 1 which includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and

Wheeler counties; and Extension District 2 which includes Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Other restrictions include:

- Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.
- Tracer Insecticide may be applied by ground or aerial equipment at the rate of 1.5 to 2 fluid ounces (0.047 to 0.094 lbs. a. i.) per acre. No more than one application may be made between cuttings. Total rate of Tracer Insecticide must not exceed 14.4 fluid ounces per acre per crop season.
- Application should be made in 10 gallons of water per acre for ground or aerial equipment.
- Treated field should not be entered within four hours after application. A three-day pre-harvest interval (PHI) must be observed.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the approval notice is located on the TDA web site at: [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/traceralf.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/traceralf.htm).

### Deer lease is big source of revenue for Texas landowners

Deer hunting is big business in Texas. Lease hunting for deer continues to be a source of revenue for many Texas landowners following declines in both agriculture and the petroleum industry.

Texas landowners hold a unique position for lease hunting. Unlike many other states, Texas has little federally- or state-owned land available for public hunting. Thus, the private landowners control the major supply of huntable land. This position affords Texas landowners an important source of income.

Location of the deer and not ownership of the animals, however generates the revenue. In Texas, all indigenous wild animals such as white-tailed deer belong to the state. As such, the state can regulate the taking of game through hunting laws. Although the state regulates when, how and how many deer may be taken, the state cannot authorize trespassing on privately owned land. Permission from private landowners must be secured. Granting the right to enter and hunt generates the income of private landowners.

Historically, permission to hunt was granted for the asking. Recently, however, Texas landowners have begun exacting a price for this privilege in the form of an agreement commonly referred to as a hunting lease. Depending upon the

size of the lease tract, the abundance of game and amenities available to the hunter, prices may range from a few dollars per day to a thousand dollars per season. The lease may last a few hours, a few days, several weeks or the duration of the hunting season.

The so-called Texas hunting lease is not, in fact, a lease but rather a license. Technically, a lease is a contract that conveys exclusive possession or control of land to another specified period. A license, on the other hand, grants permission to do something that otherwise would not be allowed or would be legal. Because the typical Texas hunting lease does not grant the hunter exclusive possession or control of the land, it is better characterized as a license. However, in the publication, the common term, "lease" is used. Granting the hunting license takes numerous forms. It may be given orally on the payment of a specified amount of money. Or, it may be given by way of an elaborate written document covering all aspects of the hunt, including how the landowner's property may be used.

Whether the lease is oral or written, the landowner and hunter should concur on key issues before consenting to the agreement. By doing so, each party knows what to expect. And thereby avoids

### Texas deer hunting statistics

A Little on the Wildlife Side  
Submitted by Henry Lutz

Here is a little bit of information and statistics that you hunters might find interesting.

#### Texas Deer Hunting Stats

Statewide hunting statistics: White-tailed Deer Population 4 million; Annual Harvest 426,582 (10-year average); Deer Hunters 573,799 (10-year average); Total Days Spent Deer Hunting 4,932,280. Economic Impact from Deer Hunting \$2.2 billion (Texas ranks No. 1 in nation)\*

Ecological Region (1999)  
Pineywoods Hunters 95,496, Harvest 40,823; Gulf Prairies Hunters 15,486, Harvest 10,543; Post Oak Hunters 71,018, Harvest 23,594; Blackland Prairies Hunters 8,742, Harvest 2,122; Cross Timbers Hunters 71,185, Harvest 45,195; South Texas Hunters 90,417, Harvest 74,896; Edwards Plateau Hunters 181,167, Harvest 203,086; Rolling Plains Hunters 33,469, Harvest 18,386; High Plains Hunters 1,499, Harvest 514; Trans Pecos Hunters 1,915, Harvest 1,029.

Top Counties (1999)  
1. Llano, Hunters 13,321, Harvest 17,165; 2. Gillespie Hunters 11,989, Harvest 12,665; 3. Mason Hunters 11,656, Harvest 14,529; 4. Edwards Hunters 10,990, Harvest 11,829; 5. Kerr Hunters 10,490, Harvest 10,415; 6. Uvalde Hunters 9,575, Harvest 7,907; 7. Kimble Hunters 8,575,

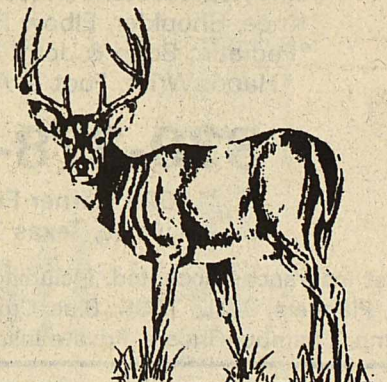
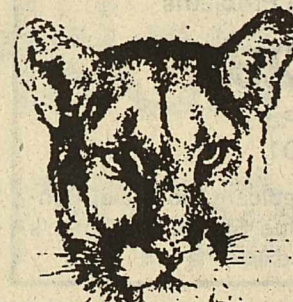
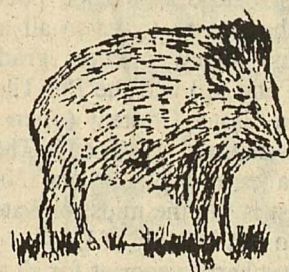
possible misunderstandings. The terms of the agreement may affect the lease price

Some key factors to remember in making a lease are:

- Duration of the lease term
- Description of the lease tract
- Access to lease tract
- Game to hunt
- Hunting weapons
- Hunting method
- Density of hunters and guests
- Order of deer taken
- Harvesting
- Lease price
- Payment Schedule
- Use of facilities
- Clearing senders and improving premises
- Vehicular travel
- Blinds and game feeders
- Handling harvested game
- Gates and keys
- Right of inspection
- Camp Safety
- Transferability of lease rights
- Hunting rights of landowner
- Right of renewal
- Compliance with game laws and record keeping
- Cooperation with other surface users
- Filing lease of record
- Use of nonhunting purposes
- Resolving disputes
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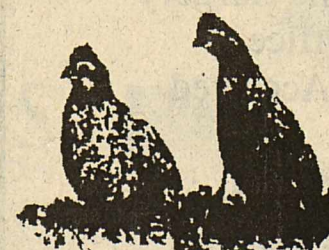
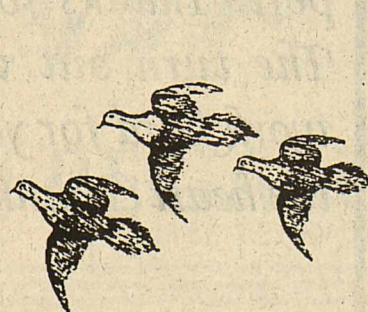


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## Relax - get away from the kids for a weekend

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Sarah, I've noticed that you and Jim get away sometimes without your kids. With all you're involved in, how do you do it?"

"As a matter of fact Jan, we're going this weekend. It isn't easy but we believe that we have to make time for each other and the best way to do that is to get away by ourselves one weekend every other month."

"But, don't you feel guilty leaving your children behind? Jan asked."

"We did at first," Sarah replied, "but we managed to find someone reliable who comes into our home and takes care of the children while we're gone. She's someone the children know and we go to the same church so we share the same values."

Jan continued, "I've always believed that families should have fun together and it seems selfish to leave my children and go have fun."

"Look Jan," Sarah replied, "we have fun as a family too. Jim and I can see that since we have been

having our weekends once in a while, we are better able to relax and have fun with the children. Just like we make time for each other, we also make time for fun with the children. When we go for our weekend together we make it a point not to bring family problems into our time. We both work and we need the time together to nurture and strengthen our relationship. We believe that our children are learning from our marriage. We want them to find partners someday who will respect them and who will be affectionate and caring. The best way for that to happen is for Jim and I to model it for them."

What is your marriage teaching your children? A very wise man once said that the marriage bond is like that between Christ and the Church. The family is a place of respect and love. It is a place where individuals give of themselves for the good of each other (Ephesians 5:22-33).

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working to strengthen families, faith and education in Brackettville.



## Hale, Druskil united in marriage

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hale, Robert Druskil and Teresa Balchuck wish to announce the marriage of Tim Hale and Robin Druskil on November 11 at the Service Club, Fort Clark Springs. They were united in marriage by Ray Melton, Pastor of Church of Christ, Brackettville. A reception immediately followed the ceremony, with their marriage being celebrated by numerous friends and family members. The couple will reside in Del Rio at the Indian Head Ranch.

## Deadline nears for SWTJC contest: Kindergarten through college invited

Deadline for literary entries in the 20th annual Southwest Texas Junior College Creative Arts Contest is rapidly approaching.

"We want to remind any writing procrastinators out there to dust off those keyboards and get writing," SWTJC public information officer Willie Edwards said. The deadline for short stories, essays and poetry is Dec. 11.

Edwards is making a special call for entries in the community division of the contest. "We receive tremendous participation from the schools in our service area, but we always seem to be short in the community division," Edwards said. "So if you are even marginally inclined toward writing, or know someone who is, please send in an entry."

According to Edwards, most public libraries in SWTJC's 11-county service area have copies of entry applications and rules. Entries in the contest compete for prizes in a variety of age groups and categories. In the literary portion of the contest, categories include: poetry and short story (open to all age groups), essay (open to grades seven and up) and the Phi Theta Kappa Essay Contest (open to grades nine and up). The Phi Theta Kappa essay topic for the 2001 contest is "In the midst of water: Origin and Destiny of Life".

Visual art categories for all age groups include: drawing with color, painting, cover, pencil, scratch board, charcoal, pen and ink and computer generated graphics. Photography is also included in the contest for grades seven and up.

Age groups for the contest will be: kindergarten and first grade, grades 2-3, grades 4-6, grades 7-8, grades 9-10, grades 11-12, college and community.

Entry deadline is March 23, 2001, for visual arts contestants. There is no fee for the contest and entry details are on application forms.

Application/entry forms are available at SWTJC facilities in Crystal City, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde. Entry blanks are also available through all SWTJC libraries.

Contestants may also request entry forms by writing to Willie Edwards, SWTJC Public Information Officer, 2401 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Texas, 78801. You may also call Edwards at 830-591-7222 for contest information.

All winning entries in the contest will be recognized during the SWTJC Creative Arts Award's Ceremony on April 26, 2001, in Uvalde.

Members of the 2001 creative arts contest committee include: humanities and fine arts division chair Jill Coe, drama instructor Dr. Marie McCluskey, art instructor Kurt Johnson, communications instructor John Marlow, media specialist Rick Jones, student activities director Ana Almaraz and creative writing instructor Terri Tucker.

## A sound can bring back meaningful memories

Living Christmas Memories  
By Rocco Fortunato

With Christmas approaching, I remember a wonderful experience some years ago. When I was visiting my family at home my mother brought me a box of old audio recording tape that had been stored in the attic for many years. Since I worked in a recording studio, she wanted me to go through these old tapes and see what was on them. They were recorded as far back as 1950 when my dad brought an original Voice-Of-Music tape recorder home from his work at a major University. At that time such things were a brand new thing to the public having only then recently been declassified by the government after the war.

Mom hadn't heard the tapes in years as they don't even own a reel-to-reel tape player now. I eagerly took them home and was blessed with an experience many don't have the opportunity to enjoy.

Did you know we can actually remember how our mother or father sounded when we were only a couple of years old and they were a young couple just starting out in life, full of life and new adventure? We were too young then to appreciate the youth and innocence in our parents. We didn't have enough experience at life to make any sense of their life.

But we can remember! The memories are there to be reexperienced.

I listened to recordings of my mother singing and my father playing piano. "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" was 'their' song when they married. I heard Mom sing it into that ancient tape recorder (no offense Mom!...you have weathered the years far more gracefully than that piece of 1950's machinery!). Together they immortalized their feelings for each other in their early years of marriage.

She loved to sing and she cherishes the memory of the church anthems and popular music she has performed and the times she spent with my father making music.

That's why I made a collection of these memories on modern cassette tape. She says it's the best Christmas gift I have ever sent her.

Mom says now, "Oh that certainly wasn't the best I ever sang that song..." modestly making excuses. But she cannot tell me often enough how much she appreciates hearing that living memory now available to her on cassette tape that she can play anytime she wants to remember.

That cassette I gave her will age and deteriorate. But a CD won't. I made the collection on a Digital Master that will make CDs. Now it can last long enough to be listened to by her grandchildren's grandchildren.

My own voice was on several of those old tapes. I found out that I can remember things that happened to me when I was as small as three years old. I was just a gurgle in the background when my Mom and Dad recorded in the living room, but it made me vividly remember things I had forgotten about those times. The sounds brought them back! Even more than pictures!

When I was eight, I was to meet a visiting relative I had not known until then. I didn't know how to get to know him so I got out the tape recorder and did an "interview" with Uncle Ernie. Remember Art Linkletter's wonderful feature, "Kids Say The Darndest Things!"? Art interviewed kids. But on this tape the kid (me) interviewed the adult!

I can't believe the way my mind held the world when I was that young. I listened to my Uncle laugh as he tried to answer my 8-year-old attempts to understand who he was and why he was my uncle. I didn't understand exactly what "related to me" meant. And this wasn't someone I'd known before, so I was confused. (I was at an age when I still thought my school teacher lived at the school. I wasn't sure, but I figured she probably slept in the coat closet.)

Imagine how it felt to listen to that interview four decades later! And imagine the sense of family history I got from hearing my Uncle tell me who he was! I even remember what a kick I got out of "turning it around"; the kid got to lead the interview, not the adults. I felt important! I can remember the feelings as I listen to that tape.

I wish I had interviewed all the members of my family while I was that young. Try it with your own family. A simple cassette machine is all you need. Just have your child ask each person who they are and why they are members of your family. They can pretend they are interviewers like they see on TV.

You can even take the tapes you make to someone who can edit them together into a meaningful collection archived on CD. It can create a living family genealogy that will last virtually forever and never lose accuracy from generation to generation. I'll talk about how in next week's article.

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## Health

# American Cancer Society launches toll-free Quitline to help Texans stop smoking

The American Cancer Society, the leading authority on the dangers of smoking and the wisdom of quitting, has launched the Texas pilot of its quitline service - a toll-free telephone support program offering state-of-the-art smoking cessation counseling and self-help materials.

The service - 1-877-YES-QUIT (877-937-7848) - is the latest in a statewide effort to eliminate tobacco-related illness, the single-most preventable cause of disease and death. Tobacco use is responsible for one-third of all new cancer cases and nearly 25,000 Texans will die from tobacco-related disease," said Larry Frankel, MD, President of the American Cancer Society's Texas Division. That is why it is

critical that the American Cancer Society provide smokers a place to turn that has been scientifically proven to help them quit successfully.

**"Quitline": The Facts**  
WHAT: The American Cancer Society market test of a new "quitline" for smokers in Texas who are interested in smoking cessation support. The quitline, based on state-of-the-art techniques for self-help in smoking cessation, will provide structured assistance for callers who want to quit smoking.

WHO & WHERE: Smokers who live in Texas and are committed to quit smoking are eligible to call the "Quitline" for smoking cessation assistance.

WHEN: The Quitline is open every day of the week during varied hours. Calls received during off hours will be returned within 24 hours.

WHY: Each year millions of Americans attempt to stop smoking and many are interested in advice and counseling that may improve their likelihood of success. However, most of these smokers are not willing or able to attend individual or group counseling sessions. Because of easy

access and caller confidentiality, telephone counseling and self-help materials may provide a useful approach to assisting smokers achieve and maintain cessation.

When compared with smokers who try to quit on their own, smokers who make quit attempts with telephone support and self-help advice are approximately twice as likely to attain success.

HOW: The American Cancer Society's quitline is staffed by a group of clinically-trained counselors supervised by licensed psychologists with 10-20 years tobacco dependence counseling and smoking cessation research experience. Callers are assessed for their readiness to quit and assigned to one of two clinical trial groups. All callers will receive a minimum of self-help materials. Some callers will receive personalized telephone counseling.

While this service focuses on cigarette smokers, the advice and support that it provides may also be useful for helping other tobacco dependence.

All calls are confidential and strict privacy will be maintained for all information received by the American Cancer Society.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your vote and support. Thanks for believing in me. The turn out was great. I will work hard for you and again from the heart (Thank You Very Much)!

God Bless You,  
Nat Terrazas

# It's time for Christmas spirit and love Local students included in Who's Who

*Making a Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

It's time to get the Christmas spirit! We're less than a month away, and we already have our Christmas tree and some of the outside decorations in place. Yes, I'm one who enjoys Christmas. There's a warmth about the season when people become nicer to each other. It's a high point in the Christian Church as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are so many nice carols and programs at Christmas time.

The Nutcracker Ballet was one of my favorites. As a young music teacher, I would teach the young the music and story of the Nutcracker. Cindy Walters and her daughter saw the Nutcracker in

San Antonio this past weekend. This Friday, it will be presented in Del Rio. Sara Terrazas and her family attended the Christmas Parade in San Antonio.

The Voices of Fort Clark will present a special concert on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 PM. The music will be wonderful and will help get you in the mood for a special Christmas, 2000. Kinney County Arts Council will host its annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. Rotary will present a dinner theater on Sunday, December 17. The Community Unity celebration will be held on this same date at City Hall.

So, get out your Christmas decorations and begin to get some Christmas spirit. Smile at a few

more people than usual, and perhaps some will return your smile. Don't worry about folks who say it's a false spirit. The entire season is about love. If your decorations help you to help others to experience love, let those humbugs reread Dickens' Christmas Carol.

At school, we're doing just fine. Students seemed ready to return to school after the long Thanksgiving break. Lightning had taken its toll on the phone system, bells, and PA system at BHS. So, the adjustment was a bit more difficult.

Basketball is a fun season at BISD. We will have some fine teams this year. I've watched most of them practice and believe you will enjoy their teams. So, get a

schedule (we have them in Central Office) and come out and support Brackett's fine basketball program.

Jon Drummond was one of the best, most inspirational speakers that I have heard in years. He is about 32 years old, and gives one of the most powerful, positive messages that I have ever heard. Our students listened in awe as Jon wound his story of achievement in winning an Olympic Gold Medal. We're very proud that he took the time to visit Brackettville. He was very complimentary of Brackettville and in particular of our students.

May this be one of the best weeks of your life. Have a great week!

A total of 19 students from this area are included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Local students selected include: Laura Ballew, April Crumley, Lloyd Lee Davis III, Susannah Davis, Zachry Davis, Levi Duncan, Erica Gloria, Schiller Hill, Jared Hobbs, Duquesa Hunt, Jerritt Meeks, Michelle Melancon, Martina Payne, Chris Petrosky, Rodolfo J. Ramirez, Stephanie Sanchez, Brittany Shewbart, Theodore D. Smith, and Amanda Ward.

## Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

**Thursday, November 30**  
Bsktbl VG/VB Nueces Canyon Tourn. (T) TBA

**Monday, December 4**  
Bsktbl JH 7B/7G Comstock (T) 5,6 PM

**Tuesday, December 5**  
8:00 AM - 8:00 AM Practice  
TAAS Writing 4th gr. 5:00 PM  
Bsktbl JVG/JVB, VG/VB Rock-springs (H)

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Test Day

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## Gifted children in Texas represent untapped potential

Submitted by  
Amanda Davis Batson, Ph.D.

Imagine for a moment that you're a football coach at a Texas high school. One fall, the player of your dreams appears on your field. This kid can do it all - pass, run, kick - and it's clear that he will be Heisman material when he gets to college. What do you do?

a) Provide him with every possible avenue for improvement of his already-vast skills. Make him the quarterback and play him as much as you can. Praise him and encourage him and glow with pride every time he charges over the goal line. Call college scouts and make sure they know about this young man - OR -

b) Pat him on the head and assume he'll be just fine on his own. Tell him that, instead of working on his passing game, he'll need to spend the next nine months helping the slowest guy on the team. Don't play this exemplary quarterback very much - you wouldn't want the other boys on the team to be slighted.

The answer is obvious in a football context. You would, without question, select "a." As a society, we seem to instinctively know how to handle and encourage athletically gifted students.

Unfortunately, intellectually gifted and talented children are, all too often, another story altogether. These children process information in dramatically different ways and have emotional needs that can't be fully addressed in a mainstream classroom. Since they are so far above grade level, their learning generally is a low priority in the regular classroom.

Using gifted children to tutor others is a common practice. Many schools simply assign gifted students more homework, more books to read or problems to solve rather than giving them appropriate, challenging lessons. Or they pull them from class for "individual study" - an often lonely experience that only succeeds in making the child feel even more

different. For the most part, schools in Texas are not doing all they could to ensure that the brightest students are reaching their full potential. And sadly, gifted Hispanic, African American and poor children pay the steepest price: again and again, they are overlooked completely.

More than 50 percent of Texas students in grades 3-8 are "topping out" - making nearly perfect scores - on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) reading test and more than 40 percent "top out" on TAAS math.

This makes some people happy because a large percentage of "100s" on the TAAS can bring additional acknowledgments to an entire school. But it makes those of us who specialize in education of the gifted and talented very concerned because these high scores indicate that the TAAS-driven curriculum is not challenging enough for more than half of the students in the state - not just the gifted and talented.

The Texas Education Code for Public Education defines a gifted and talented student as one who "performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience or environment and who:

- Exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative or artistic area;
- Possesses an unusual capacity for leadership and excels in a specific academic field; or
- Excels in a specific academic field."

Gifted children, particularly those from low socioeconomic or minority background, have special needs. They are the children who will, if challenged properly, grow up to be doctors and lawyers and high-tech entrepreneurs and presidents of the United States. If not challenged, their potential is either wasted, or worse, put to destructive ends. It's clear that Michael Dell and Colin Powell are both

gifted and are both living lives that enrich the entire community and much of the world. It's also clear that Adolf Hitler and Theodore Kaczinski very likely would have been labeled gifted as children.

Texas rightfully has identified other special need populations - most notably, bilingual and special education students - and has poured millions of dollars in state and federal funds into providing specialized education for these children. But the state funds gifted children at the same low level it has for the last decade and federal funds are virtually non-existent for gifted students.

As our leaders talk of excellence in education and tout our rising test scores, it is time that we make a real commitment to address all Texas school students in the state accountability system - including

the 330,000 gifted students statewide. Texas must set high standards with well-defined accountability measures for the education of gifted and talented students. These measurements should be designed to show that all children, including the gifted, experience a year's growth from a year at school. Higher standards not only ensure that gifted children have opportunities to excel, they also will raise the bar for all Texas students.

*Dr. Batson is the executive director of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented, a not-for-profit organization that promotes awareness of the unique social, emotional and intellectual needs of gifted and talented students and that works to provide appropriate services to meet those needs.*

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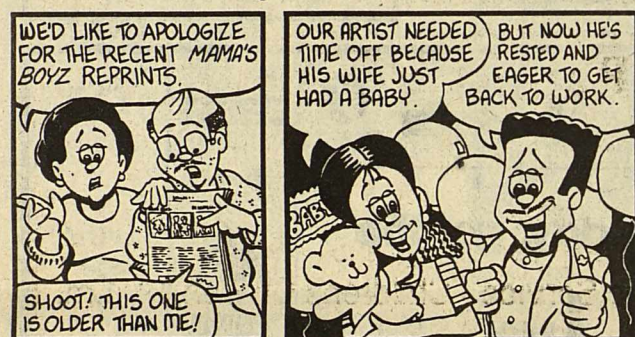
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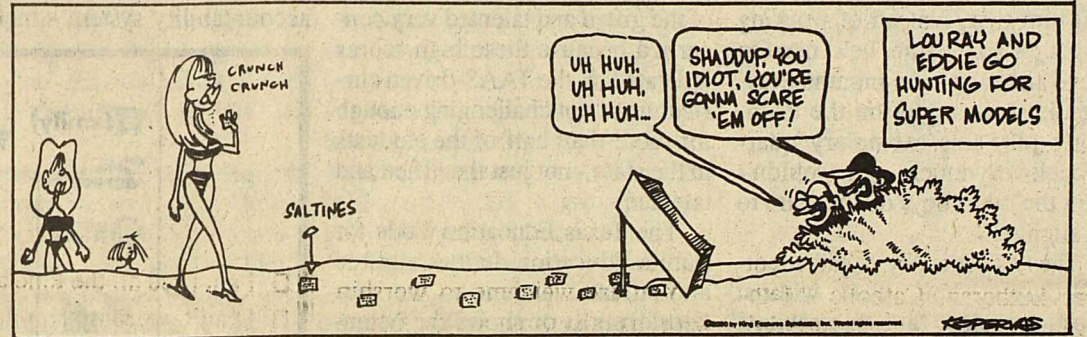
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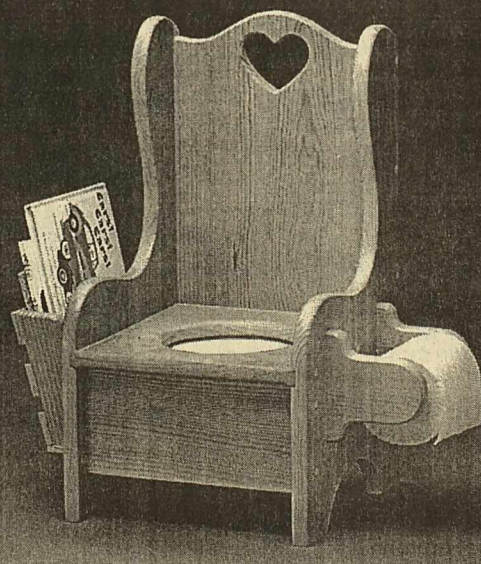
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**DOWN**

- 1. Kid's vacation spot
- 5. Mother of Helen of Troy
- 9. "The \_\_\_\_\_ Tree On The Mall" (Anatole France)
- 12. Turkish regiment
- 13. "Little White Duck" singer
- 14. Curly's brother
- 15. "American Bandstand" star
- 17. White-tailed eagle
- 18. Joyce's native land
- 19. Bungled
- 21. Washing cycle
- 24. Stuffed shirt
- 25. Formerly
- 26. Sommer of *Ten Little Indians*
- 29. Cuckoo's lack
- 32. Cruise and Selleck
- 34. Detroit group: abbr.
- 35. "More Than You \_\_\_\_\_"
- 36. Composer Satie
- 37. "\_\_\_\_\_ bird..." (2 wds.)
- 39. Spy org.
- 40. *Untouchable* Eliot
- 42. Yule songs
- 44. Fish with a seine
- 46. Actress Turner
- 48. Have a hamburger
- 49. Ado
- 54. *Ever Since* \_\_\_\_\_ (1937 film)
- 55. Guise
- 56. Use a steel
- 57. \_\_\_\_\_ Plains
- 58. Bridge
- 59. Slopes covering
- 1. Scoundrel
- 2. Participant in "The Rumble In The Jungle"
- 3. Broly carrier's wear
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Peak
- 5. Caron film
- 6. Author Connell (*Mr. Bridge*)
- 7. Berlin article
- 8. One making an inquiry
- 9. Development
- 10. Learning
- 11. Repair
- 16. Ontario Indian
- 20. Slippery site
- 21. Grade
- 22. Aeronautical engineer Sikorsky
- 23. Places on the ballot
- 24. Seats for the congregation
- 27. Film director Buñuel
- 28. Crazy \_\_\_\_\_ of cartoons
- 30. Plant's place
- 31. Poetic contraction
- 33. Cut obliquely
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ Karenina
- 41. Cads' punishment
- 43. Pledges
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ off (irate)
- 45. Great review
- 46. Elvis' heir
- 47. Egyptian deity
- 50. Republican initials
- 51. Charged atom
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**HOROSCOPES**

**Aries March 21-April 20**  
Take a step back and think this week. You may be called to work on a project that doesn't initially appeal to you. However, it could turn out to be a lot of fun. Share your enthusiasm.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
Don't blame others for your mistakes. You may need to learn how to be more responsible when it comes to routine duties. You are capable. It's just a matter of doing the work.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
Although at times you may not feel like it, you are important in the vast scheme of things. Don't shortchange yourself. People in authority could have big plans for you in the coming year.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
Develop your expertise in one area. You may then be able to change a relative's long-standing opinion. Cut yourself some slack when it comes to major expenditures.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
If you've been put in charge of building a team, start with the right people. You may need to be diplomatic with an old friend when it comes to financial issues. Don't offer too much advice.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
A younger person may find you too lenient and try to manipulate you. You could be operating at too fast a pace for others to keep up. Schedule some "quiet time."

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
You may have to experiment at work to get the right chemistry going in order to achieve greatness. At home, be flexible in accommodating a loved one's special needs.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
You may be caught off guard by a remark made by an older person. Feeling good about yourself could take some effort. Allow yourself to revel in holiday festivities.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
It may be your turn to give up a position of leadership. While stepping down may seem like giving up, it's not. Better to leave while you are still on top. Sort through legal documents.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
You may need to start looking for ways to get additional job training. Instead of waiting for a long-distance telephone call, take the initiative. Planning a small party lifts flagging spirits.

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
Learn to delegate more. You may suddenly find yourself doing more important stuff. You could find yourself making a very courageous decision before year's end. Accept the challenge.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
Your dreams are attainable if you are willing to step out in faith. Learn to trust your instincts. Do not be afraid of hard work. Your strong communication skills and stubborn nature may lead to success.

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Dec. 1.....Chonita Garza	Dec. 4.....Jaimie Montalvo
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Dec. 6.....Frances Larson	

Dogs are assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.  
—Dick Gregory

# Don't give up, wait upon the Lord Look for Christ in Christmas

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Faint not. Faint not. Faint not. Your Father in heaven is able to provide you with all things you have need of. Refresh the vision God has given you. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. "Seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not..." (2 Corin. 4:1)

"...All things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through thanksgiving of

many redound to the glory of God, for which we faint not; but though our outward man perish yet the inward man is renewed day by day." (2 Corin. 4:15-16) "...Be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word, nor by letter from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand" (2 Thes. 2:2)

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind and ... put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away

lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members of one another. Be ye angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath neither give place to the devil..." (Eph. 4:25-27) "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to use to the edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers and grieve not the Holy Spirit by which ye are sealed unto the day of redemption; and be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, forgave you." (Eph 4:23-32)

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

The signs are everywhere! The morning air is crisper, the evening sunlight more swiftly gone. Many new colors adorn the trees. Sweaters and mittens have found their way out of storage. Radio stations play special music along with the regular fare. On lampposts there are decorations of red and green, silver and gold. In windows there are sparkles of light giving warmth to the windowsill and the passerby.

We can tell by the signs, something special is on the way. And, there are other signs as well.

There are no parking spots left at the mall. An old man in a red suit is making a racket with his laughter. You can't find that which you went into Wal-Mart after because the seasonal displays have displaced the item you want. Tempers flair over silly things such as ownership of a public parking space. Deer go into hiding instead of lining up along the roads to attack unsuspecting motorists. Mothers sit and agonize over what to buy now that the "hot" toy for the

season is all sold out. We can tell by the signs, it's almost here!

Of course, the signs point to...Xmas, that time of year when we wait breathlessly for Santa to come. The kids can't wait to see what great gifts they get. The parents can't wait to have everything over and back to a less hectic pace. Yes, it's Xmas time. Not CHRISTMAS time, but Xmas time. All the signs point to an economic event, not a spiritual event.

As we wait for Jesus to come - as the incarnate God embodied in a small child born in the Middle East to olive skinned parents of humble origin, or as the King of God's kingdom come to retrieve His children - we should be looking for other signs, pointing to something far more valuable than earthly gifts.

We should be looking for relationships where what we have physically isn't important. We should be looking for strangers who invite the homeless off of the streets and into their homes for a meal and a night's rest. We should be looking for children who can teach us old folk how to trust one another again like we did our childhood friends. We should be looking for lead-

ers who are more interested in what is morally right rather than what is politically advantageous. We should be looking for dogs who can show us how to be loyal to each other rather than to a lodge or a club or a "church." We should be looking for signs that direct us in a new path - to the path less taken because it doesn't promise riches or good feelings or popularity.

Join us at First United Methodist Sunday at 10:45 am as we look for "Signs of the Times".

## Praise and thanksgiving

St. Mary Magdalene  
By Lynn McNew

Two experiences in the last few weeks have had a profound affect on me. The first was the Parish Mission held Nov. 12-16 at St. Mary Magdalene. The other experience was the annual Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 19. Why were these two events so significant? Because they brought our community together.

Each evening during the Parish Mission, Father Jerome and Father Jose brought a message with love and humor. They used experiences from their own lives to bring us closer to God. Each evening the number of people in attendance increased, drawn together by the word of God. The closing Mass on Thursday was a beautiful celebration of praise and thanksgiving.

People from every church in Brackettville gathered for the Thanksgiving Service last Sunday evening. Ministers from each church shared in spreading the word of God. Rev. Nathan Lafrenz gave the message and reminded those in the audience that no one asked if you were Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist or Baptist, because it didn't matter. Even though we may have different doctrine, we were

all there for one purpose—in praise and thanksgiving.

Jesus tells us, "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there also I will be." He doesn't say we need to be of a certain race or creed.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and most of us will be well into the preparations for Christmas. I hope that the tempo of our lives will not prevent us from spending time in our own individual praise and thanksgiving.

This week begins the season of Advent, a Latin word that means "coming." It is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming, in such a way that we can welcome and receive God's promised Savior. Jeremiah 31:1 says "I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel and they shall be my people." Let this be a time for us to reach out and greet those who live around us, who may not worship in the same way that we do. Let us offer praise and thanksgiving for similarities and differences.

Lord, I thank you for the blessings you have given me. I thank you for the people of different races, colors, and creeds that you have put into my life. Help me to recognize You in all of them.

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

"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:9-10)

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31). Faint not, be renewed in your mind, forgive, be kind, do good, faint not, faint not, faint not. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in

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- My appetite and/or weight has changed.
- My sleep patterns have changed, and I now sleep too much, or not enough.
- I am tired all the time and have no energy.
- I can't concentrate, remember things, or make decisions.
- My friends have noticed that I am restless or that my activity has decreased.
- I often think about death, or have even tried to commit suicide.

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**ACTIVE STAFF SPECIALISTS**  
Regular office hours.

Bezerra, Hermilio, M.D. 278-7105  
International Medicine

Bitar, Jamil, M.D. 591-1294  
Internal Medicine & Cardiology

Box, Gloria G., M.D. 278-2292  
Orthopedic Surgeon

Carpinteyro, Ralph, M.D. 278-6681  
Internal Medicine

Flanders, Barry, M.D. 278-6251  
Radiologist

Gatonde, G.V., M.D. 278-4568  
Surgeon

Garza, Steve R., M.D. 278-4453  
Family Practice/OB

Guajardo, Frank, D.O. 278-1494  
Family Practice/OB

Lewis, J. Brandon M.D. 278-4426  
Family Practice

Lutton, Richard B., M.D. 278-4453  
Family Practice/OB

Mazloum, Bassem W., M.D. 278-8096  
Internal Medicine & Gastroenterology

Preddy, John, D.O. 278-7101  
Family Practice/OB

Shudde, John L., M.D. 278-3118  
Family Practice

Sosa, Isaac, M.D. 278-6265  
Internal Medicine

Utterback, Carl, M.D. 278-4588  
Family Practice/OB

Watkins, Harry O., M.D. 278-3213  
Surgery

**OTHER SPECIALISTS**  
1042 GARNER FIELD ROAD

Dr. Arlo Terry - (Every Tuesday) (830) 278-9465  
Ophthalmologist

Dr. Christine Truitt - (12/14, 12/28) (210) 614-3959  
Neurologist

Dr. Matthew Mossbacker - (12/7) (210) 690-8067  
Rheumatologist

Dr. Rodolfo Molina - (12/13) (210) 690-8067  
Rheumatologist

Dr. Manuel A. Santiago - (Every Thursday) (210) 595-5300  
Hematology/Oncology

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830-278-6251 Ext. 430

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Sabinal 830-988-2985

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830-278-6251

**Hyperbaric Center**  
(Wound-Care Therapy)  
830-278-6251, Ext. 1377

**Rehabilitation**  
Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy  
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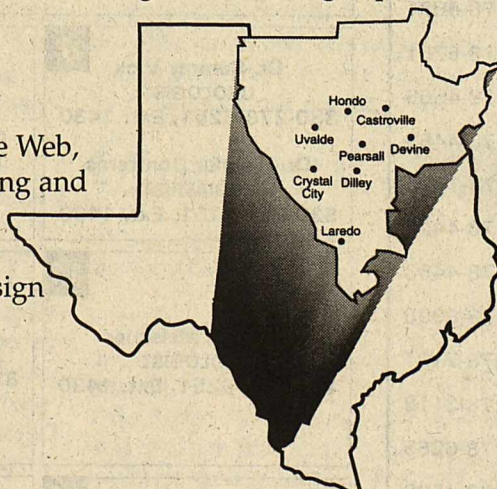
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