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National Honor Society members are left to right: Maribel Martinez, Nancy Mendoza, Bonnie Frerich, Ernest Esparza, Lisa Frerich, Michel-

le Munoz, Fidel Hernandez, Kasey Hall, Mitchell Frerich, Shelley McDaniel, Armando Talamantez, Yvonne Luna.

County Audit Report Accepted by Commissioners

Commissioners met in regular session December 11 at 9 a.m. in the Kinney Co. court house. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner precinct 1, Joe N. Garza.

Auditors Report Accepted
Commissioners accepted the 1988-89 auditors report from the office of Coleman, Schuler and Horton.

Bill Schuler addressed the court and stated the Kinney Co. was in "good shape".

Factors on the report indicated that total revenues collected in all types of fund was \$1,148,337.38. Expenses paid in all departments totaled \$1,128,870.98 showing over \$20,000 for the year.

A general break down of beginning cash for the year and ending cash for the year is as follows:

General and Officers salary beginning \$255,368.45 and ending \$252,436.20.

Governmental Road and Bridge fund \$159,913.95 and ending \$225,913.95.

Debt Service \$27,081.24 and ending \$24,081.24.

Jury beginning \$15,401.66 and ending \$18,027.73.

Special Projects beginning \$42,888.20 and ending -0-.

(A complete copy of the Audit is available at the Kinney Co. Court house for those who wish to review it.)

Conoly Road Work

Commissioners discussed the requested road work by W.Z. Conoly to the road leading to Dal Farms. Conoly requested the work because the roads are in need of repairs due to all of the heavy traffic on that road

during harvest season. Conoly addressed the court stating that the farm was an asset to the community in that it employed many citizens.

Conoly has for a number of years allowed the use of the Conoly property to the County and stated that the county has used almost 4 miles of caliche from the Conoly property.

No payment has ever been made to Conoly for use of the caliche.

Thus he requested the road work in exchange for the use of the Conoly Caliche.

Commissioners decided that they could not legally make a trade out, so they opted to have Conoly present a bill to the county for the use of the caliche and for road crew supervisor Lee Lawson to also submit an account of the caliche used. Then bill Conoly for the road work done on Dal Farms.

Walkie-Talkies for the E.M.S.

Commissioners tabled the discussions on the walkie-talkies for the E.M.S.

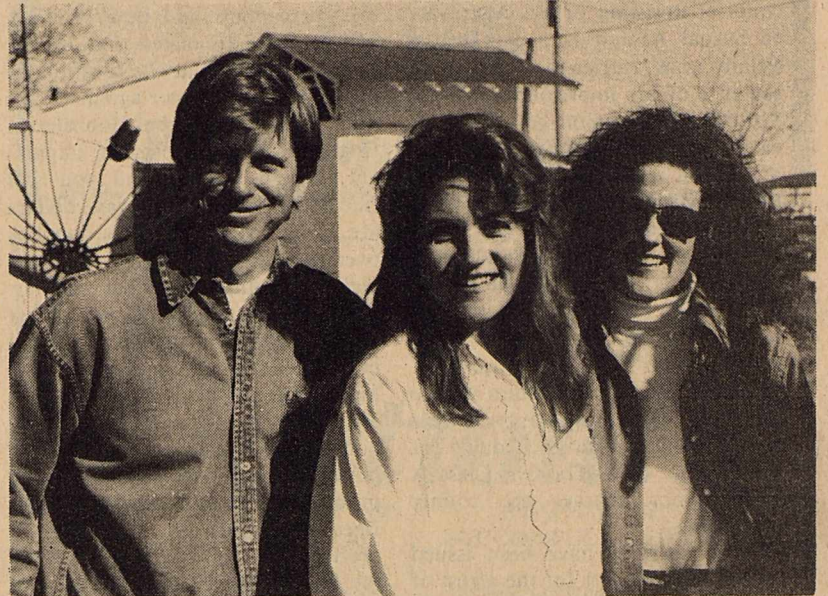
Resolution Passed

Commissioners passed a resolution to prevent "Exemption of personal property intrinsic tax of the County".

Insurance bids tabled until 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners recommended at 2:00 p.m. to open bids on Court House insurance policies. Only one bid was available from Slubar Insurance Company. Fuentes, motioned to renew the policy with Slubar, Judge Seargeant seconded the motion with Commissioner Slubar abstaining.

Commissioners Bizzell and Garza were not present at the reconvened meeting.



Photographer Michael O'Brien (L) with Lashawn Wardlaw and fashion stylist Suzi Bittle at the Wardlaw Ranch during a photographic session last Saturday.

Lashawn Poses for Texas Monthly Photographs

by Penny Nixon

Lashawn Wardlaw had no intention of having her picture taken while working with Texas Monthly magazine photographers in Brackettville last week. As the Public Relations Director of Fort Clark Springs and the granddaughter of Happy Shahan, her prime job and duty was to promote Fort Clark Springs and Alamo Village as prime retirement and tourism locations. But when the Texas Monthly team drove off after photographing Miss Texas at Alamo Village last Monday, their thoughts weren't on the Homecoming Queen next on their list. They were thinking about Lashawn Wardlaw. And so, after a flurry of phone calls back to the magazine's home office in Austin, photographer Michael O'Brien, fashion stylist Suzi Bittles and assistant David Zickl backtracked to Brackettville last Saturday to photograph Lashawn, 24, for a story on Texas beauties for the February, 1990, issue of Texas Monthly magazine.

"In all our travels all over the state of Texas, and of all the people we met, Lashawn represented more than anyone the real, natural Texas beauty. She's the only one we met and decided to add to our story. The other girls were chosen weeks ago," said Suzi Bittles, 31, a freelance fashion stylist from Chicago. "A lot of the pageant-type beauties are a more fluff and gloss-type of beauty. Lashawn is an earthy and more gutsy-type beauty. She was nail on the head to us of what we think of as real Texas beauty. She's the only one we didn't fly in a makeup and hair artist for because we liked her just the way she looks."

"I was just excited to see them again!" Lashawn said. "They're such a fun group of people, we really had a great time when they came out to the ranch for dinner after the Miss Texas shoot."

The team returned to the sprawling ranch west of Brackettville where generations of Wardlaws have raised cattle, sheep, goats and horses, and Hadley and Tulisha Wardlaw raised their children, Lashawn, Leisha, 23

and Dutch, 19. The Wardlaws are a family with a fine tradition in athletics and rodeo. All three Wardlaw children were chosen for All District Basketball honors while in high school in Brackettville and Del Rio. Lashawn was Miss Rodeo Texas in 1984, and Leisha was a finalist for the top cowgirl crown last year. Their cousins, Wendy, 19, and Robin Wardlaw, 21, of Del Rio, both held the title of Miss American Junior Association. Robin was also the Miss Texas Teen Rodeo Queen last year.

As a public relations professional, Lashawn usually spends her time behind the scenes. Staring into the camera was a new experience. "The hardest part is sitting still with the same look on your face," she said. "It's tedious and takes a lot of time. It was fun, but I wouldn't want to do it every day!"

Lashawn joins famous personalities Bill Cosby, Donald Trump and Chris Evert as the subject of Michael O'Brien's pictures. O'Brien's work has been featured on the cover of the nation's most prominent magazines, including Life, National Geographic, Forbes, and Sports Illustrated. What would be the chances one of his pictures of a 1983 Brackett High School graduate making the cover of Texas Monthly? "The chances would be 100 percent if they made me editor!" O'Brien said. O'Brien will send a selection of his best shots to the Art Director and Editor of Texas Monthly, and they will choose which pictures will be placed on the cover and in the magazine.

Hadley and Tulisha Wardlaw recently received a letter from the magazine thanking them for being one of about 250 families who were original subscribers to Texas Monthly.

"That's a bit of trivia I'm going to make sure they know about" in the magazine's editorial offices, Bittle said. Contracted by Texas Monthly to compile the pictorial of Texas beauties, the photographic team completed their assignment in Austin on December 12 after a session with Miss Rodeo Texas Bobbie Kaye Tate.

Honor Students

Four students received the honor of being Inducted into the National Honor Society, they were Kasey Hall, Shelly McDaniel, Ernest Esparza and Nancy Mendoza.

Ceremonies were held in the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The ceremony was conducted by Honor Society member Lisa Frerich, other Honor Society members present were Maribel Martinez, Bonnie Frerich, Lisa Frerich, Michelle Munoz, Fidel Hernandez, Mitch Frerich, Armondo Talamantez, and Yvonne Luna.

It was a special day full of high hopes for the six new provisional members introduced, they were; Michelle Brandt, Javier Solis, Jennifer Shahan, Emily Potter, Scott Sims and Salina Ramon.

No small honor is it to be named into this elite group explained Superintendent Bob McCall during his speech to the students, McCall stated, "It's an elite organization because membership is not bestowed but earned."

The National Honor Society began in 1829 in Omaha, Nebraska and to date has 20,000 Chapters.



The new provisional members of the National Honor Society are left to right, Emily Potter, Scott Sims,

Selina Ramon, Javier Solis, Jennifer Shahan, and Michelle Brandt.

City Audit Accepted

City Council met at 4:30 p.m. December 11 at City Hall. All members were present with the exception of Alvin McClure.

City Audit Approved

Jerry Horn, city auditor, presented the council with copies of the city audit and stated, "The City is in better shape than it has been in a long time, you now have over \$60,000 in available funds".

(A complete copy of the city audit is at city hall and available for all who wish to review it.)

Fort Clark and City Contract

David Tillery presented a contract to city council drawn up through the combined effort of Tillery and M.U.D. supervisor Larry Sofaly. The contract pertains to the sewage system. The permit holders for the system is Fort Clark, and the owners is listed as City of Brackettville. The contract splits obligations "about 50-50", stated Tillery.

Council approved the contract, the Mayor then suggested that Tillery receive a raise because of the fine job he has done in working for the City.

Since a raise was not on the agenda they will add that to the special meeting planned for Friday Dec. 15.

Scrapie Metal Auction

An auction on the City's scrapie metal was approved for December 14.

Water pumps missing

"The water tower has two pumps missing", stated La Gioia. The discarded pumps could add up to \$19,000 as a loss.

Road Repairs

The Mayor addressed the council and stated that road work would begin on North St. "We'll start by patching the holes, then cut down the crown around the school to allow better drainage and then work on Gove St.", stated the Mayor.

Trunk Resolution Passed

A resolution endorsing the inclusion of U.S. Hwy. 83 from Carrizo Springs to I.H. 10 at Junction and U.S. Hwy. 57 from Eagle Pass to I.H. 35 near Devine and the inclusion of U.S. Hwy. 277 from San Angelo to I.H. 10 at Sonora, Texas, in the Texas Highway Trunk System was passed.



Red Ribbons

Don't be surprised to see a red ribbon tied on your car this Friday December 15.

It's a message from the 63rd Judicial District reminding motorists to drive carefully during the holiday seasons.

Late Bulletin

RE-PRINT By Richard Smith Express-News Austin Bureau

AUSTIN -- A mail-order catalog operation based in Brackettville has been sued by the Texas Attorney General as being a front for an illegal pyramid scheme.

The lawsuit charges that a firm calling itself either World of Products Cooperative, or World of Products and located three miles north of Brackettville, was a get-rich-quick ploy.

Brackettville is located 120 miles west of San Antonio.

"This is just another endless-chain scheme in which no one but the defendant profits. We are reviewing the participation of individual co-op members and may add them as defendants in the suit," Texas

Attorney Gen. Jim Mattox said Wednesday.

In the lawsuit, Mattox claims that members of the co-op were required to pay \$150 for the right to recruit other members, but were allowed to keep \$50 of the membership fee if another is recruited.

The rest of the money was divided evenly between the defendant and a member whose name appeared at the top of an "advisory board."

Mattox is asking a Travis County judge to stop the activity. A hearing for a temporary injunction has been scheduled for March 12.

Mary Vannoy Schermerhorn, who was identified as the principal operator in the lawsuit, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Women's Club

Elects Officers

The women's club had an organized meeting Thursday, November 30th to reorganize, elect officers, and plan for 1990. Veronica Perez and Cindie Braesicke will be co Presidents for the next 6 months; Kathy Letsinger will be secretary and Ellen Pastor will be Treasurer. It was decided that there will be a potluck Christmas dinner for the Border

Patrolmen and their families on Tuesday, December 19th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ambulance building of Fort Clark Springs.

The club is also collecting Non-Perishable food items to help out with the Lion's Christmas Basket Program. The food may be dropped off at Davis Hardware of brought to the Potluck Supper.



Christmas Chorus

by Les Roper

Music provided by the combined choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville and the First United Methodist Church of Del Rio was enjoyed by an overflow congregation this past Sunday evening in Brackettville. Roland Cole, pastor of the local Methodist Church, and his membership hosted this beautiful John W. Peterson cantata, "Night of Miracles". Joni Ayers, choir director, did an excellent job of leading this very talented group of singers through this Christmas program. The

soloist were Jeannie Lewis, John Greve, and James Mainnous. Sudy Schrier accompanied the choir with a wonderful job on the piano. David Stewart, Methodist pastor from Del Rio, provided the scripture and the theme. It was a very moving musical experience and nearly every Church in town was represented in attendance.

Reverend Cole expressed his appreciation for the wonderful support he and his membership received from the entire community.



'Twas the Night Before Jesus

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house, not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care, in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap, was watching the late show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here, with a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be the day!

The light of His face made me cover my head, it was Jesus! Returning just like He had said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself. In the Book of Life which He held in His hand, was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched

for my name; When He said, "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He rose without a sound while all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the works of this poem the meaning is clear; the coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call, we'll find that the Bible was true after all!

A re-print from 1984 Bethany Farms

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on him was called Faithful and True.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the word of God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords.

Revelation 19:11,13,16

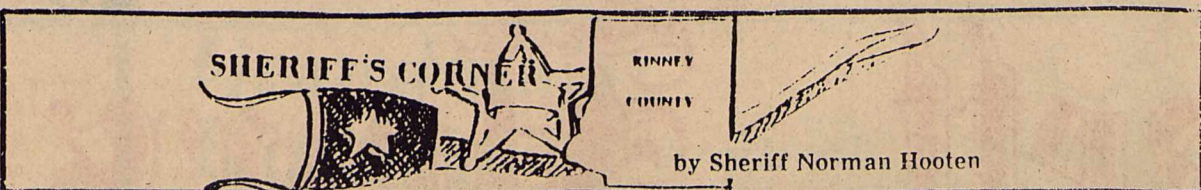


Christmas Hayride

Students from the Wednesday night C.C.D. grades sixth thru twelfth will celebrate their Christmas by gathering at the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Friday December 15, for a hayride through the town singing Christmas Carols. They will return to the Parish yard to gather around a camp fire, roasting marshmallows to make "Smores" and drink hot chocolate.

Students and teachers from the Wednesday night C.C.D. classes would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a blissful New Year.

Students from the Sunday C.C.D. classes will have their Christmas parties during class on Sunday December 17. They would like to invite everyone to join them on Sunday December 24 at 6:00 p.m. for their Christmas pageant, where they will sing "We Wish you a Merry Christmas."



Our investigation into the case involving allegations of aggravated sexual assault on several young girls is now complete and the charges against the suspect in the case have been upgraded to three (3) counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault on a Child, one(1) count for Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, and one(1) count of Resisting Arrest. Aggravated Sexual Assault is a 1st Degree Felony that carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a \$10,000.00 fine upon conviction of each count. Both Unlawful Carrying a Weapon and Resisting Arrest are Class A Misdemeanors that provide a maximum sentence of one year in the county jail and a \$2,000.00 fine upon conviction. At the time of this writing the 59 year old suspect remains in the Kinney County Jail in lieu of bonds totalling \$155,000.00. The three 1st degree felonies will be presented to the Grand Jury at their next meeting currently scheduled for January 22, 1990. The two Class A misdemeanor charges are county court cases.

Bench warrants have been issued out of county court for the arrest of Cristobal Gonzalez, a 30 year old San Antonio resident, on charges of DWI and POM (possession of marijuana). Gonzalez has failed to appear twice when a court date was set in his case. He was first arrested on August 8, 1989 and has thus far failed to appear for court. Bond forfeiture proceedings have been started against he and his bondsman and he has been entered into the TCIC/NCIC computer network (Texas Crime Information Center / National Crime Information Center.) Numerous attempts to locate and arrest Gonzalez thus far have been unsuccessful. As recently as the night of Monday, December 11, 1989 we received a tip from an informer as to his whereabouts and Bexar County officers were contacted, but by the time they arrived at the location he had slipped away once again.

The case of Cristobal Gonzalez at first glance might not seem important, but look again and you will find that valuable taxpayers dollars are being spent in various counties over the state in attempts to locate and arrest him. Money that need not have been wasted had our court system used the full extent of the law in prosecuting him and others like him. Time and time again violators are arrested by peace officers, booked into jail, and released on inadequate bonds or tried and given probation, often, far too often, their fines are included in their terms of probation. And, far too often, that's the last we see of the violator and receive little or No money in fines.

When a violator who jumps bond or violates probation the process is triggered in attempts, costly attempts, to locate him and return him to court for another trial, again at taxpayers expense. We have to enter the violator into the TCIC/NCIC network and possibly wait years for his arrest. Once arrested (again)

taxpayers dollars are spent in travel and transportation of the violator back to the county in which the violation occurred. sometimes, and again this happens far too often, the violator again makes bond and again fails to show. Now if the bond is set high enough we might break a little better than even in this ring around the roses game we play. If not, then the county taxpayers is out more wasted tax dollars.

In the opinion of this writer the courts are far too lenient with violators of state law, in particular those charged with DWI, DUID (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs), and POM (Possession of Marijuana). Bonds are too low, as are the fines, and most convicted violators receive plea bargain probated sentences instead of jail time and most often their fines are included in the terms of probation in a Monkey Ward and Sears & Roebuck type payment plan. The percentage of those who violate their probation and skip out owing a debt to the county and to society is way too high.

Currently, in Kinney County, the Sheriff's Department holds the following warrants on our "Hot Sheet":

- Violation of Probation: DWI - 20 warrants, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle-1 warrant, Fraud-1 warrant.
- Failure to Appear: DWI - 6 warrants.
- Criminal Trespass - 1 warrant.
- Aggravated Theft - 1 warrant
- Theft by Check - 1 warrant
- Delivery of Marijuana - 1 warrant
- Possession of Marijuana - 1 warrant
- DWI - 1 warrant
- Driving while license suspended - 1 warrant

We have a total of 34 outstanding warrants in our data bank file, 80 percent of those (27) are for violators we had in jail at one time on DWI charges and 20 of the 34 are probation violators (60 percent). If the courts would get tough with violators and use the full extent of the law to punish those violators by setting adequate bonds, stiff fines, and assessing jail terms, violators would soon get the message that crime does not pay in Kinney County. At the very least a get tough attitude by the courts would cut down on the expense (tax dollars) of tracking down, arresting, and transporting prisoners back to Kinney County for more trials, probation revocation proceedings, and all too often more probation. As the old saying goes, "A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush." Why should assess and carry out adequate sentences against convicted violators while we have them in hand. Turning them loose with a minor slap on the wrist and then spending our tax dollars in efforts to get them back again seems a waste to this writer!

That's All

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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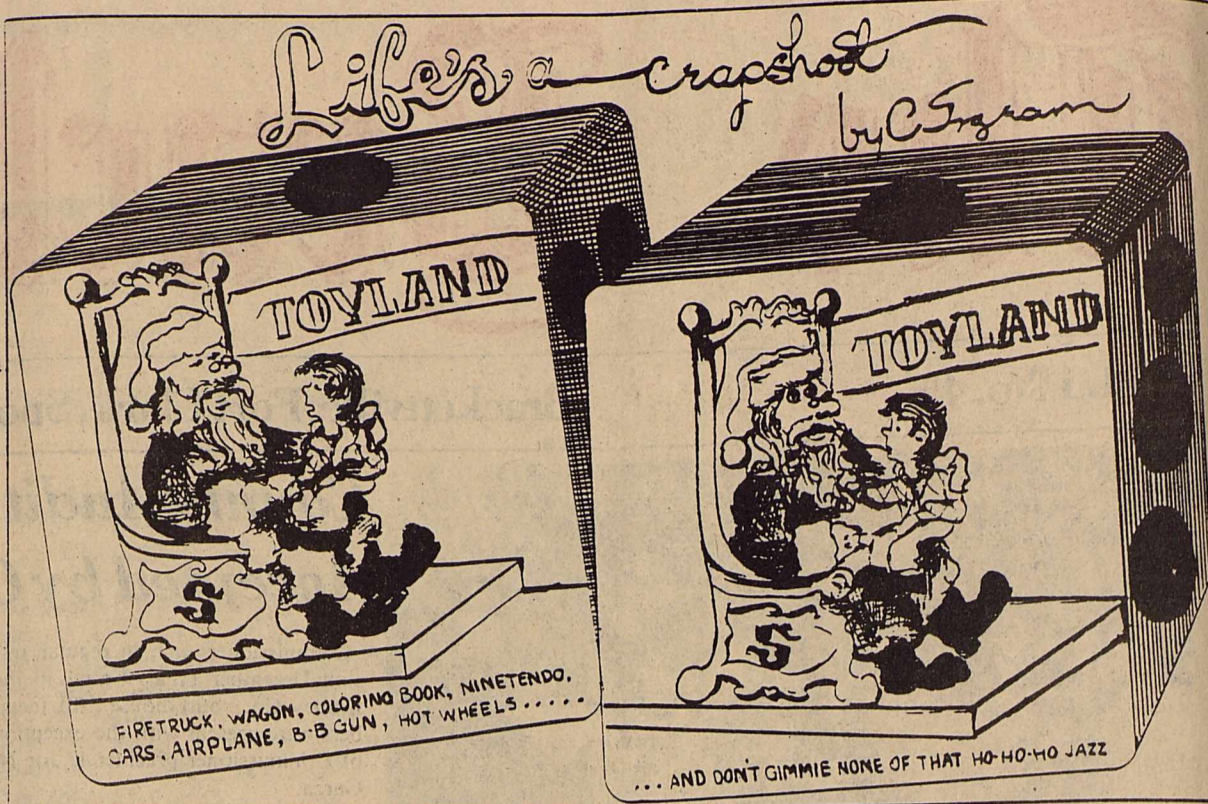
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Our quotation found under the Mast head on the front page is a copy from "The Rear Vision Mirror", a Fort Worth newspaper publisher Wednesday, March 8, 1961.



It's amazing to hear the loud mouthings of a few headline seeking self proclaimed so-called Atheists. Compare this with the feverish observance of Christmas and it is easy to see these mouthings are as a flea biting an elephant. Atheism calls out the worst in people; no prayer in schools, no prayer at football games, no nativity scenes on the courthouse lawns. Christmas calls forth the best in people. Frantic shopping though condemned as "commercializing" by some is evidence of the desire of people to give some token as an expression of love or esteem. The emphasis on children shows the importance children have in the hearts of people. The multiplicity of special programs in all churches show the true value of faith in the born Christ who came as a

babe of a virgin to eventually give his life as payment for the sin of man. The gathering of scattered families shows how Christ has added emphasis to family ties. Isn't it strange how so many many people have been so long time wrong and so few so suddenly right. My sympathy goes out to the mentally warped who can't see the value of Christ to society,

much less the value to the soul for all eternity. I guess God knew what he was doing when he put in his word. "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." I do wish the very best for all this wonderful Christmas Season. Enjoy it to the fullest remembering that Christmas is truly the birthday of Jesus Christ.

Real Estate News

by Molly Ardrey

When people talk about "empty nest syndrome," they make it sound sort of sad: Mom and Pop rattling around in a big house now that the kids have left. Truth is, these days Mom and Pop are still vigorous, and ready to start on new adventures. They may choose to take time to travel, or buy in some resort community with retirement in mind. The options are limitless -- but many require money.

Why not turn your equity in oversized real estate into a more manageable -- and more flexible -- nest egg.

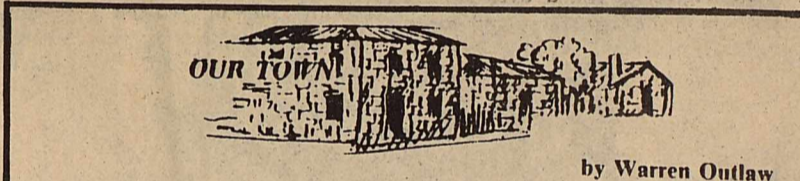
Chances are Mom and Pop have a considerable amount of equity built up in their property and too, it might not prove to be so inviting for little Johnny or Suzie or one of the grandkids to arrive on your doorstep with all their earthly belongings in hand to stay over until they can just save up enough to get out on their own.

As we raise our families and struggle to keep up the mortgage payments, we need to remind ourselves that this is a forced savings program for our future. You have earned it, now enjoy it.

Unsung Hero

A relative new comer to our community has won her way into the hearts of many people. She and her husband moved onto Fort Clark a few years ago after a career in the military.

She is active in her church. She is devoted to her husband and family. In her busy schedule she finds time to be concerned and help people with problems. She spends much time and energy helping those who need a shoulder or a helping hand. She is a sensitive person and a warm hearted, friendly individual, who never has a harsh word about anyone. Surely Wanda (Mrs. Charles) Smith is an Unsung Hero.



Dorwin and Roberta Felker from McCook, Nebraska are in town for a few days visiting with their son and daughter-in-law Reggie and Becky Felker. Roberta has a collection of almost six hundred salt and pepper sets and found eight more sets at the Frontier Gallery to add to her collection.

Randell and Toni Crane from San Benito Texas were here for the week-end at their Ranch.

Andy and Lorraine Malinovsky are visiting relatives and friends in the area. From here they will be going to Charleston, S.C. for his next tour of duty.

Letter to the Editor

Sheriff Hooten:

I want to congratulate you for the great column you wrote for the December 7 issue of the News. I whole-heartedly agree with every work you said about those sneaky twofaced back stabbers.

Your article should have appeared in every Newspaper in the country on Dec. 7. However, it is appropriate for any day of the year.

It is sad that the people in the upper echelon of leadership in our great country cannot see this hand-writing on wall. Especially when it's there in

such bold print.

I was so impressed with your comments that I am forwarding your column to Senator Conrad Burns in Washington D.C. He is from Montana.

The wife and I are winter Texans from Columbus, Montana. We spend about five months out of the year at Fort Clark. I am looking forward to meeting you personally some day.

Sincerely,
Charlie Descheemaeker

Letter to the Editor

First started buying your paper weekly-just to read Dot Burrows "Bridge, Anyone?"

However we enjoy the whole paper - especially Joe Townsends "Between Us".

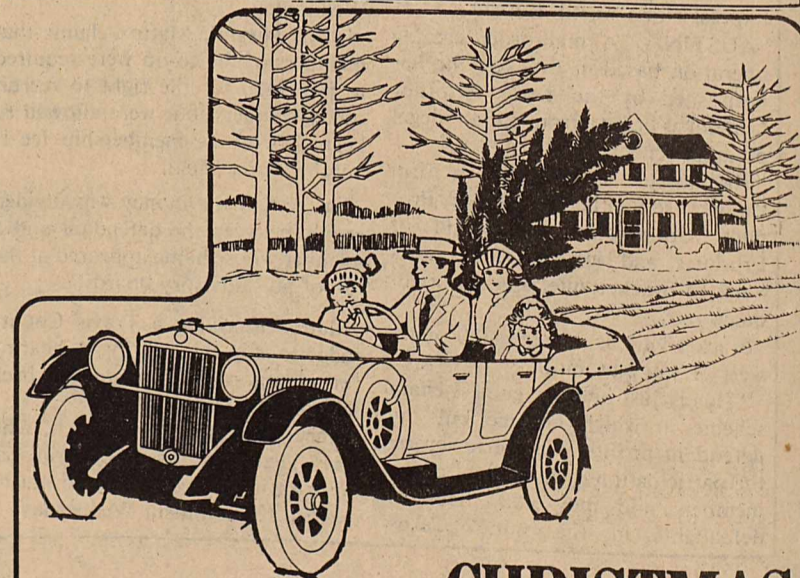
Please place our name on your subscription list - enclosing our check for same.

Thank you
Nita and Fred Clayton

Visit From Santa

Santa will be in Brackettville Sun. Dec. 17th 1989. 3 - 5 p.m. at the civic center

picture made with Santa \$1.00 each. Gift certificates from local merchants (register to win -- must be present to win.)



A time to look back with fondness on good times, family traditions, and loyal friends. And a time for us to thank you for making us feel so welcome here.

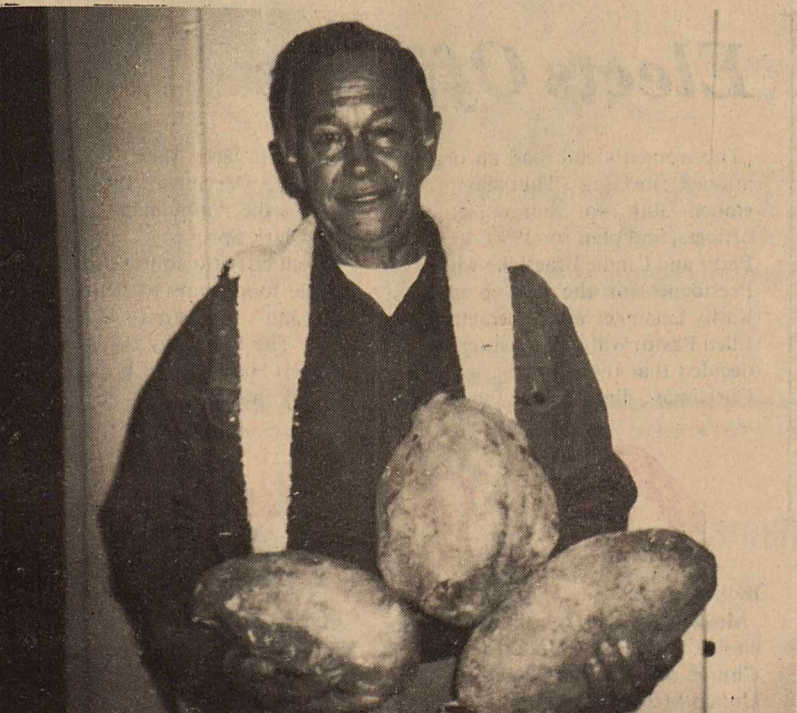
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HOME GROWN BRACKETT VILLE STYLE- Elmer Conboy displays some of the gigantic sweet potatoes grown in his garden. They run from 8 to 15 lbs. in weight. "The secret is compost," stated Conboy, "Which can be made from almost any vegetation such as grass, leaves, vines ect. . . just run a lawnmower

over it to cut it up." The mulch Elmer prefers to use is hay, leaves, pine needles and bark about 2 to 6 inches deep. "The ground will hold moisture, and you won't have to hoe and your vegetables and feet will be cleaner," added Elmer.

Sports... Golf News by Les Roper

The newly elected Golf Committee, after their first week in office, are having to ask directions to their homes since they have been gone from them so much. Their days have been long and tedious but from the reports being made public they are gaining on their goals. By no means does it mean they are winding down but they feel like they can see some light at the end of the tunnel. When asked about the progress that was being made, Bill Bizzell, the Committee Chairman replied, "Things are beginning to shape up real well. I have lived on Fort Clark for twenty years and during this time served on many committees but I believe this bunch will have to be considered one of the most dedicated I have ever worked with". Mr. Bizzell's knowledge of the growth and history of the golf course made him an excellent choice as Chairman of this committee. His expertise as a worker and leader in the community has contributed heavily toward the early achievements of this group of dedicated members.

Vickie Nichols, Eileen Voracek, and Helen Miller are heading a party to be held this coming Saturday evening at the club house. The get together is for all golf members and their guest and it is being sponsored by the golf association. These ladies have put in a lot of time and planning to make this shindig a success so everyone is encouraged to turn out. Most generally, golfers don't have to have much reason to get together so, guys and gals, "warsh behind your ears

and put on your best smellin' foo-foo juice 'cause its party time again".

The Tri-City Ladies League met last Tuesday at Laughlin Air Force Base for their monthly golfing bash. A good turn out from the ladies of Fort Clark was one of the major contributions to the success of this tournament. The overall low gross was won by Susan Poole while Luella Johnson was claiming overall low net with a score of 65. Low gross in the Championship flight was won by our own Helen Miller while low net was latched onto by Maxine Lawson. Del Rio's Joy Kyle registered the best low gross to win the First Flight while Fort Clark's Vickie Nichols held on to claim low net in the same flight. The second flight saw Omega Zavala claiming low gross and Jo Ann Freeman doing the same to take home low net honors.

The PBGA's Winter League gained momentum as it entered the second week of competition. Every team fielded four players and the scores turned in varied from fantastic to miraculous to horrendous. A major change in the standings indicated the type of play that took place. Making the biggest move of the day was the Horned Toads led by Hoagy Nelson and his motley crew of "bandidos". Old Hoagy took Gordon Petaja, Don Herron, and Ray Kurtz out behind the cart shed and gave them one of his patented pep talks. It must have worked because they picked up 14 points and moved into first place in the standings. It's no surprise to find Colonel Ralph Viestenz's team in

second place, just one point out of the lead. He has made a habit of winning so finding him in this position with Lou Schlatterer, Charlie Descheemaker, and Harold Kauffman leading the charge comes as no surprise. Clark Horning's Rattlesnakes shook their "tails" at the rest of the teams and played good enough to remain in the top three. Jim Bussey, Lee Herron, and Vern Ebert rounded out the Rattlesnakes and with their superb play finished in third place.

Team standings are now as such:
First Place... Horned Toads... 16 points.
Second place... Gobblers... 13 points.
Third place... Rattlesnakes... 12 points.
Fourth place... Badgers... 8 points
Fifth place... Roadrunners... 5 points
Sixth place... Whitetails... 1 point
Seventh place... Armadillos... 1 point
Eighth place... Javalinas... 0 points.

Forty three hearty hackers turned out for the Friday Couple's Scramble this past week with Jim Bussey and Mary Lee Trollinger serving as host and hostess. It looked like the weather was going to be so cold and miserable that no one would play but someone must have sent Mother Nature a new putter and a dozen new golf balls. She smiled on the course

with favor and the weather turned out great. A little bit windy but certainly not uncomfortable. Refusing to let the wind play any role in their low scoring was the team of James and Flo Stafford, Charlie Smith, and Alice Seargeant. They turned in the best score of the day for the first place check and the job of hosting the following week's play, weather permitting. Second place saw different names on the leader board with the return of Clark and Darlene Horning, two very popular winter Texans and Ted and Babe Roorde, a couple of retirees from Colorado that just might be looking for a permanent place to settle and call home. Perennial winners, Robbie and Ruth Robinson, Dick Hirsch, and Dorothy Wood held on for third place. Following this most popular tournament the players went to the club where they enjoyed a good meal and lots of camaraderie.

The weather and no scheduled golfing events made play a little bit slow following the conclusion of the couple's tournament. However, there were a lot of folks from the north who never seem to notice the cold out on the links and enjoying it as if the temperature was in the mid 80's.

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Words of Wisdom: Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.

GET WELL SOON
To grandfather, Maldo Martinez from his grandchildren Sandi, and David Green. Maldo is recovering from a knee surgery which took place December 14th.
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Varsity Basketball clinches Second in SWTJC Tourney

by J.J. Guidry
UVALDE - Brackett's varsity basketball teams competed in the 30th annual Southwest Texas Jr. College tournament on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Other teams participating in the three-day event included Asherton, D'Hanis, Knippa, LaPryor, Leakey, Nueces Canyon, and Rocksprings.

The Tigerettes rolled over Nueces Canyon in the first round and edged Rocksprings in overtime to make it to the finals where they faced the Lady Eagles of Leakey.

Leakey's 6'0 post, Julie Brooks, was in foul trouble early, but the Lady Eagles still managed to lead 21-18 at halftime.

The Tigerettes continued to play their style of ball until the fourth quarter, when Leakey outscored Brackett by 12 points.

Leakey won the championship 57-37.

Yvonne Luna lead the girls in scoring with 25 points. Stephanie Ahrens scored the other 12 points for the Tigerettes.

Ruby Rubio lead the victorious Lady Eagles with 15 points including a three-pointer made right before the final buzzer. Julie Brooks and Linda Reagon also scored in double-figures with 14 points each. Others contributing to Leakey's 57 points were Angie Pendley, 8 points, Lesley Cane, 4 points, and Lora Reagon, 2 points.

The girls all-tournament team consisted of Julie Brooks, a 6'0 junior from Leakey; Linda Reagon, a 5'9

Senior from Leakey; Stephanie Ahrens, a 6'0 Senior from Brackettville; Julie Anderson, a 5'7 Senior from Rocksprings; and Michelle Flach, a 5'8 Senior from Nueces Canyon.

The Tigers defeated Nueces Canyon and D'Hanis to make it the mens championships. In the finals, they faced their district opponents from LaPryor.

Both teams utilized the three-point line with Brackett scoring 6 three-pointers compared to 5 by LaPryor.

The game was pretty even in the first two periods. The Bulldogs lead 30-23 at the half.

LaPryor held the Tigers to only 6 points in the third quarter and took an eighteen point lead.

Brackett showed off their stuff in the final stanza by rallying to score 22 points.

Mitch Frerich was injured during the final period. He suffered a large cut and didn't return to the game.

Frerich lead in the scoring department with 21 Tiger points. Lesley Floyd came off the bench to score 9 points for Brackett, while John Hernandez had 7, Steve Clementz had 5, David Flores had 4, Clay Hunt and Armando Talamantez had 2, and Eddie Garza had 1.

Floyd had 3 three-pointers, while Frerich sank 2 and Clementz added 1.

Eloy Saldivar lead LaPryor with 14 points, while Ramiro Salazar had 13, Ray Trevino had 10, Trey Hall and Jim Blain had 9, Jesse Terijano had 3, and Michael Salazar had 2.

Hall made 3 three-pointers, while Salazar and Trevino added one a piece.

The coaches elected the following players to the men's all tournament team: Mitch Frerich, a 6'0 Senior from Brackettville; Ray Trevino, a 5'5 Senior from LaPryor; Will Welch, a 6'3 Senior from Rock-

springs, Bracey Deeney, a 5'9 Sophomore from Knippa; and Kole Louett, a 6'0 Junior from D'Hanis.

The Tigers and Tigerettes did have high expectations, but still came up with two second place trophies and two players earning all-tourney honors.

Tiger Tournament Today!

by J.J. Guidry

The 1989 Brackett High School Basketball tournament begins today Thursday, at the jungle, a.k.a., the Tiger Gym.

Nine of the top area basketball teams will be competing in the 30th annual event.

The Nueces Canyon Lady Panthers won top honors in the tournament last year over Brackett, but will not be competing this year. Brackett will

compete this year along with Sabinal, D'Hanis, Rocksprings, Cotulla J.V., Uvalde J.V., Crystal City J.V., and Carrizo Springs J.V.

Competing in the men's division are Brackett, Brackett J.V., Sabinal, Cotulla, D'Hanis, Rocksprings, Del Rio J.V. and Crystal City J.V.

Here's an in-depth look at some of the top teams competing this weekend:

MEN'S DIVISION Brackett Tigers

The Fightin' Tigers are having the best season seen in years. For the first time since 1984, they won the Nueces Canyon tourney. They have a 10-2 10-2 record and are undefeated at home in the jungle.

Senior Mitch Frerich has earned All-Tourney honors at both of the previous tournaments. Frerich,

Eddie Garza, Steve Clementz, and David Flores key the offense with their shooting ability from beyond three-point range. Garza had 4 three-pointers last Tuesday against Crystal City.

The Tigers also have an inside game with posts Armando Talamantez, and Clay Hunt.

D'Hanis Cowboys

The Cowboys will face the Tigers in the opening round of the tournament. It'll be a rematch of last weekends semi-finals game at the Jr. College, Brackett was victorious in overtime.

D'Hanis is powered by posts Billy Frieda, a 6'1" senior, and Kole Lovett, a 6'0" junior. Frieda earned All-tourney honors at the Nueces Canyon tournament, while Lovett earned honors at the SWTJC tournament.

Rocksprings Angoras

The Angoras took second place at the Nueces Canyon tourney. They are 4-3 on this year.

Will Welch, a 6'3" senior post, leads the team in both scoring and rebounding. Point guard Sammy Flores, wing Brian Bell, and forward Jaime Cerda provide strong support.

Sabinal Yellowjackets

Shirley Ranhim's Yellowjackets have got off to a 4-6 start this season. they are lead by senior Sara Garcia, who earned All-District honors last year as a point guard. Korey Spence, a junior is a returning starter at forward.

WOMEN'S DIVISION Brackett Tigerettes

Rocksprings is 6-2 this season. The girls captured the Nueces Canyon championship due to devoted work, which earned them Bi-District honors last year.

They are lead by senior forward Julie Anderson, who has earned All-Tourney honors twice this year.

Rocksprings Lady Angoras

The Tigerettes have started off the season playing in the Big Mac Classic against tough 5A teams in Del Rio.

Yvonne Luna earned All-Tourney and Brackett captured fourth place. Last weekend they took second place

The only other returning starter from last year's 20-8 team is point guard Sherrie Epperson. Sophomore forward Brandy Sweeter also earned All-Tourney at the Nueces Canyon Tournament, where she showed off her shooting and ability to drive the lane.

at Uvalde, Stephanie Ahrens, a 6'0" senior post, earned All-Tournament honors.

Luna is averaging 20.1 points per game. The Tigerettes are looking for a tournament championship this weekend.

Remembering

BY Sandi Green
When you leave and go far away,
You will always be in my heart.
Because friends like us will never
be totally apart.
Part of you will certainly stay
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Happy Birthday



Stafford Fritter will turn 84 on December 18th. He was born in Kinney Co. in 1903. The life long resident ranched and farmed and at one time was city Secretary of Brackettville before his retirement. Stafford also served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II.

Stafford and his wife Bess enjoy gardening and the peaceful atmosphere of Brackettville. When asked how Stafford would spend his birthday he stated, "I plan to eat all I can!" Bess jokingly added "He'll eat all I serve him." Happy Birthday Stafford!



Pictured above is former Brackett citizen David Koch with the 8 point buck he shot Dec. 2 in the morning hours on the Mary Kock Ranch south west of Brackettville.

Almost simultaneously, Koch's father-in-law Dennis George also shot an 8 point buck on the same ranch but in a different pasture.

Posadas Planned

Posadas will be held in Spofford and Brackettville this year. St. Blaise Mission will be represented in Spofford and St. Mary Magdalene will be represented here. Parishioners along with C.C.D. students will begin the reenactment, for nine nights, beginning Saturday Dec. 16th.

Las Posadas means the journey of Mary & Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem - with Posadas meaning inns or lodgings in Spanish. In Mexico this is a very celebrated event, consisting of the breaking of a Pinata, hot chocolate, and sweet bread. It is an age old tradition that is taken very seriously by many.

Reenactment in Brackettville On Saturday the 16th at 5:00 p.m. the procession will begin at the Church with a special blessing for the journey, from there to a different home each night. (each home will represent an inn or lodging place) Those participating will walk carrying the statues of Mary & Joseph with great pride. Upon arriving at each home they will knock & ask for lodging-(inside each home a special place has been prepared to place the statues for lodging for the night. Many candles are lite to give a soft sincerity to the atmosphere.) After they enter the home, placed the statues, a selected person will begin the Prayer of the Rosary & the litany of Mary, everyone will follow along. This is repeated every night. After the special devotion has taken place the celebration begins (the breaking of the Pinata, drinking hot chocolate to warm their chilled bones & the eating of sweet bread. All of this makes for a wonderful fellowship. Each night, they will return to the

home where Mary & Joseph spent the night, and carry them to another home performing the same actions. On the ninth night - the statues will be carried back to the Church, (the church being the stable) with very happy & rejoicing songs, being sung as they walk along the way. They will arrive at the Church around 9:00 o'clock. The statues will be placed in a special place inside the church, during this time songs of Thanksgiving & praise will be sung & prayers will be said. This signifies the end of the journey & now we will await the coming of our Lord.

The following is a list of the homes where the Posadas will take place. Anyone wishing to join in either town is most welcome.

- Posadas in Brackettville 1989
- Saturday 16 -- Sanchez family 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 17 -- M/M Placido Samaniego 7:00 p.m.
- Monday 18 -- M/M Jose Benitez
- Tuesday 19 -- M/M Severo de Hoyas.
- Wednesday 20 -- M/M Roberto Aguirre.
- Thursday 21 -- M/M Gilbert Villarreal.
- Friday 22 -- M/M Felipe Martinez.
- Saturday 23 -- M/M Antonio Mata.
- Sunday 24 -- M/M Pedro Pena.
- Posadas in Spofford 1989.
- Sunday 17 -- Genoveve Gutierrez 6:00 p.m.
- Monday 18 -- M/M Joe Cruz.
- Tuesday 19 -- Familia Severino Cruz.
- Wednesday 20 -- M/M S. Rezendez.
- Thursday 21 -- M/M Ben Vasquez.
- Friday 22 -- M/M Joel Terrazas.

Annual Food Show Held

by Jenifer Shahan, Reporter

On Saturday, November 11, members of the Food & Nutrition Project held their annual Food Show at the First Baptist Church. Most of the children had been working on their projects since September and this county activity is just the first part of the project which ends in June at the Annual 4-H Roundup in College Station, Texas.

This year the Pre-junior members of the project were taught by Senior, Teen Leaders and Junior Leaders. All these girls were volunteers. One pre-junior group was led by Michelle Brandt with Lea Anne Carle assisting. Members of this group were Lily Burgess, Heather Corey, Brandy Meeks, Christina Reschman, Charlotte Rose and Paulita Gomez. The other Pre-junior group was led by Jenifer Shahan with Monica Cruz assisting and member were Roberto Aguirre, Hilda Aguirre, Jo Lee Jones, Leilani Williams and Adriana De Leon.

Mrs. Candace Lamascus led a Junior group which included Vicky Abrigo, Catrina Crowder and Lindy Lamascus. Mrs. Alicia Jackson taught the other Junior Group Amy Bader and Katie Hall. Jared Shahan was taught by Mrs. Darlene Shahan.

Seniors this year were instructed by Mrs. Dennette Coates. This group included Nancy Aguirre, Michelle Brandt, Lea Anne Carle, Monica Cruz, Raquel Franklin, and Jenifer Shahan.

Results of the judging were as follows: Pre-Juniors Main Dish: 1st Brandy Meeks, 2nd Leilani Williams, 3rd Lily Burgess.

Pre-Juniors Vegetables: 1st Jo Lee Jones, 2nd Heather Corey, 3rd Charlotte Rose.

Pre-Juniors Breads: 1st Robert Aguirre, 2nd Christina Reschman, 3rd Brandy Meeks.

Pre-Juniors Snacks: 1st Hilda Aguirre.

Pre-Junior Overall High Point: Robert Aguirre.

- Junior Main Dish: 1st Vicky Abrigo, 2nd Amy Bader.
- Junior Vegetables: 1st Lindy Lamascus.
- Junior Breads: 1st Catrina Crowder, 2nd Katy Hall.
- Junior Snacks: 1st Jared Shahan.
- Junior Overall High Point: Jared Shahan.
- Senior Main Dish: 1st Monica Cruz, 2nd Nancy Aguirre.
- Senior Vegetables: 1st Jenifer Shahan.
- Senior Breads: 1st Lea Anne Carle, 2nd Raquel Franklin.
- Senior Snacks: 1st Michelle Brandt
- Senior Overall High Point: Michelle Brandt.

Then on Saturday, December 9, eleven members of the Kinney County 4-H Club traveled to District Competition in Boerne. This was the largest group ever to represent Kinney County in the Foods Division. Attending were the first place candidates from county: Hilda Aguirre, Robert Aguirre, Jo Lee Jones, Brandy Meeks, Catrina Crowder, Vicky Abrigo, Lindy Lamascus, Jared Shahan, Michelle Brandt, Monica Cruz and Jenifer Shahan.

Michelle, Monica and Jenifer helped in the program and setting up decorations which Kinney County 4-H Club mothers Cindy Brandt, Candace Lamascus and Melanie Jones provided.

The results of the competition were: Pre-Juniors: 4th Brandy Meeks. Juniors: 2nd Jared Shahan, 4th Catrina Crowder. Seniors: 1st Jenifer Shahan. As a Senior 4-H Member placing First in her division, Jenifer Shahan is able to proceed on to State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June for the final round of Competition. I would like to extend Congratulations to ALL members who demonstrated their leadership qualities by going to District Competition in Boerne.

Clean Water Act Violator

William Windham, former superintendent of utilities for the city of Big Spring, Texas, has been sentenced to five months in prison for criminal violations of the Federal Clean Water Act, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas.

Windham was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Big Spring Water and wastewater treatment facilities from August 1983 through September 1984. His duties included certification of the plant's discharge monitoring reports which provide the documentation for determining the city's compliance with the limits set in the plant's wastewater discharge permit.

"Falsification of these vital documents threatens water quality and possibly human health - and undermines our clean water program," Robert E. Layton, Jr., EPA Regional Administrator, said. He explained that discharge permits strictly regulate the quality and

quantity of discharges into waterways in order to prevent water pollution.

In order to give the appearance of compliance, Windham altered figures in monthly laboratory reports and then submitted falsified reports. As a result, the data reported were within acceptable limits when, in fact, the discharges exceeded EPA permit limits.

Federal law stipulates that falsification of these reports is punishable by a sentence of up to six months in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both, for each count convicted.

Layton said that an evaluation of the reports triggered the investigation. From January, 1986 through September, 1988, agents from EPA's Office of Criminal Investigation worked with the Region 6 technical staff and the Department of Justice in Washington, leading to the conviction and subsequent prison term.

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THE GRAPEVINE

BY GUS GARCIA

'Tis the Season to be Jolly! How you folks doin'? Fine on this side of the paper!

Have you gotten all your Christmas shopping done? I have!

The FHA had their Christmas party and had great fun. Members of the F.H.A. would like to thank Mr. Happy Shahan for the use of the Alamo Village grounds, where they

have just begun filming the New Western Movie, Gunsmoke II.

All students were asked by the student council to bring an ornament for the Christmas tree in front of the high school.

Happy Birthday to Jim Robinson on Dec. 15 and to Darla Fuller on Dec. 18th.

Happy belated birthday to Ethel Yvette Rickey.

Give the Gift of Life

Being an organ donor at the time of a tragic death is the most humanitarian and christian act a person can do for his fellow man. The total loss of a relative's death is eased by this living memorial. Recently Val Verde Memorial Hospital, the South Texas Organ Bank and the Bone Bank Foundation, harvested organs and bone from two patients.

One patient's family consented to give the heart, both kidneys and bone; the other family consented to give bone only.

The heart went to a 34-year old male bio-chemist in the Houston area, one kidney went to a 41-year old male and the other kidney went to a 26-year old female, both from the San Antonio area. At last report, all three recipients were doing very well. In both donor cases, the bone harvested can benefit up to 30 different patients.

Statistics provided by UNOS United Network for Organ Sharing, show that as of December 4, 1989, there were 18,914 patients on the waiting list for organ donation. Of this total number, 16,162 are waiting for kidneys; 1,299 for hearts; 802 for livers; 244 for heart/lung; 317 for pancreas; and 90 for a single lung. Those patients awaiting kidneys have the alternative of dialysis until a kidney or kidneys are available, but those other patients have no alternative except death.

The South Texas Organ Bank services 42 counties in south Texas, and that includes Val Verde County. They say currently they have 160

people on the waiting list for kidney transplants and 18 waiting for a heart or heart/lung.

"There is such a tremendous demand but not many donors. Across the country less than 30 transplants are done per day for kidneys; usually 4 1/2 livers", according to Jim Hays of the South Texas Organ Bank. "To donate a loved one's organs is never a forced decision, but a family decision," Mr. Hays added. For more information on organ donation, please call or write the South Texas Organ Bank (512) 732-9612, 4241 Woodcock, Suite A200, San Antonio, TX 78228.

An organ recovery coordinator is on call 24 hours a day to answer questions about potential donors and to arrange for organ recovery. "The gift of life...to remember me: Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless pain. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week. Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk. If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all prejudice against my fellow man. Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever." Robert N. Test.

LIBRARY NOTES

We are happy to announce that the Kinney County Public Library has received word that it has qualified for certification as a member of the Texas Library System for State Fiscal Year 1990 (September 1, 1989, through August 31, 1990). Come in and see our Certificate on view on top of our catalog card file cabinet. This certification is important to our community, because it makes a great difference in the quality of service we are able to provide to residents of Kinney County.

According to Irma Perez, Librarian, to qualify for certification our Library has had to meet strict criteria, including hours of access, professional staffing requirements, number of library materials, and local per capita support.

As a member of the Texas Library System we have received projectors, record players, and other equipment

in the past, and we continue to receive films and videos on a regular basis. Membership also makes it possible for us to borrow books on a wide variety of subjects from other libraries nationwide for our patrons who request them, including books in large print and books written in Spanish. We presently have on hand Christmas films and videos provided by the Texas Library System for your enjoyment. Our library staff, board members, and volunteer workers also receive professional guidance and assistance, enabling them to obtain information when needed in order to serve you.

Texas library systems have received \$7,872,120 in fiscal year 1990. Of this amount, \$2,566,259 will be from federal Library Services and Construction Act Title I funds. The remainder is state funding.

Chamber of Commerce

Spotlight Review

If you are looking for a small variety store with many novel and hard-to-find items, you need to visit "Casuals Plus." This cozy spot is located on the Plaza square at Ann & Fulton streets, near the high school. Owners, Cordelia Mendecke and Lucille Fuentes, had the building constructed for their business in 1987. The Plaza itself, with generous parking space, is beautified by shrubs, plants, ornamental trees, and other adornments; it will be most attractive in time. You'll enjoy resting a bit on the wooden park benches which overlook the plaza.

A Quick summary of nifty items you can purchase there include the following:

T-Shirts for Brackett "Tiger" fans and H.S. students. Decals are applied along with names while you wait. Sweat shirt/pants outfits for outdoor use, exercise, fishing, and hunting. Also, a great selection of sports caps cover a rack, with logo identification of your favorite professional football team, as well as hunter camouflage types. Undergarments for men and women are there too.

A special rack and display counter contain inspirational and religious personables to carry or to display in special spots at home.

Greeting cards for all occasions, but especially those identified from "Brackettville" to convey friendship and caring sentiments, are in great

supply. Christmas cards, gift wrapping paper, and crepe-paper party streamers too. Baby gifts, cologne for men and women, and more gift selections.

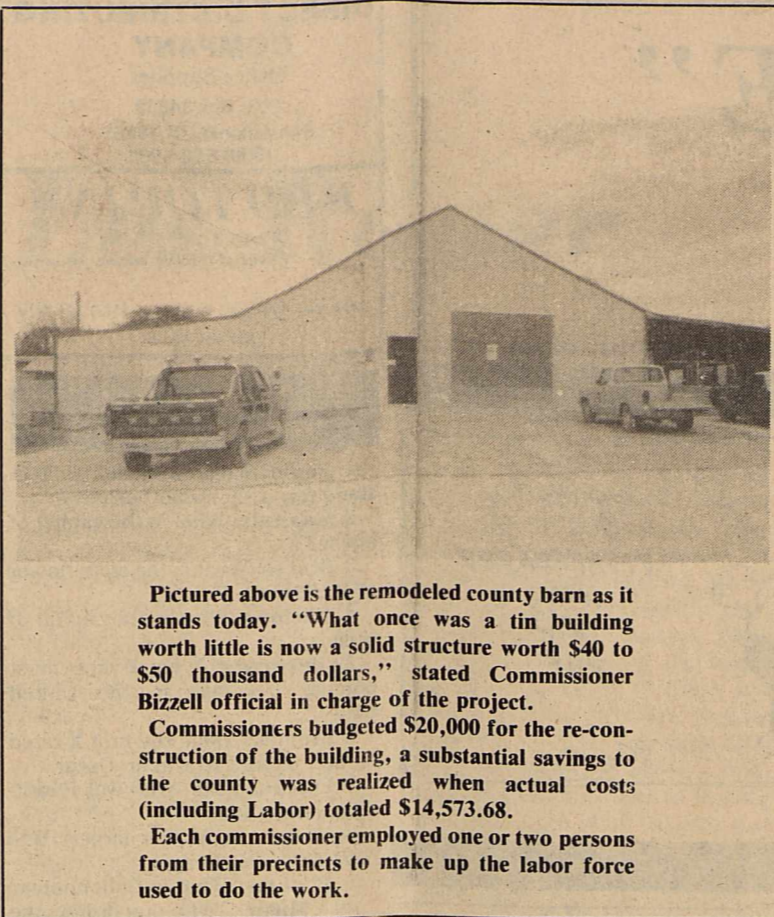
H.S. Band students can obtain replacement reeds for their instruments, slide oil, and drum sticks. Artists can find oil paints, canvas boards, etc.

Glassware such as punch or salad bowls, wine and water glasses, candy dishes, and condiment containers. Also, a few small appliances for the kitchen.

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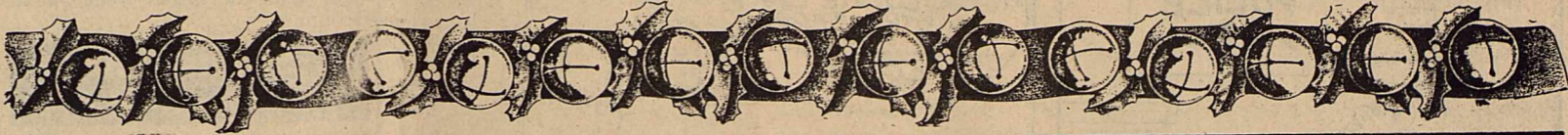
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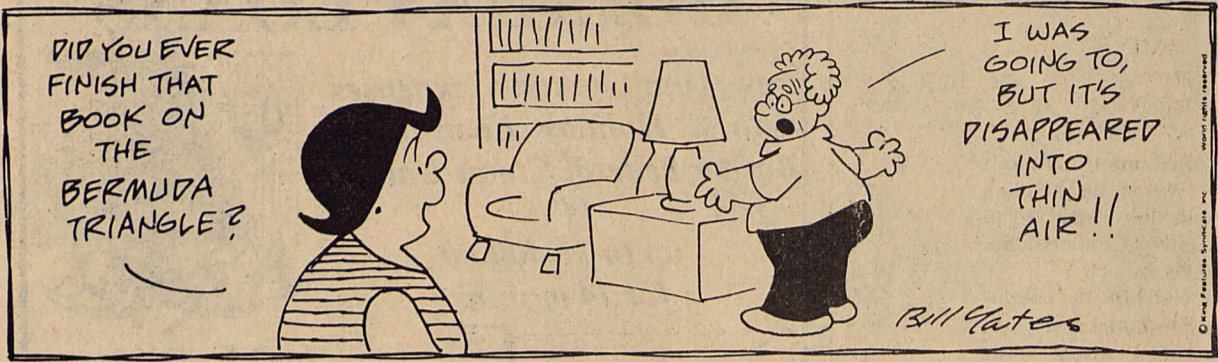
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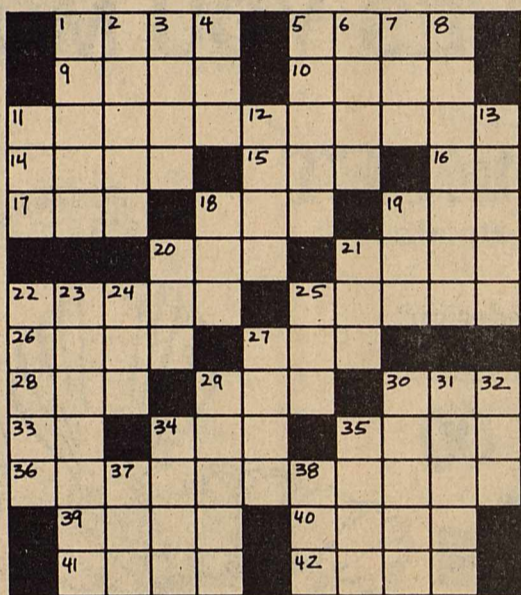


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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Malayan dagger (var.)
 - Water craft
 - Robust
 - Capital (Nor.)
 - Capital (Fla.)
 - Lubricates
 - Man's name
 - Music note
 - Attempt
 - Suitable
 - Roman money
 - Coin (Peru)
 - Projecting end of a church
 - Small branch
 - Smooth with an iron
 - Cry, as an owl
 - Long-haired wild ox (Tibet)
 - India (poet.)
 - Skin tumor
 - Warp-yarn
 - Man's nickname
 - Large body of salt water
 - Dexterous
 - Reckless criminals
 - Peruse
 - Wash
 - Places
 - Raised
 - DOWN**
 - A seat
 - Recover
 - strength
 - Troubles
 - An overwhelming quantity, as faces
 - Brag
 - Bones (anat.)
 - Man's nickname
 - Without toes
 - Little child
 - Driving
 - ice pellets
 - Relieves
 - Haze
 - Simian
 - Perch
 - Chest
 - Turned aside suddenly
 - Muses
 - Pole
 - Kettle
 - Period of time
 - Obnoxious
 - Overheard
 - Shed, as blood
 - God of pleasure (Egypt. Relig.)
 - Petty quarrel
 - Jewish month
 - Observe
 - Linen vestment (Eccl.)



Top 10 Singles

- Billy Joel "We Didn't Start the Fire," (Columbia) Last Week: No. 3
- Richard Marx "Angelia," (EMI) No. 2
- Alice Cooper "Poison," (Epic) No. 4
- Gloria Estefan "Get On Your Feet," (Epic) No. 5
- Linda Ronstadt Featuring Aaron Neville "Don't Know Much," (Elektra) No. 6
- Taylor Dayne "With Every Beat Of My Heart," (Arista) No. 7
- Phil Collins "Another Day In Paradise," (Atlantic) No. 8
- Belinda Carlisle "Leave A Light On," (MCA) No. 9
- Janet Jackson "Rhythm Nation," (A&M) No. 10
- Bon Jovi "Living In Sin," (Mercury/Polygram) No. 12

Top 10 Movies

- Harlem Nights starring Eddie Murphy
- Look Who's Talking John Travolta
- Steel Magnolias Dolly Parton
- All Dogs Go To Heaven
- Little Mermaid
- Dad Jack Lemmon
- Best Of The Best Eric Roberts
- Second Sights Bronson Pinchot
- Staying Together Sean Astin
- Communion Christopher Walken

This Week In History

On Dec. 17, 1777, France recognized the independence of the 13 American colonies ... Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect ... Dec. 11, 1960, the United States announced that it would back rightist groups in Laos, which took power the following day ... Dec. 16, 1960, a United DC-8 jetliner and a TWA Super-Constellation collided over New York City killing 134 people ... Dec. 16, 1982, Anne M. Gorsuch became the first cabinet-level official cited for contempt by the House. Ms. Gorsuch, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, declined to submit documents requested by a House subcommittee ... Dec. 11, 1985, Congress passed a compromise of the Gramm-Rudman bill. Also that day, General Electric Corp. and RCA became the biggest merger yet, when GE bought RCA for over \$6 billion.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This will be your week to shine at work. Impressions given will be quite favorable, both to co-workers and to bigwigs. Take advantage of this to attain your ultimate goals. Some minor snags may hit at the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you may be shopping around for something specific, don't be impulsive. You have not yet encountered the best offer and should take some more time. It would be wise to concentrate on your career at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Any projects of a research nature are favored this week, so get cracking at those books. What you discover will lead to further success both on the job and in your home life. The world of art beckons this week, since creative pursuits are also favored.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) While you will enjoy yourself on the social scene this week, something may be occurring which is upsetting a close friend. Beware of jealousy rearing its ugly head and victimizing you. What is being said to this person is untrue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your romantic side is shining this week. For those of you who are single, new love awaits. You attached lions will find yourselves more than happy to stay close to the den and rekindle romance.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While it is not normally a good policy, business and pleasure will come together quite favorably for you this week. It will seem as if you can do no wrong when it comes to work, so press for advantages.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You just may get a surprise invitation to take a trip somewhere in the future. While you're in your home-and-hearth phase, it may be a good idea for you to get away and unwind. Certain career and personal pressures have affected you negatively.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Anything regarding communication is not favored this week. As a result, it is not a good time to set up meetings, conferences, etc. Instead, spend some time in quiet reflection. Activities such as reading are good for you right now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While there may be a disagreement on the home front right now concerning an intended purchase, everything else is peaceful and harmonious. By week's end, everyone will be seeing eye to eye and you will be able to do some serious shopping.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your affable, social side is highlighted this week. As a result of this added charisma, you can do no wrong this week in business. However, do avoid falling into the trap of trying to accomplish more than is realistic at this time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While this is a week in which romance and leisure are favored, there are still some nagging doubts about that special someone in your life. Traits being exhibited seem to be rubbing you the wrong way. Take heart. This can be resolved nicely.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Artistic and creative pursuits are in the stars. However, don't let those creative juices distract you from other projects of a more concrete nature which need your attention. The weekend is a good time to relax.

Trivia Test

by Linda Luckhurst

- Radio:** What do the initials P.D. stand for in the radio business?
- Capitals:** What is the capital of Maine?
- States:** What is the state flower of Maryland?
- Nations:** What is the capital of Bolivia?
- Beverage:** What is the most popular beverage in the United States?
- Movies:** Name the first X-rated motion picture to win an Oscar.
- Famous Fats:** Who was Rudolf Wanderone, Jr.?
- Ships:** Name the largest U.S. battleship ever built.
- Phobias:** What is Gallophobia?
- Music:** Who recorded the April, 1973 number one hit single, "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia"?

Sports Quiz

by Allan Ornstein

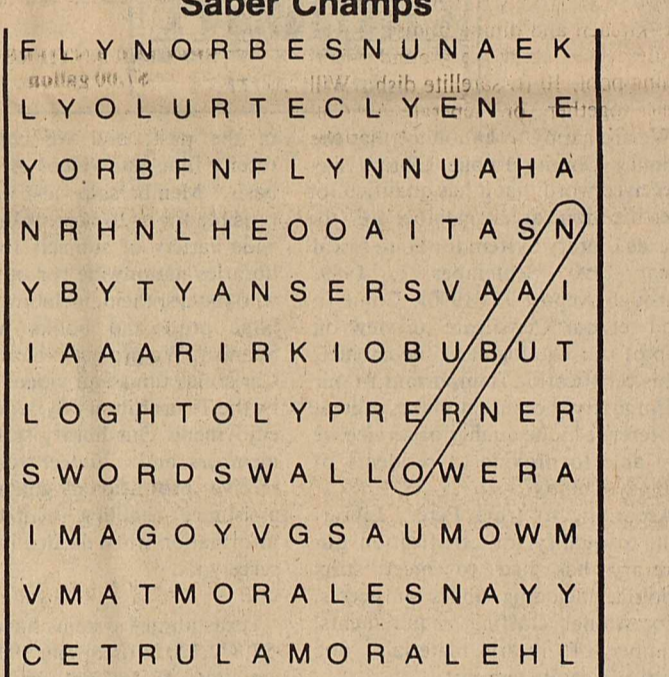
- FAMOUS NBA STARS AND THEIR UNIVERSITIES**
- What university did Boston Celtic forward Larry Bird attend?
 - What university did Charlotte Hornet forward Kelly Tripucka attend?
 - What university did Chicago Bull guard Michael Jordan attend?
 - What university did Washington Bullet forward Bernard King attend?
 - What university did New York Knick guard Mark Jackson attend?
 - What university did Orlando Magic guard Reggie Theus attend?
 - What university did Houston Rocket center Akeem Olajuwon attend?
 - What university did Golden State Warrior guard Chris Mullin attend?
 - What university did L.A. Laker forward Orlando Woolridge attend?
 - What university did Denver Nugget forward Alex English attend?

Top Video Rentals

- "Working Girl" starring Melanie Griffith (CBS-Fox) Last Week: No. 2
- "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" Bob Hoskins (Touchstone) No. 1
- "Pet Sematary" Fred Gwynne (Paramount) No. 4
- "Major League" Tom Berenger (Paramount) No. 5
- "Rain Man" Tom Cruise (MGM/UA) No. 3
- "Leviathan" Peter Weller (MGM/UA) New Entry
- "Beaches" Bette Midler (Touchstone) No. 7
- "The Dream Team" Michael Keaton (MCA) No. 6
- "Her Alibi" Tom Selleck (Warner Bros.) No. 13
- "Earth Girls Are Easy" Jeff Goldblum (Vestron) No. 14
- "The Naked Gun" Leslie Nielsen (Paramount) No. 8
- "Tequila Sunrise" Mel Gibson (Warner) No. 11
- "Criminal Law" Kevin Bacon (HBO) No. 12
- "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" Alex Winter (Nelson Home Entertainment) No. 9
- "Cousins" Ted Danson (Paramount) No. 10
- "Dead-Bang" Don Johnson (Warner) New Entry
- "Lean On Me" Morgan Freeman (Warner) No. 15
- "Skin Deep" John Ritter (Media Home Ent.) No. 16
- "Scandal" John Hurt (HBO) No. 22
- "Fright Night Part II" Roddy McDowell (IVE) No. 18

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Home hints

EXTRA BED — I had an overnight guest but didn't have an extra bed, and I came up with a great idea I want to share.

I have a sofa with six loose cushions. I put a twin-size fitted sheet on the floor and laid the cushions on it in two rows of three. I pulled the sheet up tightly around the cushions, then laid another fitted sheet over the top.

My friend said it was very comfortable, even more so than her bed. Laura R., Scarsdale, N.Y.

PALETTE PAPER — I ran out of palette paper while I was in the middle of painting a landscape and had to think of something to use to put my oil paints on.

Palette paper is coated with some type of waxy surface, so I thought wax paper would work. I cut a piece about 12 inches long and taped it to a piece of cardboard. It worked so well, I decided I was going to use the wax paper from now on. It is much cheaper than a pad of palette paper and I can cut it to any size I need. Josie W., Toronto, Canada

TABLE EXTENSION — My dining room table is oval shaped with one small leaf. It is not large enough to seat up to 10 people comfortably when I have company for dinner.

I solved that problem by buying a piece of plywood, four feet by eight feet long. When I have the gang over, I put a thick pad on the table to protect it and place the plywood over it.

Answers To Trivia Test

- Program Director; 2. Augusta; 3. Black-eyed susan; 4. Sucre (legal), La Paz (de facto); 5. Milk; 6. "Midnight Cowboy" in 1969; 7. Pool hustler Minnesota Fats; 8. The Missouri; 9. Fear of anything French; 10. Vicki Lawrence

Sports Quiz Answers

- Indiana State; 2. Notre Dame; 3. North Carolina; 4. Tennessee; 5. St. John's; 6. U.N.L.V.; 7. Houston; 8. St. John's; 9. Notre Dame; 10. South Carolina

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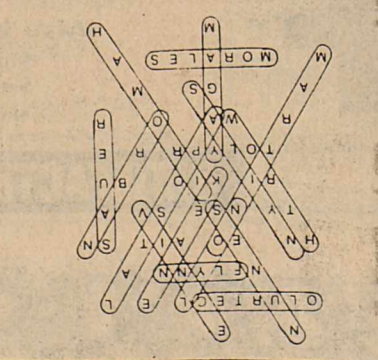
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Answers To King Crossword



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Eagle Survey Needs More Volunteers

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking volunteers to participate in the Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey conducted each year by the department in conjunction with the National Wildlife Federation.

The midwinter survey is conducted at 17 historical survey locations across the state. The survey is designed to help assess long-term trends in eagle populations in Texas. The counts are planned for the weekend of Jan. 12-14, 1990. Volunteers are needed for the following

locations: Lake Livingston, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Lake O' the Pines, Wright Patman Reservoir, Lake Conroe, Lake Texoma, Lake Fairfield, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Fork, Toledo Bend Reservoir and Lake Whitney. Law enforcement officials encourage everyone to conduct their activities under guidance of the department programs and avoid approaching the nesting birds too closely and interrupting their normal activities.

Prospective participants are asked to contact the department by Dec.

20. Interested persons should contact Catrina Martin, Nongame Resources Program, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, (512) 389-4979, or toll free 1-800-792-1112.

Letters should include the preferred survey site and day and night telephone numbers so local survey coordinators can contact volunteers.

Barnett Hits State Fishing Hole-In-One Report

by Lashawn Wardlaw
Monday, December 4th at the weekly Monday Morning Scramble at Fort Clark Springs, Patty Barnett became the first woman to hit a hole-in-one at the 9-hole golf course. This is Barnett's first Texas hole-in-one! She had her first and only one at Briarbrook in Joplin, Missouri. "I was surprised to get this one," said Barnett. Barnett is no newcomer, she has been playing for 25 years. Barnett was awarded \$50 and her name will be inscribed on a plaque at the Adult Center at Fort Clark.

AMISTAD: Water clear, 69 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on worms mostly, some topwaters early, in 10-15 feet of water in Cow Creek and Tule Canyon; striper are good to 12 pounds on topwaters or Bananahead jigs; crappie slow; white bass are fairly good in Caballo Canyon and Zorro Canyon in 10 feet of water on white or chartreuse slabs; catfish are fair to good in 50-80 feet of water on shrimp or cheese stink bait.



Bridge, Anyone?

by Dot Burrow

Praise The Lord!

St. John Baptist Church is pleased to announce that on Sunday, December 3, two new members joined our church. Mr. Theodore Alexander and Miss Monique Pierce are St. John's newest members.

Landfill Hours

The city of Brackettville's landfill (dump) will be open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except on city holidays and the hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. City Hall will be closed half day on Friday, December 22, 1989 and all day Monday, December 25, 1989 to observe Christmas.

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce

Sunday, December 10, five tables were in play at Duplicate Bridge, with Birdie Ward as director. Winning at North-South were Roy and Lue Gibbens of Camp Wood, with second place going to Flo Stafford and Helen Lynch. Dick and Ruby Mountain were tops at East-West, followed by Ann Hibler and Alice Seargeant.

Six and one half tables played in the Sabre room on Tuesday evening, December 12. Betty Inman and Ann Hibler scored highest at North-South. Second place went to Eileen Voracek and Ben Pingenot. Anita Korbel of Del Rio and Tina Bauguess won at East-West. Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder took the second spot.



Sunday, Dec. 17 - 1:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Sabre room
Monday, Dec. 18 - 8:00 p.m. A-A Sator Hall, James St.
Monday, Dec. 18 - 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 19 - 7:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Sabre room
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Location: Middle Rio Grande Development Council Central Office in Carrizo Springs, Texas.
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If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Wisconsin
Secretly you've always wanted to be? A Model
If you could change anything about Brackettville, what would it be? School Policies
In one word describe yourself - Funny

Julie Maria Lopez

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In these hectic days of murders, robberies and rape, the Associated Press offers some good advice to us all, young and old, on how to guard against many unpleasant situations that we might be able to avoid. 1)

Don't walk alone, go with a friend or a group. 2) Don't carry a pocketbook, or if you must, carry only as much money as you can afford to lose. 3) Don't put your keys in a pocketbook, it's stolen, the thief has entry to your home. 4) Don't enter an elevator with a stranger. 5) Don't open your door if a stranger is nearby. Many robberies occur when a door is opened and someone pushes in from behind. 6) Don't panic, if someone only wants your pocketbook, give it up, most thieves only want money. 7) Don't keep money at home, some thieves think every older person keeps a pot of gold. 8) Vary your daily routine, muggers watch for patterns of behavior. 9) Know your neighbors, build up a network of people who watch out for each other. 10) Report suspicious persons in your neighborhood, or in your building. 11) Report all crimes you

see to the police. In short, don't be a target. People attack the elderly because it's easy, so lets make it difficult for them.

Sometime this month you're entitled to a "Day Off." Here's a little poem by a dear friend of mine I'd like to share with you, called "Day Off."

The dishes are all piled high in the sink, the garbage pail's filled to overflowing, the hamper is stuffed right up to the brim, and the carpets all seem to need mowing, the dust is as high as a chipmunk's chin, the den's a disaster zone, the upstairs smells like a hive of sin (who dropped the eau de cologne.) The breadbox is empty, the ashtrays are full. There's a gift from the dog in the hall. The bathtub is a swamp, the kids all missed school, and dinner's a hard frozen ball. Yesterday's paper is all over the house, (the dog decided to chew it.) What does a housewife do all day long? Well I got news for you, today I didn't do it!

Time to get serious, and get to the recipes! When I was making fiesta costumes back in the 60's and

working 12-14 hrs. a day, one of my helpers surprised us with this casserole for lunch, it was delicious.

Chicken and Broccoli Bake
3 cups diced cooked chicken
both light and dark
2 cups dairy sour cream
1 package onion soup mix
2 packages frozen broccoli, cooked

Mix the sour cream and the onion soup until smooth and completely blended. Put half the broccoli in the bottom of a buttered casserole. Dot this with spoonful of the sour cream mixture. Sprinkle half of the cooked chicken over the broccoli and cream; dot the chicken with spoonful of the sour cream and then add another layer of broccoli: again dot with some of the sour cream. Whip the whipping cream until it stands in peaks. Carefully fold in the remainder of the cream-onion soup mixture.

Spread this over the top of the casserole. Sprinkle with cheese. Dust with paprika over the top. Place in a 325 degree oven for 30 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and

bubbly. Serve piping hot. I made a tuna casserole last week, and it, like so many other recipes I try got thumbs down from the testers. I served oven fries with it, and they were a hit. They were easy to do, something the kids could make safely for a snack.

Oven Fries
4 or 5 large potatoes
3 Tbs. salad oil
salt and pepper, if desired.

Wash potatoes, leave the skins on - that's where the vitamins are. Cut into lengths, finger width, and put into a bowl. Add oil and toss. Lay potatoe strips on a piece of foil on cookie sheets and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

Here's a good thought: Marriage is an institution held together by three books - The Good book - The Cookbook - and the Check book.

Have a safe and happy week. Don't forget your Hug.

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by Dorothy Payne

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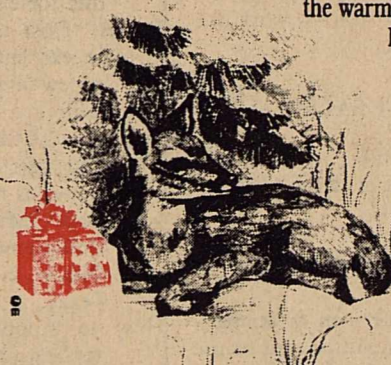
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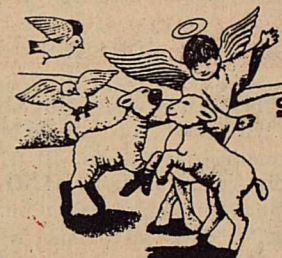
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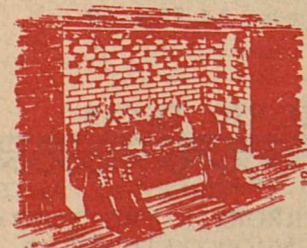
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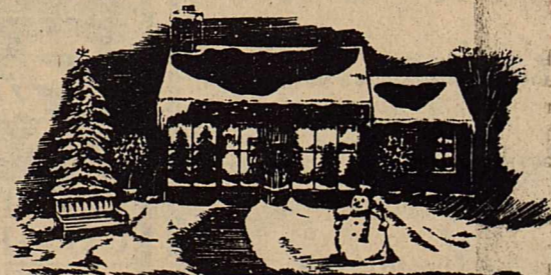
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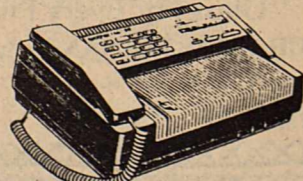
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