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Thorp selected as Fireman of the Year

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas Party at the Fire Hall December 17. An outstanding meal was prepared and served by the Auxiliary and Santa arrived just in time to distribute gifts for everyone.

Fire Chief Kyle Donaldson was assisted by Jody Luttrell and Carl Teaff in presenting the Fireman of the Year Award and several attendance plaques.

Kyle Donaldson, Marty Lipman, and Wayford Tyler, Jr. each received a plaque for 100% attendance of all meetings held in 1988. A total of 121 fires were recorded for 1988 and those receiving plaques for answering an exceptional number of these calls were Jody Luttrell-91, Wayford Tyler, Jr.-91, Rick Cearly-98, Sam Odom, Jr.-104, and Marty Lipman-105.

Fireman of the Year is an award given to a member of the Department who is dedicated to the organization and its purposes. He is a person who unselfishly gives of his time and talents and seems to always "go the extra mile" when needed.

This year's Fireman of the Year recipient was Tim Thorp.

Thorp joined the Department September 13, 1972. He served as Trustee from 1973 to 1975, Vice president 1975-1976, and Second Assistant Chief 1978-1983. He earned his EMT license as a requirement of his Fireman's Certification and also works with the Sutton County EMS.

Kyle Donaldson states, "Tim is the chief pump operator for the Department." His abilities as pump operator always gives the

Department an added edge at structure fires and area wide pumper races.

As recipient of the years award, Thorp will be a nominee for the Hill Country Fireman of the Year. The winner of this award will go on to a nomination at the State Convention.

The Department is proud to have Thorp as a member and appreciates his on going dedication to the organization.

Family Land Heritage applications due in July

Texas farmers and ranchers will once again have an opportunity to preserve their families agricultural heritage as participants in the Texas Family Land Heritage Program.

The program is designed to recognize more than mere ownership. It seeks to chronicle the personal histories of agricultural productivity which might otherwise be lost.

Since its inception in 1974, over 2,100 properties have been enrolled in the program. Participants who qualify receive a certificate of honor

in the name of the land and are listed in the annual Family Land Heritage Registry.

Under the provisions of the Program, Texas residents who own agricultural land may apply if they can trace the line of ownership from the first family member to the present either through direct relatives or by marriage.

The land, which must be currently productive, must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: ten acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than ten acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

If all the land has ever been rented outside the family, it will not qualify. Also, owners must live on the land and work the property or, if living elsewhere, must actively manage the day-to-day operation.

If you think your land may qualify or you know someone who might be interested please contact Alvis or Patricia Johnson at 387-5921 for the application form.

Deadline for applying in July 15, 1989 but it's wise to start early to document your eligibility. The Johnsons will be happy to assist you in this research.



Drawing contest winners . . .

Winners of the GTE Christmas Drawing Contest are (front row-l. to r.) Brandon Bloodworth, Grandprize for Best Overall, and First Place for age divisions, Stacey Lynn Becknell, Jacob Percifull, Bobby Salinas, and Cindy Duran, (back row l. to r.) Betty McGary, Division Service Office Manager for GTE and Elementary School Principal Clay Cade. Not pictured was Ricky Lumbreras.

The contest was open to students Pre-K through Second Grade. Each entrant received a coupon for a cone at Dairy Queen with winners also receiving coupons redeemable at Dairy Queen. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Winners share in \$1525 gift certificates from merchants

The warm weather certainly didn't bespeak of Christmas Eve day as the crowds gathered for the fourth and final set of Christmas Drawings sponsored by the Sonora Merchants Association.

The first winner of the day was Lisa Paredes who received gift certificates of \$25 each from First National Bank, Gosney's, Tedford Jewelry, P.M. Office Supply and \$25 from Edward D. Jones and Stalene Drilling to be spent with any participating merchant.

Melissa Velez won the second drawing at 11 a.m. and received \$5 from Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish and \$25 each from Spain's, Inc, Westerman Drug, Food Center, Sutton County National Bank, Radio Shack and from State Farm Insurance to be spent with any participating merchant.

The final winner at 11 was Melissa Patlan who won \$5 from Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish, \$25 each from First National

Bank, Hill's Jewelry, Westerman Drug, and Grider Trucking to be spent with any participating merchant and \$50 from Spain's Inc.

Winners at the 1 p.m. drawing were Wanda Nixon who received \$5 from Country Fried Chicken 'n Fish and \$25 each from Jim's Thriftway, Sutton County National Bank, Perry's, Hill's Jewelry and from R.S. Teaff Oil Co. and Doyle Morgan Insurance to be spent with any participating merchant; Pam Bolt who received \$25 each from First National Bank, Gosney's, and Doyle Morgan to be spent with any participating merchant and \$100 from image; and Kippy Rogers who won \$25 each from Vivian's Modernway, Sutton County National Bank, Gosney's, and Son-Tex Rathole Service and Stalene Drilling to be spent with any participating merchant and \$50 from Westerman Drug.

The final drawings of this season at 3 p.m. were won by Olivia

Hernandez who received gift certificates of \$25 each from Gosney's, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., First National Bank and from West Texas Utilities and Outdoor Drama Group to be spent with any participating merchant and \$50 from Tedford Jewelry; Cissy Galindo who won \$25 each from Hill's Jewelry, Sutton County National Bank, Carol's Merle Norman, Pat Walker's, and from JIMCO Enterprises and the Devil's River News to be spent with any participating merchant and \$50 from Spain's, Inc.; and Neufa Gaytan who received \$25 each from First National Bank, Sonora Ford Sales, Gosney's and from Stalene Drilling to be spent with any participating merchant and \$50 each from Westerman Drug and Tedford Jewelry.

The Christmas Drawings are the merchants way of saying to the citizens of the community "Thanks for Shopping Sonora!"

Council meets with full agenda

The City Council received a favorable report on the fiscal 1987-1988 audit as they met in regular session on December 20. Council members present were Bob Mooney, James Trainer, Margaret Cascadden, Thomas Adkins and Mayor Bill Gosney.

Referring to declines in revenues over the past few years, the spokesman for the auditing firm told the council that expenditures have also declined so that the City was in good financial condition. He also urged the City to obtain letters from banks holding finances to guarantee security in the event of a bank failure.

Calhoun Builders requested a zone change on a three acre tract abutting the high school from R-1 to R-2 for the purpose of building housing for the elderly. Upon the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Board, the Council voted unanimously to allow the change.

Bids were opened for the purchase of a copier for City Hall with MasterTech of San Angelo being awarded the sale with a low bid of \$5,685. Other bids included Xerox bidding \$6,720 and Pitney Bowes with a bid of \$6,640, alternate of \$6,014.

The Council then heard bids for a 1988 pick up to be used by the Animal Control Officer. The bid went to Cecil Atkisson Chevrolet with a low bid of \$11,694.76. Other bidders included Sonora Ford Sale with a bid of \$12,297 and Graff Barton Ford of Del Rio with a bid of \$11,972.

After opening bids from Doyle Morgan Insurance, Texas Municipal League and Mid-Dessa Insurance for liability and property insurance, awarding of bids was tabled until December 23 to give time to compare the coverage included in each bid.

The Council agreed unanimously

to transfer the title of a 1937 Ford Fire Engine to the Sutton County Historical Society.

No action was taken on a request from Statex Petroleum, Inc. to drill and operate an oil and/or gas well in and under Drilling Block F though it was decided to hold a public hearing on the matter in the next regular meeting on January 24.

Renovation of portions of City Hall were once again discussed and a decision was made for a general meeting to be held with employees to offer and discuss ideas to enhance the various work areas.

A revised edition of personnel rules and regulations manual was discussed with City Manager Pete Gildon offering the suggestions that accrual days for sick leave no longer be paid at the end of each year but instead that the days accumulate to be paid to the employee on termination in good standing. Gildon also suggested giving another week vacation time for employees with five years service and the option for employees to sell a week of their vacation back to the City.

Councilman Mooney offered suggestions on several portions of the manual to clarify the intent of regulations and also stated the book should include the statement that employees be allowed to talk to individual members of the council on job related matters.

Discussion ensued whereby other members said they felt chain of command should rule and that employees could appeal any grievance to the Council after following chain of command. Mooney said he felt the manual should state either that employees could or could not speak with

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Center requests help

by Carole Thorp
Center Director

The Senior Citizens Center needs volunteers! If any individual or organization would like to volunteer some time and energy-we can use you!

We especially need people to help sack and distribute commodities the second Wednesday of each month. A few strong backs would help out with lifting and loading.

We'll be increasing our Meals on Wheels program in the Spring and

we'll need some extra drivers to deliver meals.

If your group likes to entertain-call us! We love a good time! Come see us and join us for dinner. We serve lunch daily and we're open from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

We'd like to keep a list of people we can call on when a need arises. If you can be available once or twice a month, let us know. The phone number at the Center is 387-5657.

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Briefly

Tax office to be closed

If you haven't already paid your advalorem taxes and want to do so before the end of the year, keep in mind that the Appraisal District office will be closed December 30.

Early deadline

The deadline for the January 5 edition of the Devil's River News will be 5 p.m. Friday, December 30 and the office will be closed on January 2, 1989.

Beef raffle

The West Side Lions Club is raffling off a half of beef to be given away on January 24. The proceeds of the raffle are to benefit the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from Jim's Thriftway, Country Fied Chicken 'n Fish, Live Oak 66 or any West Side Lions Club member.

Society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, January 3, 1989 at 7:30 pm in the Colorado and Jackson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo.

Billy Scattergood will be the guest speaker, speaking on "Using Tax Records in Genealogical Research." Visitors are always welcome.

Fibers showcase

Entry forms are available at the Sutton County Extension office for the Natural Fibers Showcase. The contest will take place at Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall Round-Up Inn in Fort Worth on Saturday, March 4, 1989. The purpose of the contest is to promote cotton, wool and mohair industries.

There are five competitive divisions. All entries are due no later than February 6, 1989.

For more information, please come by the Sutton County Extension office and pick up a copy of the form.

EMT class scheduled

An Emergency Medical Technician Course will begin in February in Sutton County.

This course is 100 hours of classroom and practical training in the field of emergency medicine. A Texas Department of Health EMT license will be issued if the student successfully completes the course and passes the state written exam.

The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday

nights. For more information call 387-5132 weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm.

Applications taken

New applications for the Commodities Program for 1989 will be taken at the Senior Center on December 30 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Center is located at 106 Wilson, 387-5657.

When picking up commodities, you must bring verification of all income.

Register for contest

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Big Buck contest with four categories and four prizes.

You may pre-register at Kerbow's Little Outdoors, the Chamber of Commerce or at the Branding Iron Smokehouse or take your buck to the Branding Iron Smokehouse. Registration fee is \$5.

For additional information call 387-2880 or 387-2801.

Predator problems

Ranchers of the area need to be aware of an increasing predator problem in some areas.

If you would be interested in joining a trapping club or if you have questions regarding predator control call John Wade at 387-2908.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meets in Sonora on Thursday nights and in Eldorado on Tuesday nights. Ozona also meets every Tuesday night.

For more information on the organization or on the meetings call 387-5775.

Have you adopted?

Adopt one square foot of the old Santa Fe Depot roof for just \$4. Help weather-in the Depot in 1988. All donors names displayed in the Stationmasters Office. Make checks to SCHS-Depot Roof and mail to Depot Roof, Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950 or drop your contribution by Westerman Drug or the Devil's River News.

Hunter's try your luck

The Sutton County Chapter of the Independent Cattlemen's Association will be having a drawing on January 2, 1989 for two exciting hunting trips. The first prize will be a Fallow deer hunt on January 28, 1989 and the second prize is a Barbado 4 horned sheep hunt on January 28, 1989. The drawing will be held at the I.C.A. monthly meeting with the winner to be notified. Donations for a \$1.00 each will be accepted for chances to win these hunts. Tickets can be purchased from any I.C.A. member, Whitehead and Powers office, Gosney's Dept. Store, Chavarria Grocery, and Vivian's Modern Way.

PUBLISHERS COMMENT

Another year almost gone and as I reflect on 1988, I wonder how many of my goals I've reached during the year--not the material goals necessarily, though they are important to each of us--but the spiritual goals.

Have I made someone's life a little easier, have I given a smile when a smile was needed, have I been there to hug when a hug was important and have I told those close to me how much I love them and how important they are to me?

Have I realized that all people, regardless of race, religion or national origin are just like me, striving toward a better life for themselves and those around them? Have I learned that because I don't care to be around someone is not because they are less worthy than I am or that they are my enemy but because differences in our personalities make us incompatible?

Have I learned how fragile and delicate my earthly surroundings are and how I must care for them if I am to leave them to the generations which follow?

If I have accomplished any of these things, I've had an excellent 1988!

Yea!!! Doris Cahill is back!
When I learned of Doris's return to Sonora I went to visit with her and ask her the chances of her reviving her column, *Over the Hill Gang*. To my delight, she agreed.

The column, which begins its return in this issue, will run as often as Doris is able to do it which she says will probably be once a month.

Welcome back, Doris, you will make many people happy with news from the Nursing Home. And besides that, we all missed you.

Speaking of columns, we have another new one, which will appear from time to time, entitled *Watchin' and Wonderin' with Zeke Smith*.

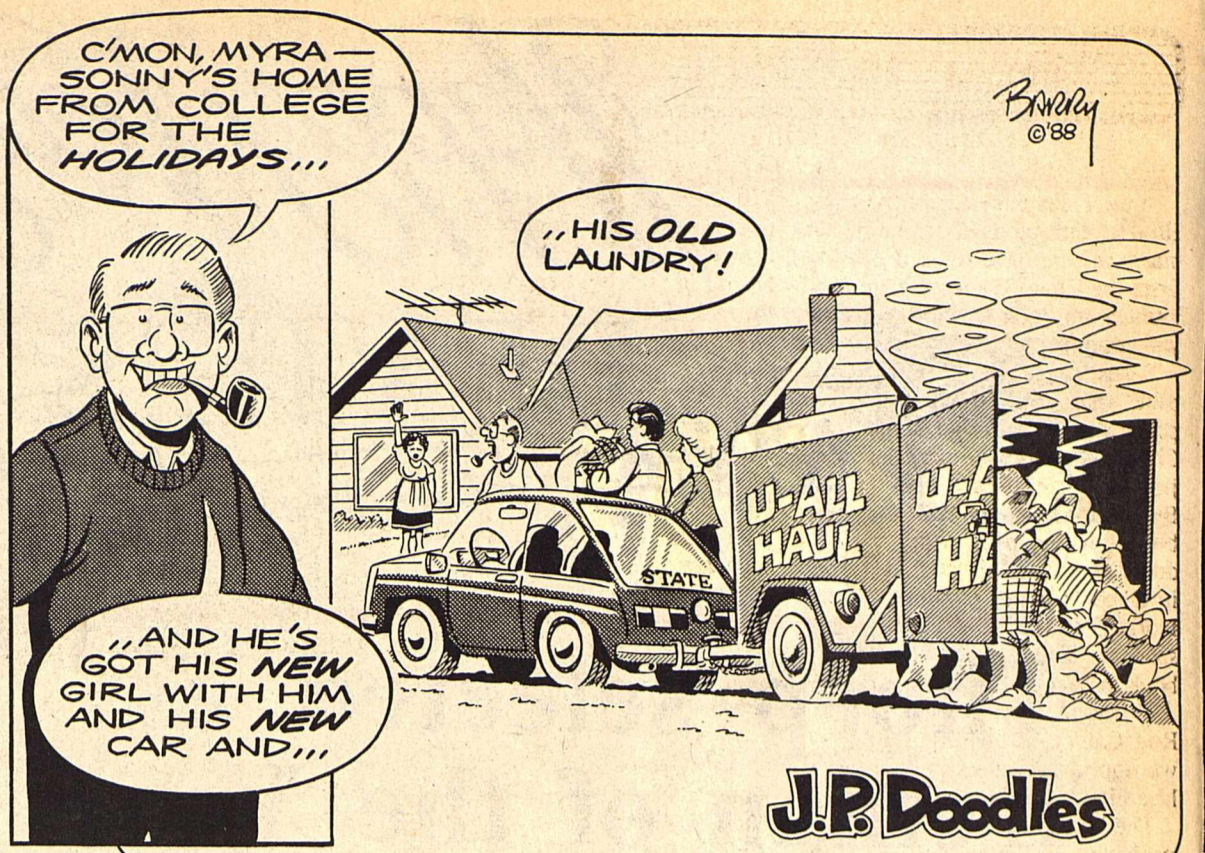
Zeke Smith is a character created by none other than David Currie from Paint Rock. For those of you who don't remember, David was, unfortunately, our unsuccessful Democratic candidate for State Representative District 67.

Zeke is a retired rancher, sometimes writer, and part-time philosopher who doesn't really exist, except in the mind of his creator who's not really sure anything exists but who's got an opinion on everything just in case it does.

Zeke does alot of watchin' and wonderin'"bout most near everything--God, politics, in-laws, babies, love, war and just bout everything else a person can wonder about. Maybe something I'm wonderin' about will help you with your living and life will be a little better for both of us."

He hopes to make a few folks more aware of how special they are if they don't already know because he believes it will make them "alot happier and a heck of alot more fun to be around."

That's it for this year.
Let's all give 1989 the welcome it deserves. And remember, if you welcome '89 with holiday "spirits" please give your car keys to someone who just has the holiday spirit, don't drink and drive.



ONE MAN'S OPINION

by T. Driskell

One must feel a great sadness and intense sympathies for the families of the exchanged students killed in the Pan American 747 just before Christmas over Scotland. If we remember about nine months ago, intelligence reports were telling us that the Iranian Parliament was training terrorists and guerilla warfare experts because that was the only way to compete with the United States, their chief enemy. They also had many trainees in three PLO training camps.

Were the students and the passengers the first of many checkers that will be lost in the game? At this time we do not know for sure whether or not it was sabotage, or whether or not it was

structural disintegration. All we can be sure of is that the plane broke into pieces at very high altitude and scattered pieces of aircraft, casualties and luggage over an area fifteen miles long and of undetermined width. Odds favor, or seem to favor sabotage, but it is known that there was abnormally heavy clear air turbulence at flight altitude so we are left holding a big bag of question marks which must be sorted out and quickly!

If it turns out to be sabotage, we have come off with the best possible fortune in a great disaster. If the explosion had occurred thirty minutes later we would have had fewer casualties, but the wreckage

that will serve to provide information is available without diving in the cold ocean, and our studies, conclusions, and appropriate reactions can be planned and put in operation much sooner.

If this national loss turns out to be the first sacrifice in a lethal international checker game watch with extreme caution our actions. Unless our course is changed you and I could very easily join the students because the counter-checkers are already in place. It depends on how you look at it; heaven, hades, or a simple non existence it certainly cures income tax, atheletes' foot and some other major and minor maladies.

Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

N--New? Yes, a new Year is here.
E--Each must hold every day dear.
W--Watch and hope, listen and hear.

Y--Your resolutions are all fixed and set?
E--Each a dream to realize yet.

A--Another chance we're given to win/
R--Remember all the things "way back when".

There is only one good thing that can be said about bad habits. If it weren't for them we could not make any New Year's resolutions.

The New Year is when some people drop in for a call and others call in for a drop.

What the New Year brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring the New Year.

The New Year is like a new baby--many changes will be necessary, some of which will be neglected.

A New Year's resolution is a promise to stop doing everything you enjoy most.

Many an argument is sound--and only sound.

You would be surprised to know how many people are like a brass drum plenty of noise but nothing on the inside.

Today's kids call it "finding themselves." In the "good old days" it was called loafing.

Many Americans no longer celebrate the arrival of the New Year--they celebrate the survival of the old year.

A newspaper editor's business is to separate the wheat from the chaff and see to it that the chaff gets printed.

Not all the dope this country swallows is narcotic.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK
May your troubles in the New Year be as short-lived as your resolutions.

Support group to be hosted by St. John's Hospital

St. John's Behavioral Health Center will be hosting a support group for adults molested as children. This support group will begin meeting on January 9, 1989 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and will meet every Monday for six weeks.

Bobby Todd, case manager for the Behavioral Health Center at St. John's, will be the group facilitator.

Todd works with those experiencing acute emotional and mental issues such as depression, anxiety, and stress related illnesses. He is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology.

Letters

Dear Editor,
This is such a lovely little song my mother sang with we children each fall. Thought you might enjoy printing it now during the leaves falling:

*Come Little Leaves
Come little leaves said the wind one day,
Come over the meadow with me to play.
Put on your dresses of red and gold,
For the summer is gone and the days grow cold.
Laughing and playing the little leaves went,
Winter had called them and they were content.
Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,
And the snow lay a coverlet over their heads.*

Your friend,
Mrs. Devers Valliant

Birthdays

- December 31
Helen Johnson
Lupe Ramon
January 1
Clay Cade
Becky Collins
Cordie Drennan
January 2
Gretta Smith
January 3
Nolan Johnson
Allison Schweining
January 4
Mike Hale
James Alexander
Jeffrey Dietz
Trey Johnson
January 5
Bobbie Smith

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

by Craig Bell

1989: A Look Ahead

economy has begun to slow after six years of uninterrupted growth. On a more positive note, however, unemployment remains at a 14-year low, personal consumption remains strong, and the nation's manufacturers have proved to be a bright spot in the economy.

Because U.S. industries have spent the past few years putting cost-cutting measures into place, earning per share for many companies should increase throughout 1989 in spite of a slower economy. In fact, earnings per share for Dow Jones Industrials are expected to surpass 1988's record-setting mark. Another factor in equity investors' favor is the recent rash of mergers and acquisitions, which have taken a great deal of stock out of circulation. This has lessened the likelihood of sharp sell-offs, making equities an attractive buy for investors in 1989.

Another positive note is bridled inflation. It has proved manageable throughout 1988 thanks to the efforts of the federal Reserve System and declining oil prices. While economic growth will probably be minimal--1 1/2 percent to 2 percent--inflation in '89 is forecasted to remain around 5 percent--inflation in '89 is forecasted to remain around 5 percent as the Federal Reserve System continues its battle against inflation.

Taking these factors into consideration, here are some additional investment suggestions made by the Research Department of a major New York Stock Exchange firm.

1. Avoid overinvesting in Certificates of Deposit and other short-term investments. While the current flattened interest yield curve makes short-term investments appear as attractive as long-term investments, history shows that each time a flat inverted yield curve has occurred, short-term interest

rates have fallen dramatically, with long-term also falling, although not as dramatically.

2. Limit exposure to high-yield bond funds. Excessive borrowing by companies for mergers and takeovers may create difficulties for these firms in the future should a recession occur.

3. Add to your holdings of quality tax-exempt bonds. Whether or not income taxes rise in the next few years, tax-exempt bonds offer excellent value to investors.

4. As mentioned before, now is an excellent time to invest in quality common stocks and mutual funds.

It is impossible to predict how the investment climate will react in 1989; however, the basic investment rule of diversification is timeless. Diversifying your dollars among a variety of investments is always the safest investment move.

Council . . .

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individual council members and otherwise there was a gray area created by the omission.

Motion was made by Councilman Trainer to accept the manual without the clause but inclusive of the other changes and the manual passed with only Mooney voting against.

Council met again on Friday to discuss the insurance and award the bid. Bid amounts given at the regular meeting on Tuesday were Doyle Morgan, \$40,749; TML, \$32,214; Mid-dessa, \$28,433 with an incomplete bid.

The City Manager explained that the bid from Mid-Dessa was not complete and didn't meet the specifications and then went on to explain that the policy from the Texas Municipal League would put the City into a situation of "self insurance" having to make claims adjustments on the minor claims as TML doesn't administer all phases of the program.

Doyle Morgan revised his bid stating that the original bid, figured from the City budget, included the entire Water and Sewer Department budget and should have been on the salary figures only. The revised version of the insurance offered by his company was \$36,955.

Councilwoman Cascadden questioned the legality of accepting a bid which had been revised but was assured, citing bid specifications, that the Council had the right of acceptance. Attending Council members, James Trainer, Margaret Cascadden, Thomas Adkins and Hershel Davenport voted unanimously to accept the bid of Doyle Morgan Insurance and make him agent of record for a three year period with premiums quoted on an annual basis.

Early Deadlines

Because of the New Year holiday, deadlines for articles and advertising for the January 5, 1989 issue of the Devil's River News will be December 30 at 5 p.m.

Devil's River News

"Over the Hill Gang"

Hudspeth Nursing Home News
by Doris Cahill

Yes, I am back in the Nursing Home, and pleased to know so many of you have missed hearing from the Gang. We appreciate your interest and look forward to seeing you around.

There have been changes in the past year, but some things in particular remain the same. Our Cordie Drennan's absorption with jig-saw puzzles, and Ruby Brotherton's lack of ability to play bingo! Ruby, poor dear, just sits down and wins four straight games in a row without blinking an eye. Doris Cox, the avid reader, is still seldom, if ever, seen without a book in hand.

All agree that our new L.V.N., Ron Calder, is one great guy, and we hope he likes us as well as we like him.

The Nursing Home is beautifully decorated for the holiday season, as usual, and residents have received many lovely floral arrangements, gifts, and visitors, as well as having been lavishly entertained.

A summary of the past few weeks activities begins with our first Christmas carol *Silent Night* being sung by Sheila, Brandon, and Starla Harris, and Rhonda Akins at the November 29 Hymn Sing. On the following day, Mr. G. and Kelly and Kendra Jones presented a program of Christmas music, accompanied by pianist Charlotte Wilson.

The Methodist Youth Choir came caroling one evening, and forty third grade school children sang carols one morning. We also enjoyed a piano recital by pupils of Mrs. Patsy Dobbs one Sunday afternoon, after which cookies and punch were served by Lilia Gonzales.

Sunday devotionals have been held by Monte Jones, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church; the Rev. Kent Kepler, First United Methodist Church; Don Jones, minister of the Church of Christ and members of the choir; the Rev. Lawrence D'Mello, St. Ann's Catholic Church; and the Rev. Jim Stephen, First Baptist Church. Mrs. Monte Jones, and Mrs. Jim Stephen accompanied their husbands and played the piano for singing.

Hostesses for the Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Party were Lura Sawyer, Maggie Glasscock, and Ruth Shurley. A white basket of greenery, trimmed with a red bow, centered the red cloth on the serving table, and a two-tiered white cake adorned with red poinsettias added much to its attractiveness. Refreshments of egg nog from a silver bowl, and finger sandwiches were served with the cake. Mr. G. sang *O Holy Night* which was requested by Doris Cox. He was accompanied by pianist Charlotte

Wilson. Christmas music was also presented by Micki Miller. Last but not least, Santa Claus came ho-ho-ing in with his bag of two gifts for each resident and favored us with warm hand-clasps.

Fifteen Candy Strippers, and their sponsors Virginia Epps and Mattie Nix, surprised us with a lovely Christmas party on the first day of winter. Cookies and punch were served, and the girls had used proceeds from bake sales to purchase gifts of body lotion for the ladies, and after shave lotion for the men. Sandra Cooper, another sponsor, was unable to attend due to illness in the family. Virginia's mother, Mrs. Josephine Curry from Del Rio, was a guest.

Members of St. Ann's Catholic Church Choir entertained at the Nursing Home Wednesday night with Christmas songs in Spanish and English. Pedro Galindo, Jr. played the guitar, George Reyes, the piano, and Leticia Galindo, tamborine. Scripture readings were by Leticia Galindo and Lydia Galindo.

Faithfuls Phyllis Jones, Ilene Stewart, Ethelda Holland, and Mandy Turk appear each Friday morning to give manicures, shampoos, and sets. More of the ladies plan to be here after the holidays. They add so much to our days in every way.

What happens to boys who use bad language when they play marbles? I guess they grow up and play golf.

We were grieved to learn of the passing of Muriel Hamilton on December 22, 1988 in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Muriel was a long-time resident of the Nursing Home and will be sorely missed.

The following poem seemed appropriate as we near year's end, and it tugged at my heart strings. Do hope it will have meaning for you, too.

Recollections

*The family album,
The country store,
Gay sunbeams dancing
On newly-scrubbed floor.*

*Bright hair ribbons
And new matching socks,
The Christmas doll
Still in it's box.*

*The Sunday School program
At the end of each year,
Hand-fashioned Valentines
That brought joy and cheer.*

*But my fondest memory
Forever will be
Saying evening prayers
At my Dear Mother's knee.*

Unknown

Bueno Bye, until next time, and may the magic of Christmas remain with you throughout the New Year!



BECKY BOYD AND LARRY DON HOOPER

Couple to exchange vows

Becky Boyd of San Angelo is to become the bride of Larry Don Hooper, also of San Angelo, on December 31. The wedding will take place at the Ft. Concho Chapel with the Rev. Javier Hernandez officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ann Boyd of Sonora. Parents of the bridegroom are Jack and Nell Hooper of Lovington, New Mexico.

The bride is a graduate of Angelo State University and works as a pharmaceutical representative for Hoffman LaRoche, Inc. The bridegroom also attended Angelo State University and is currently stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

The couple will reside in San Angelo.

New Arrivals

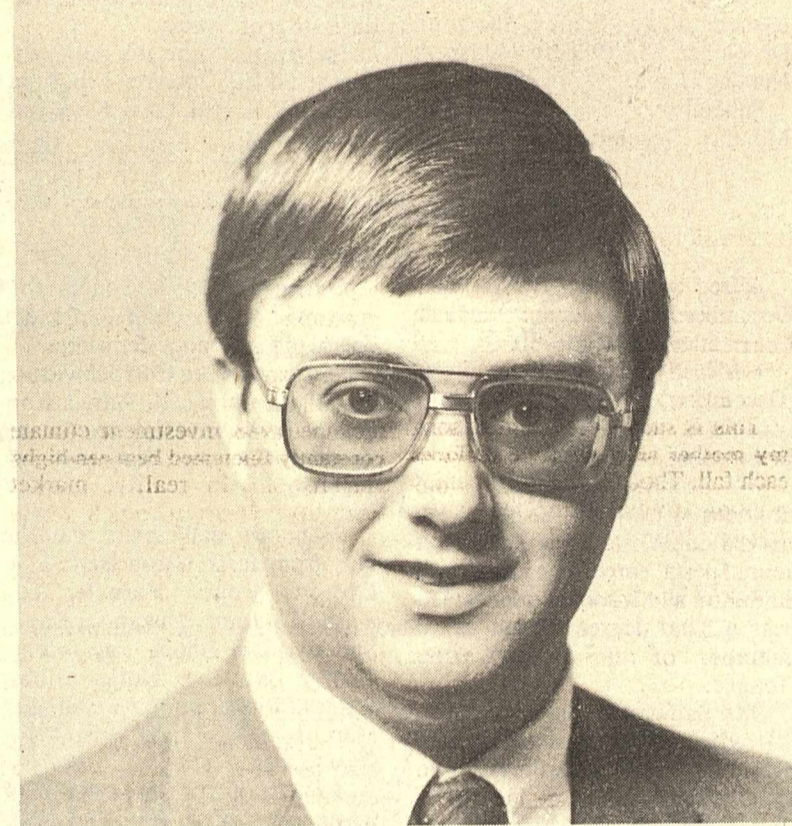
Kaija Lee Valkonen

Melinda and Tony Valkonen are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kaija Lee, born December 6 at Angelo Community.

Kaija arrived weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 19

inches in length.

She is welcomed by maternal grandparents Shirley and George Vickers of Fort Davis. Paternal grandparents, the late Katarina and Alfred Valkonen White.



J. Kelly Carta

Carta receives ASCE Young Engineer Of The Year Award

J. Kelly Carta, P.E., of Rady and Associates, Inc., Fort Worth, received the Young Engineer of the Year Award from the Fort Worth Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers on December 12, 1988. The selection of this award was based upon the guidelines set forth for the Edmund Fiedman Young Engineer Award. Mr. Carta will now submit to National ASCE for consideration as an Edmund Friedman candidate.

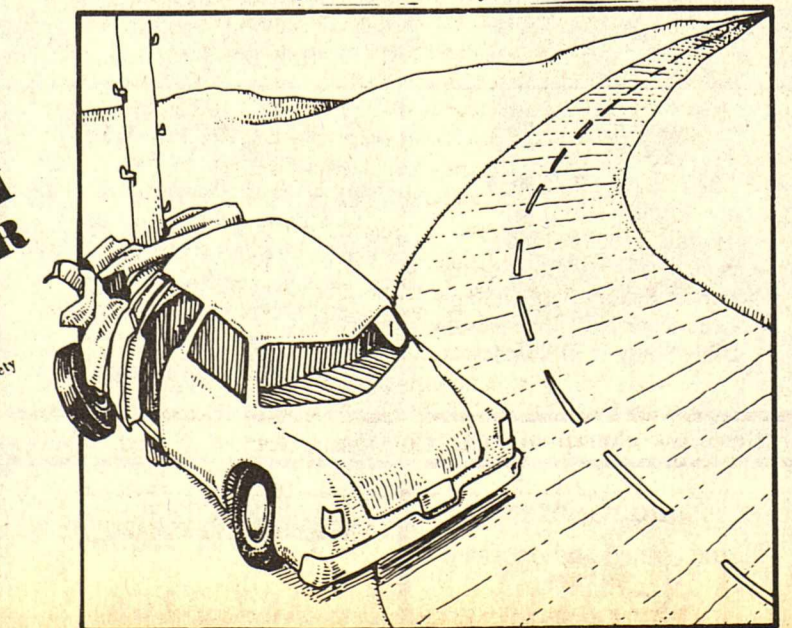
The awardee is a graduate of Sonora High School and a 1983 graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Presently he serves as a project engineer and computer system manager for Rady and Associates, Inc. He is a member of ASCE and TSPE, as well as the Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. His ASCE activities include service on the Younger Members, Awards, and Hospitality committees for the Fort Worth Branch. In addition, he served on the Registration

Committee for the Texas Section 1987 Spring Convention in which he co-authored a computer program to aid registration.

His experience includes conducting site feasibility studies for the initial efforts to attract the Superconducting Super Collider of Texas. His findings were published in a report to the Houston Area Research Council (HARC) for inclusion in support material forwarded to the Texas Legislature for site selection. This effort also led to Mr. Carta's involvement on pending patents for new tunnelling technology.

Carta's other experiences include design and project representation on a 354 acre development project in Lewisville, Texas and various other street, drainage, airport, levee, water, and sewer design projects.

Mr. Carta resides in Weatherford with his wife, Trudy and their three children, Richard, Mallory and Beth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Carta of Llano, Texas.



DON'T LET DWI DETOUR YOUR PLANS!
A holiday message from the Texas Department of Public Safety

I'm confused about something. If my wife and I each have our own checking accounts, and we also have a joint account, how much FSLIC protection are we guaranteed at our savings and loan?

That is a good question that stumps many people. The best way to describe it is that each account is



Depot Diary

by Patricia Johnson

What better time is there to talk about New Year's Resolutions than on the 29th day of December? Those of you who have indicated an interest in helping with the Depot roof but never quite got around to it can write down "Depot Roof Donation" as No. 1 on your Resolution list. Just send your tax deductible "adoption fee" of \$4.00 per sq. ft. to SCHS-Depot Roof, Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950. Or take it by Westerman Drug. Then lean back feeling relaxed and virtuous, knowing that you have already accomplished your very first New Year's Resolution of 1989. It could set the tone for a totally

successful New Year!

This weeks contributors are: Tom and Janet Craig-Corpus Christi.

"Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist"

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Welcome 1989




As time marches on, we're marching in with joyous New Year wishes for all!

First National Bank and Sutton County National Bank

will close all banking facilities at 3 p.m. on December 30 with Drive-In facilities closed on December 31 and all facilities closed on January 2, 1989.

Regular business hours for all banking facilities will resume on January 3, 1989.




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ASK ANN RICHARDS

How can I find the best rates on credit cards

Editors Note: State Treasurer Ann W. Richards each week answers questions about personal finance and state government. These questions are compiled from various letters to the State Treasury. Answers are not intended to take the sound advice of reputable financial advisors or other professional counselors.

I just got out of college and I want to get a credit card. I get applications in the mail all the time for credit cards, and they all seem to offer different rates. How can I find the bank with the lowest rates?

"The Bank Card Update," published by the Bank Credit Card Observer, lists the 10 largest banks in the country with the lowest rates. It gives you a list of question to ask a bank in deciding where to get your credit card. To get the list, send a check or money order for \$8 payable to Bank Credit Card Observer at 3086 Route 27, Suite 6, Kendall Park, NJ, 08824.

As far as a list of Texas banks with low rates, the Texas Consumers Union tells me one is not available right now. They suggest you check the national list to see if some Texas banks were named.

Or, call several banks in your area and ask them what rates they offer. It can be time-consuming, but it could also save you money in the long run.

I'm confused about something. If my wife and I each have our own checking accounts, and we also have a joint account, how much FSLIC protection are we guaranteed at our savings and loan?

That is a good question that stumps many people. The best way to describe it is that each account is

insured up to \$100,000 by the FSLIC. Many people confuse this with the idea that each person is insured up to \$100,000, which is not so.

The three basic types of accounts are individual accounts, joint accounts, and trust accounts. Different combinations will result in different levels of protection. A husband and wife could set up 5 accounts with total FSLIC coverage of \$500,000. Here is how it could work:

- Husband's individual account
- Wife's individual account
- Husband and Wife's joint account
- Husband's Trust
- Wife's Trust

Talk to someone at your savings and loan to find out the combination that will provide the most protection for your money.

If you have a question, write: Ask Ann Richards, P.O. Box 12608, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.



HEALTH CARE

by Scott Gilmore, Hospital Administrator

A patch of blue

A relatively recent advance in drug delivery is to take your medicine by skin patch. The drug passes through the pores of the skin and into the bloodstream in a steady, controlled amount.

In order to penetrate the skin, the molecules of the drug must be tiny. Because it bypasses the stomach and liver, lower dosage of medicine are effective, and there may be fewer side effects from the patch than from pills or shots.

Drugs available by patch include:

- *Estrogen, to treat symptoms of menopause. This low-dose skin patch, brandname Estraderm, is transparent and about the size of a silver dollar. Worn on the abdomen,

it is changed twice weekly.

- *Scopolamine, for motion sickness. Introduced in 1981, it has even been worn by astronauts in space. A patch is worn behind the ear and changed every three days.
- *Nitroglycerin, for angina. This patch is worn constantly and changed daily.
- *Clonidine, for hypertension. This patch is changed weekly.

Researchers are working to also develop skin patch delivery of drugs such as insulin, pain killers, antihistamines, and more. They also hope to further reduce the small incidence of allergic reactions to skin patches.

DEATH NOTICES

Muriel Ella Hamilton

Muriel Ella Hamilton, 86, died Thursday December 22, 1988 in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were at 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 23, in Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born February 6, 1902, in Kimble County. She moved to Sonora from Kimble County, where her family was one of the early pioneering families.

She and her husband operated the Red and White Grocery Store in Sonora, which later became the Hamilton Grocery Store, until they sold the store in 1955. She then went to work for the Sonora Independent School District until 1973.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, in 1955, and her sons, George and Clayton Hamilton.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Nita Rainbolt of Seguin; five grandchildren, Dick Hamilton of San Angelo, Gayle Hamilton of Odessa; Linda Britton of Odessa, Trisha Fishbeck of Round Rock and Tyra Hamilton of Austin; and nine great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Dick Street, Joe David Ross, Bill Wade, Earl Johnson, Doyle Morgan and Glen Richardson.

HEALTH NOTES

by Edwin D. Rathbun

"Osis-itis"

Those are our shorthand words for two mysterious conditions that may dwell in the nether regions of a human's body. Diverticulosis and Diverticulitis are the conditions we are discussing. "Osis" means that there are present little pouches along the walls of the large intestine - the colon. These little pouches are about an inch long and a quarter inch in diameter. "Itis" simply means that the pouches of diverticulosis have become infected so that we now call them diverticulitis.

Commonly held theories about diverticulosis indicate that it occurs first of all because of an inherited or a congenital form of weakness in the way that the human body was put together. The colon has an inner layer of mucus membrane, two layers of muscle that are laid in different directions and a glistening, slick covering of serosa. In order to nourish all of these layers a small blood vessel about the size of a pencil lead penetrates the muscular wall about every inch or so. The theory is that in susceptible individuals, unusual pressures inside the colon will cause ballooning-out of little pouches because of a gap in the muscular walls that surround each tiny artery, an inherited abnormality. It is thought next that abnormal pressures are necessary to develop the pouches and this may come from the constipated diet of modern society that emphasizes refined and purified ingredients as opposed to the more natural diet that is more plentiful in skins and indigestible parts of fruits and vegetable and "soluble fiber" as it occurs in beans and lentils and several other vegetables that are seldom found at a convenience store or a fast food counter, or possibly from a condition of the colon induced by drugs or by chemicals or by "unnatural" diet, or by inherited abnormalities that alters the normal peristalsis, a rhythmic squeezing of food so that it moves through the intestinal passage into a dysrhythmic contraction that doesn't move digestive products along and merely causes an irresistible force against an immovable object resulting in bursts of very high pressure that may eventually force these little balloons of unprotected mucosa out through the inner lining

of fingers of muscle not strong enough to resist very abnormally high pressures.

As might be expected, the chief complication of diverticulosis is an occurrence of bleeding from the blood vessel that lays alongside the tiny pouch, and that blood loss can be truly frightening and life threatening in amounts. The complication of bleeding seems to occur only very rarely amongst diverticulosis patients, perhaps one out of a thousand may suffer serious bleeding that requires blood transfusion and surgical removal of a segment. Unfortunately, all too often, the bleeding point is difficult or impossible to find. Very recent techniques using nuclear medicine studies to detect tiny blood losses are very effective in this case but centers where the studies are done are few and far between, and the Radiologists with the training to read them are almost as rare.

Diverticulitis, in it's acute phase, may be called "left sided appendicitis". It is more often the cause of years and even decades of misery unrecognized by the patient as a left lower abdominal pain associated with cramping discomfort and chronic pain with temperature elevation. Because most diverticulitis is in the lower colon where it lays behind the abdominal cavity just below the membrane that lines the abdominal cavity, the serious sudden illness of appendicitis is not so common as a smoldering weeks-long bout of infection, pain, cramping, and slow response to antibiotics - when a diverticulum "blows out" in an area away from this protective lining a more serious immediate problem may occur with peritonitis.

Interestingly, enough diverticulitis may then appear in the segment pulled down to replace the gap. This fact is a very strong persuasion to the diverticulitis patient to change his ways of eating and functioning so that he may avoid a trip back to the operating room. Bleeding in small amounts occurs frequently with diverticulitis, but the effort at screening the stool for blood is more important in its role of detecting cancers of the colon, so it is recommended for a screening of all adults over 40, yearly.

Clyde Hill



Clyde M. Hill, 78 of Sonora passed away Friday morning December 23, 1988 in Hudspeth Nursing Home.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday December 26, 1988 in

Kerbow Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Kent Kepler officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Hill was born July 4, 1910, in Sonora, the son of Giles P. and Nora Hill. He married Etta Teague on January 25, 1939, in Stiles, Texas. Mr. Hill attended Sonora schools and was a rancher most of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his brothers, R.W. Hill, Lee Hill, F.A. "Dick" Hill and Wes Hill; and his sisters, Lois Mosel and Myrtle Kring.

Survivors include his wife, Etta Hill; one brother, Giles Hill of San Angelo; and two sisters, Lucille Meacham of Burnett and Nora B. Kiser from of Sonora.

Pallbearers were his nephews, George Ed Hill, Joe Wes Hill, John R. Hill, W.H. Hill, Larry Kiser and Vernon West.

Alfred Schwiening Jr.

Alfred Schwiening Jr., 69, died December 24 in Shannon Medical Center after an extended illness.

Mr. Schwiening was born November 19, 1919, to Callie Margaret Allison and Alfred Schwiening.

Mr. Schwiening was a lifetime resident of Sutton County. He served in World War II, was a retired postal employee and ranched in Sutton and Kimble counties. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Suez Shrine Temple.

Mr. Schwiening is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Sara Kathryn Arterberry; two daughters, Jean Ellen Jacoby of Junction and Clara Margaret Schwiening of Midland; one brother, Curt Schwiening of Junction; two sisters, Margaret Kring and Kathleen Moore both of Sonora; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lillian Bess.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Mark's

Episcopal Church in Sonora with masonic graveside services following in Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Curt Schwiening Jr., Bryan Campbell, Alfred Wary Campbell, David Hale, Joe Moore, Truman Rice Pat Cole and A.J. Laughlin.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Ferguson, Jesse Green Barton, Al Everett, Roger Yarnell, T.J. Yarnell, John Lozano, David Shurley, Sam Odom, Ray Jacoby, George Wallace, Nolan Gibbs, Walter Piskuran, Lea Allison, Marcus West, Mark Griffis and John Lieber.

Members of Dee Ora Lodge #715 participating in Masonic Graveside Services were Eddie McReynolds, Wayford Tyler, Hershel Davenport, Lanny Hooper, Tommy Valliant, L.P. Bloodworth and Joe Moore.

Funeral services were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home of Sonora.

The family requests that memorials be made to West Texas Boys Ranch.

EARLY.

Do yourself a favor. File your taxes now and file accurately. If you need help understanding the recent changes in the tax laws or just need help, call or visit your local IRS office today. And make your taxes less taxing.

**Make your taxes less taxing.
Do them early.**



Homemakers Update

by Micki Miller

Eating nutritiously in restaurants

If you're trying to eat nutritiously, you don't have to give control over your diet to a restaurant when you decide to eat out. Try some of these ideas from the Society for Nutrition Education to eat well without abandoning a good diet.

Unless you're restricting calories, you don't have to stick with plain fish and a green salad when you eat in a restaurant. It's best, of course, to choose lean foods, but you can eat almost anything as long as you remember portion control.

Tell the waiter you want a smaller than normal-size portion. Some restaurants will give half-portion and charge less, but many won't. Tell the waiter to bring you half the regular serving anyway. If you just can't bring yourself to ask for a smaller amount, eat only half of a full entree and ask the waiter to take the rest away.

Other ways to reduce the amount you eat is to choose one or two appetizers rather than a regular meal, order items a la carte for less total food and when you have a

dessert, share it with a friend.

If you have trouble avoiding the high-calorie, high-fat temptations at the salad bar, ask the waitress to get a bowl of fresh green and vegetables for you.

Read the menu with an eye toward cooking terms that mean "fat-added." For example, "saute" also means added butter. "tempura" is batter-fried, "au gratin" means cheese sauce. If the entree you want is fried, ask if it can be boiled instead.

Since butter is 100 calories per tablespoon, switch to sour cream at 26 calories per tablespoon. Or even better, ask the waiter for small dish of cottage cheese or yogurt for your baked potato.

Ask for all toppings--salad dressings, sauces and gravies--to be served "on the side." Then you control how much will be added to the dish.

And if you can't resist the french fries, order the thicker "steak" fries instead of the thin type. They soak up less fat.

Volunteering: visit the elderly

Every family and community has opportunities for volunteering--freely giving time and effort to improve the quality of life for others. And caring for--and about--the elderly is one area where help is always needed.

Only 5 percent of the elderly reside in nursing homes. But those who are there tend to be over 75 and experiencing more than three physical and/or mental disorders. These aged have often outlived the family and friends and may not even have people to visit them. That's where a volunteer can make a big difference.

Most elderly who require care receive it in their own homes or the home of a relative. The caregiver is typically a spouse or daughter. Providing care and support for an elder is a 24-hour job that can drain both the physical and mental resources of the caregiver.

If you have a friend or acquaintance who cares for an elder

at home, volunteer to "visit" for an afternoon each week. It could be a welcome chance for the elder to visit with someone else and a needed respite for the caregiver, who can do errands or simply have some time to herself.

When one member of a family is caring for an elder, other family members can volunteer hours or days of care to give needed relief to the caregiver.

Since many families are spread out over great distances, creative solutions may be required. For example, if the eldest sister is caring for an aged mother, the younger siblings from out of town may take turns coming for a few days to give the caregiving sister a break.

Visiting the elderly, whether in a nursing home or a family home can be an important service to them, to their caregivers and to the community.

Church Directory

Church of Christ Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm	The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Worship Service-10 am Communion first Sunday of each month	Somebody Cares Center Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7 pm	First Baptist Church Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11 am Church Training-6 pm Evening Worship-7 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm
Primera Iglesia Bautista Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11 am Training Union-5 pm Evening Service-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut	First United Methodist Church Kent L. Kepler Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KVRN 98 AM-11 am Children's Choir-Wed. 4:30 pm UMYF-Wednesday 6 pm Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7:30 pm	Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor	St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Lawrence D'Mello Saturday Night Mass 7 pm English Sunday Mass 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm
Sonora Tabernacle United Pentacostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School-10 am Worship-11 am Evening Worship-7:30 pm Wednesday Services-7:30 pm	Live Oak Baptist Church Sunday School-10 am Sunday Worship-11 am Evening-6 pm Wednesday Service-7 pm	Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's 387-2679 or 387-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-10 Sunday Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday Theocratic School Wed.-7:30 pm Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 Monday	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing, 1, 3 & 5 Wed., 7 pm Daily Morning Prayer-8:45 am Monday-Friday The Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector

The following businesses urge you to attend the church of your choice

Westerman Drug COX DRUG, INC. 387-2541	SW Texas Electric Co-op 387-2544	Food Center Home owned and operated 387-3438	Kerbow Funeral Home 387-2266
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Christmas in Sonora



One, two, three . . .

...how many attempts will Cassie Cole make to break the pinata during a Kindergarten party to celebrate the Christmas holiday? Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



A Christmas feast . . .

... was enjoyed by this pre-Kindergarten class on the last day of school prior to the Christmas vacation. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



"Now it's my turn. . ."

Frankie Jo Morris takes her turn at breaking the pinata at her Kindergarten party before Christmas. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



"Please bring me . . ."

Kindergarten student Lorena Lopez gives Santa Claus her list as he visits her class. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



Frosty seems safe . . .

... for the moment from Miss Nixon's Kindergarten Class as they run to get in line to take their turn. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



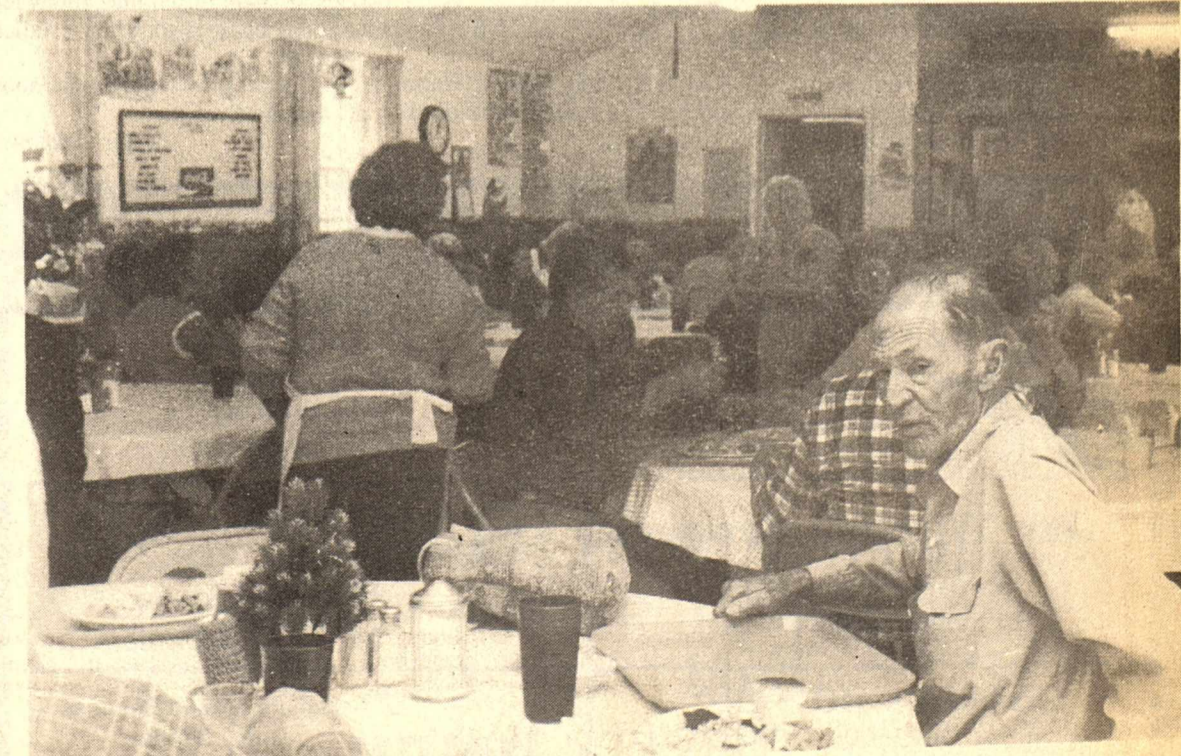
Choo-Choo winners . . .

Winners of the two "Choo-Choo" bears given by Westerman Drug during the Home for the Holidays Christmas Drawings were Annalee Prentiss and Lizzie Chavez. Staff photo/Ann Cates.



Merry Christmas to many . . .

Thanks to you and your generosity, over one hundred children in Sutton County had a Merrier Christmas than they might have otherwise had. Here the wrapped gifts await delivery. Staff photo/Noema Escobar.



Dinner at the Center . . .

A full house was treated to a full Christmas dinner at the Senior Center last Thursday. Staff photo/Ann Cates.

Records critical for filing

As year-end draws near, there are visions of sugar plums and other Christmas season goodies. But those visions might also include mounds of records to support 1988 income tax returns.

With another tax filing season approaching, it's time to start collecting cancelled checks, receipts and numerous forms and miscellaneous items. But rather than taking a helter-skelter approach, a little advance planning regarding recordkeeping could pay dividends.

Generally, collect all records that will help you prepare an accurate tax return," said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "You want to do the best job you can in filing your return so that you pay only the proper tax. And you also need to have good records in case your return is audited by the IRS.

"Without proper tax records, you may lose some sleep as well as be

subjected to additional taxes, interest and penalties if you can't back up claims on your tax return," Hayenga said.

Information on the following is critical for every tax return:

*Income: Keep copies of Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement), Form W-2-P (Statement for Receipts of Annuities, Pensions, Retired Pay or IRA Payments), any of the Form 10999 Series for interest, dividends and other distributions plus other documents proving amounts of income.

*Deductions: Keep all sales slips, invoices, receipts, cancelled checks and other documents that support deductions claimed. It's even a smart move to keep receipts and cancelled checks for nondeductible items because sometimes new laws give certain retroactive tax breaks.

For instance, the new Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988 allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions for 80 percent of payments to colleges and

universities. The IRS had ruled these payments nondeductible because they entitled the payer to buy seating at athletic events. With proper records, these deductions can be claimed as far back as 1984.

*Past returns: Keep copies of all tax returns in case it's necessary to file an amended return. Also, a copy serves as a backup if the original never reaches the IRS.

Hayenga also outlined a number of other steps to make tax filing a "less taxing" time.

*Special handling: Taking the extra step to send your tax return by registered or certified mail can bring peace of mind by providing evidence of delivery.

*Interest deductions: Along with statements, notes and cancelled checks to prove interest payments on loans, mortgages and credit cards, keep records to support the type of interest deductions being claimed.

*Charitable contributions: For a cash contribution, keep a cancelled check or receipt showing the charity's name, amount of contribution and date. For property, a similar receipt is needed which also shows the location and description of the property.

A receipt may not be needed for property donation if it's reasonable to get one, such as depositing used clothing in a crop box. However, every property donation must be supported by detailed written records that include the property's fair market value and the method used to establish it.

Taxpayers performing volunteer services for a charitable organization must keep records of expenses incurred while carrying out charitable work.

*Assets: It's good to keep detailed records of all property for at least as long as you own it. In the case of a home, this should include the purchase price, purchase expenses, cost of improvements and other adjustments. Keeping sales receipts or appraisals on big-ticket items will pay off in case of a theft or casualty.

If a document that you need has ever been filed with the IRS, you can get a copy by completing Form 4506 and sending it to the IRS Service Center where you filed your return.

WATCHIN' and WONDERIN'

with Zeke Smith

Howdy! Sure hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and Santa Claus brought you just what you wanted. I also hope you didn't forget who's birthday it really was.

The process of change (which is really life itself) keeps rolling on. It's time to say good-bye to 1988 and hello to 1989. That sounds simple but often it isn't done too well.

For example: Mrs Canyon, age 43, is a sweet lady of whom I think quite a lot. This summer her boy got married. She wasn't exactly thrilled about his choice of mates and hasn't adjusted well all to the idea of her "little" boy leaving home.

She's been depressed most ever since. She can't accept growth and say good-bye to the past and hello to the future.

Harry is the same way, but different, if you understand what I

mean. He retired last year cause he had to and he's been a pain ever since.

He just can't feel good about himself. He keeps living in the past wishing things were like they used to be and is therefore missing out on the good things that are happening all around him now.

All of this brings me to my main point.

The year 1988 is almost over, gone with the Edsel's and silent movies. Don't keep living back then. Look back over it, be thankful for the good, learn from the bad and say a wide-eyed hello to 1989.

No telling what great things God is gonna do in 1989 if we help Him out.

Don't keep living in the past, look to what's now and be ready to see and experience things. Life will keep getting better if we let it!



Mari, Bill Murray and Mari's cousin, Wayne. Submitted photo.

Visit on movie set

Submitted article

Mari Elena, now 20, was on the set of *Scrooged* earlier in '88. She and her cousin, Wayne F. Castro, were invited by Chris Soldo, assistant director in the movie.

Mari enjoys Bill Murray's movies and fabulous parties. "He's sincere and a rarity when it comes to kindness towards his fans and has great charm," she says.

Mari resides in San Fernando Valley and commutes to film locations in the LA area. Her last casting project with Hollywood's Creative Casting, *Dead Solid Perfect* with Randy Quaid, Jack Warden and Kathryn Harrold, was aired December 19 on HBO.

She's still involved in print modeling, but concentrating on acting—a competitive business. "Every other person I meet is an actress in LA. And I turn rejections

into positive energy. Drug and alcohol abuse caused by stress and depression in this business quickly ruins careers or potential for success. I, unfortunately, have to deal with that—it's surprising how many people it effects," she says.

After seven years, combined with training and experience, she feels one should learn from mistakes and occasionally take time to relax and be objective. She continues, "I take care, usually isolating myself to only professional business. I read, write, exercise, sing, dance and meditate also. I really want to have my goals realized. My upbringing in Sonora has given me a different, special kind of quality noticeable to casting agents."

And last, she extends warm wishes for this holiday season to Sonora residents.

What is a fireman?

He's the guy next door.

He's a man's man with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with wants and worries and unfulfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us. He's a Fireman. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.

A fireman is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men.

He's a man who savors life because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent forces out of control. He's a man responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

He's man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life . . . hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers . . . the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire convulsed lungs . . . a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling . . . the camaraderie of brave men . . . the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities and when he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man, he lives it.

Author unknown

Unemployment rates down in Texas

"Unemployment rates are down again in Texas and both business and labor are beginning to breathe a little easier," said Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the Texas Employment Commission.

Statistics just released show that the statewide unemployment rate is 6.6%-down from 6.8% last month. "While statewide statistics show only a small decline," Nabers said, "at least we are headed in the right direction. This is the third consecutive month of a declining statewide rate and the figures even look better when we remember that the rate was 7.9% this time last year," Nabers concluded.

In mid-November 1988 there were 551,000 jobless Texans. That compares with the 650,000 plus that were out of work a year ago.

Almost all of the 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas for which data are currently available mirrored the statewide trend in unemployment, with rates falling slightly in November. Rates in two MSA's were unchanged over the month, and one (Wichita Falls) rose slightly from October to November.

Bryan-College Station continued to record the lowest rate in November, with a 4.1% rate which was its lowest since April of this

year. Lubbock had the second-lowest rate, at 4.5%. Three MSA's had a rate of 5.3%-Austin, Dallas and Midland.

Highest rates continued to be along the border, with McAllen-Edinburg-Mission leading, at 15.9% in mid-November. Laredo's rate was 11.6%; Brownsville-Harlingen had a rate of 11.1%; and El Paso's rate was 10.2%. These were the only MSA's with rates above 10% in November.

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COWBOY ASTROLOGY



By Mary Ellen Doty

Saddle up that old buzzard bait 'n head for town.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) Work's been ridin' you so long and hard you almost got saddle sores! Now I know ya'd like to ease off over New Years, but don't. A pay-off's in the making if you push straight on through

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) The Lone Ranger's got nothin' on you for being solitary, but your face gives you away like a shirt full of fleas. Drop that danged old cowboy pride and look up an old friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) Yee-hah! Has that little filly ever got you stumblin' over yer own boots. It could be the real McCoy, but your luck's a little muddy now so wait 2 1/2 weeks before jumping in with all fours.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) This week you got more girls eyein' you than cloves on a Christmas ham. And your talkin' talents ain't bad either. You git what you ask for.

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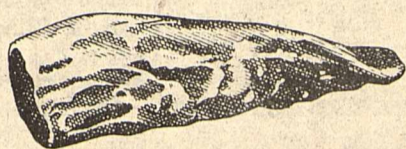


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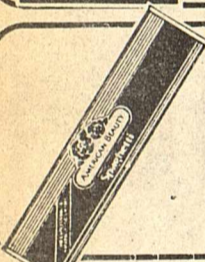
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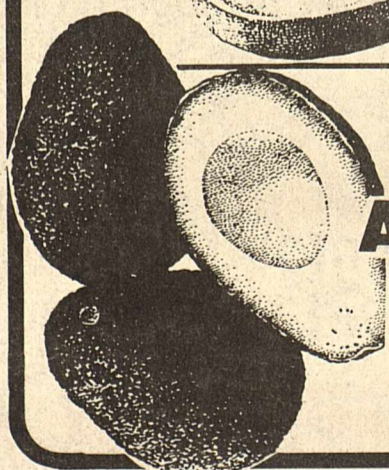
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