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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Breakfast With Santa Claus

Over 100 children had breakfast with Santa at the B.I.S.D. School Cafeteria Saturday, December 2. Each child had the opportunity to have their picture made with Santa. The children were dressed in their finest clothes. Some were very excited and some were not so happy. Mrs. Judy Burks, dressed as Mrs. Claus provided coloring sheets for the children and played beautiful Christmas carols on the keyboard. Breakfast with Santa is an annual fundraiser for "Project Graduation". The idea came from a workshop held by the Department of Transportation in San Angelo. It's a way of raising funds as well as giving something back to the community.



Whitney Gum and Santa. Whitney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Gum and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Breen.



Six month old Isaiah Clementz liked Santa very much. Isaiah is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clementz and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clementz.

Voices Christmas Concert

The Voices of Fort Clark will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. This year's concert will feature some very outstanding pieces. Included in the program will be "Festival of Bells" which will feature the Fort Clark Prime Chimers. The concert will also include several ensembles and solos by Blake Hinton, Lee Heron, Ida Holley and Lynn McNew. There will also be an appearance by a special guest. Please join us for a delightful evening of entertainment on Sunday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Masonic Lodge Prepares Second Adult Literacy Class

The Community Adult Literacy Program sponsored by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge is preparing to start a second Adult Literacy Class, to begin in January 1996. Any adult interested in learning to improve their skills in reading, writing and spelling are welcome. There is no charge for these classes. Any interested persons, please register with Sarah Terrazas, at the

Kinney County Library, by January 12, 1996. The course will last for approximately one year. Each lesson is approximately one hour in length, and are held in the Library on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's of each week. Classes will be held either in the mornings or afternoons, depending on the conveniences of the students. All classes are conducted in English.



This little guy just had his breakfast and is ready to go. His name is Caleb Bowers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bowers and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Brandt.



Border Patrol Agent, Gene Meeks presents Michael Aguirre the Outstanding Student Award.

Michael Aguirre Receives Border Patrol's Outstanding Student Award

Michael Aguirre received the first "Outstanding" student award presented by the U.S. Border Patrol at an assembly of Middle School and High School students this past Friday, Dec. 1, Steve Mills, B.I.S.D., Superintendent, received a plaque presented by the Border Patrol that will be used to list Michael and all future recipients of the award. Border Patrol representatives for the presentation were Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Brad Coe and Gene Meeks, Patrol Agent in Charge of the Brackettville Office.

The award was created by the Border Patrol to recognize students who are good citizens and good examples to other students. There are young people in every town that do the right things. These students will be the future leaders of our country. This award will honor these students in Brackettville. The Border Patrol asks that nominations be made on an outstanding student nomination application available through the high school principal's office. Nominations may be made by teachers, students, or any person in the community. The closing date for

the next award will be February 1. Michael Aguirre was selected by a committee that included B.I.S.D. and Border Patrol staff on the basis of a nomination submitted by Jamie Ballew, High School Math Teacher. Mrs. Ballew states:

I have known Michael since fourth grade and have always found him to be a friendly, cheerful, optimistic person... well liked by his fellow students who consider him to be a good leader. He constantly scores high on test, many times having the highest grade in his class. What impresses me the most... is his willingness to help others by tutoring them in their mathematics, usually on his own free time. Michael is a good football player with a team attitude. He has also participated in basketball, baseball, and golf.

Michael Aguirre's selection was warmly received by staff and students at B.I.S.D. Congratulations to a fine young man who makes our community and school better. We are all proud of you Michael and of all those who lead others to a better life by a good example.

Whose Credibility Is Really On The Line

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

In spite of loud protests from concerned citizens and leaders across the country, it appears President Clinton has every intention of sending U.S. troops into Bosnia. In fact, some of our soldiers already are beginning to arrive for what I believe is a questionable mission.

The President and members of his cabinet have spent the last two weeks trying to convince leery lawmakers and a skeptical public that sending our troops into the former Yugoslavia is the right thing to do. Administration officials have made numerous trips to Capitol Hill to testify and try to answer questions about Bosnia. The President even made a prime-time television appeal to the nation.

The President is trying to convince us that his plans to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia is critical to the future of the free world and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). He says that for the United States and NATO to remain credible in the world theater, our troops must become "peacekeepers" in Bosnia.

Could it be that the only credibility on the line is that of the President?

Based on lessons learned in Vietnam, the usual criteria used to justify sending our troops into dangerous situations has been: 1) risk to national security; 2) risk to American lives; and 3) a clear mission and a clear

goal. Should we now add a fourth criterion: risk to credibility?

The President has said that we Americans must "choose peace." We are at peace. It's the Bosnians, Serbs and Croats who must choose peace. How can we send in peacekeepers when there is no real peace to keep?

Sending America's finest into Bosnia has been an obsession with the Clinton Administration. Last year, it offered our troops to provide cover so the U.N. could get out. Then this year, it offered to send in U.S. troops — without consulting Congress — if the warring parties would only agree to a peace treaty. Later, it asked Congress not to vote against sending U.S. troops to Bosnia because that might jeopardize the peace process in Dayton. And now that a shaky peace agreement has been signed, the President says the U.S. can't back out. I do not understand how a dirty European civil war has become an issue of paramount national security to the United States.

Congress will support our troops. The policy is another matter. The policy is wrong, even if President Clinton gets lucky and wins his bet, and the men and women in our military make it home safely. In spite of the President's best efforts to persuade us, 97 percent of my constituents who have called or written tell me they are opposed to sending U.S. troops into Bosnia. I agree. Sending troops into Bosnia to protect "credibility" is a terrible idea.

Transportation Panel Rules on International Motor Carriers

The Texas Transportation Commission today voted to extend existing informal "paired city and bilateral understandings" with Mexico, granting vehicle registration reciprocity for the operation of commercial vehicles between the Texas-Mexico border.

Mexican truckers who operate solely in small, well-defined areas along the Texas-Mexico border will continue to receive reciprocal vehicle registration waivers when border states are opened to international motor carriers in mid-December.

The commission action follows recent recommendations by Gov. George Bush, members of the Texas Legislature, and business and community leaders from along the border. Failure to extend the agreements, they said, would cause negative economic impacts along the border area.

The agreements do not relieve Mexican carriers from compliance with other state and federal mandates, such as safety requirements, weight limits, and insurance requirements. In other action, commissioners formalized an annual vehicle registration permit for international carriers.

Transportation commissioners also adopted final rules that continue use of the international stamp program to provide operating authority for Mexican carriers that do business along the border.

On December 18, states along the

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Rotary Club Visits Laughlin AFB

At the invitation of Base commander, Colonel Timothy Peppe, Rotarians and their spouses from the Brackettville Rotary Club were recently treated to an extensive tour of the facilities of Laughlin Air Force Base.

Colonel Peppe rolled out the red carpet with a welcome message on the marquee at the main gate and joined the group for lunch at the Officers' Club.

Ron Scharven, Chief of Community Relations for the Base, acted as tour guide as the group boarded an Air Force bus to view first hand where their tax dollar goes.

The 3-hour+ tour included the jet engine maintenance shops where all marveled at the remarkable cleanliness and efficiency of the best maintenance operation in the Air Force. Next the group visited a facility capable of x-raying an entire aircraft to spot even hairline cracks or other damage to the airframe and components otherwise undetectable to the human eye.

A trip to the flight line followed where the Rotarians received pilot briefings on the three aircraft used at Laughlin: the T-37; T-38; and the new T-1. Each aircraft was parked on the runway for the group to inspect and explore.

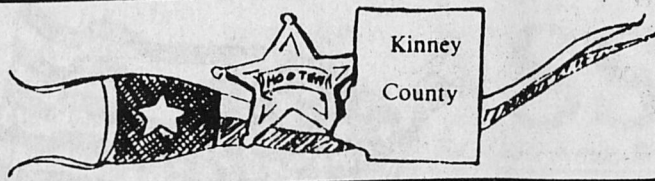
The tour's final stop was the simulator building where the group experienced a detailed orientation on the multiple types of simulators which student pilots must master before ever leaving the ground.

The overwhelming consensus of the tour participants was that as taxpayers it is our exceptional good fortune to have a facility the quality of Laughlin Air Force Base, responsibly run by consummate professionals, to produce the world's best military aviators.

Thank you Colonel Peppe for sharing your achievement with the Brackettville Rotary Club.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Sorry, Not Available this Week

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



To understand the Norman Hooten saga one must go back a good number of years. Norman had been out of law enforcement for a number of years when he decided to get back in the profession. He served as constable for a time and then was chosen to be chief of police. He was given a significant award by the City Council for Outstanding Service.

He ran against Morgan Bailey for sheriff. The night before the election a miscreant circulated a scurrilous letter filled with lies about Hooten. There were enough who believed the lies to barely elect Bailey. Bailey, when he was chief of police was known to have sold marijuana to teenagers from the police car. One family bundled up their teenage daughter and left town to protect the daughter from Bailey.

The morning after the election the man who wrote and circulated the lies about Hooten went to a local pastor and said, "Let's Pray. We won a great moral victory yesterday." The pastor refused to be duped.

Time passed and Brackettville became a key point for distribution of marijuana. There was even a large patch of the weed grown on a local ranch. Bailey and another law enforcement officer raided the patch when word reached Bailey that a raid was eminent. The raid was done purposefully without a warrant knowing that there could be no prosecution because the evidence was rendered inadmissible.

An amphetamine lab was taken by the sheriff's department. After the

trial and conviction Bailey was ordered to destroy the lab. Word soon passed on the underground that the lab was for sale. An undercover agent came in and bought the lab with money and marijuana. The deal was completed on Ft. Clark and as Bailey left he was stopped and arrested at the gate.

Several of us were covered by body guards because of threats against our lives.

Eventually Bailey was sentenced to the penitentiary leaving the sheriff's office vacant. The clique that supported Bailey tried to put in his place one of their "good old boys." The judge who was to make the appointment picked Norman Hooten. This incensed the Bailey crowd and beginning then, there was a campaign to destroy Hooten. Hooten was soon selected as "Man of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce.

When election time came the scurrilous letter surfaced again but the people by now realized Hooten was a good sheriff and he handily won the election. Every election the same crowd fielded candidates to try to defeat Hooten. Some even switched parties and ran on the republican ticket but were badly beaten.

By this time the Department of Public Safety began to put on pressure. Hooten had raised Pit Bull dogs for years. He sold them across the United States and even in Korea.

He was then set up by the D.P.S. He was invited to a dog show and barbecue. It turned out to be a dog fight. Hooten had no dogs at the fight.

Suddenly the D.P.S. led a raid. A number of those there ran off through the woods. A helicopter from D.P.S. came in and tried to find Hooten. At mid morning the next day Hooten and a friend were found walking down a country road and they arrested him. Instead of being given a ticket as a misdemeanor would usually be treated he was placed in solitary confinement. He finally made bond and was released.

At his trial the woman "investigator" for D.P.S. and the district attorney's office set out for blood.

At the trial the attorney from the D.A.'s office tried to totally disregard the law. When I was on the witness stand, in an effort to prove I lied he tried to present as evidence fax copies of letters disparaging Hooten. He stated the letters were from Leland Burgess and Ray Robinson. When Hooten's attorney protested the D.A. backed off. He knew when he tried to enter the letters it was illegal.

At that trial the prosecution claimed they had an eye witness to testify he saw Hooten at the dog fight. On the stand he admitted he did not know Hooten and had not seen him.

As the jury came out after finding Hooten guilty, one of the jurors said to me, "I don't know why we had to do this, we knew before the trial what we were going to do."

The purpose of the persecution was to get Hooten removed from office. This could not be done with a misdemeanor so they took another tack. Forty two men suddenly appeared with a search warrant for his office and house. There were men from D.P.S., Texas Rangers, Narcs, I.N.S., IRS directed by the woman D.P.S. officer from Bastrop. They stripped the office.

Johnny Fritter, chief deputy, went to Hooten's house. He was forced to take off his gun and stand by his car while they pillaged the house. The fact they had no authority to treat Fritter this way did not deter the woman "inspector" and her cohorts. The search warrant outlined what they were looking for. These limitations meant nothing. They took family pictures and boxes of paraphernalia with absolutely no bearing on the search warrant.

It must be pointed out that though Hooten appealed the verdict of the J.P. court the trial was never held. Hooten was never convicted in a court of record of attending a dog fight, nor for raising or selling dogs for illegal purposes. He was convicted because of his testimony at the J.P. trial.

The assistant district attorney prosecuting the case started the trial by saying he had tried rape cases, murder cases and many others but that this was the most important case he'd



ever tried. This is symptomatic of the man and the case.

Mr. Hawkins teed me off. He came up and fawningly said he was not going to cross examine me on the stand. He acted like he was doing me a favor. In reality he was protecting himself. Had he cross examined me he would have been embarrassed.

If this was not a set up to "get" Hooten why did someone take a video on a camcorder. If it was not a set up, why was there no prosecution of a woman living near Bastrop who had more dogs than Hooten. If it was not a set up why was not the man who staged the dog fight pursued and prosecuted. If it was not a set up why 42 raiders? The judge as the trial drew to a close said, "I don't understand how we have reached this point over watching a dog fight."

Hawkins, the prosecutor wanted "jail time" but the judge summarily dismissed the idea. Hawkins is quoted as saying "This was a Goliath case." As he likes to quote the Bible and wants to leave the impression of deep religion, I would remind him that Goliath was killed by a boy with a sling shot.

The persecution of a man who has proved himself to be as good a sheriff as there is in the state and who is held in the high esteem that Hooten is will undoubtedly come out with flying colors. I would remind him that the Bible says "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." All he needs to do is to look closely at his detractors and know that his status is superior he need not feel in the least embarrassed.

The more actions of irresponsibility and waste of taxpayers dollars, the sooner the people will rise up and make changes.

If the D.P.S. doesn't have enough to do without wasting tax dollars on such a scam, funds should be seriously reduced. The same applies to F.B.I, Texas Rangers, Department of Agriculture, IRS. If they have men and money for such a ridiculous farce, those who allocate funds should severely curtail both funds and manpower.

What goes around will come around and it's as true as that night follows day, people who carry such a load of bitterness and vindictiveness will reap the harvest of such actions. God will even the playing field and what a man sows "that shall he also reap."

From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz
Kinney County, Game Warden

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has a program called Operation Game Thief (OGT) which is very similar to the familiar Crime Stoppers program. Callers can report fish and game violations anonymously and receive cash rewards for the information if it leads to the arrest and conviction of the individuals involved. The Operation Game Thief Committee has raised the maximum reward for callers that report fish and wildlife law violations from \$300 to \$1,000 effective October 10, 1995.

During the last meeting, the OGT Committee approved rewards totaling \$2,050 to 6 different callers. The information provided by the six callers helped convict 10 violators for 18 criminal violations that included taking deer without landowner consent, hunting from a public road, killing deer in closed season, hunting with an illegal firearm on closed area, and illegal possession of an alligator in closed season, with fines totaling \$5,140.

Since its inception in 1981, Operation Game Thief has been an unquestionable success in Texas. More than 17,600 calls from concerned citizens have resulted in more than 6,000 criminal cases filed against fish and wildlife violators. About 98 percent of these cases have resulted in convictions for which courts assessed

more than \$778,780 in fines.

As a result, OGT has approved more than \$100,000 in rewards for callers. Many people may not realize that Operation Game Thief, although a program of TPWD, is a charitable organization that is totally dependant on private donations and fundraisers to pay rewards. No tax money is used.

Even with Game Wardens putting in countless hours out in the field, it is necessary for everyone who cares about wildlife, the outdoors, or the future of hunting, to report any violations that they see or have any knowledge about, and to report the violation or suspected violation immediately. Just as any other law enforcement agency depends on the citizens of the town to report suspicious activity or crimes that they see, we depend on the additional eyes and ears of the people of Texas to help us stop illegal poaching activities and as you can see, it works!

So, who you gonna call? The toll free, 24-hour number to call and report a game violation (OGT) is 1-800-792-GAME. You don't have to give your name if you don't want to. Of course, you can always contact your local Game Warden anytime to provide the same information and that toll free, 24 hour number is 563-2507 or 563-2788. Remember, if you see a violation of any kind; game violation or any other crime, the key is to report it immediately.

Big Mama Sez!

Even a fish wouldn't get into trouble if he kept his mouth shut.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Letter to the Editor

November 1995

Dear Editor:

I am in the United States Navy and stationed in Orlando, Florida. So that I can keep up with home town news, I have a subscription to The Brackett News. I have been very disappointed, though, because most of the time I will get my paper two weeks late and for the last month or so I haven't received my paper at all. Is there any way you can put a trace on my paper and find out where it is going?

Sincerely Yours,
FN Chris Hale

I recently had occasion to use the services of our local E.M.S. I want to share with you that I was, and remain very impressed with the prompt, courteous, efficient knowledgeable care I received. Although this was not an acute life or death situation it was treated as such and I feel secure in knowing that should I have need to call 911 I will receive a prompt, courteous, efficient response.

If not already, Brackettville should be proud and supportive of our local EMS.

As a retired registered nurse (3 years) I feel I am acquainted with what constitutes good emergency care. Thanks EMS for all your help. D. June Smith.

Dear Jewel/Publisher

I would like to thank you for the good publicity we received in The Brackett News for "Virtue Is It's Own Reward" and I would also like to thank the great audience who came to see and enjoy the show. It was surely a great reward for all the people involved in the production. A lot of time and work by people both on stage and back stage is all worth so much when we can entertain you and you show your appreciation. Come Again!

Betty Schallatterer
Old Quarry Member

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United States-Mexico border will be opened to international carriers.

Individuals wanting more information about motor carrier registration should contact the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division at (512) 302-2076. Questions about the motor carrier rules may be directed to the Motor Carrier Division at 1-800-299-

COMPUTER NEWS AND NOTES

Finding It Fast

(NAPS)—Need to know a business phone number or address anywhere in the United States?

With a mouse click, you can now access virtually every business listing in the U.S., thanks to the NYNEX Interactive Yellow Pages.

NYNEX's comprehensive Yellow Pages directory site on the Internet's World Wide Web (www.niyp.com) is the only complete online national business phone directory with 16.5 million listings, enabling consumers at no charge to look up the names, addresses and phone numbers of nearly every business in the U.S.

Shoppers can now locate any product or service they need—by category, neighborhood, city, state, or national basis—and make educated purchasing decisions.

The site also includes links to thousands of business web sites, reviews and ratings of web sites and a section called "Your World" with links to sites with such subjects as travel, music, movies, children, the Olympics and holidays.

Winter Service Check Warnings

The Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR) encourages consumers to beware of some common pitfalls associated with winter furnace checks and seasonal repairs to residential heating systems. Consumers can take more of an active role in ensuring they get quality service by following these guidelines:

Use a Licensed Contractor. State law requires air conditioning/heating contractors to be licensed and carry liability insurance. A license issued by the state to legally do business as a contractor IS NOT the same as a certificate number issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) qualifying a person to handle refrigerant.

Check up on the Contractor. Look for the contractor's license number in yellow page ads, on business cards, invoices and company vehicles. Contact TDLR to check on the status of the license, and to determine if there have been any complaints filed against the company.

Be Suspicious of Extra-Low Prices. Companies offering rock-bottom prices are sometimes more interested in selling you unneeded equip-

A.M. If you miss the Voices on the 10th, you can hear them at the Ladies' Luncheon the 13th.

What has happened to the group that performed on the English Bell Chimes? Last year they were guests at several churches as well as other places. It was unanimous that they were outstanding and a "don't miss" entertainment. It's a local group of talented folks.

Register at the "Gift Box" for door prizes.

Visit Alamo Village for authentic Indian products. Lots of movie memorabilia is also available.

Hand made arts of mesquite wood and other exciting gifts are offered at Debbie Trant Realty.

Don't forget to send Spofford honey to your out-of-state friends, also, pecan halves are always welcome for holiday cooking.

The poinsettias are in at Sunshine Nursery.

TIME TO SHOP

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER

The lights of the Holiday Season are appearing each night throughout Kinney County. Everyone seems more contented and amiable than usual. The spirit of Christmas is in the air and peace reigns. Enjoy these times.

Your local stores have wonderful ideas for giving. Why not browse through town and Sutlers Store in FC before taking that long drive out of town? Prices here are comparable and often less. You will enjoy shopping Kinney County and finding that unusual "something" for that special someone.

On Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 P.M. "The Voices" will offer their annual Christmas program at Town Hall, FCS. Everyone is welcome. This performance is always a treat to anyone lucky enough to hear it. You won't want to miss this evening of music.

The monthly Ladies' Luncheon will take place on the 13th at 11:30

ment.

Get a Second Opinion. Check with another contractor when recommendations are made to replace a system, or to make repairs costing more than \$500.

Beware of Reports of Carbon Monoxide Problems and Cracked Heat Exchangers. These are common come-ons during the winter season. Ask for specifics on how the carbon monoxide check is done, and watch the technician while he works.

Keep Removed Parts. This will prove that the part was really changed.

Report Consumer Problems. To report suspected non-licensed contractors, or any problems with a licensed contractor, contact TDLR at 1-800-803-9202 or 512-463-6599.

TDLR has been regulating the air conditioning/heating industry in Texas since 1983. In addition, the agency regulates 12 other businesses, industries, trades and occupations. The agency is responsible for ensuring public safety and welfare in all of the areas it regulates, and has the authority to conduct inspections, investigate complaints and issue penalties.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



GETTING KIDS INTERESTED IN THE OUTDOORS

Television used to be blamed for occupying children's time and their minds. Now computers are replacing television for controlling children's spare time. More and more, kids are missing out on the great outdoors. Parents and adults must take the role in sharing the excitement about the great outdoors and wildlife and the rewards they have to offer. A walk in the woods or taking a child on a hunting trip, either with a camera or a gun, will provide a world of opportunities to explore nature. Remember children have a short attention span and will probably not want to sit still as long as you might want to. It is also a good idea to teach kids that hunting and fishing are not only for sport, but actually do put food on the table. We are seeing an increase in the number of youth across this nation that do not know where a potato comes from nor understand life and death. The outdoor experience can provide a better understanding of the way nature and the world works, whether that experience is working in a garden or going hunting or fishing.

SCHOOLS FOLLOWING THE LAW

Three months into the school year and most of the 1,147 public school districts in Texas are in compliance with a new law. It is called the I-P-M in Schools Act. I-P-M stands for integrated pest management. The plan is to target insects and the problems they cause for public school facilities. Instead of just going into a school and spraying insecticides everywhere, pest control experts and school officials work together to find problem areas such as ideal entries and dirty kitchens. Schools were required to have the program in place by September 1st. The Structural Pest Control Board in Austin, which regulates the act, reports that not all schools met the deadline, but most are making a good faith effort to abide by the new law. The board and the Extension Service are working together to get information to the schools about how to better implement the program.

VENISON GOOD IF COOKED PROPERLY

Texas will sell a million deer hunting licenses this year. That means venison will be the main dish on a lot of tables. Venison is low cholesterol and high in protein. It actually may

be more healthy than beef in some aspects. Many people have the meat made into sausage, but the other cuts shouldn't be discounted. Ground venison can be used just like hamburger, and steaks can be chicken-fried. Be careful not to overcook it, though, as venison is a dry meat. Soaking it in a milk or mild vinegar bath will take out some of the gamey taste. And doe meat is better than that of a big buck. Wild game recipe books offer some interesting ways to prepare your trophy for the table.

NATIONAL COYOTE SYMPOSIUM NEARS

The national coyote conference entitled: "Coyotes in the Southwest: A Compendium Of Our Knowledge", is scheduled for December 13-14 at the San Angelo Convention Center. Registration will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 12 at the Holiday Inn next door to the convention center. Opening ceremonies begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 13th and 14th. The symposium has been approved for 14 hours of CEU's or Continuing Education Units for persons with a private, commercial or non-commercial applicators license with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

The symposium's goal is to gather the most current knowledge on coyote biology, ecology and management under one title. The program features more than 30 speakers and their works. Registration is \$40 per person if received by December 1, and \$50 per person after that date. Registration will include symposium proceedings, three meals and refreshments. If you need further information contact Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo at (915) 653-4576.

All Kinney County 4-H members are reminded that the regularly scheduled December club meeting has been changed December 12 to December 19, 1995. The meeting will still be held at the courthouse and will begin at 6:30 p.m. A program will be represented by Mrs. Cheryl Mapston, Extension 4-H Associate from Uvalde, on 4-H method demonstrations and keys to presenting a successful demonstration. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend this training.

Extension programs conducted in Kinney County serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Rotary Club

Brackettville Rotary Club is awarding Stan Conally a Paul Harris Fellowship. This award is named for the founder of Rotary International and requires a gift of \$1,000 from an individual or club to the Rotary Foundation. Stan is the most recent recipient added to the list of members given a Paul Harris Fellowship by Brackettville Rotary.

Bill Haenn, program chairman for November, presented some background information about the Foundation. It underwrites international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. Since 1947, a total of \$587.6 million dollars have been contributed to the Foundation through Paul Harris Fellowships and other contributions.

One of the projects sponsored by Rotary is the Polio Plus program. The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$247 million to support the goal of eradicating Polio all over the world by the year 2005. Rotary also gives scholarships. Since 1947, more than 25,500 scholars from 129 countries have received scholarships at a

cost of \$260 million. The expenses of Rotary volunteers who offer services in foreign countries are subsidized by the Foundation. An example of this is our member, Dr. Charles Schmidt, who was sent to Guatemala recently for a month to deliver dental services to needy Guatemalans in remote areas. Rotary also provides grants for university teachers to serve in developing countries. In 1994, five grants were awarded.

The Rotary Peace program subsidized international conferences that focused on conflict resolution and ways to help efforts to promote peace. During the 93-94 year, four peace conferences were held.

Being a member of Rotary gives one a sense of being helpful in worthy causes on a worldwide scale. This is particularly meaningful in a day and age which seems to foster feelings of helplessness and frustration. If you are interested in becoming a member of Rotary, ask a member to tell you more about it.

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Moncus Meditations



MIKE MONCUS



Park Ranger, Interpreter Bastrop State Park

Someone said, "Youth is wasted on the young." It's not. Really it isn't, they do very well with it and even take it beyond where I would have ever imagined taking it. I can see what my wife meant when recently she said, "We need to have as much fun as is possible and forgot all that is apparently lost to us anyway." Now that's a pure, clean, selfish statement. One I can respect just like sometimes I can respect something disrespectful if it does a real honest good for someone who you just couldn't honestly help. HA! Sounds weak maybe, but true. She's as much a part of world and nature as an honest Christian can get and has lots of good advice which most of the time I respect greatly. Out of the blue she can speak and her honesty and the truth of it brings me laughter. I've never reached many unthought-out truths. Not like the ones she comes out with. I've squeezed as much from experiences as I can and

it shows. You've heard me playing at words and erasing them to make a thought clean and effective. She says her own quiet or not so quiet truth and miraculously pulls rabbits out of hats and baskets and even pottery. That's what we need seek. Youthful hearts that are so unpretentious and don't have any thought-out answers so that the "others" we reach, we reach because the things we say are things their hearts knew were true and simple anyway.

Why we reach anybody should be because we love them. In a "right" way we should love them. Not in a way that makes them need us but in a way that frees them into a wind that carries them where they might love others in turn. That wind is warm and old and carries a sweet fragrance over mountains, over water, and even in the thick places of the forest. I wish sometimes I would just listen quicker. /s/ Michael R. Moncus

Fort Clark Springs Golf News

The Guys and Gals Golf Tournament December 2-3, 1995

There were 38 teams ready to go. They were served coffee and doughnuts during registration on Saturday morning. Saturday evening a delicious meal was served to 76 people, prepared by Gene Slate and her helpers and enjoyed by all. Sunday morning play was delayed until 11:00 A.M. due to heavy fog.

First Flight - there was a tie and play off between Roy and Fern Dyer--124 and George Smith and Charley Baker--124. Both teams birdied #1, George and Charley won by a birdie on #2.

2nd place Roy and Fern Dyer
3rd place Jack and Margy Wirsing at 127

2nd Flight
1st place - Flavio Talamantez and Lou Green at 127
2nd place - Frank and Terry Farias - 131
3rd place - Hoagy and Pat Nelson - 137

3rd Flight
1st place - Johnny Gutierrez and Cindy Grothues - 130
2nd place - Clem McKelvy and Mae Roper - 134
3rd place - Doyle and Louise Hulme - 135

4th Flight
1st place - Roger and Teresa Stephens - 140
2nd place - Marshall Patton and Betty Brister - 142
3rd place - James and Flo Stafford - 143

The tournament was a big success. It made \$1242.85 for the Golf Course and Snack Bar, the Snack Bar was able to operate as usual both days, the course was open to outside play Saturday afternoon. Thanks!!!! To Bob and Gene Slate, Mae Roper who stepped in at the last to take Shirley Stevensons

place, and to Mary who stayed, played and ran the tournament despite hearing they had lost their father just a short while before the tournament began. Our condolences to all the Stephenson family. Thanks also to Joe Elder, and John Carson for their donations. To all the other men and women who worked hard to make the tournament the success it was.

Fort Clark Golf News Tuesday, November 28, 1995 Ladies League Cancelled Due to Weather

Wednesday, November 29, 1995 Men League - Two Best Balls

1st place winners - Carlos Garza, P.M. Moore, John Osborn and George Clark--148
2nd place tie between - Choppy Ambler, Wayne Schwartz, Don Bell and Harold Kauffman--150
3rd place - Blake Hinton, Vern Ebert, Gordy Mathinson and Dave Yates--150

4th place - Stan Sterling, Lyle Niel, Henry Smith and Del Berry--153
Thursday, November 30, 1995 Couples 2 Person Scramble, A Add Both Couples Score For Winners A Flight

1st place - Cricket Ladd, Gwen Ladd, Roger Stephens and Teresa Stephens.
2nd place - Hoagy Nelson, Pat Nelson, Doyle Hulme and Louise Hulme

3rd place tie - Tom Beatty, Kelly Dennis, Marge Maderich and Bob Moore. Also Karl Chism, Jan Chism, Bob Houk and Leslie Houk.

B Flight
1st place - Jim Pratt, Juanita Pratt, Louis Zipperer, and Edith Zipperer.

2nd place - James Stafford, Flo Stafford, Lyle Niel and Camille Niel.
3rd place - Bob Barnett, Jackie Marrs, Vern Ebert and Molly Schroder.

For Pete's Sake

Going through some old files, I found a clip of a column by Buck Kelly, *Herald-Advocate*, Wauchula, Florida.

Kelly reported that the wallet he had been carrying in his left hip pocket for a half century was lifted while he was at the Super Bowl game. Then, just when he was deep into trying to get a new driver's license and all the other depressing business about blank checks and credit cards and such, he got a letter from Miami with his name and address printed carefully, both in the address spot and in the sender's corner above. Inside were Kelly's cards...everything but the wallet itself.

Kelly had not been carrying any money when the wallet was stolen, so he figures, what the heck, the thief needed something against the postage, so let him keep the aging wallet and no hard feelings.

So in his column, Kelly told the tale, concluding that he was grateful.

"Here we have the unusual situation of a guy whose wallet was lifted by a pickpocket winding up with a great amount of gratitude to the guy who stole it. Outside of a slight defect in his character, he has got to be a great fellow and a complete gentleman." That was on January 29. Then, a few days later, Kelly added a post script to the story: "Recently I had some nice things to say about the thief who stole my wallet in Miami...I take them all back. The guy is a blankety-blank so and so."

"I just got a bill from one of my credit cards, which he returned a few days later, for \$70.47, including car repairs, parts and gasoline. Honor among thieves is a sometimes thing, as well."

A Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne

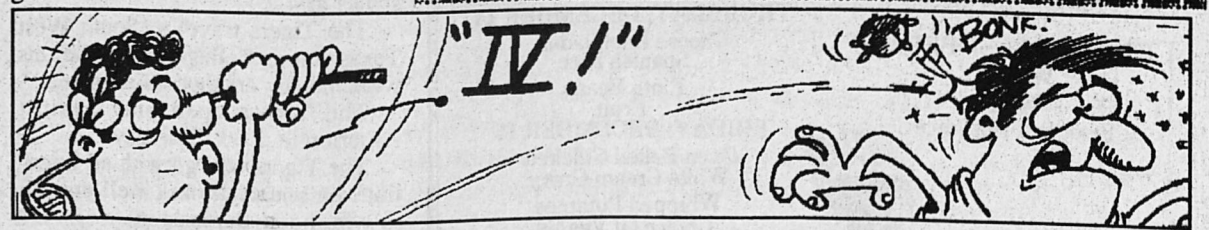
Yesterday, I was sitting quietly by the beautiful Xmas tree all decorated and waiting for that special "Day". Then my mind went back to the "olden days" - still Christmas but so different.

Going after the tree was the beginning of Christmas and in someways the most exciting. Should it be big and fat or short and skinny? What decisions to make!

We always looked to see if there were bird nests - if so we would be very careful not to lose it out of its place.

When we were finally home we started decoration. First thing was the clip on candle holder - no electric lights but small candles held in place and lighted only when a group of people were around.

Then the paper chains were strips of colored paper and made into chains and if you were lucky, a string of tinsel chain. Then the Christmas ornaments kept from year to year and added to each year. Each article reminded one of us of something that had happened in other years and was discussed and laughed at again. Then we finished up with hot chocolate and cookies by the fireplace. What better "ending" for a Xmas memory of long ago.



Golf probably developed in Scotland around 1100 from a Roman game called paganica. The Romans played paganica in the open countryside with a bent stick and a leather ball stuffed with feathers.

19 Homeowners Will Get \$1,047 Cash Before The Christmas Season

Which is when we all need it the most.

By LIZZ RAMIREZ

Once again in Brackettville, Dan Peterson has created a program that will allow 19 homeowners to get \$1,047 cash right now before the Christmas Season. Plus, get a new heating and air conditioning system without taking one penny out of their pockets.

My question when talking to Dan Peterson was...

Why Would He Make This Offer?

His answer made sense. He said "At this time of year I'm faced with a devastating problem and I know this can solve my problem. You see, during this Christmas season I already have two strikes against me:

1. The really cold weather hasn't hit us, so we don't get a lot of repair calls.

2. People have to spend so much for Christmas that they will do whatever they can to put off spending money on anything else.

Now I know many homeowners are faced with their own problems... They have all these things that they want to do this Christmas, but many of them don't know where all the money will come from. Well, this creative plan will take care of their problem and mine.

I believe that by giving homeowners this tremendous opportunity, these 19 systems will keep all of my employees busy until Christmas. I realize we don't have the profit in these jobs that we normally do, but it's worth it just to keep all our people working instead of having to send them home."

After discussing the advantage to the homeowner I believe Mr. Peterson will wish he had enough employees to put in more than 19 systems, and I'm sure many homeowners will too.

Here Is How The Homeowners Benefit

They can finance a new premium heating and air conditioning system with

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out taking one cent out of their pocket. Then Mr. Peterson will give them a check for \$1,047.

For homeowner that decide to pay cash, instead of financing, Mr. Peterson will reduce their price by \$1,047.

Either way the homeowner can save \$1,047.

Just imagine, When Christmas is here many of these homeowners can enjoy it like they never have before. That's because these homeowners will have \$1,047 cash to pay their Christmas bills.

Here Is Another Part Of This Concept That Impresses Me

The homeowners that are replacing an old system will get a guaranteed energy savings of 25% during the first year or Mr. Peterson will pay them the difference. Plus, he will take care of any repairs on the new system FREE for the next 10 years. And get this! Mr. Peterson said "Many of our customers have found that the money they save on their energy bills is more than their monthly payment."

My hat goes off to Mr. Peterson for creating a remarkable program. Just look at everything the homeowner gets:

A new system without taking one cent out of their pocket.

\$1,047 cash at the time of year that they need it the most.

A \$1,047 discount if they decide to pay cash instead of finance.

A system that could cut their energy and repair bills by more than their monthly payment.

The Only Way Homeowners Can Lose Is If Their Call Comes In Too Late

Because according to Mr. Peterson, once the 19 systems are sold this program will have to end.

Homeowners can request more information (or schedule a free survey) by calling COMFORT TECH at 774-6542 OR 1-800-825-6694.

Here is my advice if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity... Do not delay calling.

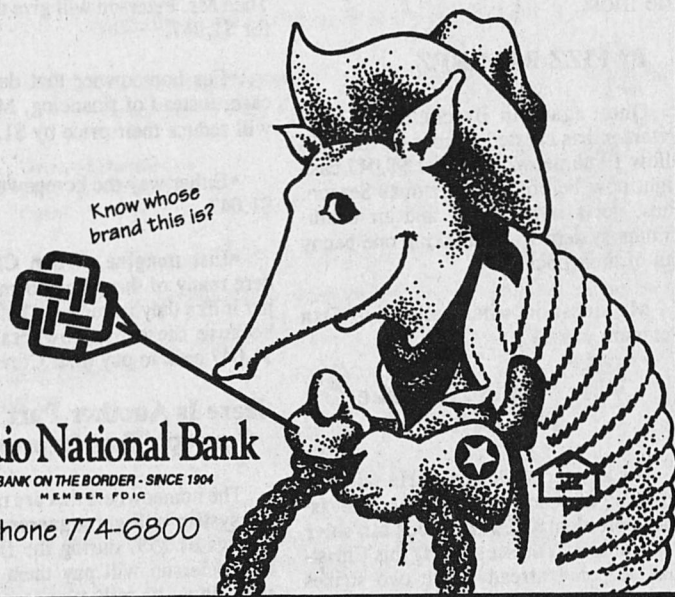
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
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Picante
Fruit Or Fruit Juice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Cheese Toast
Fruit Or Fruit Juice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Bean and Cheese Burrito
Picante
Fruit Or Fruit Juice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
Pancakes
Syrup
Fruit Or Fruit Juice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
Waffles
Syrup
Fruit Or Fruit Juice

Lunch Menu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
Turkey Ala King
Fluffy White Rice
Sweet Peas
Whole Wheat Roll
Fruit

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
Vegetable Beef Soup
Grilled Cheese Sand.
Crackers
Fruit

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Lasagna
Choice Of Veggie Roll

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Mixed Fruit
Fruit

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
Cheese Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans
Fruit

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
Oven Baked Chicken
White Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Choice Of Veggie Roll

Tigers Bounce Back to Take 3rd Place in Nueces Canyon Tournament

In the first round of the Nueces Canyon Tournament the Tigers were set to play Town East. Town East is a small Christian (private) school from San Antonio.

The Eagles, from Town East, had a slight transportation problem. The Eagles got to Hondo and their bus broke down. In an attempt to get their players to Nueces Canyon on time to face the Tigers, they sent a van to pick them up. Well...that didn't exactly work either. The van broke down in Castroville.

This mishap made it impossible to get the Eagles to Nueces Canyon on time for the Tigers. As a result, the Tigers won the first round by forfeit.

Friday, in the second round of the Nueces Canyon Tournament, the Tigers were set to face the Cowboys from D'Hanis. The Tigers came up on the short end 64-71.

The leading scorer for the Tigers was Ramon DeLeon with 23 points. Mike Padron had 16 points, 9 assists, and 6 steals. Moses Hernandez had 8 points and 10 rebounds. To total the rest of the scoring it was Beau Smallwood with 6, Ruben Terrazas with 5, Brian Hooker with 4, and Brian Flores with 2 points.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "We didn't play the best we could. At times we showed improvement but at other times we showed digression.

Everyone realize it takes a team effort for 4 quarters to beat a good team. After that game we decided to bounce back and play harder.

Saturday, in the final round of the Nueces Canyon Tournament, the Tigers were suited up against the Nueces Canyon Panthers. The Tigers bounced back in a big way, romping the Panthers 70-36.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "We bounced back nicely. We played great defense. We are continuously improving in that area. Mike Padron and Ramon DeLeon had solid games out front. Down low, Brian Hooker, Kirk Hill, Moses Hernandez, and Beau Smallwood all had solid games. We have great team unity and it's getting stronger every game. Good things happen when you have nothing but unselfishness. I'm very pleased with where we are at this point."

Leading the scoring for the Tigers was Ramon DeLeon with 19 points. Ramon also had 10 steals. Moses Hernandez had 11 points and 8 rebounds. Mike Padron had 10 points, 8 assists, and 5 steals. Beau Smallwood had 10 points and 8 rebounds. Brian Flores had 8 points. Ruben Terrazas had 4 points as did Eric Rivera. Kirk Hill had 2 points. Brian Hooker had 2 points and 6 rebounds.

J.V. Tigeretts Bulldoze Lady Bulldogs

Tuesday, the 2-2 J.V. Tigerettes traveled to La Pryor to open district against the Lady Bulldogs.

This 30-11 victory for the Tigerettes upped their record to 3-2. They now hold a district record of 1-0.

Way to go Tigerettes!

Cubetts Crawl Past Lady Angoras

Monday, the Cubettes traveled to Rocksprings to face the Lady Angora Jr. High team.

In a nailbiter, the Cubettes inched passed Rocksprings picking up the win by a score of 26-24.

Leading scorers for the Cubettes were Laura Lee Ballew with 9 points and Jamie Bader with 8 points.

8th grader Jamie Bader says, "It was a fun game. Close games like that are always a challenge. I'm pleased we came out on the winning side of it. We have worked hard and we are prepared for Comstock next Monday."

Way to go Cubettes!

J.V. Tigers Fall to Owls

Tuesday, the J.V. Tigers traveled to Hondo to suit up against the 3-A Owls J.V. squad. The high scoring affair ended in the Owls' favor 79-60.

Head Coach Art Finkenbinder says, "The guys are coming along. It is going to take some time to get in the full swing of things."

This loss brought the J.V. Tigers record to 0-3.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Lus Guajardo with 27 points. David Honstein added 11, Josh Crumley added 10, Nat Terrazas added 7, Kaleb Crumley and Jacob Puda each added 2, and Justin Turner added 1.

Tigers Slip to 3-A Owls

Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Hondo to face the 3-A Owls. Playing the 3-A team brought good competition to the Tigers. The Tigers slipped up against the Owls allowing them to win by a final of 64-76.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "We haven't quite shown the consistency on defense that we need to show. We did the same thing offensively that we've done all year but we missed some easy shots. The missed high percentage shot cost us the game. I'm very pleased with our overall effort."

Leading the scoring for the Tigers was Ruben Terrazas with 16. Moses Hernandez had 14, Beau Smallwood had 13, Mike Padron had 9, Ramon DeLeon had 8, Kirk Hill and Brian Hooker each added 2.

The Tigers shot 17 for 29 from the free throw line. The record now stands at 4-2.

The Tigers travel to South West Texas Junior College in Uvalde this weekend for another tournament.

The Tigers open play against Asherton at 1:30 Thursday.

The Tigers will go with all intentions on bouncing back well enough to win the championship.
Good Luck Tigers!

F.F.A. Update

The Brackett Future Farmers of America met last Thursday and had a luncheon. At this meeting, the students made a very kind-hearted, caring, and adult like decision. The Brackett F.F.A. had adopted a highway. They will clean a 2 mile strip of the highway between here and Camp Wood.

Adding to the fun was a decision on the F.F.A. Christmas dance. The dance will be held on Saturday, December 9. Each F.F.A. member will bring themselves and a date.

Have Fun F.F.A.

Cubs Fall to Angoras

Monday, the Cubs traveled to Rocksprings to see what the Jr. High Angoras had in store. The Cubs fell to the Angoras 39-47.

The Cubs were down 11-2 just before the half until Alex De Leon came off of the bench to give them a spark. With Alex's 8 point spurt just before the half, the cubs went in at half time 17-13.

Head Coach Dutch Wardlaw says, "The kids played hard. Defensively it was a let down. We need to improve before we travel to Comstock next Monday."

See Ya There!

Tigerettes Skin Past Lady Bulldogs

Tuesday, the Tigerettes traveled to LaPryor to open their district 29-2A play against the Lady Bulldogs. The Tigerettes hold a district record of 1-0 after their 45-40 win on Tuesday. This victory upped their over all record of 6-2.

Leading the scoring for the Tigerettes this week was the Meek sisters, Amanda and Tina both having 13 points. Chica Garza added 7, Sandra Hernandez added 5, Lindy LaMascus, Denice Frerich, and Windy Goodloe each added 2, and Reccia Jobe added 1.

La Pryors clock stopped working in the first quarter. The official time was kept by a LaPryor coach on their bench. They tried to get the Tigerettes by stretching the last minute into 10 minutes. It DIDN'T WORK!

After stealing 3rd place in the Nueces Canyon Tournament last weekend and traveling to LaPryor to steal a win.

The Tigerettes will travel to the annual South West Texas Junior College Tournament in Uvalde this weekend.

They are going with all intentions of stealing nothing less than the championship.

They open up their tournament play against the Asherton Trojanettes on Thursday.

Good Luck Tigerettes!



Steller's Sea Cow lived in shallow water near shore. The large sea mammal became extinct a few years after its discovery in 1741.



Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director

A Father is Always Teaching!

Life's important issues sometimes remain couched in stuff that may not be so important. It's difficult to sort it all out. Sometimes, we don't. Other times, we work and work and end up not seeing the important stuff because of all the distractions along the way. This week, I want to look at this issue and relate it to our family life reflecting on "A Father is Always Teaching!"

The piercing sound of the telephone ring was frightening last Saturday morning. My dad, Andrew, was critical...come right away. I called my sister, Shirley, who said Dr. Luz had called and said my dad's heart had stopped. All families go through it, but today...it was my family.

Wednesday AM, a kamikaze deer came off the golf course to attack my 87 Ford Escort. My eyes were focused on a pedestrian, and I had no idea of the mission of this four footed creature. There was a horrible thud and crashing of glass was on top of me. The deer ran away from the mess. The man walking was okay; so the only damage was to the glass. Beyond the deductible of a couple of hundred dollars, let me tell why I'm happy that this happened to me. Friday, the glass arrived, and I took the car to Del Rio to a glass company. I stopped to see my dad in the hospital in the morning. The car was ready by 4 PM. I stopped to see my dad in the PM. Saturday morning, I realized that the deer helped me see my dad twice on the day before his death. It was a meager price to pay for those last minutes. I would pay again and again and again. Folks, here's an example of what I am talking about. The bad things in life...sometimes...may be something that turns good. The important event here was not my broken windows, but that it gave me opportunity to turn something bad into something good. Don't give up. Hold on and keep looking for that cloud with the silver lining.

I want to say some things that I think about bringing up kids and parents relationships based on those things that happened in my life with my dad and mom.

*My dad always shared his money and home with those in need. Even when times were the toughest for us, there were always extra folks around that my dad took care of. The message that I received from my dad was one of caring about people. I want it to always be part of my life.

*My dad always took time for his

kids first. Scrambling to make a living for 5 rug rats, his life was busy. He couldn't work enough to make the bucks needed to support his family. But, he always was there to help...didn't say much...just gave his time. The message that I received was that giving my time to my kids should come first.

*My dad was always positive. Even in the days before his stroke, he believed with all his heart that someone was going to drive up and give him a new truck and a million dollars from a sweepstakes. I couldn't tell him that millions had received the same letter. He believed good things were going to happen. He didn't focus on the bad. Message: I want to always find the positive side of life.

*Reading and learning. Though my dad dropped out of school to help support his family after his dad's death, he always read and read and read. He was interested in news—what's happening in life. Message: I hope that I will always model learning to my kids and to those around me. I want to go on learning new things like my dad all the days of my life.

That's about it. I don't want this to be sad. There are lots of other things that I have thought about but I want this to be a message that says to parents:

*spend time with your kids. Put your family among your top priorities in life. You'll never be sorry.

*focus on good things. Believe that tomorrow we will have a better life than we do today. Model a message of hope.

*show that reading and learning new things are an important part of life.

There's so much more to say, but I'll not say it now. My dad loved the Atlanta Braves. They won the world series this year. My dad loved the University of Texas. On the day of his death, Texas won the Southwest Conference title. Somehow, as trivial as it may seem...it was important to my dad. It's important to me. So, parents...your kids are always watching, listening and learning. Think about your life and what you can do to make things better for your children. To the kids who might be reading along, parents are so important. Listen to them, learn from them, and find time in your life for your parents. As Christmas time gets closer, reflect and enjoy your families. Dad, your life was important to me. Vaya con Dios.

Tigerettes Take 3rd Place in Tournament

In the opening round of the Nueces Canyon Tournament the Tigerettes suited up to see what the Knippa Lady Rock Crushers had to offer. The Tigerettes grabbed the win by a score of 48-34.

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes was none other than Amanda Meek with 15 points. Denice Frerich had 11, Sandra Hernandez had 6, and Reccia Jobe had 2 points.

This win pooled the Tigerettes against the Lady Angoras from Rocksprings.

In the second round of the Nueces Canyon Tournament the Tigerettes were set to face the Lady Angoras from Rocksprings. The Tigerettes fell to the Lady Angoras 38-52.

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes in Friday nights game was Amanda Meek with 11 points. It was once again little sister Tina Meek just behind her with 6 points. Denice Frerich and Lindy LaMascus each had 4 points. Chica Garza, Reccia Jobe, and Courtney Harrison each had 2 points. Katy Hagler added one more point.

This loss pooled the Tigerettes against the Lady Panthers for 3rd place.

Saturday, the Tigerettes traveled to the Nueces Canyon Tournament for the 3rd and final round. The Tigerettes rolled over the Nueces Canyon Lady Panthers 53-45.

Amanda Meek stole the show in the game racking up 23 points. Denice Frerich, Tina Meek, and Sandra Hernandez each racked up 6 points. Reccia Jobe, Lindy LaMascus, and Chica Garza each contributed 4 points.

Jr., Amanda Meek, received the honor of all-tournament. Amanda earned this award by grabbing 38 rebounds and scoring 49 points.

Good job Tigerettes and congratulations Amanda.



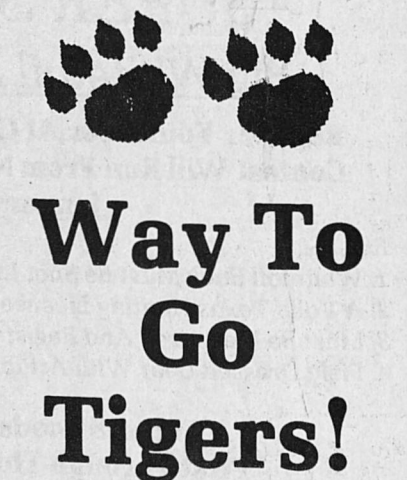
Mrs. Gutierrez, 1st grade teacher at Jones Elementary, has started a Guest Reader program in her class. Different role models from our community are invited to visit her class, share a story with the students, and encourage them to stay in school and read in order to succeed.

This week's Guest Reader:

EMS - Beatrice Kuhns and Michele Rosas.

Thank you Beatrice Kuhns and Michele Rosas for your encouragement!!!!

Mrs. Gutierrez's Class



Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

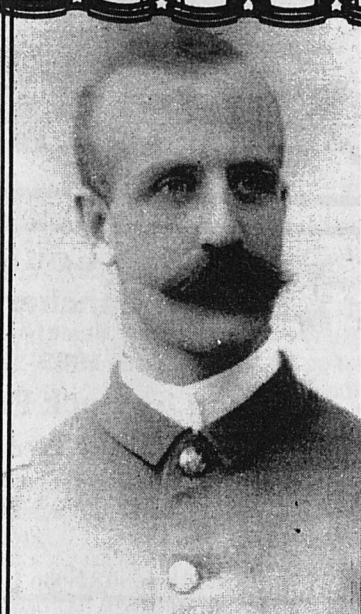
December 1883: Lt French is in the field close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden) in command of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment. Time is spent maintaining the detachments records, dealing with O.B.s (official business correspondence), staying one step ahead of a crafty government contractor who is supplying the detachment with hay, socializing with local homesteaders, and hunting. Early in the month the weather turns cold enough to freeze water in French's canteen and his bond with the scouts is strengthened as he notes, "...Was very glad to find the men laughing & joking instead of growling at the cold weather as white soldiers would have done." French pledges to fight a decision by the Secretary of the Interior which denies the Seminole's request to be moved to the Indian Territory. Hunting keeps the detachment in fresh meat, but there is no Christmas turkey. French is liberal with passes to the post for scouts who re-enlist and for a scout with a sick child. After Christmas he allows himself a brief trip back to Fort Clark to retrieve his Christmas package (which of course includes a fruit cake). The arrival of Captain Boyd of the 8th Cavalry (his wife, Frances, wrote "Cavalry Life in Tent and Field") forces yet another move for the bachelor lieutenant. As the year ends he notes with pride that he has kept the diary for a year.

Saturday December 1 1883

Copied the letters of transmittal in the letter book, made out a recruiting return and sent the official reports off today. Sgt. Daniels came up again with a request to get me to write a letter about the horse he lost in the Pecos River last Summer. Guard ought to have attended to this while he was in command, but from all accounts Guard did no more than he was obliged to do. Took down the data & will write about it later. They commenced to build a small house on the corner of their land nearest camp and got it partially completed by night. In the evening a gentleman came here, a friend of Mr. Lougee's, Dr. Hall of Boston, a veterinary surgeon. He will probably remain until Mr. Lougee arrives and of course will have to stay with me. Hope no more of their friends will come. Doctor Buffington was disgusted that the "horse doctor" as he called Hall, should have MD on his cards. After dark sat around talking in my tent & retired early. Wrote a letter to Dorst today about moving the Seminoles to the Indian Territory in the Spring. Received some hay today, but think Torres

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French
Courtesy of his descendants



did not cheat me much. Went over to Thurston & received some potatoes and onions shipped by Godwin from San Antonio for Dr. Buffington & myself.

Sunday, December 2 1883

The men worked a little on the new house today and it was necessary too for their comfort to get into [it] as soon as possible. Wrote a letter home this morning. Received a letter from home much to my satisfaction. Took pleasure in addressing Mr. Hall as Doctor whenever Buffington was around. Read the Bible today, the first time in a long while, reading part of Leviticus. In the evening sat around & talked until bed time.

Monday, December 3, 1883

Dr. Buffington went up to Sander-son this morning to see a sick woman, a telegram coming last evening. The Captain ate at the new house today. Went out there with Dr. Hall and had a long talk with Mr. Archer the engineer about his instruments. He seems to be an intelligent Irishman, but does not know everything about his profession. Weighed the hay as usual and find that Mr. Torres is still ahead of me. In the evening went out to the house again and afterwards played euchre with the Doctor and Captain, afterwards going to sleep while we were talking. Am thinking of going out for a short hunt in a day or two.

Tuesday, December 4 1883

Wrote a letter to Hall & one to Vedder sending the latter \$3 to pay for the wood we burned last month. The mail was good to me bringing one letter from home, from Marie, from Henry and from Dr. Harner. As I expect to go out to hunt towards the Rio Grande tomorrow, commenced a letter home which I finished in the evening. Mr. Lougee did not return this morning as was expected. Went over to Thurston in the wagon and telegraphed to Maj. Bash to ask about my pay accounts for November as the checks have not been received yet. Afterwards went up to see the Chinamen and found one there whom I knew last year here. The Doctor returned this evening. Mr. Rodgers was the conductor and stopped to talk a while with us. Dr. Buffington received the blank applications for us to send to San Antonio to have the chapter degrees conferred upon us. Shall make the application but will not be able to go to San Antonio for that purpose for some time. The Doctor (Hall), Captain and engineer went out to Willow Springs with Ward and returned feeling quite tired in the evening. Mr. Torres was not satisfied with my estimate of the amount of hay in his stack and we had a long talk,

ending in his promising to write for his brother, the contractor, to come here to attend to this matter. Gave orders & have all preparations made to start tomorrow morning for Antonio's Crossing via Cedar Springs to be there until Sunday. Shall take Mr. Lougee's gun along to get turkeys with.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 1883

Arose earlier than usual and ate breakfast before the others hoping to get away early, but it was after nine o'clock before I left camp with eight men. Said good-bye to Dr. Hall as he expects to leave this morning. The trip to Cedar Spring was uninteresting. At the Spring or rather tinaja, found Mr. Frank and a vaquero cutting up a beef to pickle the meat. This camp is an outlying camp to catch the cattle which are drifting from the range up near Shafter's upper crossing. Mr. Frank wanted us to camp with him, but we could not. He gave us fresh meat and some venison. Continued down the canyon which grew deeper all the time and the sides finally became sheer precipices. Crossed a high divide and struck the river about 3-00 o'clock camping near where we first struck it. Came over the divide & along the river last Spring when on a scout after Indians. After making camp took the shot gun and went out to look for turkeys but found none. Was rather frightened to see a man on horseback about a mile in front of me, but afterwards learned that it was one of the scouts. Read "Light of Asia" before retiring.

Thursday, December 6 1883

Moved camp about 5 miles up the river, near Antonio's Crossing & within a mile of our camp last Spring. Hunted for turkeys in the morning and strolled out over the mountains to look for deer in the afternoon, but did not get a shot. After dark went down stream a mile or two with Luce to hunt for a turkey 'trot but got none. The men killed one deer today & caught two fishes. As they report deer very scarce decided to move camp tomorrow up stream. Read "Light of Asia". Went to sleep early, feeling very tired.

Friday, December 7 1883

Last night was very cold, the water in the canteen being frozen. My feet got very cold during the night. Moved up the river about a mile above Shafter's Lower Crossing and then went up a canyon about two miles and made camp near a tinaja. Shot twice at a duck and missed it. One of the men killed a beautiful turkey. Took a short walk after getting into camp. Read "Light of Asia" & finished it. In many respects there is a similarity to the Christian religion, but in

some of the most important the similarity is wanting. Buddha takes the place of Christ, but he does not make it the essential part of his teaching that the true believers should have faith in him, in fact he teaches only morality, works without faith. No more deer were seen today.

Saturday, December 8 1883


After breakfast started out with Sgt. Gordon and walked about five hours over the hills but did not see anything to shoot at. Came back disgusted and wanted to move camp to Cedar tinaja so as to get to Mayer's Springs early but some of the men were still out. Luce did not secure my pony & his, and on my return to camp we discovered that they were missing. Sgt. Gordon saddled his pony & started in pursuit but returned after dark without them. Hope to find them at the Cedar or else at Mayer's Springs. Corp'l Lougorio brought in four fine fish from the river today. Only a few deer were seen and none brought in. Am sorry our game bag will be so small to carry back to Mayer's Springs. Re-read portions of "Light of Asia."

Sunday, December 9 1883

The night was quite cold, and did not sleep well. Got up before day light. Was very glad to find the men laughing & joking instead of growling at the cold weather as white soldiers would have done. As soon as breakfast was eaten, packed luggage on three mules, giving one mule to Luce to ride & one to Fransto who let me ride his horse. About 11 o'clock after an easy ride reached Cedar and was pleased to see the missing ponies tied up for us. Mr. Frank was not in camp but the vaquero and an old Mexican woman were. After re-adjusting the loads rode for Mayer's Springs reaching camp about 2-30 o'clock & found Dr. B. & Capt. Simonds waiting in the Doctor's tent. He had a fire in my tent. Was much disappointed to get no letter from home in the mail. Took a bath, read the mail, all official, opened a box of supplies from Clark and then ate dinner, the Captain dining with us. After dinner went to stables. In the evening wrote a letter home and read the paper. In the mail received pay for November. Feel quite tired tonight and am very glad to be back.

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New Survey Reveals How Pediatricians Treat Their Kids During The Cold Season; Free Booklet From The Triaminic® Parents Club Relays Advice To Parents

(NAPS)—Pediatricians want parents to "diagnose before they dose" their children with over-the-counter cold medicines, according to a national survey which canvassed doctors about how they treat their own children when they suffer from colds.

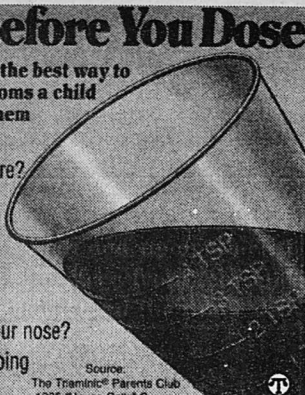
The results of this survey, which was conducted by the Triaminic® Parents Club, show that an overwhelming majority of pediatricians surveyed believe it's very important to give children only the medicine they need. "Sometimes the all-in-one approach is not as safe as a targeted approach to selecting medicine," says Dr. Paula Elbirt-Bender, a New York-based pediatrician who has co-authored *A New Mother's Home Companion*. "Parents may see one cold symptom, such as a runny nose, and panic and give them an all-purpose cold and cough formula when it really isn't necessary."

Additional information about the survey and helpful advice is being made available to the public in a brochure called *House Calls: Pediatricians' Hot Tips for the Cold Season from the Triaminic® Parents Club*. It can be ordered by calling 1-800-206-7575.

The brochure also features practices pediatricians use to prevent their children from catching colds at home or at school. For example, 60 percent of pediatricians recommend washing hands often, 24 percent recommend staying away from sick children, 22 percent say provide a well-balanced diet, 18 percent teach their kids to avoid sharing food or drink with others, and 11 percent advise getting plenty of rest.

When they do get colds, Dr. Elbirt-Bender recommends taking a "diagnose before you dose" approach to treatment. A parent may be able to better determine what specific type of medicine to give a child by asking the following questions:

- Does your head ache, and if so, where?
- Are your ears clogged or do they hurt?
- Does your throat hurt when you swallow?



Pediatricians suggest that the best way to determine what cold symptoms a child is suffering from is to ask them specific questions such as:

1. Does your head ache? Where?
2. Are your ears clogged? Do they hurt?
3. Does your throat hurt when you swallow?
4. Is your nose stuffed up? Can you breathe through your nose?
5. Do you feel something dripping in the back of your throat?

- Can you breathe through your nose?
- Do you feel like something is dripping at the back of your throat?

Pediatricians in the "House Calls" survey stress parent/child communication is key to making the right treatment decision. Over one-third of pediatricians interviewed say that parents need to ask their children often how they are feeling, as well as look for behavioral changes such as loss of appetite and decreased level of activity.

Pediatricians also cited some common errors parents tend to make when treating a child with a cold. Twenty-two percent of the doctors think parents don't give a child's cold enough time to go away and they have a tendency to take them to the doctor too early.

"There's no way to get around it, a cold lasts about a week," said Dr. Elbirt-Bender. "The best way to treat a cold is to make sure your child stays home and gets plenty of rest."

There are times, however, when a parent should not hesitate to take their child to the doctor. If your children exhibit any of the following symptoms, take them to the doctor immediately:

- Any fever that does not respond to home treatment within 24 hours.
- Any fever accompanied by a stiff neck, severe headache, or irritability and confusion.
- Difficulty swallowing or breathing.
- Persistent vomiting or signs of dehydration (not urinating for eight hours).
- Any diarrhea in an infant, or diarrhea in older children that lasts longer than three days.
- Any symptoms that seem unusual, persistent and worrisome to you.

There are two days in the week about which and upon which I never worry. Two carefree days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of those days is Yesterday....And the other day I do not worry about is Tomorrow.

—Robert Jones Burdette

Fort Clark Arts

Winter Texans have returned and attended the December meeting of the Fort Clark Art Club. They announced that it was a great pleasure to be back at "the best little Art Club in Texas" where an annual membership cost \$12.00. (The recent increase of \$2.00 may bankrupt us all!)

Nearly everyone has creative potential, and the Art Club is where it can be developed. Because there are continuing requests for beginning instruction, plans are in the making for a series of Beginners Workshops. The first one will be devoted to drawing, the next to painting with oils, then one using watercolor. These are designed to help people get started and will be given during the week in order not to interfere with the weekend painters.

The present tables at the studio are filled to capacity with painters. We have a lot of space, however, and we are adding more tables to provide painting places.

A brochure is being designed to describe the opportunities the Art

Club provides. We think the Club is one of the wonderful assets Fort Clark offers the public, and we want newcomers to know of its existence.

Bud Breen, well known and respected Western artist, presented a workshop on the first and second of December. It was, as usual, very successful. New members benefited greatly from Bud's expertise and gentle manner.

The Art Club's annual Christmas party will be held Monday, December 18th at the home of Hazel Ivey on Crockett Street. The festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. Members are requested to bring a covered dish and gift worth approximately \$5.00.

The next workshop scheduled will be given by Jerry Stone, an artist and veteran workshop presenter from Del Rio, on January 5th and 6th. Space is limited. Pre-register now!

The Art Club has many masterpieces for sale. Why not buy one or more as a Christmas present? Drop by and make your selection Saturday or Monday morning.

Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met November 27th at the home of Hazel Ivey.

President Marla Madrid called the meeting to order and Flo Stafford read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of secretary Barbara Miller.

A letter was read from the Lions' Club asking for our assistance with the Christmas Baskets. Delia Curry made a motion that we give the club \$25.00 to help with the project and members volunteered to help December 4th at the Adult Center. Helen Peck seconded the motion and same carried. Hazel Ivey will be the coordinator to assist with this project.

The Sorority will meet December 4th at the Adult Center to make gingerbread houses to decorate the Nutrition Center tables. Members will bring 4 dozen cookies to that meeting for our Christmas Cookie exchange. We will also exchange Secret Sister Christmas gifts.

Delia Curry gave the program

titled "Healthy Home Styles of Baking." She stated the American Heart Association advised an Adults fat intake should not be over 30% and 20% would be better. Mrs. Curry presented a delicious banana nut bread with the recipe that showed no fat in it. She gave each member a Food Guide Pyramid and gave a test on Nutrition. The nutrition test covered the following topics: Present Dish Calorie Control, Strategies for Reducing Fat and Reducing Sodium.

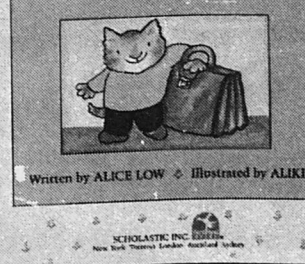
Hazel Ivey served the following members from a beautifully decorated table depicting the Christmas theme: Ruby Cheaney, Francine Collins, Lynda Conrey, Delia Curry, Dorothy Frank, Opal Groce, Helen Lynch, Marge Maderick, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Lynn McNew, Helen Peck, Flo Stafford, Evelyn Whiteley and a guest, Jan Peck who is a member of Preceptor Lambda Mu of Ridgecrest California.

Pointers For Parents

Mommy's Briefcase

(NAPS)—Separation is a challenging issue for young children and their parents. One helpful way to deal with this situation is for parents and children to share their thoughts and events of the day—including the fact that they are thinking about each other, says Adele M. Brodtkin, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry at New Jersey Medical School.

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1 H.S. exam	46 Office fixture	87 Reagan	3 Neon —	43 Singer	78 Mr. Lucky's card
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8 Unguided missile	51 Bard's river	89 Compass pt.	5 Quitter's cry	44 Holiness	81 Dramatic ending
12 Fragrant wood	52 Be bombastic	90 Faded away	6 Christmas carol	45 Act badly?	82 Currier's partner
17 Ship's personnel	53 "Citizen Kane" prop	92 Pugilistic poke	7 Lincoln son	47 Leroy Brown's creator	83 "Waves of grain" color
19 Salami city	54 Lightweight fabric	94 MacMurray's trio	8 Pruning tool	48 Cereal grain	89 Drenched
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26 Safety practice	68 Bunyan's whacker	108 Oscar de la —	15 Up-front money	59 "Aida" prop	97 Help a hood
28 Fertility figure	69 Sign of spring?	109 Desire deified	16 "— Window"	61 Ernest Borgnine film	98 Composer Ned
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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Frustration is rampant early in the week. By week's end, though, your jangled nerves are soothed by a caring friend who reaches out to make things better. A weekend of shopping is highly favored.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You need to slow your pace down since you're overdoing it a bit. If you don't ease up, you're likely to collapse by week's end. Take some time out this weekend to get in touch with people who live far away.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're not your usual self early in the week. However, don't give in to those depressing thoughts. This reality is a wonderful time of year, so feel free to enjoy yourself. Family and friends provide a nice diversion this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You impress everyone with how much you can accomplish now. Your initiative and energy are at their peak, so take full advantage. Later in the week, quiet meditation and relaxation helps you recharge your batteries.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those of you who are counting calories are feeling a bit deprived, especially since holiday baking is in full swing. However, you'll be pleased with the ultimate results when it comes time to don that special holiday outfit.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take some steps early in the week to make up with someone whose feelings you may have hurt, albeit inadvertently. When peace is restored, all around you feel better. The weekend favors family get-togethers and domestic harmony.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Daydreaming stands in your way early in the week and you don't get as much done as you'd hoped. Try to shake this mood off. There is still a lot to be accomplished before one year ends and another begins.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Co-workers are particularly helpful now so that much is accomplished by week's end. On the home front, family is equally cooperative. The weekend affords you a good opportunity to get reacquainted with your spiritual side.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trouble on the home front rules the early part of the week. Later, though, the opposite is true. You can accomplish more if you are willing to set aside a petty jealousy over a co-worker's success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stop pushing yourself so hard, especially where work is concerned. You're also doing this at home, which doesn't go over too well with family members. Take some time this weekend to get yourself back on an even keel.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dreams and aspirations are always good to have. However, some of yours are a bit unrealistic. Curb that anger when a family member points this out to you later in the week. Think about it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your family life is upside down now but this phase will pass in time. Try to get a leash on your temper and think rationally. Advice you're being given is good, so feel free to trust it.

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Acne Breaking Out In Younger Students

(NAPS)—Going back to school means more than new clothes, books and teachers. It might also mean a new case of acne. Acne, the most common skin disorder in the United States, affects sixteen million American teenagers (80 percent of girls and 90 percent of boys). Now that children are maturing faster than their grandparents did, increasingly younger children are experiencing one of the initial signs of puberty—acne—sooner than ever before. Some pre-adolescents experience their first case of pimples as early as the fourth grade.


"Acne scars its youngest victims both physically and emotionally, and the psychological effects—anxiety and low self-esteem—are widespread and underestimated," says Laura Skellchock, M.D., dermatologist and senior physician at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Oakland, California.

Doctors say that acne is caused by changes in the sex hormones such as testosterone. Researchers also believe that while girls get pimples earlier because they mature slightly earlier, boys eventually develop more severe pimples because they make more testosterone.

In response to the hormonal changes, oil glands in the skin produce increased amounts and a more viscous type of oil. Simultaneously, cells lining the canal thicken, making it narrower. Acne results when the canal becomes blocked with a mixture of oil and newly shed cells. If the oil plug is exposed to air, it becomes discolored and is called a blackhead; trapped under the skin's surface it's a whitehead.

Early treatment is the best medicine. "If after six to eight weeks of using over-the-counter products, you see no positive improvement or a worsening, it is time to see a dermatologist," says Dr. Skellchock. Pimples can be controlled with the right treatment, such as topical tretinoin, a prescription therapy commonly known as RETIN-A, antibiotics or benzoyl peroxide.

The Dermatological Division of Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation, makers of RETIN-A, also provides a toll-free number to receive information about pimples: 1-800-203-ACNE.



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The Middle Rio Grande Development Council's Small Business Development Center is offering a **FREE SESSION** with the representative from the "Texas Comptroller's Office on Public accounts," at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Small Business Development Center's Conference Room, located at 209 North Getty, Uvalde, Texas on December 13, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

More Than One Course of Action in Bosnia

Along with many Americans, I have serious reservations about the Clinton administration's commitment of United States troops to a peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslavia.

I am not yet convinced that direct, on-the-ground intervention in the Balkans is in the best interests of the United States, in the best interests of NATO, or even in the long-term best interests of the parties to the Balkan conflict.

The President is our commander-in-chief. But, given its constitutional role, it is Congress that must make the final decision on the long-term commitment of U.S. forces, and it is Congress that is ultimately responsible for the lives put at risk. We must decide if this situation is truly a threat to U.S. national security that warrants the shedding of American blood. In my opinion, it does not.

The United States does have a positive role to play in ending this long and painful conflict. But there are many options open to us — many ways to be of help — short of deploying 20,000 U.S. troops (one-third of the entire NATO peacekeeping force) into Bosnia. We should have some other options on the table as well, such as continuing


to provide air support to NATO European forces, providing intelligence and supplying strategic planning. A parallel option would be to take on the task of arming and training the Bosnian Muslims to defend themselves in order to create a level playing field — a balance of powers — in the region. Nor do I think that, if this is a real peace, it matters what the nationality of the peacekeepers is.

One justification we've heard for our intervention in the Balkans is to "preserve American leadership in NATO." This is an inside-the-Beltway assertion. Outside of Washington, the American people are anything but eager to see American troops placed in harm's way in order to sustain American leadership of NATO. I don't buy that argument, either.


One of my primary objections to this plan is that Balkan intervention is well outside NATO's charter. NATO is a mutual defense pact, not a mechanism to control civil wars on its periphery. This is not part of our NATO commitment. I fear that a mission so far removed from NATO's original charter would, in fact, endanger American support for the alliance rather than strengthen it.

This is not to say we should not stay closely involved in the search for peace in the former Yugoslavia, and in Europe as a whole. But it will serve no useful purpose to deal with the situation in the former Yugoslavia as an isolated incident, apart from what is going on in the rest of Europe. We must realize we are setting a precedent for involvement, and ask ourselves if we are willing to send Americans to act as guarantors of peace in regions where it has not been demonstrated that the parties are committed to settling disputes by peaceful means.

We have spent billions intervening in civil conflicts in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia — dissipating U.S. defense resources — and the success of these missions has been dubious. President Clinton is weakening our defense readiness by involving the United States in missions that do not threaten U.S. security, and weakening our ability to respond when there is such a threat.



Citrus fruits are actually a type of berry.



Citrus trees were first cultivated in China more than 4,000 years ago.

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

During November, Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Texas, health officials urge support of medical personnel and researchers who work to end the growing tragedy of the Alzheimer's disease.

"Research is the key to unlocking the mysteries of the illness. But until the disease is better understood and a preventive treatment for it found, Alzheimer's will remain one of the most tragic consequences associated with aging," Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health said.

Each year, the number of Alzheimer's-afflicted Texans increases. Alzheimer's is a degenerative brain disorder that impairs memory, attention and judgement. It primarily affects people 65 and older, and the risk for the disease increases with advancing age. Of the more than 1.9 million Texans 65 and older, more than 500,000 have Alzheimer's or a related dementia.

Veronda L. Durden, director of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Alzheimer's Program, stressed that Alzheimer's is costly both emotionally and financially. "Texans annually spend an estimated \$2 billion on Alzheimer's treatment which includes medical expenses for medical and nursing home care, social services, and lost productivity because of early death."

Durden said that home care for an Alzheimer's patient averages \$18,000 per year and institutional care averages between \$24,000 and \$36,000. "Financially," she said, "Alzheimer's has a staggering impact, sometimes depleting the life savings of a patient or the patient's family. She added that

the emotional toll on families often is equally as devastating. The course of the disease ranges from 8 to 20 years with the majority of patients remaining at home until the end stages of the disease.

Caretakers and family members may suffer from isolation, depression, exhaustion, and increased health problems as a result of the daily struggle to provide care.

Durden agreed with Dr. Smith that, "Research is indeed vital to solving the Alzheimer's mysteries. Although there now is no cure, scientists throughout the United States are moving closer to identifying the basic processes that go awry in the brain. "The National Institute on Aging has primary responsibility for overseeing Alzheimer's research. Recent discoveries about the role of genetics in Alzheimer's have opened new paths," she added.

Durden also cited the ongoing Texas research efforts, and Alzheimer's.

Baylor College of Medicine's Alzheimer's Research Center is federally funded. Researchers there are working on projects related to cell death, inflammatory response and diagnostic improvements. The federally-funded Alzheimer's Center at U.T. Southwestern also conducts projects related to both the clinical and basic neuroscience of Alzheimer's. The Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock receives state funds and maintains the Alzheimer's DNA Research Bank, a data center for genetic information on Alzheimer's patients.

Warts

Houston—(November 27, 1995)—W A R T S. They're embarrassing and ugly and seem to appear when you're most stressed.

But the good news is like beauty, they are only skin deep.

Warts are caused by a virus that invades the skin and is spread by touch or by contact with the skin shed from a wart.

"Warts are extremely common," says Dr. Suzanne Bruce, a leading dermatologist at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "Even though there are no serious health risks associated with warts, with the exception of genital warts, they are a problem because our society thinks they are grotesque."

Warts are a small, hard, white or pink lump with a cauliflower-like surface. Inside are small, clotted blood vessels that resemble black splinters.

They can grow anywhere on your body, but most likely will appear on the bottoms of your feet or the palms of your hands. Some warts will disappear naturally, but more often than not they spread.

"What most people don't understand is if you have a cut or break in your skin and come in contact with the wart virus you can get warts," she says. "To help avoid getting warts on your feet, we always suggest that people wear some sort of shoe or sandal in public places."

Most warts are usually painless. However, planter warts, the ones on your feet, can be quite uncomfortable.

"Planter warts feel as if you were walking with a stone in your shoe," points out Bruce. "Since feet bear all your weight, warts grow inward, making them difficult to treat."

The best way to treat warts is to apply salicylic acid directly on them. Most drugstores carry an over-the-counter product. But Bruce warns the acid may cause soreness if not used carefully.

If the warts do not respond to commercial medication, Bruce suggests seeing a dermatologist.

"There are lots of good treatments for warts," she says. "We can remove warts by freezing them with liquid nitrogen, burn or cut them off, or apply a stronger acid."

The secret to getting rid of warts, Bruce says, is persistence and treating them as soon as they appear.

"Most people hope warts will go away," she adds. "But more times than not, they just multiply and spread."

One more piece of good news, Bruce says you can't get warts from touching a frog!

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Just in time for the holidays, you can get the whimsical recordings *The Jingle Cats*, *The Jingle Dogs: Christmas Unleashed*, *Meow Christmas* and *Here Comes Santa Claws* by calling 1-800-XMAS-CAT or by writing to Jingle Cats Music, P.O. Box 3559, Terre Haute, IN 47803.

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Soft Drink Container Recycling Hits Record High

(NAPS)—Americans recycled 4 billion more soft drink containers in 1994 than they did in 1993, according to an annual study by the National Soft Drink Association (NSDA).

Nearly 48 billion soft drink containers—61 percent—were recycled last year. Both figures are the highest since NSDA began tracking the numbers in 1989.

The increases are attributed to the growing number of curbside recycling programs throughout the United States. The latest statistics show that 7,265 curbside recycling programs served 108 million people nationwide in 1994, up from 1,000 programs serving 21 million Americans in 1988. Soft drink containers now comprise only 1.08 percent of the nation's waste stream, a 32.5 percent decline since 1988, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Additionally, recyclable containers are being made lighter all the time. Today's aluminum cans use 35 percent less material than those made in the 1970s. Today's glass containers are 44 percent lighter than they were two decades ago. Even plastic bottles, the lightest of all soft drink containers, are 28 percent lighter today than they were in the late 1970s.

CPL Offers Holiday Lighting Tips

Holiday lighting with its twinkle and color, adds much to festivities this time of year. To keep your holidays merry and bright decorate with safety in mind.

"Stringing lights is a fun activity for families, says Julio Campos, senior safety consultant for Central Power and Light Company. "Whether it's along the roof or on a tree, special lighting displays help welcome in the season. But people need to string lights carefully and avoid electrical hazards."

CPL offers the following tips for safe lighting:

Outdoors

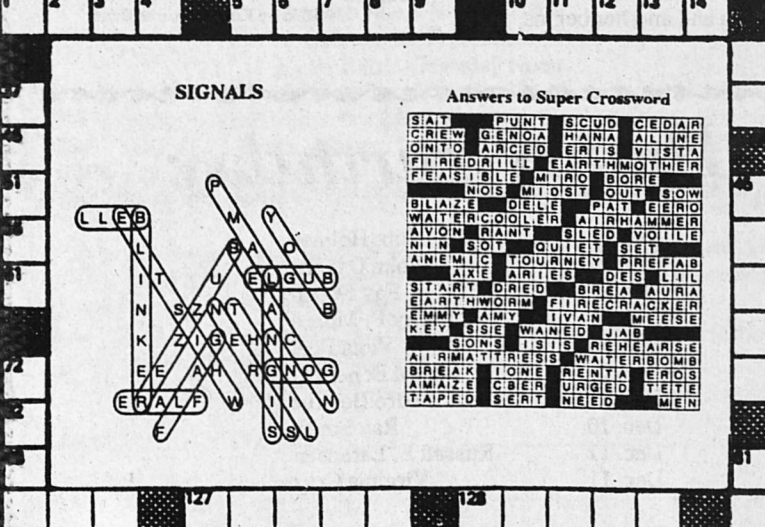
- *Use only light approved for outdoor use with a "UL" (Underwriter's Laboratories) approved label.
- *Use extension cords that are UL-approved for outdoor use. Check for cracked insulation, frayed wires or damaged sockets. Damaged equipment should be replaced. Be sure extension cords are capable of carrying the electrical load you are connecting. Each extension cord carries a rating which indicates its maximum load.
- *To protect connections from water, wrap with plastic wrap and seal with electrical tape.
- *Use rubber gaskets in sockets to keep water out. For added protection, hang lights downward from the house or tree.
- *Use insulated staples to attach wires to wood surfaces. Do not use nails that pass through the insulation or conductor. Brass cup hooks are most convenient to use around the eaves of your house.
- *When using a ladder to string lights, always make sure it is clear of any overhead electrical lines. These lines can cause serious injury if you or your equipment should come in contact with them.
- *When working with outdoor lights, make sure your power is off. It is best to control outdoor lighting with a separate circuit breaker.
- Indoor**
- *Use only lights approved by Underwriter's Laboratories. They will have a UL tag attached.
- *Check all light strings for

cracked insulation, frayed cords, wires, or faulty plugs. Replace any damaged strings with UL-approved lights.

- *Check and replace damaged extension cords.
- *When stringing lights, make sure the power is off.
- *Don't overload wall sockets. Use a separate circuit if possible or a wall socket that's on a switch by itself.
- *Always unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.
- *It is best that extension cords not be used, but, if necessary, place extension cords so they won't cause people to trip. Do not run them under rugs or carpets. Be sure to use only the length of extension cord needed and one capable of carrying the load connected to it.
- *Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.
- *Don't place hot bulbs inside a container or too near cloth, paper, or other flammable ornaments.

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Answers to Super Crossword



The advantage of keeping family accounts is clear. If you do not keep them you are uneasily aware of the fact that you are spending more than you are earning. If you do keep them, you know it.

—Robert Benchley



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

What would the world be without Christmas? Turn the calendar back about 2000 years and you can see. Look to the Muslim world and other areas minus the Christian spirit. When the first Christmas came three out of five people in the Roman world were slaves. Slavery is still existent but only where Christ is not a predominant force.

Strangely enough slavery as such was not condemned in the Bible. The New Testament teaches a slave to be a good slave for his master. It teaches a master of slaves to be a good master. However, the Christians ethic has obliterated wherever it reigns.

Womanhood in the time of Christ was relegated to a subservience as dominant as though they were slaves. This ethic still holds where Christ is not accepted. For example, in the Muslim world womanhood is disgracefully treated. Even in the heaven of the Mohammedan the only women in heaven will be to serve the lusts of the men. Wherever Christ is preeminent womanhood is put on a pedestal.

The value of human life has come to be truly recognized wherever Christ

is recognized. In the Roman world men were fed to lions for entertainment. At one point when the Emperor returned victorious on the Appian Way it was lighted by human beings nailed to crosses and set afire. Under communism human life is meaningless. Where Christianity prevails each human being is a value. Hence we have schools for every child, orphanages for children without parents, hospitals for those who need them; all because the permeating spirit of Christ evidenced by his children.

The greatest fact is that Christ died to pay the penalty for sin so that all who accept Him as Savior can spend an eternity with Him in heaven. Had there been no birth in Bethlehem there would have been no Calvary, no recognition of the worth of the human being, no elevation of womanhood and no freedom. What a terrible world to face. But, there was that birth at Bethlehem and where Christ reigns it such a great world.

Next Sunday will be a time and opportunity to hear another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

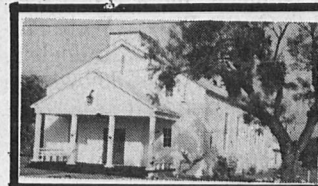
Obituaries



Andrew T. Stephenson, Sr.

Andrew T. Stephenson, Sr. age 88, died December 2, 1995 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born August 12, 1907 in Kyle, Texas. He was a former resident of South San Antonio until 1977. And a Midland resident until 1991. He was preceded in death by his wife Dovie Stephenson. He is survived by his two sons: Taylor Stephenson of Brackettville, Tx and Jack Stephenson of Midland. Also by his three daughters: Ellen Godfrey of Midland, Shirley Stephenson of Brackettville, Tx, Jane Young of Brackettville, Tx. And a foster-daughter; Mary Stephenson of Brackettville. He has 12 - grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. A visitation was held Sunday, December 3, 1995 from 3:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. A service was held on Monday, December 4, 1995 at 1:00 p.m., at the First Methodist Church in Brackettville, Texas. A graveside service was held Tuesday, December 5, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Midland, Texas. The family will be at the home of Jack Stephenson after the Graveside service, 2000 Indiana, Midland, Texas. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home 200 E. Garfield St. dba Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North St. Brackettville, Tx.

Pallbearers: Patrick Stephenson, Jon Stephenson, Rob Young, Richard Young, Michael Young, Stephen Stoner, and Michael Stephenson.



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Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

I read of an experience from the life of Vance Havner, noted pastor, evangelist and author in which he was meeting someone for lunch. As they left the brilliance of the noonday sun and going into the restaurant that was very dimly lit with candles, they had difficulty making their way to a table without bumping into other tables, chairs and patrons. Taking a seat they commented on the darkness of the room as the server brought water and menus. After a minute or two of small talk, Havner's guest said, "Isn't it amazing how we are getting used to the darkness, I can now read the menu." Vance immediately thanked him for giving him a new sermon title, "Getting Accustomed to the Darkness."

In the age that we are living we can readily see how Christians have been drawn into the world little by little and bit by bit. Satan has, in his subtle way enticed men and women in such small ways at first, that they have gradually become accustomed to

the darkness.

Do you remember how TV was in the 50's? Or how shocked everyone was when the first swear word was introduced in the movie, "Gone With The Wind"? Now you can hardly watch a program with just that word being used.

Ten years ago who would have thought that we would have a U.S. President that would endorse the homosexual lifestyle?

How about the gradual introduction of the casual after-dinner drink or the beer at the beach. It is such a little thing, so insignificant. That is just what Satan has used to deceive and cause people to get accustomed to living in darkness.

Jesus called us out of darkness (Jn. 8:12) to be the light of the world (Mt. 5:14). He told one group that if they walked in darkness they did not know where they were going. With these thoughts in mind, let us not get lost by getting accustomed to the darkness.



St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

Beloved, let us LOVE one another; for LOVE is of GOD, and everyone that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD.

He that loveth not knoweth not GOD; for GOD is LOVE.

In this was manifested the LOVE of GOD toward us, that GOD sent his only begotten SON into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is LOVE, not that we LOVED GOD, but that he LOVED us, and sent his SON to be the propitiation for our sins. John 4:7-10

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty GOD, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ISIAH 9:6 Glory. Hallelujah.

The public is always invited to worship with us at St. John B/C 116 W. Crockett.
Pastor Adams SR.
Church Phone 563-2582

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sherse Harris, Pastor

Faces. They're some of God's most interesting creations. I like to watch them and how they change — from one situation to another and from one year to the next and the next and the next... If you watch faces carefully you can tell a lot about the people who wear them and about the state of the world they're in.

There were a lot of interesting faces at First Methodist last Thursday evening. We gathered in the fellowship hall to break bread together, feasting on a delicious and bountiful pot luck dinner. Amid the clattering of dishes and tinkling of silverware were sounds of laughter, children playing and the steady murmur of pleasant conversation. The faces were happy and smiling and carefree.

Next we all went into the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens. It was an informal time of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Everyone helped, from the baby in her mother's arms and the not-quite-two-year-old to the ones who have been here the longest. Their faces were still happy and smiling and now there was a loving reverence on them as we each went about our chosen task. The children thoughtfully and carefully hung the Christmas (Christ - monograms or Christian symbols) on the tree. The adults hung greenery and placed bows and poinsettias in appropriate places.

Then eyes popped out and mouths opened wide to issue squeals of delight when o' St. Nick came through the back door! The children danced and pranced like reindeer around

Santa and their faces were brighter than the lights on the Christmas tree. Each child's face changed though as he or she climbed onto Santa's lap. The face became serious and very intent as the child told Santa their fondest Christmas wish.

Pandemonium reigned as the bearded fellow handed out stockings filled with fruit, nuts, candy and a small toy. The children looked like precious chipmunks with their cheeks bulging with goodies, and they just couldn't help themselves — they just had to talk even if their mouths were full!

Before going our separate ways, we gathered around and the children led us in singing Christmas carols. A funny thing happened. Usually you can tell the young from the more mature just by looking at their faces. (There are those tell-tale signs like a wrinkle here a sag there). But as I looked at the faces around me on that blessed evening, I couldn't tell the difference between the very young and the very mature. They all looked the same. You see, all of those tell-tale signs had faded into the wonder and peace and joy that was emanating from every face there. The look of Advent was on every face.

Our sanctuary is decorated and ready for Christmas to come. The decorations are lovely but what is most beautiful in our sanctuary is the look on the faces of those awaiting the coming of their Savior.

If you don't have a church home, there's a beautiful one on James St. behind the Court House and we'd love to have you.

Lodge To Sponsor Adult Education Class

Members of Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 will sponsor an Adult Education Program provided enough individuals are interested. The program will be taught in English from Video Tapes and will last about one year.

If you are interested in improving your writing, reading, and arithmetic skills call the Kinney County Library at 563-2884 for further information about this public service.

Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 p.m., Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.
Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father Donald LaVell.
First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sherse Harris, Pastor.
St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship a.m., Worship 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor. 563-9175.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.: Shafter Hall, F.C.S., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m. Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
Templo Elm Asamblea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
Apostolic New Jerusalem: 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Wednesday Evening Bible Class 6:00 P.M. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe.
Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charollette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



It seems this column has come to be almost an obituary column. Our hearts have been touched this week by the home going of one of life's greats. Andy Stephenson bade farewell to us to take his place in the mansion prepared for him in heaven. Seldom has there been a man who was so adored by his biological and extended family. He was certainly a caring, almost doting family man. He was an accomplished craftsman. As the years took their toll he was curtailed in his activities but not in his human relationships. He maintained his sweet spirit and jovial treatment of all. He was a free spirit who was fiercely independent yet tenderly compassionate toward others. To know him was to be blessed and enriched. As he waits at the throne of God to be joined by his friends and loved ones we must say, "Surely Andy Stephenson is an Unsung Hero."

The greatest and most important problems of life are all fundamentally insoluble...They can never be solved, but only outgrown.

—C.G. Jung

An intelligent man never snubs anybody.

—Vaivenargues



Rottweilers developed in southern Germany, near the village of Rottweil. They are descended from the camp dogs that followed Roman armies in their conquest of Europe.

Bridge Anyone

By Norma Gould



Seven full tables enjoyed bridge Tuesday, November 28th. Betty Inman and Ann Hibler won 1st place in the N/S direction. Lamont and Marie McCandless took 2nd place with Rozetta Pingenot and Tina Baugness coming in 3rd. Nancy O'Brien and Joan Lindley won 1st in the E/W direction. Jerry O'Brien and Mary Edgar won 2nd place with Joyce Ambler and Judy Douglas winning 3rd.

We are working on better lights for the room at the Golf Club. We welcome all bridge players.

The Christmas party will be December 12th.

Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

—Oscar Wilde

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Library Notes



Sara Terrazas

Our Adult Literacy Class has been so successful that we are concentrating on starting a second class in January. Please pass the word. We would like to begin around the middle of January, but anyone who is interested my go ahead and register now.

We still have a large selection of books for sale and some free ones also. Please help us make room for new ones.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture merged the Extension Services (ES) with the Cooperative States Research Service (CSRS) to create the new Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

(CSREES). The office for Small-Scale Agriculture is part of this new service organization and it publishes a useful, free quarterly newsletter, *Small-Scale Agriculture Today*. Each newsletter contains a listing of at least 25 publications from a wide variety of sources in the subject areas of gardening, cooking, small-scale farming, and agricultural marketing. To get on the newsletter's free mailing list, send two typed, self-addressed gummed labels with your full 9-digit zip code to OSSA Newsletter, Ag. Box 2244, Washington, D.C. 20250-2244. (Source: *El Nopal Newsletter*, Nov./Dec. 1995)

Civilization is, before all, the will to live in common. A man is uncivilized, barbarian, in the degree in which he does not take others into account.

—Jose Ortega y Gasset

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
Bids Requested From Contractors For Construction Of A Culvert Water Crossing In Kinney County, Texas
Kinney County is requesting bids for the construction of a culvert water crossing on Pinto Creek on the county road West of Spofford that connects to U.S. Highway 90. This project is funded by the Texas Department of Housing And Community Affairs; therefore wages of employees must be not less than as appear on the assigned wage rate decision. Plans, specifications and the bid package may be obtained from the project engineer, Charles Rothe; address - 1705 Avenue K; Hondo, Texas 78861; Telephone - 210-426-3005; Fax No. 210-426-8160. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the County Commissioner's courtroom in the county courthouse in Brackettville, Texas at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, 1995. No bid will be considered if received later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, 1995. Bids are to be mailed or delivered to the office of the County Judge in the courthouse in Brackettville, Texas: P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

POSITION VACANCY
Position Vacancy: Instructional Aide
Location: Brackett Independent School District
Terms Of Employment: 1. High School Diploma or GED. 2. Hours of work will be 12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Application Procedure: Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 12, 1995. Interviews will begin Monday January 15, 1995. All interested parties may come to the central office to pick up an application. The Brackett Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

BETA SIGMA PHI YARD-BAKE SALE

Dec. 9, Unit 15, Lot 29-30, Bliss Circle, FCS, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

APPLIANCES FOR SALE

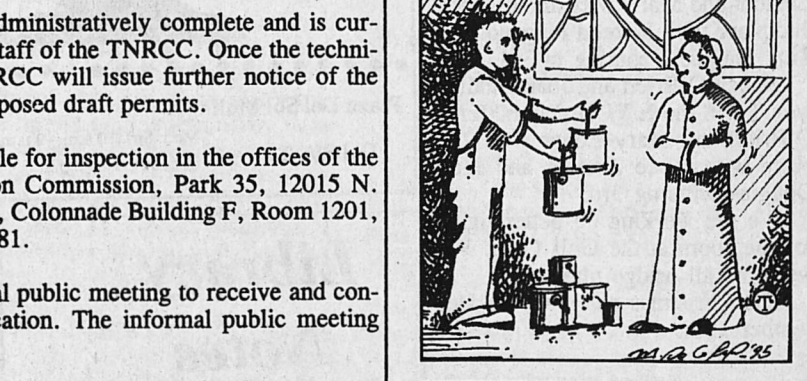
13 small gas ranges, 12 small refrigerators. Sale Saturday, December 16, or come by Brackettville Housing Authority.

Temporary Closing

Because of other obligations, TK's B.B.Q. will be closing its doors this week. We wish to thank everyone that stopped by and to our regular customers, don't worry, it is only temporary!
Thanks T.K.

Give And Ye Shall Receive

(NAPS)—Leftover paint can be an opportunity to do good and claim a charitable deduction.



Always buy only the paint you need to minimize leftovers and store what you can for future use. Properly stored paint can last for years: secure the lid and store the can upside down.
Consider donating useable paint you can't use to churches, community, theater or other groups.
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Job Announcement

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is accepting applications from qualified applicants for the position of Small Business Development Specialist (SBDC) to be housed in the Del Rio MRGDC office. The preferred requirements of this position are as follows: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with specialization in finance or economics and three years of related professional experience in any combination of the following areas: consultant to small businesses in management or financial field, experience in a business/economic development organization manager or proprietor of a successful small business, or banking, with commercial lending experience preferred. Other preferred qualification include computer literacy in Excel, Lotus 5.0, Quatro Pro and Word Processing, bilingual in Spanish/English, knowledge of SBA, and knowledge of economic conditions in the MRGDC region. Duties will include: recruiting potential small business clients, providing technical assistance to such in expanding operations, managing, operating, budgeting and accounting processes, creating new markets and new business start-ups, assisting in identifying sources of financing, including packaging loan applications, and organizing and coordinating workshops and seminars on topics of interest to small businesses. The position will primarily serve clients in Kinney, Maverick and Val Verde counties but could include service in the other six counties in the MRGDC area. Salary for this position will be negotiated based on experience and background from a base rate of \$21,946. All interested persons should submit a resume and letter of intent to Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, MRGDC, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Deadline for submission of applications is December 15, 1995. Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For information please contact our VOICE or TDD telephone (210) 876-3533.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Call 563-2198
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Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday during the normal working hours of county offices.
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One of our firefighters lost a pager. It was believed lost in front of the Post office earlier this week. If any one found a dark blue pager please call Richard Wills at 563-2332 or after 5 P.M. at 563-2382.

Notice Of Receipt Of An Application & Declaration Of Administrative Completeness

An Application for a Municipal Solid Waste Permit For:
Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc.
Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility
HC 61, Box 81
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Telephone No. (210) 990-8443

was received by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission on August 1, 1995.

Application Number: 2253
County: Kinney
Type of Operation: The site covers approximately 424 acres of land and is to receive approximately 830 tons per day of Type I municipal solid waste. The applicant seeks a Type I permit to receive municipal solid waste under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for disposal or other processing in accordance with municipal solid waste regulations.

Location: One-half mile south of Spofford, Texas, abutted by Highway 131 and FM 1572, on the east side of Hwy 131.

The application has been determined to be administratively complete on September 6, 1995 and will now be subject to a technical evaluation by the staff of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Persons should be advised that the application is subject to change based on such evaluation.

This notice is issued pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Section 361.0665. Any person who may be affected by the facility is entitled to request a hearing from the Commission. The Commission will issue further notice of the application and the terms of any proposed draft permit once the technical evaluation is completed.

Further information concerning the technical application may be obtained by contacting Forrest Nikorak, P.E., Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Municipal Solid Waste Division, Permit Section, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087, telephone number 512/239-6788. Request for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk at the same address or telephone 512/239-3300.

Issued: Oct 16, 1995
Gloria A. Vasquez
Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, INC. (Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility), HC 61, Box 81, Fredericksburg, Texas 78642 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. MSW2253) to authorize a Type I municipal solid waste management facility. The proposed site covers approximately 424 acres of land and is to receive, but is not limited to, approximately 830 tons of municipal solid waste per day for disposal or other processing. The proposed waste management facility location is abutted by State Highway 131 and Farm-to-Market Road 1572, one half mile south of the City of Spofford in Kinney County, Texas.

This application has been declared administratively complete and is currently under technical review by the staff of the TNRCC. Once the technical evaluation is completed, the TNRCC will issue further notice of the applications and the terms of any proposed draft permits.

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the offices of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Park 35, 12015 N. Interstate Highway 35, at Yager Lane, Colonnade Building F, Room 1201, Austin, Texas, telephone 512/239-6781.

The TNRCC will conduct an informal public meeting to receive and consider public comments on the application. The informal public meeting will be held at:

6:00 p.m. - Monday, December 18, 1995
Kinney County Civic Center
Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832

Information concerning the public meeting may be obtained by contacting Ann Scudday or Charles Stavley, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone 512/239-4756 or 512/239-6688.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille are requested to contact Charles Stavley or Ann Scudday, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section at 512/239-6688 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least two (2) work days prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Issued this 20th day of November, 1995.

(Seal)
Gloria A. Vasquez
Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
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