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More Fritter retirement photos

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Fritter retires from Chief Deputy position Files application for county judge on Democratic ticket

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter retired from the Kinney County Sheriff's office last Thursday. After only two full days of retirement, Fritter filed by peti-

tion for county judge in the upcoming primaries. "He cares, he's honest and true. He doesn't care what walk of life people come from- he'll

treat them fair," commented Connie Fritter about her husband's bid for county judge. Fritter will face incumbent Herb Senne in the democratic

primary election this March.

Fritter, born and raised in Brackettville, has had a long career in area law enforcement. Fritter held the position of police chief several times for the City of Brackettville, starting in the mid-seventies up until 1992.

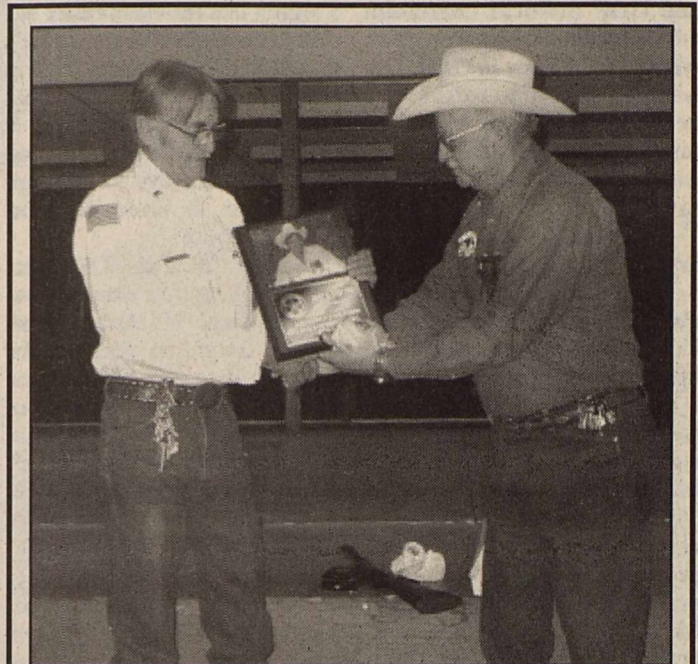
The truckers that traveled through town at the time used to call Fritter the "red devil" on the radio because he would wait on the edge of town in his personally-owned red Mustang and ticket them for speeding. Later, he was renamed the "blue angel" when the City provided him a blue sedan.

In 1992, Fritter took the position as Chief Deputy for Kinney County under then Sheriff Norman Hooten.

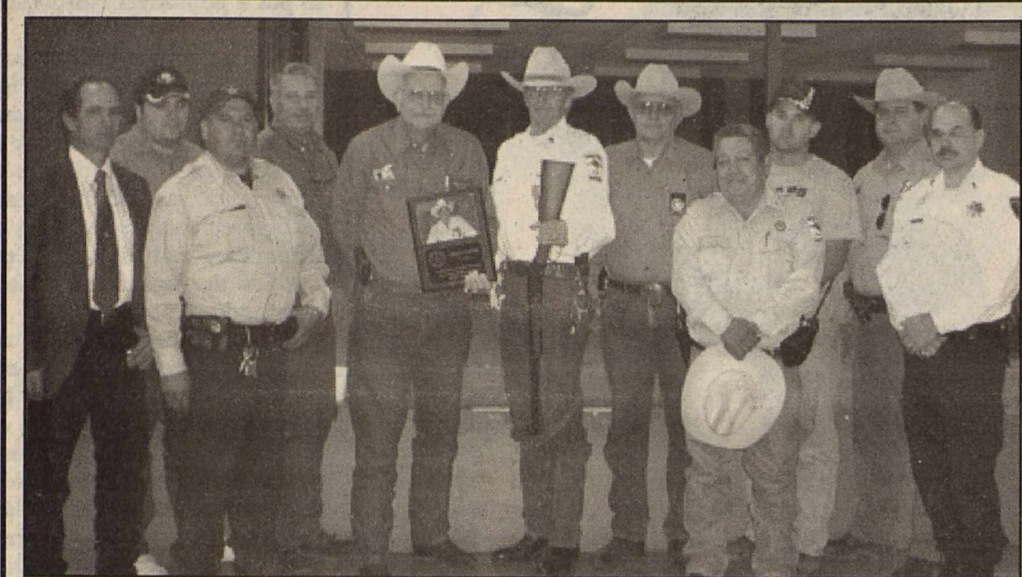
Current Sheriff, L.K. "Buddy" Burgess took office in Dec., 1995 and kept Fritter on as his chief deputy.

"He's an excellent chief deputy with an advanced law enforcement certificate and he always kept good records," said Burgess.

On Dec. 28, Sheriff Burgess hosted a retirement party for Fritter at the Civic Center. Sev-



Fritter recognized Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Johnny Fritter (left) receives a plaque in recognition of his 13 years of service from Sheriff Buddy Burgess.



Comrades in arms

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From left: DPS Sergeant Tom Wylie, Deputy Donald Page, Deputy Ramon Gutierrez, Deputy Mike Schafer, Sheriff Buddy Burgess, Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter, Deputy Karl Chism, Reserve Deputy Manny Pena, DPS Trooper Tully Welch, Game Warden Henry Lutz, and James Blankenship of the Kinney County Detention Center.

enty co-workers, friends and family, including his wife, Connie, his daughter Dedra Boutwell, and her family from Corpus

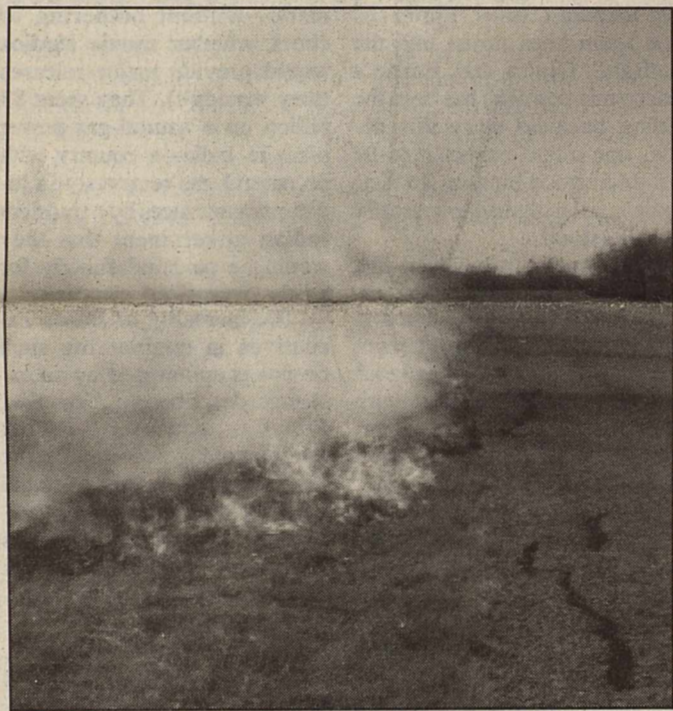
Cristi, his mother-in-law Dee Perry, of Brackettville and his sister, Barbara Lomax, from ■ Continued on Page 3

Volunteer Fire Department fights blaze on HWY 693



Putting it out

As Gov. Rick Perry declares all 254 counties are in a state of emergency, local volunteers fight fires here at home. On Jan. 6, at 11:09 am, the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a brush fire two miles out on Hwy. 693. A fire official on the scene estimated that two to three miles of ranch property had been affected and the fire was contained and put out within two hours. A volunteer fireman at left, uses old methods of fighting the fire. At Right, the brush fire crosses the bar ditch and stops at the edge of the highway.



Photos by Leigh Volcsko

Federal prisoner dies at county detention center

A federal prisoner being held at the Kinney County Detention Center (KCDC) killed himself on Christmas Eve.

At 10:41 p.m., Dec. 24, 2005, KCDC officials called 911 and requested emergency medical assistance for an inmate they believed had hung himself in his cell.

According to officials, the inmate was separated from the general population and in solitary confinement due to health reasons.

Mickey Hubert, KCDC Warden, described the incident as, "very unfortunate," but declined to comment further until a full investigation into the incident could be completed.

Hubert stated that the inmate

was in their custody, but was a prisoner of the U.S. Marshals.

Tim Hughes, a U.S. Marshal in San Antonio, confirmed that a death had occurred at the facility, but could offer no other information pending the results of the ongoing investigation being led by the Texas Rangers.

According to Hughes, an autopsy is scheduled to be performed at the Bexar County Medical Examiners in San Antonio.

Hughes would not confirm the method by which the inmate expired, but did say that it appeared to be a suicide.

Hughes also declined to comment on the inmate's origin of citizenship.

Boysens celebrate 55th wedding anniversary

Roland and Rosalie Boysen of Fort Clark will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Jan. 7 at St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Brackettville.

Roland married Rosalie Branecky on Jan. 7, 1951 at Sacred Heart Church in San Antonio.

The couple spent most of their married life in the San Antonio area.

The Boysens have lived on Fort Clark part-time since 1987 and full-time since 2004.

Roland, a CPA by trade, still practices part-time in their home.

The couple has two adopted children, Racheal Clark and Roger Boysen, three grandchildren: Amanda, Derek and Zachary, all living in San Antonio and Helotes.

7 vie for Justice of the Peace in the Democratic Primary

Seven candidates have filed to run for Kinney County Justice of the Peace in the upcoming democratic primary.

With a majority of votes required to win, an April run off election is very likely.

Roy Dyer, Chuck Hall, Francie Wylie and Santos Yerena have filed by fee. Ron Ring, Woody Massingill and Narce Villarreal have filed by petition.

The winner will run unopposed in the Nov. general elec-

tion provided no one declares a write-in candidacy. Incumbent (I) John Ford did not seek reelection.

The six local positions on the ballot include county judge, commissioner for precinct 2, commissioner for precinct 4, county clerk, county treasurer and justice of the peace.

As of the filing deadline, seventeen candidates have filed for six positions.

Dora Sandoval, incumbent is running unopposed for county

clerk.

Janis Floyd (I) will be challenged in the primary by Joy Ralston for the position of county treasurer.

Johnny Fritter, former Chief Deputy, will face Herb Senne (I) in the county judge election.

J.E. Meil and Pat Melancon (I) will vie for commissioner precinct 4.

Vito La Gioia is running against Joe Montavlo (I) for commissioner precinct 2 in the democratic primary. The winner of

that race will face Wes Robinson in the general election this November. Robinson is running unopposed for commissioner precinct 2 on the Republican ticket.

Also running unopposed in the Republican primary are Rendall Moore, County Chair, Doug Davis, precinct 3 Chair, and Robert Smith, precinct 4 Chair.

Early voting for the primary elections will be held Feb. 21 through Mar. 3.

Las Moras couples league golf results

Twenty couples played in the Las Moras Couples League regu-

lar play on Thursday, Dec. 29. The first place team included

Ruth Spencer, Dick Ebert, Jim Burns and Ann Malin with a to-

tal gross score of 39.75.

Dorthy Stute, Evarett Stute, Debbie Isaacs and Wayne Isaacs placed second with a gross score of 40.0.

In third place for the day's team play was George Warm, Kathy Warm, Joyce Williamson and Bob Williamson with a gross score of 42.00.

The fourth place team members were Marion Weber, Jerry Weber, B. Stone and Nancy Stone, finishing with a gross score of 42.5.

Two teams tied for fifth place with a gross score of 43.00. Norman Butler, Barb Butler, Lyle Neil and Camile Neil were on one team while John Thelen, Natlie Thelen, Lou Green and Carl Green completed the second fifth placed team.

The weather was a very pleasant 75 degrees and it was reported that fun was had by all.



Team Up!

Photo special to The Brackett News

The Las Moras Couples League muster up at the Fort Clark Golf Center to pick their teams before their regular round of Thursday play.



Boysen Anniversary

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Roland and Rosalie Boysen of Fort Clark will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary at St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Brackettville.

Mexicans hire advisor to stop illegal immigration reforms

By Nathan Tabor
Contributing Writer

In a move that has many proponents of tough US border security and illegal immigration reforms scratching their heads in puzzlement, Mexican President Vicente Fox recently retained the services of a well-known Republican strategist to help stop the rising tide of public outcry over poor border security and illegal immigration.

President Fox reportedly hired the public relations man and GOP political consultant who is credited with helping Fox win the presidency in 2000. Fox wants Rob Allyn to curtail what he perceives as a growing anti-immigration political juggernaut, especially when it comes to illegal aliens from Mexico.

When the House of Representatives passed a key bill that would provide an additional 700 miles of border fencing on the US-Mexican border, and would make illegally entering the US a felony, Fox denounced the measure as shameful. His foreign minister called it stupid and underhanded.

The Mexican government's comments about US policy appears to have backfired, with many Americans demanding Mexico butt out of American politics and policy.

"Most Americans don't buy the argument about illegals helping the US economy. Illegal workers depress wages, deplete available social and healthcare

services, and creates crime problems," says homeland security expert Sid Francis.

"If the Mexicans want sympathy from US citizens, calling them stupid and underhanded isn't going to do it."

The immigration bill, scheduled for February in the US Senate, falls short of giving President Bush and President Fox their desired "guest worker" program that will benefit Mexicans almost exclusively.

Fox, who will not seek reelection in 2006, does wish to leave a legacy that provides easier access to the United States, so he's turned to a GOP insider to help him. The conventional wisdom is that the Republican Party is tougher on national security and homeland security, so they are the leaders to whom he must plead his cause.

So Fox called on GOP strategist Rob Allyn, the man who assisted George W. Bush in beating Governor Ann Richards for the State House in Texas. When Vicente Fox, then governor of Guanajuato state, began his campaign for the Mexican presidency, Allyn joined Fox's presidential campaign, with the stipulation that Allyn's role remain secret.

According to the Los Angeles Times, for three years, Allyn worked clandestinely, helping craft Fox's message of change, as well as his TV commercials, his polling and his wardrobe. Allyn made dozens of trips to Mexico, traveling under one of

three pseudonyms.

After the July election, Allyn told the Dallas Morning News he hid his work for Fox because he didn't want to be a political liability. Mexicans are sensitive to foreign interference, especially involving the United States.

Some Beltway insiders believe that Allyn, who also worked on the Bush presidential campaigns, may have been urged to help Vicente Fox with immigration public relations

work by the White House.

According to Rob Allyn, he will attempt to sway public opinion away from tougher border security measures and increased penalties for surreptitiously entering the US. His strategy is likely intended to change the debate regarding illegal immigration. Calls for tighter illegal immigration measures are growing louder in the United States as Mexican and Central American workers multiply yearly.

Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez, whose vitriolic statements have made him very unpopular with conservative Republicans, said Allyn's message should be that Mexicans have sunk roots deep in their US neighborhoods and that they contribute more through their work, taxes and families than they take away in public services. However, studies conducted by several non-profit organizations casts doubt on that argument.



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Exploration and America's future

Among the bills that received final approval from Congress in the hours before it adjourned for the year was legislation to authorize continued funding for NASA. It was the first time in five years Congress has spoken so emphatically in support of the vision for the next generation of space exploration and research, including affirmation of the goal to put a permanent base on the moon.

The authorization bill provides a policy blueprint for NASA. I believe it is significant that an overwhelming number of my colleagues in the House of Representatives and the Senate recognized that the pathways of exploration and discovery outlined in the legislation merited their endorsement.

By supporting the bill, Congress has placed a stamp of approval on completion of the International Space Station and on moving forward with the transition to a new generation of crew exploration vehicles. In addition, NASA now has congressional guidance on its activities related to research, science, education and aeronautics.

But perhaps most important, passage of the legislation—and the implicit support for the science and engineering expertise contained within it—may be seen as evidence of Congress' determination to address one of the most important challenges looming in front of our nation.

America's preeminence since World War II has rested upon the bedrock of its economic dominance. Our economy, in turn, has depended upon a continued flow of technological and scientific advances for its strength. Increasingly, the edge that we have enjoyed in such a crucial area is being challenged by other nations. If we do not meet this challenge, not only will NASA's leadership be at risk, but so will America's.

Thankfully, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine, have created the "Committee on Prosperity in the Global Economy of the 21st Century." The committee is expected to soon release the final version of its study "Rising Above the Gathering Storm."

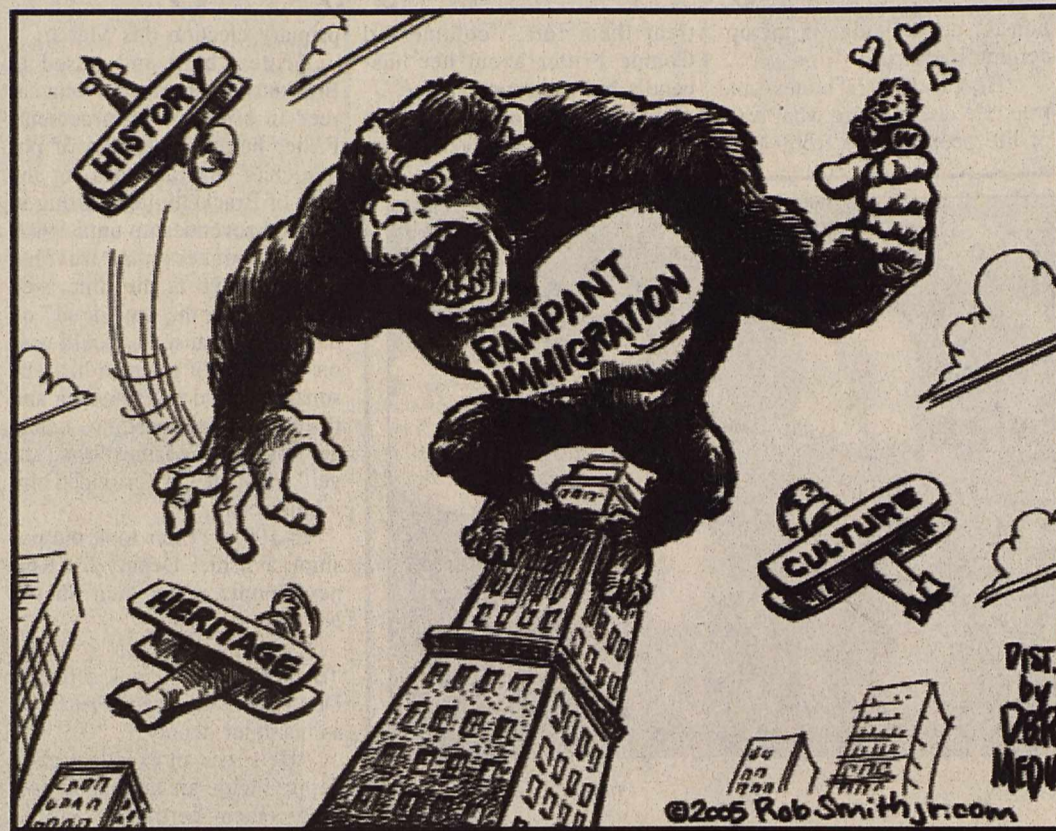
The committee cites a number of what it terms "worrisome indicators" that point to the decline in educational emphasis on science and mathematics. For example, in 2004, China graduated about 500,000 engineers and India 200,000. Here at home, we had only 70,000 such graduates.

U.S. 12th graders have performed below the international average of 21 countries on a test designed to measure general knowledge in mathematics and science. In 2007, for the first time, the most advanced high-energy particle accelerator will not be in the United States. In a prepublication summary, the committee notes that it is "...deeply concerned that the scientific and technical building blocks of our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength." The committee urges our nation to "...prepare with great urgency to preserve its strategic and economic security."

My colleagues and I are ready to act on a number of the recommendations made by the committee. This issue is not political; it is not partisan. There is already emerging in Congress a willingness to embark on a serious effort to ensure that America maintains creative leadership in the world.

We will make an effort to recruit annually 10,000 science and math teachers in middle and high school, offering four year college scholarships as an incentive. New training and education programs will be developed to strengthen the skills of current teachers and additional federal resources will be allocated for research activities in the hard sciences.

Few policy debates will be more important to our country's security and our children's future.



The unlearned lesson of Enron

By Alex Epstein
Contributing Writer

With the recent plea bargain of former chief accounting officer Richard Causey, Enron has once again been thrust into the spotlight. Given that Enron's cataclysmic downfall has been the leading business story this decade, one might expect it to be well-understood by now. In fact, Enron's fall is almost universally misunderstood.

It is commonly believed that Enron fell because its leaders, eager to make money, schemed to bilk investors. The ethical lesson, it is said, is that we must teach (or force) a businessman to curb his selfish, profit-seeking "impulses" before they turn criminal.

But all this is wrong. Enron was not brought down by fraud; while the company committed fraud, its fraud was primarily an attempt to cover up tens of billions of dollars already lost—not embezzled—in irrational business decisions. Most of its executives believed that Enron was a basically productive company that could be righted. This is why Chairman Ken Lay did not flee to the Caymans with riches, but stayed through the end.

What then caused this unprecedented business failure? Consider a few telling events in Enron's rise and fall. Enron rose to prominence first as a successful provider of natural gas, and then as a creator of markets for trading natural gas as a commodity. The company made profits by performing a genuinely productive function: linking buyers and sellers, allowing both sides to control for risk.

Unfortunately, the company's leaders were not honest with themselves about the nature of their success. They wanted to be "New Economy" geniuses who could successfully enter any market they wished. As a result, they entered into ventures far beyond their expertise, based on half-baked ideas

thought to be profound market insights.

For example, Enron poured billions into a broadband network featuring movies-on-demand—without bothering to check whether movie studios would provide major releases (they wouldn't). They spent \$3 billion on a natural-gas power plant in India—a country with no natural gas reserves—on ludicrous assurances by a transient Indian government that they would be paid indefinitely for vastly overpriced electricity.

The mentality of Enron executives in engineering such fiascos is epitomized by an exchange described in *New York Times* reporter Kurt Eichenwald's account of the Enron saga, between eventual CEO Jeff Skilling and subordinate Ray Bowen, on Skilling's (eventually failed) idea for Enron to sell electricity to retail customers.

An analysis of the numbers, Bowen had realized, "told a damning story... Profit margins were razor thin, massive capital investments were required." Skilling's response? "You're making me really nervous... The fact that you're focused on the numbers, and not the underlying essence of the business, worries me... I don't want to hear that."

When Bowen responded that "the numbers have to make sense... We've got to be honest [about whether]... we can actually make a profit," Eichenwald recounts, "Skilling bristled. 'Then you guys must not be smart enough to come up with the good ideas, because we're going to make money in this business.'... [Bowen] was flabbergasted. Sure, ideas were important, but they had to be built around numbers. A business wasn't going to succeed just because Jeff Skilling thought it should."

But to Skilling and other Enron executives, there was no clear distinction between what they felt should succeed, and what the facts indicated would

succeed—between reality as they wished it to be and reality as it is.

Time and again, Enron executives placed their wishes above the facts.

And as they experienced failure after failure, they deluded themselves into believing that any losses would somehow be overcome with massive profits in the future.

This mentality led them to eagerly accept CFO Andy Fastow's absurd claims that their losses could be magically taken off the books using Special Purpose Entities; after all, they felt, Enron should have a high stock price.

Smaller lies led to bigger lies, until Enron became the biggest corporate failure and fraud in American history.

Observe that Enron's problem was not that it was "too concerned" about profit, but that it believed money does not have to be made: it can be had simply by following one's whims.

The solution to prevent future Enrons, then, is not to teach (or force) CEOs to curb their profit-seeking; the desire to produce and trade valuable products is the essence of business—and of successful life.

Instead, we must teach businessmen the profound virtues money-making requires. Above all, we must teach them that one cannot profit by evading facts.

The great profit-makers, such as Bill Gates and Jack Welch, accept the facts of reality—including the market, their finances, their abilities and limitations—as an absolute. "Face reality," advises Jack Welch, "as it is, not as it was or as you wish... You have to see the world in the purest, clearest way possible, or you can't make decisions on a rational basis."

This is what Enron's executives did not grasp—and the real lesson we should all learn from their fate.

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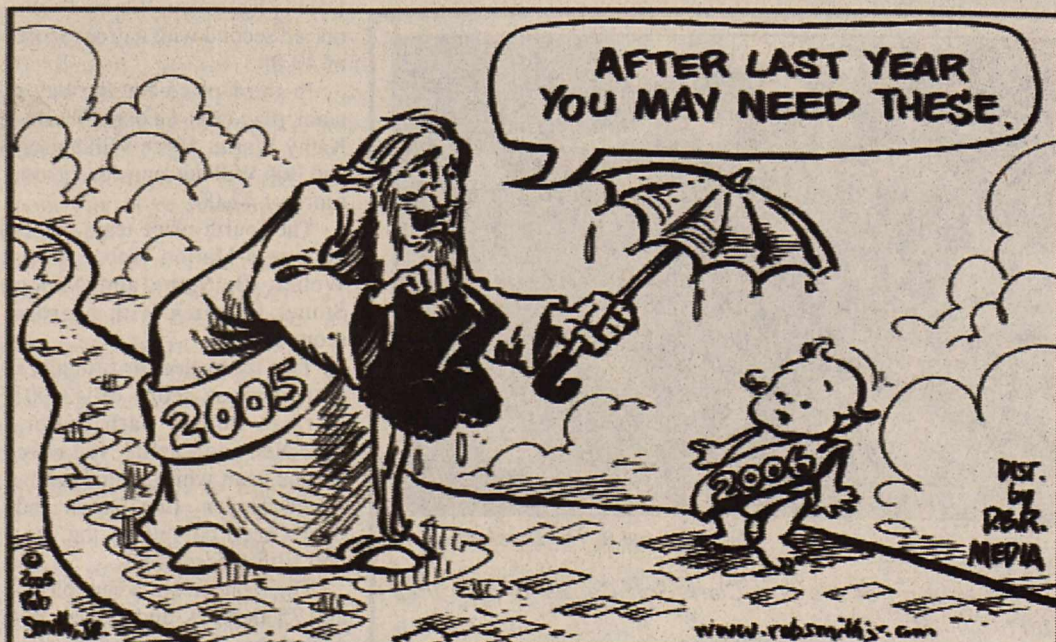
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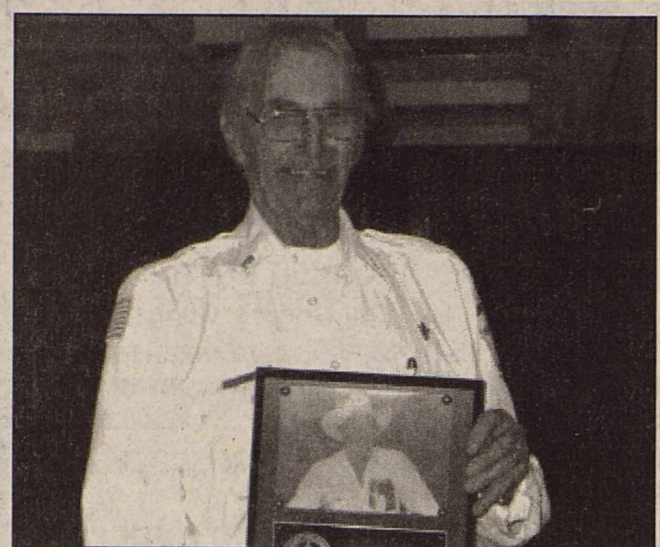
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Johnny Fritter
Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Johnny Fritter with plaque in recognition of his 13 years of service to the Kinney County Sheriffs Department.

Fritter announces candidacy for county judge

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Rocksprings were all in attendance.
Local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies were also there to offer Fritter their best wishes.
Tom Wylie and Tully Welch represented the Texas Department of Public Safety. Game Warden Henry Lutz, James Blankenship of the Kinney County Detention Center and several of the county deputies attended the retirement luncheon.

The midday gathering included brisket, chicken and smoked turkey. The side dishes were potato salad, rice and beans. A large homemade cake

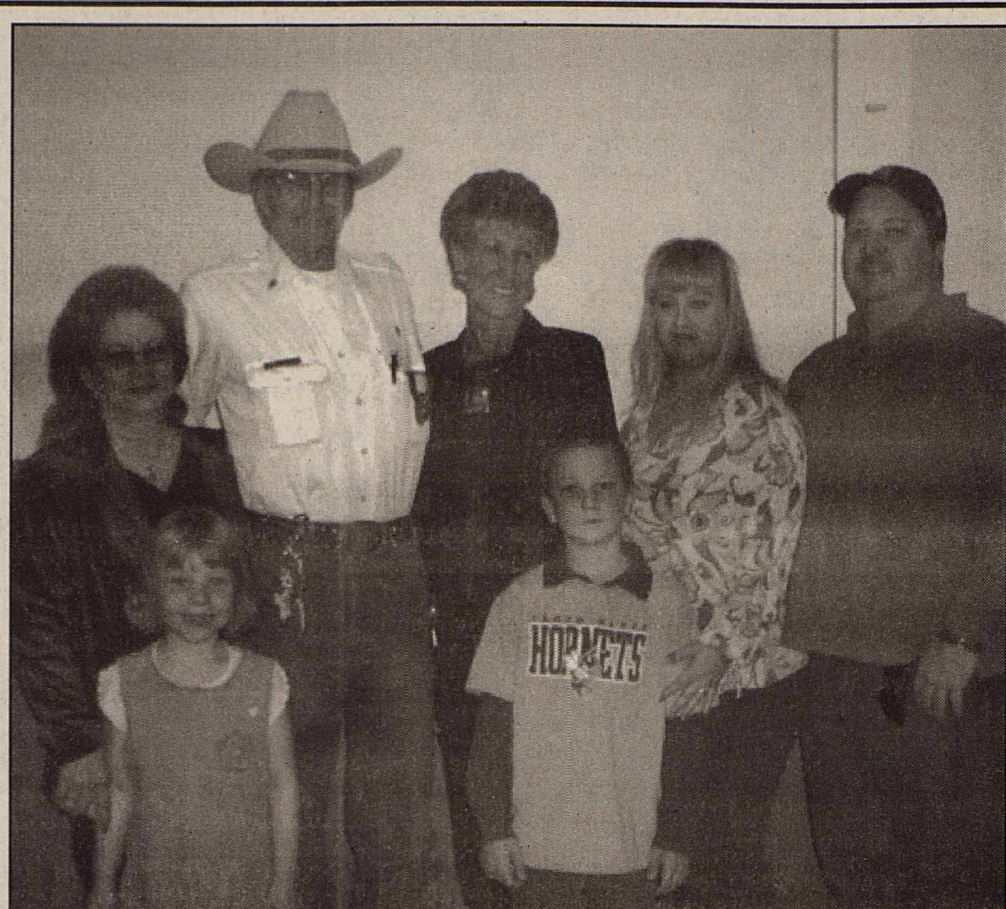
emblazoned with "Happy Trails To You" was served for dessert.
Albert Payne, HoneyBee Gomez, Jewel Robinson, Candi Gonzalez, Janis Floyd, Toni Pena, Cordelia Barlow and Anna Amescua were all generous in providing, preparing or serving the meal.
After the meal, Burgess

thanked everyone who helped in organizing the event. "I'll get the credit for this, but I know and you know, it wasn't me," he joked with the audience. Burgess then commented about Fritter's service to the community as he presented him with a .22 magnum, lever action rifle and a plaque engraved with,

"John S. Fritter, In Appreciation of 13 Years of Service."
The funds used for the purchase of these gifts were all generously donated by Fritters friends and co-workers.
Burgess also presented Fritter with a knife on behalf Dennis and Donna Dodson of D&D Hardware.



Holiday Guests
Photo special to The Brackett News
Ruben and Pat Martinez, of Fort Clark Springs, entertained guests over the holidays from California and Tennessee. Their guests enjoyed daytrips to Mexico and Fredricksburg. The group also hunted and golfed while in the area. From left: Alex Martinez, Mary Martinez, Jana Ferguson, Gino Borello, Elizabeth Barry, Adam Ferguson, Christopher Ferguson, Araceli Acevedo, Eric Hall, Laura Black, Velma Ferguson and Bob Ferguson.



Johnny Fritter and family
Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Back row from left: Connie Fritter (wife), Johnny Fritter, Barbara Lomax (sister), Ddra Boutwell (daughter) and Steve Boutwell (son-in-law). Front from left: Micaela Boutwell and Taylor Boutwell (grandchildren).

Decluttering food, good for the new year

By Leanne Ely
Contributing Writer

Trying to declutter your house can be a daunting task. Trying to get your daughter to declutter her room is a major act of God. As we went through her overstuffed and massively cluttered room I volunteered numerous things for the declutter bag. Each time, she plaintively whined, "But I like it!" and I would counter, "But you outgrew this outfit a year ago!" or "We have no room for that furniture anymore." Finally, I took her out for a hot chocolate to defuse the situation and explained to her that even though she likes something, there comes a point when it's time to let it go and move on.

The same point can be made with food. Just because you like something doesn't mean it serves a worthy purpose. Take potato chips for example—the perfect analogy to nutritional clutter. Their purpose isn't to

feed your body, but just crunchy entertainment for your mouth. They leave their clutter however, on your hips, well-being and appetite. You want more and you have no room for it. Potato chips (or another equally unworthy junk food) is robbing your body of its peace. When you eat junk, you feel like junk.

We need to learn that eating good healthy food is the equivalent of pampering yourself. Like a bubble bath or massage, even. When you feed yourself and your body food that is worthy of your time and effort, you are giving tender loving care to yourself. The good, nutritious food that you need for bodily function (not entertainment) will cause your moods to change for the better, your energy to soar and make your skin glow!

Eating healthy can be a delicious experience, I promise! And because I try to live up to my promises as best I can, I have a healthy recipe for you that your

entire family will love.
A quick note: To cut back on the carbs, you can cut the pasta in half and stir in a 10 ounce bag of baby spinach then you add the chicken mixture at the end of the recipe. The heat from the ingredients will cause the spinach to wilt perfectly.

Barbecued Chicken Pasta
Serves 6
16 ounces Rigatoni, Mostaccioli or other medium pasta shape — uncooked
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast; cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/4 cup green bell pepper, sliced thin
1/4 cup red onion, sliced thin
1 clove garlic, pressed
1/2 cup spaghetti sauce (your favorite)
1/4 cup hickory-smoked barbecue sauce
1/2 cup grated Provolone cheese
1/2 cup grated Mozzarella
3 green onions— trimmed and sliced thin
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
Prepare pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile,

heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and sauté, stirring occasionally, until browned on all sides, about 3 minutes. Add bell pepper, onion and garlic and cook until pepper turns bright green, about 1 minute. Add Marinara sauce and barbecue sauce and heat just to boiling. Remove from heat.

Drain pasta, reserving 1/4 cup of water and return pasta to the pot. Add chicken mixture and cheese to the pot. Stir over low heat until pasta is coated with sauce. Add enough of reserved cooking liquid, if necessary, to make the sauce lightly coat the pasta. Transfer pasta to serving bowls and top with scallions and cilantro.
Per Serving: 464 Calories; 9g Fat (15% calories from fat); 24g Protein; 60g Carbohydrate; 3g Dietary Fiber; 44mg Cholesterol; 601mg Sodium.
Exchanges: 3 1/2 Grain(Starch); 2 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 2 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates.
Serving suggestions: A spinach salad would be perfect!
Vegetarians: Skip the chicken and add a can (15 oz.) of drained white beans.



Starting the New Year with clean slate

By Marla Cilley
Contributing Writer

With new years comes clean slates and we all love to start fresh. We see ourselves do this any time we choose to start a new diet, exercise routine or get a handle on our finances. You know the drill; my new way of living will start on Monday but first I am going to have one last fling, a huge meal or a day just being lazy. We don't have to wait till Monday to start!

A new way of living is not a punishment that you need a reprieve from. It is making the decision that it is time to be good to your body because this is the only one you have. When we are living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome); we are usually the person that gets left out. We can't take the time to nurture our bodies because there is so much to do and we don't have a clue where to start.

Do you ever feel like you are a spinning top? I am going to help you stop this vicious cycle and establish some simple habits that are going to start your new year with that clean slate. Your home did not get messy in a day and it is not going to get cleaned over night. You can do this with the help of a simple tool that you already have in your home. It is a timer. They are on



your microwave, the stove and probably in the watch on your arm.

The reason you feel like that spinning top is because you are trying to do too many things at once. I want you to set your timer for 15-minutes and stay focused on one thing. It can be shining your kitchen sink, clearing off that piled up coffee table or picking up the clothes on the floor in your bedroom. You are going to be so surprised at just how much you can accomplish in only 15-minutes.

The truth is we are not good at multi-tasking. We think we are but our homes are living proof that we do not ever finish anything. We are the best at getting something out and not putting it away when we have fin-

ished. Here is the main reason we don't have homes for these items that are lurking in your Hot Spots. Hot Spots are those places you pile things when you walk in the door or sit in your favorite chair. We have clutter taking over the drawers, cabinets and closets and we can't find a place to keep the things we love and use.

In order to get rid of the CHAOS in our homes we have to toss out our clutter. This will give us a place to keep things instead of piled on a table or the floor. Those great storage areas have been invaded by items that you do not love and use. It is time to evict them and clear out your Hot Spots. Our Hot Spots make our homes look messy.

If we would just take 15-minutes and clear out one Hot Spot; your home will begin to look better. It may not be that immaculate clean that we were forced to do as children by perfectionist parents but it will feel better when you walk in the door. It is so hard to clean around clutter. Here is another fun tool we use to get rid of our clutter. I like to call it the 27 Fling Boogie. Grab a grocery bag and run through the house and pick up 27 items to throw away. Then grab another bag or box and run through the house and gather up 27 items to give

away. Here is the rule for doing this. As you are tossing ask yourself these questions. Do you make me smile? Do I have a home for you? Do I have two of you? This will help you get rid of your clutter. Then put it in the trash to throw away or in the car to give away next time you are out.

I want for you what I have; peace that came from releasing the clutter and CHAOS and establishing babystep habits that clean my home on automatic pilot. You deserve to live in a home that blesses you!

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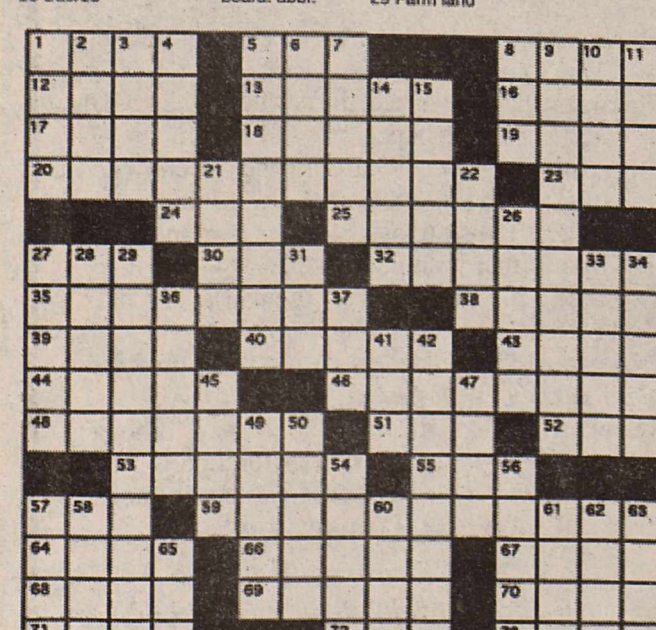
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 25 As often as necessary
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 30 One of 24 bones
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 40 Shifted items
 43 Water: Sp.
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 55 Spanish year
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 70 Protection
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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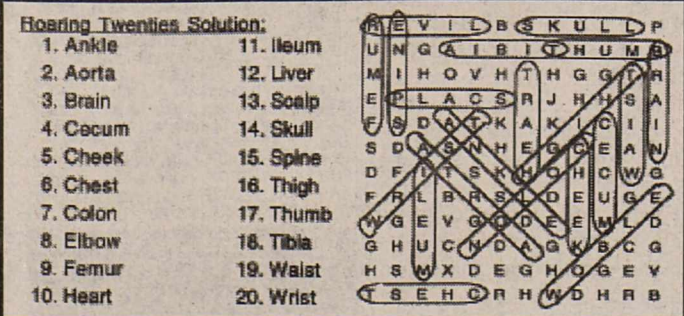
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 At the height of the week, you have little time for relaxation. However, by week's end, you deserve a nice rest. Take time out this weekend just to pamper yourself.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You have a tendency to be a bit forgetful this week. It seems you just can't concentrate. This passes by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Utilize patience when dealing with elderly family members. Remember, someday you may be in the same position. A late-week phone call brings surprising news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Your imagination works overtime this week. Luckily, your fears are unfounded. Later in the week, a child has a question you find difficult to answer.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Avoid a tendency to be less than forthcoming this week. Co-workers need to know exactly where they stand. A week-end outing leads to new introductions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Unlike last week, peace and harmony reign. Feuding friends have kissed and made up. Use the weekend to catch up on correspondence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Mind your manners when out and about this week. You don't have to answer rudeness in a like manner. Rise above this and prove you're the better person.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You have a tendency this week to dwell too much on past hurts. Make an effort to forgive and forget. If not, the residual resentment will only serve to your detriment.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 What you want isn't always what you need. Take some time to get your priorities in order. In the long run, it will make you a happier person.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 It's a good time to go over your budget. You need to be more organized. If need be, enlist the aid of a professional.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 A friend comes to you with a bit of a dilemma. Fortunately, you're able to untangle the mess. Over the weekend, devote some time to hobbies.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You learn something about a close friend you'd never known before. While surprising, it's not necessarily bad. Travel is in the stars for the weekend.

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Giving something back will help you fight your problems

Rick was surprised at Warden's mention of a job. "But sir, why me?"

"Richardson, when you came here you were a tickin bomb waitin fer opportunities ta explode. And ya did explode many times.

But with the witness of Old Joe and the counseling program ya've been learnin how ta control yer temper.

Not ta mention the fact that ya were smart 'nough ta know ya had ta keep the lid on or ya'd be in here forever."

Warden paused then continued.

"Yer at the point where ya need to give somethin back. The men here need somebody that

knows what it's like ta be in here and ta have ta fight the demons of alcohol, anger, resentment, an the loneliness that goes with destroying all yer relationships.

Yer healin'll never be complete 'til ya give ta others what you've received. Ta help yerself ya gotta help others."

Rick thought for a few minutes. "But, sir I don't think I'm qualified for something like that."

"Well," the Warden said. "Ya don't git qualified by sittin 'round an worryin 'bout it.

Ya go ta school an ya learn how. Look at Jordan. He took night classes at a University an some classes on the internet. Took him 'bout a year, a year of



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hard work."

"Thanks Warden." Rick said. "I'll give it some thought."

"In ten days ya'll be movin outta here Richardson.

The first thing they'll do at the half-way house is ta help ya make up a plan fer a career and fer yer continued counseling.

That'll include yer wife an kids if they'll cooperate. Ya got ten days ta give it some thought.

Jordan'll help ya set yer goals." Back in his cell, Rick mulled over what the Warden said. His feelings were mixed.

On one side all he wanted was to resume his life with Amy and the kids.

On the other side he knew that getting his family back was impossible until he could learn how to be a husband and father.

Rick was about to drift off into sleep when he heard a voice.

He sat up and looked around but no one was there.

Then he heard Old Joe's words.

"Da Lawd's goin ta open doahs fo yo. Wen yo sees da Lawd open a doah, yo walk thru, ya heah."

Another notch, another stick, another new year has begun

The American Indians had several ways of keeping track of time.

One way they kept track of the years was to have a certain number of sticks in a bundle and each year they removed one.

Another way was to have a stick and each New Year they put another notch on their stick.

Whether we remove a stick from the bundle or put another notch on the stick a new year has arrived.

My wife put some pictures from my camera on our screen saver on our computer so I am able to sit and watch and see many things that happened last year.

Last year brought many events into our lives, some were fun some were painful.

God makes both, (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4).

Many things will happen this year that I can't control but there are some things I can hope



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

or purpose will happen.

One is that I want to be very close to God and Him close to me.

I will try to read my bible

daily and I will try to attend a local Church regularly.

I also want my life or the way I live it to be pleasing to Him, (Romans 12:1 & 2).

I would also hope that my children are close to God.

Yes, I will pray to God and ask Him to help make these things come about, (Psalm 55:1, Matthew 21:22, Philippians 4:6 & 7).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Jesus Said

After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:



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For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Praise The Lord.
St. Matthew 6: 9-14

LIFESTYLES

Is night eating making you fat?

By Dr. Caroline Cederquist
Contributing Writer

Do you know one of those people who never seems to eat, no breakfast, no lunch, little snacking throughout the day. Maybe you are one of these people, always declining the lunch invitation, and all day long, you're never really hungry, or not so hungry that you feel you need to respond to it.

But perhaps over the years, you have nevertheless accumulated excess weight, maybe even quite a lot of it. And it may be as much a mystery to you as to others, who wonder quietly, "How is that happening? I never see him eat." And you might wonder yourself, "I eat nothing all day long, so where are all these calories coming from?"

As is true for most of us, the calories are coming from the kitchen. But for folks with an odd disorder called Night-Eating Syndrome (NES), those calories sing an especially alluring song after the sun goes down. Most people have the experience

of the occasional midnight snack, but if you find yourself with your head in the fridge night after sleepless night, and fretting as your weight increases in spite of your meager food intake all day, you may be a victim of NES.

First described in the medical literature back in 1955, NES is characterized by three main features: a lack of appetite in the morning, overeating in the evening, and insomnia at night. NES is not particularly rare. While the prevalence of NES in the general population is estimated at about 1.5 percent, among overweight folks, it's far more common. One study reported 8.9 percent of patients in a weight-reduction clinic and 12 percent of overweight patients visiting a nutrition clinic were diagnosed with NES. And fully 26.5 percent of the subjects classified as severely overweight were diagnosed with NES.

Although not everyone with NES is overweight, a study comparing normal weight and overweight night-eaters against con-

trol subjects found that the main difference between the overweight and normal-weight NES subjects was age. The overweight night eaters had simply been at it longer, and investigators found that more than half of the older NES patients specifically recalled that their night-eating preceded their weight gain.

Interestingly, the chief difference between the normal weight night-eaters and the study's control subjects with normal eating patterns was that the NES group consumed more calories overall in any 24-hour period.

This is consistent with other studies of breakfast skippers, who say they don't feel hungry in the morning, and often convince themselves that with breakfast behind them, that's one meal's worth of calories they have escaped for the day. On the contrary, study after study has shown that people who skip breakfast have higher caloric intake overall in any given 24-hour hour period. The "skipped" calories just show up

at some point later in the day, and they bring their friends! It seems that it works pretty much the same with night eaters.

Behavioral and chemical markers of NES

What distinguishes the night eaters from other daytime meal skippers is that the primary hallmark of NES is insomnia; not just difficulty falling asleep, but frequent awakenings during the night. Like many people with depression, most night eaters can trace the beginnings of their insomnia problems to a period of elevated stress, such as a job loss, relationship break-up or any of the many other curve balls life slings at us. But NES patients report that their mood is lower in the night and early morning, and that differs from people diagnosed with simple depression.

NES sufferers also report that they feel driven to snack during these nighttime wakeful periods, and that their nocturnal fridge-foraging expeditions are particularly focused on high-carbohydrate foods.

Make ahead food; freeze it now - serve later

Happy New Year to you! Today's recipes are ideas for "make ahead and freeze" for the busy cook or the one who likes to be prepared or unexpected hungries. I do believe you will enjoy these.

Make Ahead Sandwiches

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef
3/4 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup ketchup
3/4 cup dill or sweet pickle relish
1 1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 to 1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 to 1/2 garlic powder
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce
1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese

Appx. 12 split hot dog buns or hamburger buns

In sauce pan, cook the beef and onion until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in next six ingredients and heat through. Add cheese and mix well. Place about 1/3 cupful on half of the buns. Serve immediately. To freeze for future use: cover and refrigerate the meat mixture until cool. Fill the buns; wrap individually in heavy duty foil and seal tightly. Can be frozen up to three months.

To use frozen sandwiches: bake in foil at 400 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until heated through.

Cookies and Cream Pie
1 1/2 cups half & half cream
1 pkg. (3-4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 carton (8oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 cup crushed cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies
1 chocolate crumb crust

In mixing bowl, combine the cream and pudding mix; beat on medium speed for one min. Let stand for five minutes. Fold in whipped topping and cookies. Spoon into crust. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours or overnight. May be frozen for up to 3 months. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

Milk Chocolate Pie
1 cup milk chocolate chips
1/2 cup milk, divided
1 pkg. (3oz.) cream cheese, soft
1 carton (8oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 chocolate crumb crust
Milk chocolate kisses and additional whipped topping, optional

In microwave or double boiler, combine chocolate chips and 1/4 cup milk. Cook until chips are melted; stir until smooth. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and remaining milk until smooth. Gradually beat in the chocolate mixture.



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Vada Baldree

Fold in whipped topping. Pour

into crust. Freeze 4 to 6 hours or overnight. May be frozen for up to 3 months. Remove from freezer 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Garnish each slice with a dollop of whipped topping and candy kisses if desired for fancy effect. Results will be better if you bake the crusts (directions on package) before filling.

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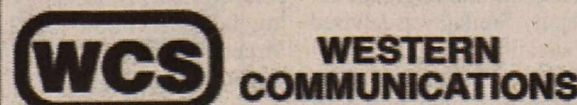
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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Dec. 26

2:24 p.m., A woman called to report that her vehicle had been stolen. Deputy Chism was informed of the situation and later recovered the vehicle.

3:32 p.m., Suzan Leah Cox, 40, of San Antonio was arrested by Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena on a warrant for theft, \$20-\$500, pending in Bexar County. Cox was released the same day after securing an \$800 bond.

4:43 p.m., Constable Bobby Guidry called to report that some juveniles on ATVs were driving recklessly on Edwards Street. Deputy Chism was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

9:14 p.m., A man called to report a silver Yukon with La. plates had a dead doe on its trailer. The vehicle was near a ranch and the owner wanted to know what it was doing in the area. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

6:30 p.m., A Val Verde ER official called to report that a man from Brackettville had been bitten by a raccoon that might be rabid. The official wanted to make sure the proper procedures for reporting and testing the animal were followed. Deputy Pena was advised and spoke with the official.

7:41 p.m., A man reported shots being fired near Gove Street. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

11:57 p.m., A Fort Clark security guard called to request deputy assistance in Unit 15. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

2:29 p.m., A man called to report that a box of trashbags was taken from his residence. The man believed that the owner of a vehicle that had broken down in front of his house had taken the bags. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation and attempted to contact the individual.

7:34 p.m., A 911 caller requested EMS assistance in regards to man outside his house claiming to have been hit by a car on Brown Street. EMS was dispatched and Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

Thursday, Dec. 29

9:46 p.m., A woman called to report that a white van with red lettering almost hit her fence. The woman believed the driver may be drunk. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

9:48 p.m., Kevin Paul Sheffield, 24, of Seguin was arrested by Deputy Kenneth Freitag for possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Sheffield was released on Dec. 30 after securing a \$1500 bond.

11:41 p.m., Constable Guidry called to report a water leak on East Spring Street. City officials were advised.

11:45 p.m., A ranch foreman called to report individuals spotlighting deer on his ranch. Game

Warden Henry Lutz was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

Friday, Dec. 30

1:07 a.m., A woman called to report a threat made against her dogs. Deputy Freitag was informed of the situation.

2:38 a.m., A woman called to report hearing gun shots near Coffin Street.

2:58 a.m., A woman called to report loud music coming from her neighbors house on El Paso Street. Deputy Freitag responded to the scene. Deputy Gutierrez was called in to assist Deputy Freitag.

3:10 a.m., Benjamin Tovar, 47, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Freitag for public intoxication, resisting arrest and assault. Tovar was still in custody at press time.

10:50 a.m., Robert Earl Nixon, 37, of Conroe was arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for driving while intoxicated. Nixon was released the next day after securing a \$1500 bond.

8:20 p.m., A woman called to report some juveniles playing with a ball at the Catholic church. The woman was concerned that the ball might hit her car. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

8:30 p.m., A man from Fort Clark Springs called to report some juveniles shooting off fireworks and wanted a deputy to make them stop. Deputy Freitag and Fort Clark Security was advised and responded to the situation.

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9:24 p.m., A man called to report that some juveniles were shooting off fireworks at the cemetery. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

11:30 p.m., A woman called to report that the side view mirror on her car was broken when it was hit by a beer-soaked roll of toilet tissue. Deputy Freitag was informed.

Saturday, Dec. 31

1:49 p.m., A woman called to report that her home in Spofford had been burglarized. Deputy Pena was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

5:15 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible hit and run at the corner of Gove and Spring Streets. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene. Deputy Pena spoke to the driver of the vehicle that remained on the scene. The driver and passenger of the second vehicle fled, but Deputy Pena later located the vehicle and seized it as evidence.

6:57 p.m., A woman called to report a water leak on East Spring Street. City officials were advised of the situation.

10:30 p.m., A 911 caller reported that someone was breaking into her home on Thorn Street. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, Jan. 1

12:00 a.m., A woman called to report that the individuals that she believed to have broken into her home earlier were near her residence again. Deputy

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Gutierrez was advised.

12:25 a.m., A man called to report a loud party on Henderson Street. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

1:50 a.m., A woman from Fort Clark called to report a domestic situation at her neighbors house. Deputy Gutierrez was en route to the location.

6:41 a.m., An employee at the Kinney County Detention Center reported an unknown vehicle driving around the parking lot.

7:40 a.m., A security guard from Fort Clark Springs reported that the alarm at a business was sounding off. Deputy Chism was advised and responded to the scene. The building was found to be secure and the manager notified.

10:57 a.m., Kakin Breen, 22, of Brackettville, was arrested by

Deputy Chism for failure to appear in court to respond to DWI charges.

10:00 p.m., An employee at the KCDC reported that some hunters were walking within 100 yards of the fence line compound. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation.

Monday, Jan. 2

12:20 a.m., A man called to report that two individuals had broken into a business on Ann Street. The individuals were believed to be walking down the alley near the business. Deputy Gutierrez responded to the call.

2:45 a.m., A 911 caller reported a blond woman walking on Hwy. 277 with a rifle in her hand. Deputy Gutierrez, Maverick County S.O. and the US Border Patrol were all notified of the situation. The woman was located and did not have weapon.

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