

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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



The Brackett News has followed the progress of the Molinar Triplets since their birth December 23, 1991. Pictured above left to right are Elidia, Daniel and Elena who just turned 4 years old. Their parents are Jose Antonio and Maria Elena Molinar.

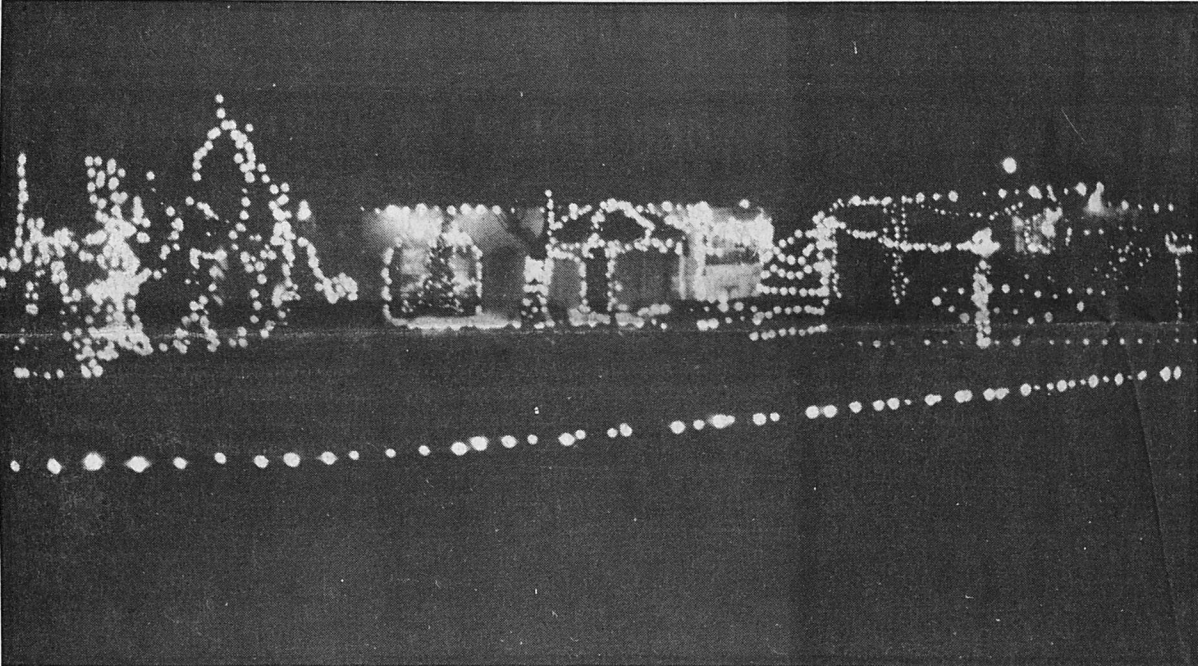
BOOT SCOOTERS ON TELEVISION

The Fort Clark Boot Scooters, our local line dance group, traveled to Eagle Pass on Sunday, December 17th. The Eagle Pass Television station, channel 6 CDN, had invited the Boot Scooters to perform for their annual Christmas Telethon. The station raises donations at the telethon to help the needy during the Christmas holidays. Line dancers who made the trip were Ida Holly, Jo Entrikin, Ray Entrikin, Ruth Pac and Harrell Floyd.

The Fort Clark Boot Scooters, made up of "anyone who wants to have a good time", has an age limit of 3 to 90. They meet every Thursday night at the Town Hall to learn new dances and teach the new comers. They usually have an attendance of from 15 to 30 dancers each week. Come on down and join in the fun.



Lions members Bob Voracek, Don Bond, Howard Wakefield, Agapito Saenz, Walt Bauguess, Bob Burkpile, Phil Lamb, (Phil was the Lion in charge of the baskets project). Ruben Martinez, Lions President was in charge of the Open House.



Third Place winner in the Christmas Lighting Contest, Floyd Harrison. First Place Pat Owens and Second Place Jim Blankenship pictures were unavailable.

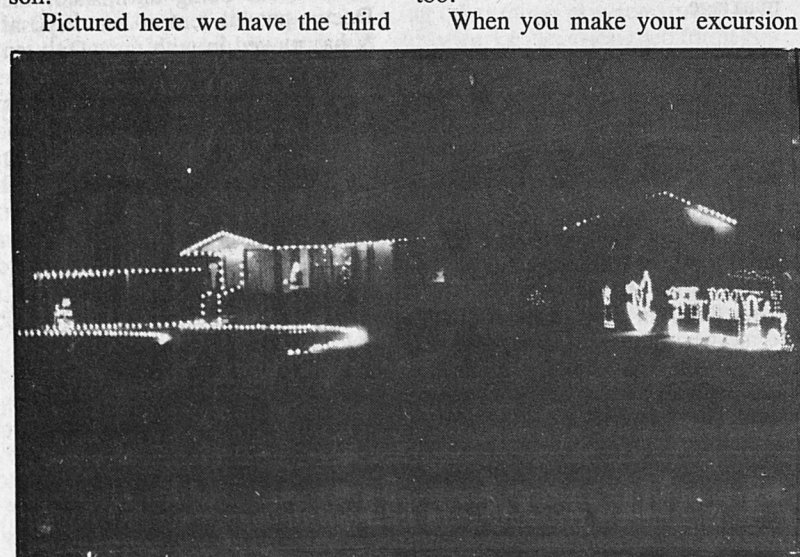
KINNEY COUNTY ILLUMINATED

This holiday season you should be sure to take the kids (both young and old) to see the creations that have sprouted up in peoples' yards. You will find everything from beautiful nativity scenes to a talking Santa Claus (see story below). These remarkable people have invested quite a bit of time, thought, and creativity, not to mention some expense to wish you a very joyous holiday season.

place winner of the Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Fort Clark Activities department. There are hundreds of decorated buildings and houses and you won't want to miss a single one! It will take you quite a while to see all of the houses. They extend from the farthest street North in Brackettville to the end of Fort Clark Road in Fort Clark. Be sure to take a drive out to Spofford too!

you might want to take some popcorn and hot chocolate, or just bundle the little ones up with a snugly toy. You might even want to take a few thank you cards to drop off at your favorite places or just stop in for a second and say thanks. I went out to see the lights one day and went back the next night with a pile of thank you notes because they were all spectacular.

No matter what methods you choose for your trip, have a wonderful holiday season.



WINTER WONDERLAND IN THE MAKING

A few years ago, while taking their traditional Christmas lighting tour J.E. and Sondra Meil were overcome by the beauty of a Winter Wonderland City park. J.E. decided then and there that he wanted his yard to look just like this one.....so began the painstaking task of making a Christmas gift to the community.

The first creation for J.E. was his 10 foot choo choo train, which he designed and built himself. This little job took him 3 months to complete. The second year he added a 5 foot rocking horse (Sondra says you can still see the preliminary drawings on her back porch). After building the horse, they spent days searching for just the right motor to make the horse rock at just the right speed. The

third year there appeared a 4 foot Seasons Greetings and a waving Santa. This year they are the excited owners of a talking Santa Claus.

Santa is fully automated, his arms and head move and he will tell you stories, sing Christmas songs, and then remind you to leave milk and cookies for him on Christmas eve. When you stop to talk to Santa, look closely for J.E. and Sondra peeking out from behind the curtains, hoping to see the radiant expressions on the faces of their young visitors. You will find Santa and the rest of the wonderland on Air Port Road, Fort Clark Springs.

Sondra and J.E. are already planning for next years' addition, and we can't wait to see what it will be!

A List Of New Year's Resolutions For Congress

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

As we look forward to the beginning of the new year, many of us will come up with a list of New Year's resolutions for 1996. Congress will be doing the same thing. In fact, this new year will be very important in shaping the direction of the federal government. Here are some resolutions Congress should stick to in the New Year:

- 1. Make The Government Stick To Its Diet** — In 1995, after decades of uncontrolled growth, Congress began cutting the fat in the federal government. While sticking to a diet plan is never easy, it is necessary for the long-term health of our nation. In 1996, Congress will continue bringing the government down to size and getting rid of the extra layers of bureaucratic fat.
- 2. Save Money** — As Congress reduces the size of government, it will save money. Most of that extra money will go to shrink the deficit, but some should go back to hard-working taxpayers like you. Too often, Washington forgets that the money it's spending is your money. As our country continues down the path to a balanced budget and begins to save money, Congress believes you deserve to keep

a little more of your paycheck so you, too, can save some money.

- 3. Invest In The Future** — While some in Washington think investing in the future means creating new government programs, this Congress takes a different approach. We believe the best way to invest in the future of our children and our nation is to balance the budget. A balanced budget will mean lower interest rates and lower taxes. A balanced budget will make it easier for future generations to achieve the American dream.
- 4. Promote Freedom** — Over the last few decades, the federal government has imposed a thick jungle of regulations which has suffocated small businesses, property owners and families across the country. While it's probably easier to create new mandates than to undo them, Congress will be working to repeal some of the ridiculous regulations and restore the rights of U.S. citizens. This Congress understands that this country can ensure the safety and health of its citizens without volumes of unnecessary federal regulations.
- 5. Keep In Touch With Those You Care About** — Although Congress often gets a bad rap, most members of Congress run for office be-

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LIONS CLUB JUST KEEPS ON GIVING

We have all become accustomed to our local Lions Club's annual Christmas Basket Project and this year it is bigger and better. Various Kinney County businesses, churches, individuals and civic organizations again have come together to provide help to needy families during the holiday season.

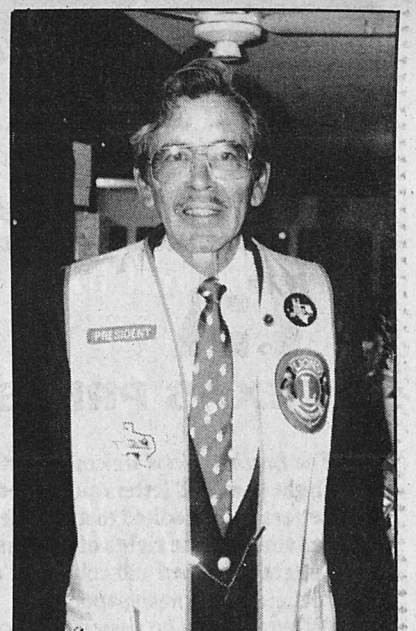
Now the Lions have added another gift to their list. On Friday night December 22, the Lions Club sponsored an appreciation open house for all the people who worked hard to put together the Holiday baskets. The baskets were on display, large boxes overflowing with goodies. Guests were served traditional tamales and more scrumptious homemade food than they could eat. For entertainment there was music by the 'Voices of The Tabernacle' from the Del Rio Assembly of God Church, with special singing by three lovely little ladies. If you have an occasion to see this group of talented young people, don't pass it up!

This get-together was a first and I am sure that all who attended hope it will also become a Lions Club tradition. It was a wonderful time for everyone.

This year there were 110 baskets packed with food, candy and toys, to help 350 people have a special holiday. The Lions Club would like to acknowledge the following contributors to the baskets and add a great big THANK YOU!

- First Baptist Church
- Mr. & Mrs. Walt Bauguess
- Fort Clark Community Council
- Kinney County Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Descheemaker
- Brackettville Lions Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority
- Fort Clark Men's Golf
- Fort Clark Women's Golf
- Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bell
- Beta Epsilon Omicron
- Mr. & Mrs. Shelton Crumpler
- Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Voracek
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Faulkenberry
- Members Fort Clark Historical Society
- Fort Clark Art Club
- Brackettville High School Student Council
- First United Methodist Church
- Adult Sunday School Class
- Moutain Laurel Garden Club
- Fort Clark Springs Association
- The Old Quarry Society
- Alamo Village Trading Post
- B & S Grocery
- First United Methodist Church
- Anna L. Owen
- Carol Benfield
- Marshall & Norma Connors
- Brackettville Rotary Club
- B. Peter Pohl
- Betty Inman
- Ruth Wilks
- Burger & Shake

- Howard Peck
 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Powell
 - Border Patrol
 - VFW Post 8360
 - Catholic Youth Group
 - Catholic Church
- Also the many individuals who contributed toys, food items, etc. To the Lions Club:
- Thank you for letting us be a part of your gift giving.



Ruben Martinez Lions Club President pictured above with some of the many boxes collected for the needy families.



Inside the "Party Barn" with hosts Mavis & Cecil Apperson. Left to Right (top row) Larry Walker, Pat Struthers, Dick Struthers, Mavis Apperson, Cecil Apperson, Dianna Walker, Jackie Green, (bottom row) Cindy Anderson, Jack Schram, Norma Schram, Kathi Warm, and Harrell Floyd.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturday night, December 23rd we all gathered at the Adult Center, dressed in everything we could get on and still be able to climb the steps into the wagon. We had our thermos, flash light (one person had a snake light wrapped around his neck), words to all the songs, ear muffs, mittens, blankets. Now these people are seasoned carolers!

We traveled around the Fort singing our voices out, while laughing and shivering to the tunes. Many people

came out to watch and wish us a Merry Christmas. As a special treat the wagon stopped in front of the "Party Barn" in Unit 14, where we were served hot apple cider, sandwiches and goodies in front of a roaring fire place. Now this is what you can honestly refer to as "Christmas Spirit."

All of the carolers had a wonderful time and plan to be back next year. Come join us!

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



A new year will be here on Monday. Seems the time is always "flying by" and one never is able to quite accomplish all he has planned for the past twelve months. Not to fret - here comes a brand new set of 12 months - named 1996. Make your resolutions today. Don't be realistic - just pick a couple of small goals - like smiling more frequently and complaining less. We could all strive toward that.

Get ready for the Kinney County Livestock Show January 19-20. Go early to see the young folks shear their sheep and groom their animals. A lot of hours are devoted to raising these animals and it becomes a worth while activity for all who participate.

Remember the Project Division. Adults are eligible to enter. If you do any sort of creative project, there is a category to enter. Bring your articles to the Civic Center on Friday, 20th, before 9:00 AM as the judging will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. Entry forms are readily available at Jean's, the library or the Adult Center (FC). Each entry is required to have an entry form attached. Come on, everybody, there is so much tal-

ent in our community. Join in the competition. Ribbons are given by the judges in recognition of the winners.

Don't forget your pot of black-eyed peas to bring you luck in the New Year. There is also a New Years Bread (little round loaf) and the Three King's Wreath (bread) for 12th night. Hope you had your fill of the traditional tamale for the holiday season. Some folks fill them with pork, beef, venison or chicken. Have you ever tried the sweet tamale? It contains raisins and pecans. It's always fun to experience new taste treats.

Expect 1996 to be better than ever. Look forward to your future and forget the problems of the past. It's up to you to decide your destiny. And don't forget a designated driver if you plan to party on New Year's Eve.

Are you a ham radio operator? Good news - plans are being made to start a class for beginners as well as operators wishing to upgrade their licenses. Call Walt Bauguess at 563-9360.

Have a wonderful New Year Prospero Nuevo Ano!

Unusual Blood Disease

(NAPS)—About 20-40,000 people annually, including five percent of pregnant women, are afflicted with a serious bleeding disorder, known as immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), which is caused by a low blood platelet count.

A free brochure with helpful information about this disorder and ways to treat it is available to the public from the ITP Society, a division of the Children's Blood Foundation, by calling 1-800-ITP-7010.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to, abnormal almost spon-

taneous bruising; small black blood blisters in the mouth; bleeding from the nose or mouth, or in urine or bowel movements; and small red dots on the skin that do not whiten when you put pressure on them.

The only cure for ITP is surgical removal of the spleen, the organ believed to keep blood healthy. Past drug treatments involved either an oral corticosteroid, such as prednisone, or intravenous infusions of gammaglobulin.

A recent addition in the treatment of ITP is a virally inactivated Rh (D) Immune Globulin product that provides ITP patients with an added level of safety because of its validated viral inactivation step.

Focus On Educating The Workforce

Academic Skills At Work

(NAPS)—A growing number of older adults who do not have a high school diploma are learning they have the skills necessary to get one based on their competence in their current job and their life experience.

The External Diploma Program (EDP), offered by the American Council on Education, gets high grades from both employees and employers. Those who pursue an EDP receive rewards such as greater self-confidence and individual empowerment, and a traditional high school diploma.

As Beverly Le Conche of the Hartford, Connecticut Urban League's EDP Partnership put it, "EDP is a wonderful program. It's an alternative way for adults to get a diploma. Someone who's been out of school for years has developed many skills. EDP is flexible and so suitable for an adult's busy schedule."

This new option for adult education includes the local school system, which agrees to grant a high school diploma for mastery of the 65 EDP competencies. These competencies include oral and written communication, computations, problem-solving and critical thinking.

For a free brochure on forming an EDP partnership, call the External Diploma Program, at (202) 939-9475.

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 was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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

Wednesday, December 26 1883

Discharged 3 men and immediately reenlisted them as they wanted to go with a hunting party that went out today. Then got a cup of coffee, and went over to the house. Rode over to Thurston on Captain's wagon. Roberts was conductor. Gave him a cigar. He said he was going down this afternoon, & Rogers will go tomorrow. Concluded to go to Clark tomorrow as Rogers passes officers. Only O.B. mail for me. Captain got a letter from Nason that we have been looking for for some time in regard to that land near Dallas and the pig business, but it did not give all the information desired. Expect another every day. Afterwards wrote a letter home and sent it over by courier. Practiced on the violin as usual and worked on the Clothing Book. After dinner Captain & Doctor were beaten at eucle by Schultz & myself. Completed the Clothing Book & enlistment papers afterwards. Must commence work on the Muster Rolls tomorrow. Wrote a letter home today as usual.

Thursday, December 27 1883

Worked on the Muster Rolls a short time this morning. Got a letter from home today. Father writes that he lost \$10 of the money last sent him and seems quite worried about it. I know very well how careful he is in regard to money and feel confident that the loss was not due to any neglect on his part. Hope he wont worry any more about it. Shaved off my beard and carried the hair over to Capt. Simonds for a joke. Took a bath and ate dinner about one o'clock. Then rode over to Thurston in the light wagon. Was to collect \$5.15 from Sale but forgot it. Rogers was conductor and did not say a word about fare. After reading about half an hour, the train stopped to let a freight pass on a siding. But just at the switch the freight engine, tender & water car ran off of the track. Was outside the car and saw the accident. No one was injured, but it delayed us two or three hours. Ate supper at Langtry, a poor meal for \$1. Telegraphed from there to Spofford to have the ambulance wait for me. Met a Mr. Hammond on the train. He is a kind of advertising agent for the S.P.R.R. Seemed quite well informed and a pleasant talker.

Friday, December 28 1883

Reached Spofford at two-thirty this morning, and after a long & chilly



Between Us

By Joe Townsend

Now that the dust has settled and the smoke has faded we must all support fully the Sheriff's department.

Every municipality and county needs police protection. For the first time in memory the city refuses to provide any police protection. In abrogating this responsibility they have passed the responsibility to the county.

When the city hired a discredited man to be chief of police it seemed to be important. It was important enough to pay an exorbitant salary and then raise it almost immediately. When he was hired as city secretary it immediately became unnecessary

to have police protection.

It's important that there be a show to impress the unthinking. It's important to dress up and pave streets and build a bridge where council members and a few friends live but not important to provide police protection. It makes no difference that there can be no enforcement of city ordinances. It is not important that there is no city concern about school zones, hot rodding etc.

It's good that at least we have responsible personnel in the sheriff's department and the Highway Patrol.

There should be and ultimately will be changes in the mind set of

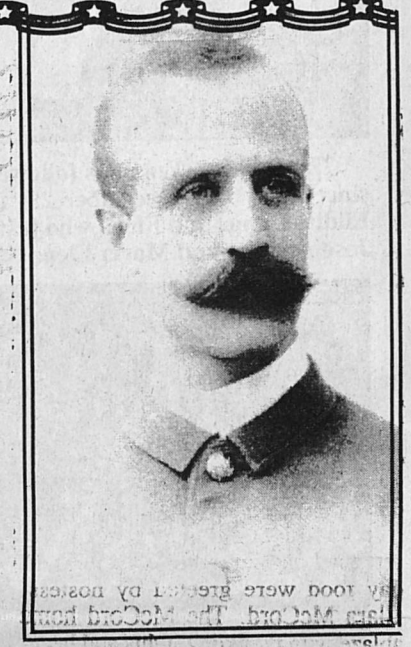
D.P.S., but we dare not paint all D.P.S. agents with a tar brush. With as many agents as there are, it is inevitable there is here and there a "bad apple." Even this is the fault of the director. Most are friendly and interested only in enforcement of law on our highways. We would be in a terrible condition without the "black and whites" on our states roadways.

In lieu of the failure of city hall to carry their responsibility it means the sheriff's department must pick up much of the city's responsibility. The sheriff's department therefore deserves our whole hearted support.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants



beautiful Xmas card from Marie and some official mail. Wrote usual letter home and then unpacked valise and opened a box of cake. While reading papers from home fell into a sound sleep & did not wake up until nearly dark. Sgt. Daniels & hunting party came in today with two deer & two wild pigs. After dinner, Doctor & I walked over to see the Captain & spent a short time there. Lougee & wife & maid are expected tomorrow. After coming home read & wrote up my diary. Must work on the muster rolls tomorrow.

Monday, December 31 1883

Slept quite late this morning. Shaved before breakfast. Weighed the forage on hand and commenced reports. Stopped to go over to meet Mrs. Lougee who came with her husband & maid. Found her a real pleasant lady. Their house being unfinished, the Doctor put his tent at her disposal & has moved in with me. Only an official communication for me. Attended to some O.B. mail, but could not send it off on account of lack of envelopes. Torres C. came early in afternoon & not accepting 50 tons for the stack, we went out & cut out a certain quantity, weighed it & estimated the amount from that to be about 1 1/2 tons less than offered. Received to him for the exact amount. Worked till after 8 o'clock P.M. on this, but was mighty glad to see Torres beaten. In afternoon went over charcoal recently delivered by M. Torres and took out 41 pounds of wood. Gave him to understand that such attempt to cheat me would be severely dealt with next time. Mustered and inspected the Detachment this evening. One man absent, confound him. Gave him permission to go to the Post and he remain there. Shall teach him to take advantage of me in this manner again. Worked on the Muster Rolls in the evening. Cold norther is blowing tonight. Lougee is sleeping with his wife in Dr's tent. They will mess & stay with us until their house is completed. Capt. Simonds & Dr. spent part of the evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lougee, but I had to work. Balanced my account for last month. Have kept a diary for a year.

The commencement of this book saw me at Clark just about to start on a three month's leave. The end saw me at Mayer's Springs in good health and spirits.

Big Mama Sez!



Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement.

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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The Brackett News.

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County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Agricultural Facts About Kinney County

Each year I cooperate with the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service to formulate agricultural figures for this county as do all of my co-workers in the other Texas counties. Here are some facts that you may find interesting about our county and its agricultural production.

Kinney County is approximately 906,439 acres in size and is located below the bend of the Rio Grande River, which is the border between Mexico and the State of Texas. The river borders the southern end of the county for 18 miles. Brackettville, the county seat, is located about 130 miles west of San Antonio and 32 miles east of Del Rio along state highway 90. The county is almost a perfect square in shape, 36 miles from north to south and 34.3 from east to west. The county is about the size of the state of Rhode Island.

The temperature range for Kinney County is 30 degrees mean minimum and 95 degrees mean maximum. Rainfall mean is 20.85 inches annually with a growing season of about 245 days. Brackettville is approximately 1,000 feet above sea level with a wide variance from north to south within the county.

Latest U.S. Census figures indicate that there are 3,119 persons in Kinney County. 22% of the total population is over the age of 65. Approximately 5% of the county resides on ranches and farms.

Approximately 865,000 acres of the county are in rangeland. This lends itself favorably to combination enterprise production, the majority being sheep, Angora goats and cattle. Livestock production is very important to the economy of Kinney County. Sheep, goats and cattle are

the major livestock commodities as well as production of wool and mohair. Exotic game and fowl are also produced on a limited basis. Estimated marketed numbers of sheep in 1995 were 42,250 head, 55,000 head goats and 3,500 head of beef cattle. Cash receipts for the various livestock enterprises were: All beef - \$3,300,000; all sheep - \$2,640,000; all goats - \$2,237,000.

Hay acreage in the county in 1995 was estimated at 3,848 acres. There was 616 acres of grain sorghum and 895 acres of cotton planted. Also planted on a limited basis were oats, wheat and sesame.

Kinney County also has an abundance of wildlife present running on native rangeland. Whitetail deer, turkey and feral hogs are the most common type of game. Several large ranches are also stocking a variety of exotic game for breeding animals and trophy hunting. There was an estimated 735,000 acres leased for some type of hunting or recreation in 1995 with cash receipts estimated at \$2,887,000 for all areas.

Rainfall for 1995 was approximately 20 inches, although many parts of the county did not receive this much. Pastures were in fair shape for grazing until early fall, when an unexpected snowfall and subsequent hard freeze caused livestock producers to begin supplemental feeding of stock above amounts normally associated with this time of the year.

The Kinney County Extension Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday January 1 & 2, 1996 for the New Year Holiday. I would like to wish each of you a Safe and Happy New Year.

Theta Sigma Enjoys Holiday Tradition

On Monday, December 18, a crisp winter evening, 17 Theta Sigma Chapter members arriving in a festive mood and laden with gaily wrapped packages and favorite holiday food were greeted by hostess, Clara McCord. The McCord home ablaze with twinkling lights and beautiful holiday decorations signaled welcome for the chapters annual buffet supper and gift exchange.

Prior to the Christmas celebration, member Emma Schrier was honored during the candlelight ceremony "Order of the Rose" As soft music played in the background, President Luella Gilliland presided over the ceremony with candle attendants Gaye Kurz and Betty Gaither by her side. Circling around the table set with a bouquet of yellow roses and an array of colored candles were speakers, Molly Schroeder, Dee Gaston, Pat McKelvy, Bobbie Waddell, Pat Callan, Doraline Kellar, Jean Land and Marge Geese each dressed in coordinating color with the meaningful candle she carried. Mrs. Schrier

was presented with golden heart shaped rose pin and the traditional yellow rose of Beta Sigma Phi.

Following the ceremony and congratulations it was announced the Schriers will be moving to Beeville, Texas. A special song, written by Dee Gaston and sung by the members touched the emotional honoree.

Soon emotions turned to happy smiles as Social Chairman Vickie Bell called a group of hungry sisters to fill their plates with rich, delightful hot and cold snacks topped by an array of delicate sweets and cold sparkling punch and hot coffee.

Beta reader Ann Hibler read a humorous Christmas poem after which gifts were exchanged and secret sisters revealed. It was evident Lou Green and Nancy Frerich enjoyed the fulfilled evening as they revealed fun related secret sister stories. The meeting ended with sisters sharing the spirit of the season wishing all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fort Clark Art Club

The Fort Clark Art Club is ready to start the new year with a bang. A workshop scheduled with well-known Del Rio artist and teacher Jerry Stone will be held on Friday and Saturday, the fifth and sixth of January. It begins at nine AM. each day and will end in mid-afternoon. The subject matter will be a landscape and the medium is oil. The class will be using canvases 16 by 20 inches which are available at the studio. Pre-registration is required. Drop by the Art studio this weekend on Saturday or on Monday morning. For information about the workshop, please call 563-9452.

Three beginner's workshops will be held also: "Basic Drawing", "Beginning Oil Painting", and "Beginning Watercolor". The first of these, "Basic Drawing", will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, from 9:00 A.M. to mid-day. Frances McMaster will be the instructor. Charcoal on newsprint will be used.

Certain basic shapes occur in nature. Learning how to draw these, and to use different values to given them dimension, will give you a running start when you try drawing and painting other things you see around you. This workshop is designed for beginners in Art, but will be helpful to anyone who feels the need for a brush-up on the basics of drawing.

The other beginning workshops will occur monthly. You may sign up for "Basic Drawing" at the Fort Clark art studio or call 563-9452. A fee for the day will be \$10.00.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fort Clark Arts Club will be combined with the After the Holiday Annual Party. The meeting will be on January 9th at 6:00 P.M. at Hazel Ivey's home, 25 Crockett Road. Bring a covered dish and a gift priced under \$5.00.

The Art Studio is open on Mondays and Saturdays 10 - 4, all visitors are welcome.

Kinney County Library

Something to think about in the New Year. The U.S. Department of Education has released an update, second edition of Preparing Your Child for College, a resource book for parents. This book provides information for parents and their children about the academic and financial preparation for college. It attempts to alter the perception that college is only for the very rich by pointing out the costs of attending different kinds of colleges stressing the importance of starting to save money early, and discussing various sources of financial aid. In addition, the book stresses the importance of taking challenging academic and occupational

courses throughout junior high and high school. It also discusses academic preparation and entrance exams.

Free copies of Preparing Your Child for College may be obtained by calling (800) USA-LEARN, or by writing the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 510B, Pueblo, Co. 81009 (Source: STLS Currents, May/June 1995; El Nopal Newsletter).

The Library will be closed Monday, January 1st.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Library Staff, Board and Volunteers

Cameo From The Past

By: J. Lee Ballantyne

While we lived in Austin I had one wild experience I would never want to repeat.

We had friends who lived on the west side of Austin near the river and near the train bridge across the Colorado River.

The two families picnicked together often and once when we were going to Barton Springs for an outing, the boys begged to walk across the river on the railroad bridge then it was not far to Barton Springs. So, Mr. Lloyd said, he would take the children and Dad could take the ladies and bench.

We had started out on the railroad bridge when we saw a train coming toward us around the bend. It was not moving fast and Mr. Lloyd told us to divide up and step down on one of the piers that held up the bridge.

For once we all did what we were told to do and we ended up with Mr. Lloyd and three of the boys on one pier and three of us on another pier.

It seemed like hours before that slow moving freight train had gone by. Then we got off of the railroad faster than any train you can imagine.

We never took the short cut to Barton Springs again and our Mothers lived through the escapade with flying colors.

Hard to believe!



White gold is made by mixing gold and palladium, a soft white metal that's a form of platinum.

Jim Cullum Jazz Band

The internationally acclaimed Jim Cullum Jazz Band will give a concert in Del Rio on Tuesday, January 9, 1996. The concert is the annual major concert sponsored by Val Verde Friends of the Arts, a Del Rio non-profit corporation which promotes cultural activities in Val Verde County.

According to the Carole Cooper, chairman of VVFA and producer of this concert, the presence of The Jim Cullum Jazz Band gives the VVFA an opportunity to give our audiences another spectrum of quality music.

When Cullum and his band are not on tour they can be heard in dazzling toe-tapping performances at their home, The Landing on San Antonio's famous Riverwalk.

After more than twenty-five years of performance, hard work and fun, The Jim Cullum Jazz Band has made inroads into the major concert halls with great traditional jazz. Cullum says "We are all proud of the music we play and enjoy. Our radio show, Riverwalk, and concerts such as ours in Del Rio introduce this great vintage jazz music to those who may never have had the opportunity to hear and appreciate it."

RIVERWALK: Live from The Landing is Cullum's nationally broadcast public radio show featured on over 180 stations. Riverwalk's guest list boasts Lionel Hampton, William Warfield, Dick Hyman, Doc Cheatham, Clark Terry and Banu

Gibson.

In 1992 The Jim Cullum Jazz Band made its symphony pops debut the *Playing With Fire*, a stellar new concerto for jazz band and symphony orchestra by Jim Cullum and Frank Ticheli. The premier with The San Antonio Symphony was a sizzling success. The *San Antonio Light* said of its premier "...it was a swinging, jivin' interplay that brought intermittent shouts and applause from a wildly appreciative audience..." Further performances, including the Pacific Symphony Orchestra and Symphony of Long Island, have shared similar success.

Tickets for the much-anticipated Jim Cullum Jazz Band Concert are on sale at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville and at As Always, Simply Beautiful in Del Rio. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students 18 and under. The Friends of the Arts honors the Del Rio Gold Card for 10% discount on adult tickets. The concert, which begins at 7:30, will be at Paul Poag Theatre for the Performing Arts, 746 S. Main, Del Rio.

For more information contact Cathy Conrey at 563-2063 or Carole Copper in Del Rio at 774-2296.

This concert is partially funded by Del Rio Community Foundation, Del Rio Council for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, call 774-2296.

OLD QUARRY SOCIETY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Old Quarry Society presented their first Christmas Show "Our Christmas Present to All" on December 21st, at the Town Hall, to a full house. The show was in two parts; a variety of acts, followed by a re-enactment of the nativity. Delicious goodies were served by Ruth Wilks, Amy Skelton and Rosie Mattingly during the intermission. Opening the show was Lynn McNew, soloist. The Fort Clark Tap Dancers danced to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Dancers were Cindy Anderson, Rosetta Pingnot, Woodie Hornburg, Norma Schram, Ida Holly, Betty Gibbs, Ladonne Mackene and Nona Hoeller, Choreography by Nona Hoeller. The Prime Chimers, played an assortment of Christmas Carols, chimers were Kathy Warm, Cathy Conrey, Lynda Conrey, Marg Love, Marilyn Baker, Joan Boutwell, Pat

Strother, Ruby Chaney, directed by Elizabeth Nichols. Players in the live nativity were: Jack Schram as Joseph, Lynda Conrey as Mary, Tom McNew as Gabriel, Gil Ash as a shepherd, Blake Hinton, Mike Holly and Wyle Simmons as the wise men. Soloists were Gil Ash, Blake Hinton and Lynn McNew. Elizabeth Nichols was the music director and Harrell Floyd was the production director.

Set Design by Bob Burkpile assisted by John Mattingly and Howard Skelton. Lighting was by John Mattingly and Howard Skelton. Costumes created by Rosie Mattingly, Joe Partlow, Mary Partlow and Helen Burkpile.

The Old Quarry Society would like to thank all of the people who invested their many talents in the Christmas Show, without these people the show would not have been a success.

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cause they care. They care about their country and the people they represent. Every member of Congress should work hard to keep in touch with those they represent. That is the best way to ensure that Congress will do what's right for the country.

These are the most important items on Congress' list of New Year's resolutions. If Congress sticks to them, 1996 will mark the dawn of a very bright future for America.



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New 86 FTS Commander

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — History was made here December 18th as Laughlin welcomed its first female flying training squadron commander.

Lt. Col. Kathy Conley assumed command of the 86th Flying Training Squadron in a change-of-command ceremony at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

After serving since 1994 as operations officer for the 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., Conley replaced Lt. Col. Robert M. McGreal who will attend the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy.

Conley has served at the U.S. Air Force Academy as an assistant professor of management, where she taught management and operations research courses and instructed cadets in flying the T-41. She was also selected for joint duty as an air operations officer at U.S. Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

In 1987 Conley was selected for the Air Staff Training Program and was assigned to the Pentagon, where she worked on the Air Force Issues team, and for the deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, airlift operations division. She also served as

a C-141 pilot and aircraft commander at Norton AFB, Calif.

A native of Edwards AFB, Calif., she graduated from the Academy in 1980 and attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz. She has attended the College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I., where she earned a master's degree in 1992. She also attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., that same year.

"Colonel Conley is an outstanding officer and we will appreciate the experience she brings," said Col. James A. McClure, 47th Operations Group commander.

"Though she is making history at Laughlin," said Col. Tim Peppe, 47th FTW commander, "gender isn't the issue here. Colonel Conley is just another 'XLen' new squadron commander Laughlin has the privilege of receiving. She, like any other commander, has earned her way into this position. I look forward to working with her and I know she and her family will quickly become a part of our Team XL family."

Conley will be joined by her husband, Mark Faraone, and son, Luke, 2.

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Disclosure Of Health Care Information

Senate Bill 667 — Disclosure of Health Care Information — New Law That Will Become Effective 1 January 1996.

Texas lawmakers took measures to address issues concerning the release of confidential health care information and a patient's right to privacy during the 74th session of the Texas Legislature. The legislation requires hospitals to obtain the written authorization from a patient or a legal representative in order to release information relating to the patient's medical history, treatment, diagnosis or prognosis. Senator Frank Madla (D-San Antonio) wrote Senate Bill 667.

Information about a patient's health care is confidential, and Val Verde Memorial Hospital recognizes the importance of protecting a patient's right to privacy. To comply with this new state law, several mechanisms have been developed to maintain confidentiality. Except as specifically authorized by state law, a patient has the right to determine the information which the hospital may release. Unless the patient requests otherwise, a patient's name is added to the hospital's patient roster upon admission to the hospital. This allows patients to receive telephone calls, flowers, mail and visitors. A patient's religious preference may be provided to ministers upon request. The hospital may acknowledge the patient's presence and provide a one-word condition report upon request. The legally accepted condition report, according to guidelines published by the American Hospital Association are:

*Good: Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. Patient is conscious and comfortable. Indicators are excellent.

*Fair: Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. Patient is conscious but may be uncomfortable. Indicators are favorable.

*Serious: Vital signs may be unstable and not within normal limits. Patient is acutely ill. Indicators are questionable.

*Critical: Vital signs are unstable and not within normal limits. Patient may be unconscious. Indicators are unfavorable.

Under the law, a patient has the right to request that no information be released, except that authorized by law (gunshot wound, assault, rape, etc), or for third-party reimbursement.

If a patient chooses to be a "no information patient", their presence will not be acknowledged, and they will not receive telephone calls, flowers, mail, etc. If the patient is a minor, the parent or legal guardian has the authority to make these decisions.

Information regarding a patient's medical history, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis is maintained in the patient's medical record, which is confidential. The patient has the right to request a copy of this information, and within 15 days, the hospital must provide it or explain that it does not exist or cannot be found. The hospital may charge a fee for the retrieval and copying of the record; the fee schedule is established by law.

Hospitals failing to comply with the provisions contained in Senate Bill 667 can be held liable, as well as be

subject to administrative penalties and disciplinary action from the Texas Department of Health.

Val Verde Memorial Hospital recognizes the responsibility they have to keep the public informed of their activities. However, protecting a patient's privacy and maintaining confidentiality of health care information is of paramount importance. The hospital may acknowledge an adult's presence and provide a one-word condition or status report without written consent.

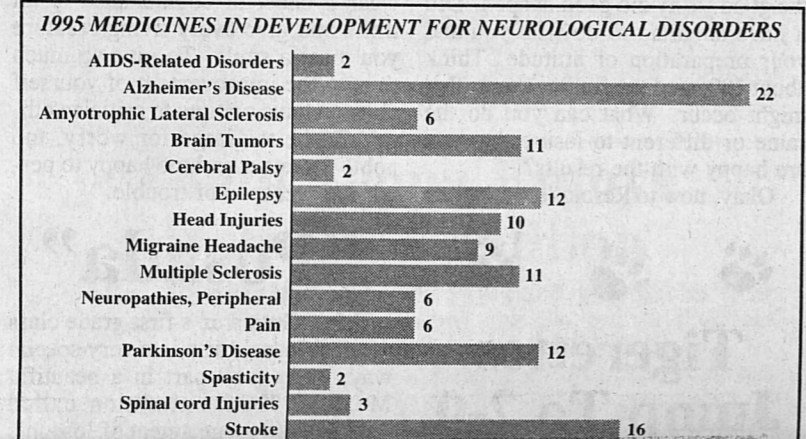
However, a patient has the right to request that no information be released and the hospital MUST honor the patient's request.

The establishment of standards such as these for release of health care information both enhances patient protection, and assures patient access to health care information.

For additional information, contact Dava Cloudt, Public Relations Director, Val Verde Memorial Hospital, 775-8566, Ext. 250.

And, remember, when you call the hospital to inquire about a friend or loved one, if that patient has asked to be a "NO INFORMATION" patient, the hospital staff will, by law, be required to respond, "I'm sorry, I have no information available on that person." Please help us, help you, by knowing what you are signing when you are admitted to the hospital. If you sign that you want to be a "no information patient", just remember, telephone calls, visitors, flowers and mail addressed to you will be refused. Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Partners In Caring for YOUR Good Health!

Health NEWS YOU CAN USE



(NAPS)—At a time of increasing concern over prospects for effectively treating several major neurological diseases, there is good news—a new survey shows 44 medicines in development for Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) and the aftermath of a stroke.

Overall, 75 companies are developing 118 medicines for neurological diseases, according to a new survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

The 44 medicines in development for Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's disease and stroke aftermath are important because those disorders today are treated by few, if any, medicines.

Alzheimer's disease—Although most drugs in development are for reducing symptoms, several are being evaluated for their ability to slow the progression of the disease.

Lou Gehrig's disease—Five companies are developing six medicines to delay the progress of this degenerative condition in which virtually all of the impulse-carrying nerves in the spinal cord die in three to five years. One of the medicines—Rilutek—has been recommended for final approval by an advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration.

Stroke aftermath—Several companies are developing medicines to stop destructive events that occur in the brain when stroke cuts off cerebral blood supply.

Paying the research and development bill is a formidable task—PhRMA says U.S. pharmaceutical research companies will spend nearly \$15 billion this year on the search for new medicines for a wide array of diseases. It now costs nearly \$400 million to develop one new drug product.

Brackettville Rotary Club

The Rotary Club met on Thursday, December 21st and celebrated an early Christmas. It was a particularly meaningful event since Happy Shahan was in attendance for the first time after recent surgery.

Ruby Cheaney played Christmas music on the piano to set a holiday mood before the meeting began. Frank Cheaney, program chairman for the month, told of the writing of the carol "Silent Night". Then, he sang it, first in German, then Spanish, and finally in English. He was accompanied by Ruby on the piano.

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other. —Rainer Maria Rilke

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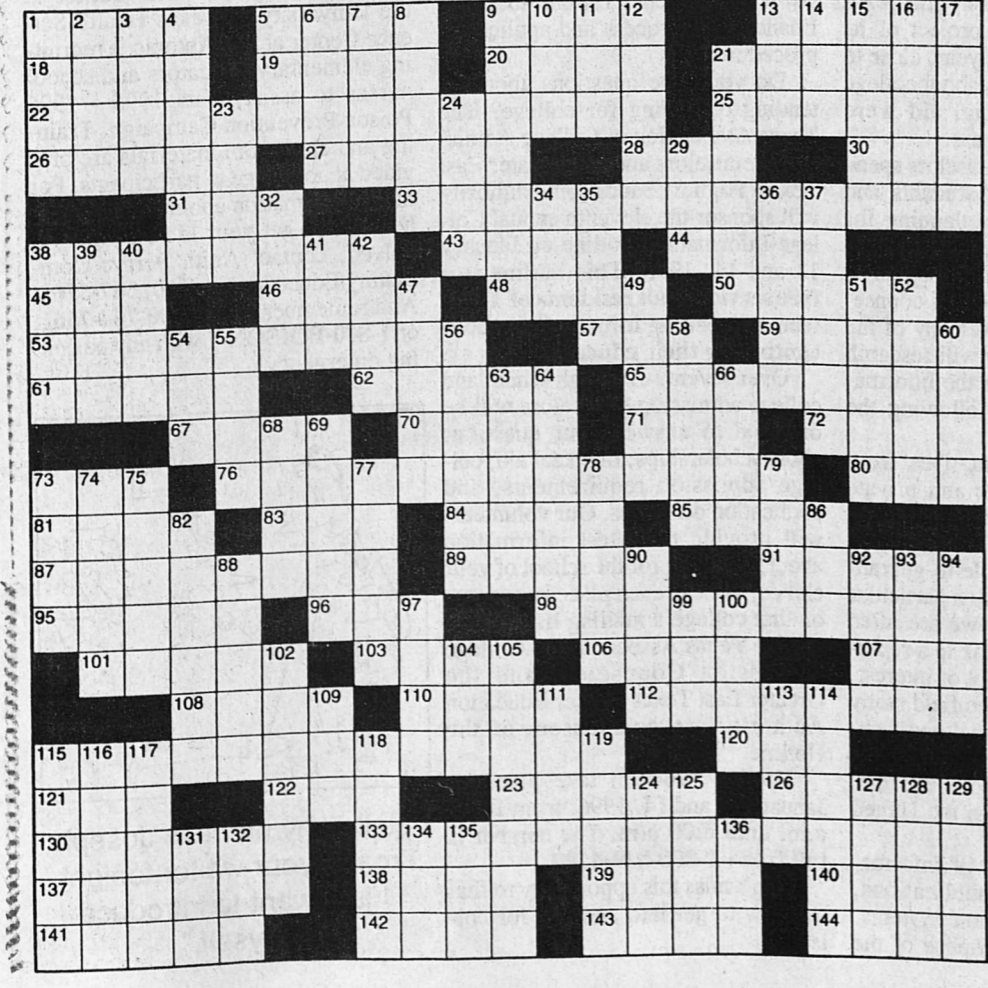
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It seems you can never get enough of "decking the halls." You really enjoy this time of year. Spend time later in the week tending to the needs of co-workers.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You share a very special holiday, particularly with family members who are in very festive moods themselves. On the job front, bigwigs expect much of you and are likely to make some demands on your personal time. Weigh the fairness of this before acquiescing.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your patience is wearing thin with all this holiday frivolity and you're being a bit grumpy with people who don't deserve such treatment. Get back in touch with the child inside yourself.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Although you get some flak from family members who think you go overboard this time of year, you're still having a wonderful time. A child is a special source of joy. Some time is spent later in the week making gift exchanges.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You are thrilled when this time of year rolls around. However, it's important to pay attention to the spiritual meaning of the holiday. You are only fulfilled when your soul is satisfied. A child can help with this.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You spend some time this week trying to atone for that stinging remark you hurled at a relative across the holiday table. You really need to think before you speak. Toward the end of the week, you are happy with progress on the job.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're sure if you hear one more seasonal song, you'll positively scream. However, not everyone around you is in agreement. Don't spoil the holiday season for those who really enjoy it. A family member can help you see things differently.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You are happy and content as you sit among the ribbons and wrapping paper, viewing the spoils of the holiday season. However, you need to gear up for tasks which await you on the job. Clients aren't so festive.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to plan a spontaneous New Year party for everyone you know. A loved one is particularly helpful to you in doing this. Don't be afraid that people have already made plans. Not everyone is committed.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Overindulging in holiday goodies finds you a bit queasy early in the week. Rest up to combat this. Your significant other is concerned about you. However, you can allay this person's fears by taking good care of yourself.
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Vision Teaser



Happy Birthday

- Dec. 28 Jessie Garcia
Dec. 28 Hortencia Castro
Dec. 28 Kerry Berry
Dec. 28 Patricia Garberick
Dec. 28 Tiny Castro
Dec. 29 Judy Hooker
Dec. 29 Patsy Foster
Dec. 29 Joan Boutwell
Dec. 29 Myrna Gonzalez
Dec. 29 Clarisia Aguirre
Dec. 30 William D. Thornton
Dec. 30 Wallace Dimery
Dec. 31 Jerry Adams
Dec. 31 Vera Nash
Jan. 1 Valerie Vela
Jan. 1 Tootsie Herndon
Jan. 1 Sylvia Simpson
Jan. 1 Naomi Smith
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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.

Answers to Super Crossword

THE UMPIRE

Community Calendar

- Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
Beta Sigma Phi
R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar
Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m. FC Restaurant
City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Golf Club.
FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. Meetings, Service Center.
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

Tiger Tracks Tigerettes Win

Second Straight Tourney

Last Thursday the Tigerettes opened up the annual Tigerette tournament with first round action against the Lady Javelinas from Crystal City.

The Tigerettes showed no mercy as they romped the Lady Javelinas 59-35. Leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 16 points. Courtney Harrison scored 11 points. Reccia Jobe and Katy Hagler each scored 6 points. Chica Garza, Lindy LaMascus, Denice Frerich, Windy Goodloe, and Tina Meek each scored 4 points.

Head Coach Gregg Nowlin says, "It's nice to see 9 different people scoring points. The Tigerettes showed good teamwork throughout the ball game."

This 59-35 victory over the Lady Javelinas set the Tigerettes against Sabinal for the second round.

The Tigerettes edged the Lady Yellow Jackets 47-42 in the second round.

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes in their second round victory was Chica Garza with 9 points, Courtney Harrison scored 8 points as did Amanda Meek. Sandra Hernandez, Lindy LaMascus, Windy Goodloe, and Reccia Jobe each scored 4 points. Katy Hagler, Tina Meek, and Denice Frerich each scored 2 points.

"Our team work keeps getting better and better. To have 10 different people scoring points in a close ball game like that is outstanding." Says, Gregg Nowlin.

This 5 point slide over the Lady Yellow Jackets set the Tigerettes up for 3rd round action against the Lady Bulldogs from LaPryor.

The Tigerettes rolled past the Lady Bulldogs 60-42 in the 3rd round of the Tigerette Tourney.

Leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 20 points. Sandra Hernandez had 9 points. Chica Garza and Courtney Harrison each had 8 points. Tina Meek had 6 points. Reccia Jobe had 5 points. Denice Frerich had 4 points, and Lindy LaMascus had 2 points.

"We played a good ball game. We're in the championship for the second week in a row. We'll see what happens." Says, Gregg Nowlin.

This victory set the Tigerettes to fall off against Nueces Canyon for the Championship.

After the game the Tigerettes were still champions. The Tigerettes 47-36 victory over the Lady Panthers gave them their second championship in 2 weeks.

Gregg Nowlin says, "It feels good to win your own tournament. So far we have had a very special year. We've won 2 out of 3 tournaments and that's very exciting."

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Tina Meek with 14 points. Amanda Meek had 11 points as did Sandra Hernandez. Courtney Harrison had 7 points, and Lindy LaMascus had 4 points.

Way to go Tigerettes. A special congratulations goes out to Amanda Meek. She receives another all-tournament award. Chica Garza and Denice Frerich also received this award. Amanda was 3 for 3. She played in 3 tournaments and received all-tournament at all 3 tournaments.

Tigers Take 2nd

Last Thursday the Tigers opened up the annual Tiger tournament against LaPryor. The Tigers blew out the Bulldogs 53-33 in this first round smash.

"We started a little slow but, picked it up in the second half. It's always good to go out and win in the first round." Says, Head Coach Gary Grubbs.

Leading scorer for the Tigers in this smash was Ruben Terrazas with 14 points. Moses Hernandez had 9 points. Brian Flores and Ramon DeLeon each chipped in 7 points. Beau Smallwood and Mike Padron each added 6 points. Brian Hooker added 4 points.

After winning in the first round over LaPryor, the Tigers were set to play the sophomore team from Eagle Pass.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "It was a close game in the first half until we decided to play ball in the second half. I'm very proud of our Tigers. They played great basketball. It's good to win by a large margin just before playing in the championship. This will be our second straight championship game. We haven't played Sabinal yet so we're expecting a good game."

These words were comments on the Tigers 90-68 blowout over the Eagles. 90 points is the season high for the Tigers so far.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Mike Padron with 23 points. Ramon DeLeon and Moses Hernandez each put in 16 points of their own. Ruben

Terrazas added 12 points. Brian Hooker added 11 points. Beau Smallwood had 6, Eric Rivera had 4, and Brian Flores had 2 points.

This 22 point slaughter sent the Tigers to the championship against Sabinal.

The Tigers went out and grabbed 2nd place in the Tiger tournament. This was their 2nd tournament in a row to win second place. The Tigers fell just shy of winning this one as they slipped up against the Yellowjackets 62-65.

Tiger Coach Gary Grubbs said, "This was a good game for us. It is good to play good opponents and have close games. This prepares us better for our district opponents and close situations throughout district."

The leading scorer for the Tigers was Moses Hernandez with 16 points. Ruben Terrazas was just behind him with 15 points. Mike Padron scored 13 of his own. Beau Smallwood scored 9 points. Brian Hooker added 5 points and Eric Rivera scored 4 points.

This was the 3rd and final tournament for the Tigers this year. Congratulations goes out to Michael Padron as he picks up an all-tournament award. Moses Hernandez also received this award.

Michael has won this award at all 3 of the Tigers tournaments. Their first one in Nueces Canyon, 2nd one in Uvalde, and their 3rd and final tournament was here in Brackett.

Way to go Tigers and Mike.

Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director

"A Time To Reflect And Resolve"

The week after Christmas is a time for reflection and resolutions. A new year, 1996, is about to appear on our calendars. With anything new, we can do things different or continue to do them the same. Christmas is the story of the birth of love in human form. There is a message from Christmas that calls for reflection and resolution. Let's explore "A Time To Reflect and Resolve".

First Look Back at 1995:
Make a list of the things that went wrong. Look back at those things that did not go well. Accept the fact that these things were "messed up". From that point on, it gets easier. Look at what you might do or might have done to make better things happen next time.

Think about the things that went right. Why? Did it have to do with preparation on your part? Most times, achievement happens as the result of careful planning. We need to find out when the crucial test will happen, and set a time frame for getting ready for the event. Some examples might be: a test for a drivers license, in a university course, or even doing financial planning. Think, plan and implement. There will be problems along the way, but the results will be better.

Reflection is thinking quietly for a few minutes. It's thinking both the good and the bad of 1995. Separate them out in your mind. Think next about what you might have done differently to make the bad turn good. If you did all you could, you must forget it. If you could do more, reflect, plan and think about how it could be better in 1996. Think about the good. Why did good happen? Did it have anything to do with you and your preparation or attitude. Think about 1996 and the similar events that might occur. What can you do the same or different to insure that you are happy with the results?
Okay, now to Resolution. It's time

to sit and make a plan about your resolve to change or get the good things to happen in 1996. It's financial security, make your plan. If it's being a better parent or student, make your plan. It's getting involved building a better community, make your plan. After reflection, make resolutions to insure success. Prepare a short plan with the resolve and action needed to make the results happen.

Most folks don't make resolutions. Most don't reflect. Even more don't work to make sure the resolutions are life goals. To make for a better life, you & I must begin with reflection. As 1995 ends and 1996 begins, take the time to reflect and make some resolutions. Write the resolutions down (in code if you want so no one else can see them), keep them in a safe place where only you can go look to see how well you are doing. Look at the plan monthly, quarterly or whenever you want to make the plan work.

I'll close 1995 with a statement of hope written by Christian D. Larson:

"Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievement of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger and too happy to permit the presence of trouble."

Tigerettes Jump To 2-0 In District

Last Monday, the Tigerettes played their second district game against Dillely. The Tigerettes jump to 2-0 in district play as they edge the Lady Wolves 55-48. It was a close game all the way through. The Tigerettes went into half time with a 29-25 lead and kept it to grab a win.

Leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 14 points. Courtney Harrison scored 12 points. Chica Garza had 9 points. Lindy LaMascus scored 7, Denice Frerich scored 6, Tina Meek scored 4, and Windy Goodloe scored 3.

"It's very exciting to be sitting 2-0 in district right now. We are in the driver's seat, all we have to do to remain there is, play our style of basketball. I'm very proud of the effort our girls are putting out. They are playing good Basketball." Says, Head Coach Gregg Nowlin.

Way To Go Tigerettes.

"Posada"

Mrs. Gutierrez's first grade class awaited Jesus' birth in a very special way. They took part in a beautiful Mexican X-Mas tradition called "Posada" (a reenactment of Joseph's and Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of lodging). The children, dressed as Mary, Joseph, angels, and shepherds all joined by family and friends began the procession at the front doors of Jones Elementary where they asked for lodging through a beautiful "Posada" song. Here, they were denied such. They continued their march through town asking for lodging and singing traditional X-Mas carols. They ended at the St. Mary Magdalene parish hall where finally, they were welcomed in. Inside, the children were set up on a stable scene for the people to admire. The Posada ended with a reception where Mexican sweet bread and "Champurrado" (Mexican hot chocolate) were served. The children also had the opportunity to experience the traditional breaking of the "Piñata"!

Elementary Educators and School Nurses Getting Poison Smart

Every thirty seconds a poisoning occurs in the United States and the greatest majority of these incidents involve children. Won't you help? The South Texas Poison Center at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is recruiting elementary educators and school nurses to assist in its 1995 - 1996 Poison Prevention Campaign. Training and classroom materials are provided at no charge to participants. For more information about how you can help, or to get your kid's school involved, contact Anita Perry, Community Education, at (210) 567-5762. And remember, call 1-800-764-7661, or 1-800-POISON-1 with any poisoning emergency!



"Hello, my name is Joseph. I'm not your waiter tonight, I just want to introduce myself."

1996 College Information Hotline

January 13 & 14, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The College Information Hotline (available via a toll-free call) provides timely information concerning post secondary educational opportunities to Texas students and the families. One weekend in January is set aside for the Hotline operation each year. The toll-free number (1-800-829-4599) is publicized through radio, television, newspapers, and high school guidance offices throughout the state of Texas. A Hotline Information packet is distributed in December and early January.

Teams of high school and college admission counselors will man ten (10) incoming WATTS phone lines. Each year, about seventy-five (75) professional counselors from schools across Texas volunteer to field incoming calls. Spanish speaking counselors are available each shift. The Hotline is operated from the offices of the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation in Bryan, Texas. All volunteers are members of the Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC).

The Hotline is directed to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs.

Historically, callers are predominantly high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests is coming from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or have never attended,

and veterans with questions about their benefits.

The 1996 Hotline is in its eleventh year of operation. Funding is provided by the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation. The Texas Hotline is the largest project of its type in the nation. Last year, close to a thousand (1000) calls about college admission and financial aid were handled by our volunteers.

During the calls, counselors spend much time counseling students and their parents about on planning for college and careers. Callers may also request information from specific colleges and universities. If counselors are unable to answer any of the caller's questions, they will research the answer and provide the information within the week following the call.

Admission representatives from over twenty-five public and private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty throughout the weekend. Although it is impossible to guarantee that a counselor from a particular school will be present, we are often able to let the caller speak to a representative from the school of interest.

Hotline operators also field many questions about vocational and technical schools and community colleges. We will also provide information about any college in the United States.

Counselor's sources of information include college publications, computerized information systems, and the collective experience of the

over seventy-five admission professionals who are volunteering their time. Members of the Texas Association of School Financial Aid Administrators will be available to assist with detailed questions about the financial aid process and application procedures.

Do you have questions about attending or paying for college? The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will sponsor the eleventh annual College Information Hotline on January 13 and 14, 1996. This hotline is a free service to all residents of Texas who are seeking information about continuing their education.

Over seventy-five high school and college admission counselors will be on hand to answer your questions about scholarships, financial aid, college admission requirements, and application deadlines. Our volunteers will provide the latest information about preparing for the school of your choice. We can even place your name on that college's mailing list.

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority are co-sponsors of the Hotline.

Hotline '96 will take place on January 13 and 14, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The number is toll free - 1-800-829-4599.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out how to get into and pay for college.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

Do you find it interesting to listen to the endless lists of "New Years Resolutions"? Not really? I'm with you. What is interesting, though, is the fact that the same people keep making the same resolutions over and over each year without any real intent on following through with them.

Ouch, that smarts. Let's not be too hard on them (or us). Maybe this year a new trend can begin. Forget about all those mindless, endless and unimportant resolutions and settle for just one significant, important resolution; one that will be life-changing. Let it be one that will really make a difference in your life. One that because of the change that is made in your life, will make a difference in

the life of others too!

One great resolution is all that is necessary. Paul the Apostle had one, I think. He shared it with the Philippians in chapter 3 verse 13 and 14... "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

That was one life-changing resolution. It made a difference in his life and caused a change for the better in the lives of countless others. What will your one great resolution be? May I suggest a commitment to seek God's forgiveness and love daily and seek to yield yourself to Him? Write it down. Do it today and forever.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

The presents have all been opened, appreciated and put away, we're stuffed with ham and turkey and all the trimmings, we've caught up with old friends and visited with relatives. The hustle and bustle, and excitement and merriment is over. We feel peaceful, warm, and full. We're basking in the after-glow of the Christmas celebration — the 1995 celebration that is.

We're also basking in the after-glow of the Christmas celebration — the original Christmas, that is the angels have sung, the shepherds have come and gone, the wisemen's gifts have all been put away. The excitement and turmoil of those first years of Christianity is over, and as Christians we are basking in the after-glow of the peace and warmth and love that Christ brought. That's the way it's

supposed to be, I believe — for us to sense the web of love and harmony that unites us as one in Christ and to live each day in that joy.

But there's more. While we have this inner peace and strength, there remains turmoil and strife, poverty and injustice in the world. While we have the gift of basking in the glow of Christ's natal star, we are also called to be that star. We are the after-glow of Jesus Christ. We are called to reflect Christ's love so that those who have not yet received the gift might be invited to do so. The new Christian year began December 3, with the season of the Advent of Christ, the secular new year is about to begin. Let us have a good year, be warm, be peace, and above all love one another.

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Astronomers from three distant countries sighted a new star. Being astronomers they were sensitive to such a phenomenon. They had likely heard rumors that there would someday come into the world the King of the Jews. These men were "Wise Men". They were counsels to Kings. They got together, formed a camel caravan and started to find the King. After many months they arrived in Jerusalem.

Expecting to find at least information they sought out King Herod. After scribes and prophets were called, they found a prophecy in the Old Testament written nearly 700 years before, stated Bethlehem would be the sought after site.

When they left the palace they noted the star and followed it to the place where the child was. It was the leadership of God that helped them to find the young lad. For a star alone to pinpoint a town and a house just six miles from Jerusalem would be impossible were not God to lead to the spot.

When they found the young child he was with Mary his mother. They immediately fell down and worshipped the child, not the mother. After worshipping Him they presented unto him gifts. They brought gold, a gift recognizing Him as King.

They brought frank incense. This was used on the altar of incense to be channeled into the Holy of Holies when the High Priest entered once a year the offer sacrifice for the sins of the people. Man could not enter the presence of God unadorned. The smoke from the incense covered the High Priest thus providing the connecting link between God and man. Jesus was to become the connecting link between man and God. He was to say, "No man cometh to God but by me." Myrrh was for anointment of the dead. It signified this lad would someday conquer death. These magi were unwittingly carrying out a prophecy made by Isaiah nearly 650 years before.

The boy Jesus was about 2 years old at the time. Herod thinking to kill him sent his soldiers to kill all children 2 years old and younger. An angel told Mary and Joseph to take the child 200 miles to Egypt to save His life. This too was to fulfill a prophecy nearly 700 year old. These magi were led of God to Jesus and to leave a message of tremendous significance for us and the ages to come.

Next Lord's Day there will be another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see!

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 La Vell.
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., Sheree 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 Service Thursday 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 Elim Asambea 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., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. 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, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.



Lt. Robert McCord & Sharon Kay Vaughn Exchange Wedding Vows

Lt. Robert McCord, son of local residents, Allen and Clara McCord and brother of Kathy Bader was married December 2 to Sharon Kay Vaughn.

The wedding was at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Anacortes, Washington home of the bride.

Parents of the bride are Hearl and Marie Usery of La Palma, California.

Maid of honor was Pam Baughn of Anacortes. Kelly McCord Grawunder from Anchorage, Alaska was bridesmaid.

The bride's son, Erick Vaughn of Anacortes was best man. Brent Bond of Bethel, Alaska and cousin of the groom was groomsman.

The bride graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in La Palma and Cypress Community College in Cypress, California. The groom graduated from Ray High School. He attended Del Mar College, the University of Houston and graduated from The University of Texas.

The entire McCord family his parents and sister Kathy Bader from Brackettville, Connie Pula from Houston and Kelly Grawunder from Anchorage all attended the wedding.

Lt. McCord was stationed at Whidbey Island but is being transferred to Washington, D.C. and the couple will arrive for a visit in Brackettville on December 30th enroute to their new home.

St. John's Baptist Church
Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. 23rd Psalm
10 A.M. & 11 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship
6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Tues, Wed., & Friday Bible Study

6 P.M. Thursday Gospel Preaching
6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Sat. Night Prayer Meeting
Come Worship With Us
With Long Life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation Ps. 91:16.
Praise The Lord
St. John B/C
Pastor Adams Sr.
116 W. Crockett
563-2582

Second Annual Bratwurst Fry Scheduled

The public is invited to join Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at its 2nd Annual "Good-Old Wisconsin Bratwurst Fry!" It is to be held on Sunday, January 21, beginning at noon at the Service Club on Fort Clark.

The meal will include bratwurst, rolls, sauerkraut, German potato salad, baked beans, hamburgers, iced tea and coffee. There will be a \$4.00 charge per meal for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years. Additional bratwurst sandwiches can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church services are held every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM at Shafter Hall, Fort Clark Springs.

Bridge Anyone
By Norma Gould

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, December 19 with 6 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Lamont and Marie McCandless won 1st in the N/S direction with Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould a close 2nd. Vernon and Betty Ebert won 3rd place.

Ruth Wilks and Dorothy Edwards won 1st in the E/W direction. Arnie and Gertie Trautwein won 2nd place with Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien winning 3rd.

Happy New Year!

For Pete's Sake

Don, a door-to-door salesman, noticed a five-year-old boy setting on the steps at the front door of a house on a local street.

"Is your daddy home, sonny?" Don asked the youngster.

"He shore is," the kid replied. Don went up and knocked on the door. No answer. He knocked again, louder, still no answer. So he really banged it. Nobody came to the door. Finally Don turned to the big-eyed youngster, who was sitting on the steps, watching him. "Didn't you say your daddy was home?" He asked. "Yep, and he is."

"Well then, why doesn't he answer the door when I knock?" "Cause we live across the street," the kid answered. "There ain't nobody home here!"

Some come to the beach to see the sand,
Some come to see the sea:
Some come to breathe the salt-sea air,
Or to see the gulls fly free.

Some come to watch the white-capped waves
Of the ocean's rolling swells
Others to hunt for driftwood bits
Or to seek for curious shells.

Some come for sun, or the gentle breeze
Or to wade in the pounding surf
Some come to look at the wide expanse
That separates the earth.

For diverse reasons men draw near
As if by nature's call
And the self-same ocean fills the need
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Unsung Hero
by Joe Townsend

The city has some of the finest in employment. They can not be held responsible for the foibles of the administration. This week I started to leave the Post Office and found my battery was dead and I couldn't start the El Camino. I called my wife to come give me a jump and lifted the hood awaiting her arrival. Two city employees saw my problem and pulled up in front of my vehicle, gave me a jump and I was soon on my way.

This was response to a need by city employees. It's heartening to know that some people being paid by taxpayers feel a responsibility to aid in an emergency. These two men are of the finest Caliber. Brackettville is blessed by having such fine men as a part of the city team.
Surely David Martinez and Randy Castilla are "Unsung Heroes".

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Like It Is
By Ron Gasper

NO HUMAN BEING is as helpless and defenseless as a parent confronted with the independent freewill of their children.

Coaches' corner
TODAY'S SUGGESTION is a new idea. Even though it is untested, I truly believe it would add pride and gusto to any defense brave enough to try it. Let's face it, good defenses are like the U.S. Marines, "first to fight for..."

Here's the idea: Number your starting defensive players 1 thru 11. Make 'em EARN THOSE 11 NUMBERS and positions. The best defensive player, the leader, Mr. Gungo, would wear jersey number one. And, so on down the line.

Challenges to the higher numbers can be issued at any time. Players MUST FIGHT to get the numbers and they MUST FIGHT to keep the numbers. It would be an insult to be demoted within the 11, but it would be the ULTIMATE insult to be thrown out of the top 11. Understand that you can always EARN your way back and back up the honored 11 ladder.

Can you picture how all of this would produce TEAM pride, TEAM success?
Everyone would point with great TEAM pride and say "see that fellow over there, he's ONE OF OUR defensive men, he's number..."
Inspire your defensive team by giving this idea a sincere try.

If it doesn't fit, you must acquit
We won't really know if O.J. is guilty or not until the Oliver Stone

movie comes out. The jury took only three hours to go through 14,000 pages of evidence, Oliver will only take two hours.

Oliver will change the color of O.J., the Bronco, the glove, and the jury. Oliver will prove that the "M" word, not the "N" word, is what brought everybody to the little courtroom.

Oliver will use Henry Lee as the judge and he will limit sidebar timeouts for lunch and dinner breaks only. Fast Eddie will head Oliver's Dream Team. Eddie will dazzle the jury with Cajun poetry.

Oliver will use John Paul as a key witness who heard a barking dog. The whole point is to stretch credibility to magical limits and no one does that better than Oliver.

Oliver's jury will wear #32 jerseys. They will shout "Juice" every time they enter or leave the courtroom. As the movie nears the end, Judge Ito comes racing into the courtroom and confesses to both murders. D.A. Perry Mason jumps out of his wheelchair and proposes to Della Street, played by Candy Edwards. O.J. rides off into the sunset, a psychological hero.

Bulletin board gems
*Life is consistently inconsistent. — YOU DO NOT WIN the Kentucky Derby with a jackass. — *Where you are coming from usually determines where you are going. — *Sometimes love is like a rock: cold, hard, and sedimentary.

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.
—Carl Gustav Jung

Gary Johnson New Texas Prison Director

Austin — Gary Johnson, a veteran of 18 years in prison management with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Wednesday was named director of Texas' sprawling prison system with its 129,000 inmates and 33,000 employees.

Johnson, 40, is currently headquartered in Beville as director of prison operations in the southern half of the state. His new job will be in Huntsville.

"Gary Johnson is a talented administrator and Texans can be proud that the agency has produced another gifted manager capable of leading the nation's largest prison system," Allan B. Polunsky of San Antonio, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said.

Johnson was named to the job by the man he succeeds as director of the Institutional Division of TDCJ, Wayne Scott, who on Jan. 1 becomes executive director of the agency. Besides the prison system, the agency includes the state jail system, the state parole system and assistance to local probation departments.

public safety to budget and personnel management to rehabilitation as a means of reducing recidivism."

Scott chose Johnson after interviewing six finalists from among 20 applicants.

Johnson becomes the second South Texas regional prison director earning a top promotion in the past year. Johnson's predecessor as regional director, Mike Moore, earlier this year was named director of prisons for the state of South Carolina.

Scott also announced two other TDCJ management changes. Art Mosley's position as director of operations and logistics for the Institutional Division was upgraded to serve the agency as a whole. Mosley oversees food service, laundry, transportation and supply and warehouses. Mosley is headquartered in Huntsville.

Dimitria Pope, director of the Community Justice Assistance Division, will become executive assistant to Scott in Austin. TDCJ deputy executive director Carl Jeffries will serve as interim director of Community Justice until a new director is chosen, Scott said.

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NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR FCS

Tuesday December 26th after an executive meeting the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors held a Special Board Meeting. The first order of business for the meeting was the resignation of Bill Haenn from the Board of Directors. The second order of business was the announcement and chosen a new General Manager. The new General Manager was selected from a group of 8 qualified candidates. Frank Cheaney stated that at this time Bill Haenn was in the Board's opinion the best candidate for the position. Mr. Cheaney read a letter from Mr. Haenn's application file as follows:

return pride and value to Fort Clark Springs membership.

Mr. Haenn was asked to make a statement: "We face a tremendous challenge and with out the cooperation of all the membership the challenge will be difficult to meet. I have faced a lot of challenges before. I'm not afraid to work very hard if it is 24 hours a day 7 days a week, then that is what will happen. We can do better, we are doing better. The people who know me, know what I can produce. The folks who don't know me, I hope you will come to know me. Nothing will be possible with out the cooperation of the staff and the cooperation of all the members. I am a listener, believer it or not, you can ask some of these guys sitting here. I listen and I try to make the best decision for Fort Clark, not for me or for any individual. I pledge to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse in the association and how it runs. With your help we can make that happen. I will make a difference in whatever I get involved in. Again, I thank everyone for the confidence, I won't let you down.

The next order of business was to replace Bill Haenn as secretary of the Board. A nomination was made that Mona Miller fill the position of secretary. The vote was taken, 4 voting for the nomination, Barry Williams abstaining.

Bill Haenn made a statement accepting his new position. "I will bring to the position of General Manager a respect for Fort Clark's past, energy and enthusiasm for the present, and a vision for it's future."

Quite a heated discussion session followed, with people both for and against the selection of the new manager. Some people voiced opposition based on Mr. Haenn being on the Board one day and being the General Manager just a few days later. The bylaws of the fort stating that no board member shall have any financial gains.

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The first level workshop, "Regional Cooperation: Economic Development Strategies for Success," will be held in Del Rio on January 4, 1996. The workshop will demonstrate how forming economic regions can help communities strengthen resources and succeed in a global economy. Workshop topics will cover global trends such as industry clustering, marketing communities via the Internet, travel and tourism, bench marking, and comparative advantages. During the training, participants will learn how to translate concepts into realistic economic development strategies and projects that will strengthen and diversify their local economies.

"Healthy local economies and community survival are dependent on the success of existing business expansion and growth of new business," says Kevin Walker, director of Commerce's Office of Community Assistance and Small Business. "By demonstrating how working together benefits all communities involved, we hope to create regional partnerships statewide that can build the necessary infrastructure, provide first-class assistance to businesses, and market Texas' communities to sustain development in the global marketplace," he adds.

Hosted by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and Small Business Development Center, the workshop will begin at 9 a.m. at the Ramada Inn Conference Room, located at 2101 Avenue F. There is no charge for attendance; however, participants will be required to pay for their own lunch served on site. Economic development professionals, city and county leaders, chamber of commerce members, convention and visitors bureau members, and utility company personnel are encouraged to attend. The second and third level workshops will begin in March 1996. For more information, please call the Texas Department of Commerce at 512/936-0296



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