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

I Was At Pearl Harbor

By Lt. Cmd. (Ret) Tom Powell

Fifty years ago on December 7, I was aboard the light cruiser, USS Helena, moored port side to 10 - 10 Dock in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard with the USS Oglala, an ancient minelayer, moored to our starboard side.

When the general alarm sounded and the word was passed, "Enemy aircraft are bombing Ford Island," (Ford Island is an island inside Pearl Harbor containing the naval air station), I was just getting out of my bunk in the C.P.O. Quarters.

At the time my feet hit the deck, it seemed to rise about two feet, and I said to myself, "Bombing Ford Island...somebody didn't get the word and he's bombing us."

As I dashed to my battle station in the forward anti-aircraft control station, high above the bridge, Zeros were darting in and out among the ships and over the navy yard strafing randomly.

From Sky Forward we had an eagle-eye view of the situation. The sky was rapidly becoming dark from the black smoke rising from the burning fuel oil which completely surrounded the battleships just across the channel from us. The Oklahoma was rolling over, and the Arizona disintegrated when her forward magazines blew. The Nevada was steaming past en-route out while being bombed and strafed. Fearing that she would be sunk and blockade the channel entrance, she was ordered beached by Admiral Kimmel. The Naval Air Station and Hickam Army Air Base were in shambles with hangars and air-planes in flames.

It was about this time I found out that we had been torpedoed rather than bombed. Being in the berth normally occupied by the USS Pennsylvania, flagship of the Pacific Fleet, the torpedo was set to run deep to hit below the battleship's armor plate. The torpedo passed under the Oglala, and hit our forward engine room. The blast blew a hole in the Oglala's bottom, and she started to settle to the bottom alongside. Fast work on the part of a couple of harbor tugs managed to push her astern of us where she did sink; however, we were not now blocked from getting underway.

Because of the close range of the enemy aircraft our 5" AA guns were in local control; so we in the control station were just spectators. The 5" mounts and the automatic weapons expended a tremendous amount of ammunition. About 9:30 a.m., a



Tom Powell

Lt. Commander (Ret.) Tom Powell is a native of Wisconsin but attended Brackenridge High School, San Antonio. In June of 1932, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy at San Antonio.

He was a Chief Firecontrolman, USS Helena, moored at Pearl Har-

squadron of enemy dive bombers was sighted coming straight down over the drydock directly ahead of us. We immediately shifted the 5" battery to director control and took them under fire at about 15,000 feet. They came right through our barrage and each plane dropped two bombs which could be plainly seen as they fell toward us; most landed in the drydock occupied by the Pennsylvania and two destroyers (Cassin and Downes). Several straddled us close aboard -- at least two landed on 10 - 10 Dock to port destroying a transformer station and blowing the sides off a concession stand. (Helena crewmen otherwise unoccupied soon had the undamaged contents of the concession stand on board; under ordinary circumstances this would have been looting, but at this point in time, who cared?)

The bombs landing to starboard fell in the water peppering the side with fragments and killing one crewman on deck. The planes pulled out of their dive and went on about their business without suffering any apparent damage.

bor on December 7, 1941.

Mr. Powell now lives at Fort Clark Springs with his wife, Charlotte.

This account is a small part of the eye-witness account he gave of Pearl Harbor when he was guest speaker at the Fort Clark Historical Society on November 23.

A day or two after the attack, the Helena entered a still unfinished dry dock. The size of the hole in our side astonished naval authorities (the torpedoes were especially designed for the Pearl Harbor operation).

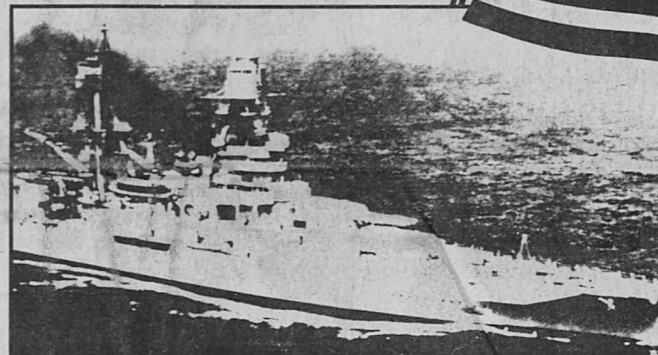
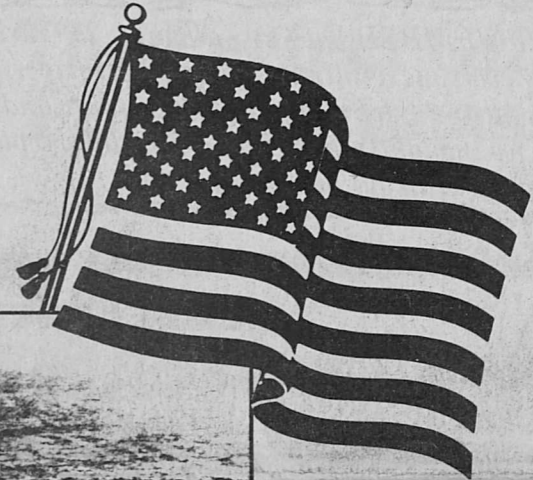
We had 36 killed and nearly 100 wounded besides losing a fire room, engine room, electrical distribution panel and reduction gears. Most of the fatalities and injuries resulted from flash burns as the torpedo's blast flared upward through the engine room hatches and then forward and aft through passageways entrapping crewmen enroute to their battle stations.

A temporary patch was welded over the hole in the side, and we returned to Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California for approximately six months of repair work and modernization to include the installation of the latest in automatic weapons and radar equipment.

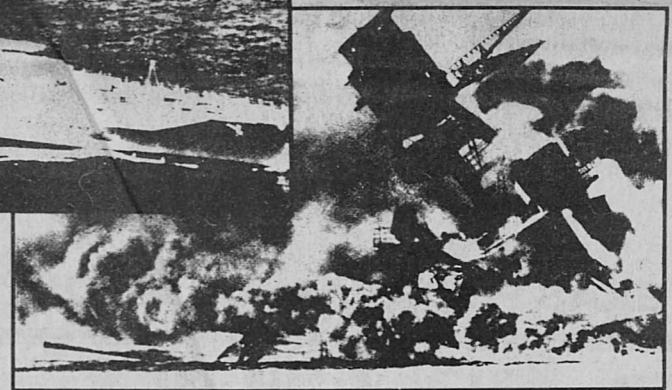
In late July we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge for the Southwest Pacific Area and operations in the Solomon Islands.

50TH Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day

December 7, 1941 - December 7, 1991



U.S.S. Arizona



Remembered December 7, 1991, Fort Clark, Texas.

Troopers Return To Fort Clark For Pearl Harbor Anniversary

Col. McMains To Speak At 9 A.M. Flag Raising Ceremony

"Fort Clark Before And After Pearl Harbor"

Topic For Richard Thompson

Columbia Pilot Shows Slides

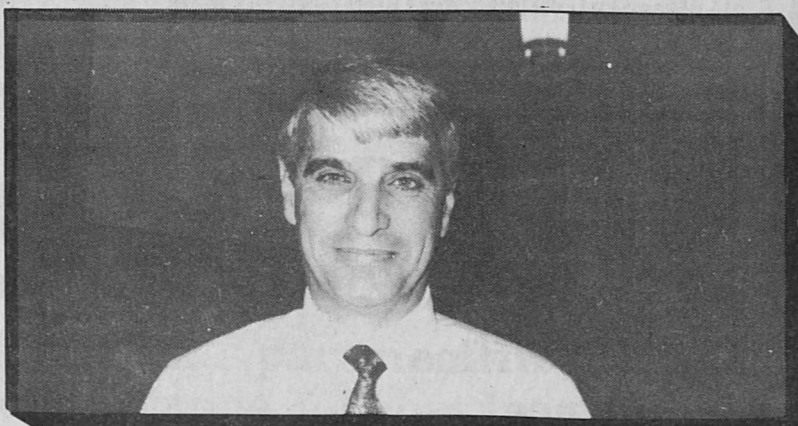
Saturday night, November 30, Lt. Col. Sid Gutierrez, pilot of the "Columbia" that made a space flight in June 1991 showed slides of the flight to a group of people gathered at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Lt. Col. Gutierrez came to Laughlin Air Force Base in 1973 as a student pilot trainer. He was a test pilot in the Air Force until 1984 when he was named as a NASA - Air Force Astronaut. He was in intense training for the last two years before the Columbia flight.

The Columbia flight was unique in that it was the first space ship to carry a full laboratory to test the results of space on the human body.

Lab experiments included blood pressure monitoring, lung functions, heart rates, eating abilities, and sleeping patterns.

Before take-off, it was agreed that if 50% of the planned experiments could be completed, the project would be a success. Evaluation of the results upon return revealed 110% completion since alternate experiments had been taken...doc-



Lt. Col. Sidney Gutierrez

tors were able to complete not only the first batteries but the alternates.

Many slides were shown showing the earth from the shuttle - Interstate 10 between Houston and San Antonio, Chicago, Florida, Cuba, Chesapeake Bay, The Holy Land, and the coast of Africa. The shuttle traveled three million miles orbiting the earth 124 times.

Slides included pictures of the astronauts exercising on a treadmill (tied down with bungee cords),

special bed rolls designed to prevent floating in space, and the two items that had to be rationed among themselves - Wet Wipes, and Taco Sauce.

Lt. Col. Gutierrez, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cremer of Fort Clark Springs, said he averages giving two programs a month to school groups, and other organizations, showing these same impressive slides.

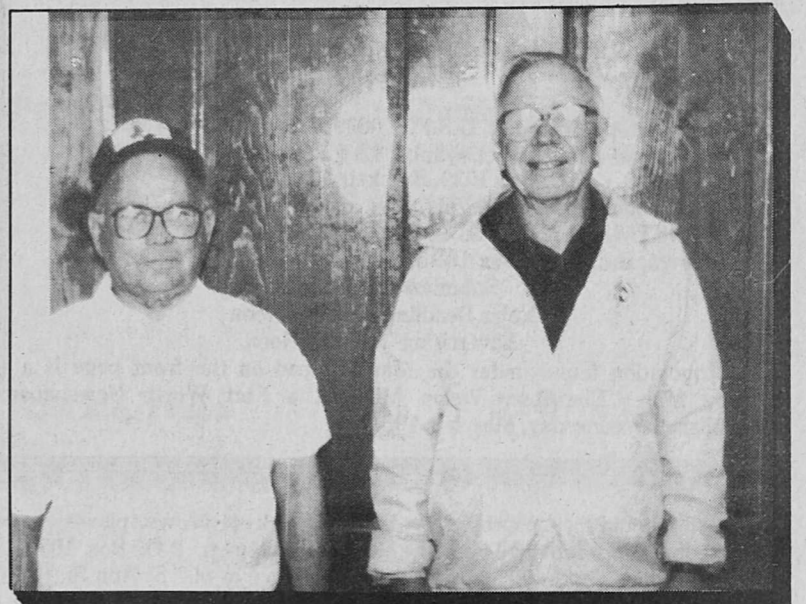
The 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be commemorated on the Fort by a gathering of the 112th Cavalry. (Sgt.) Emet Huntsman and (Sgt.) Bill Tucker, who were both stationed at Fort Clark on December 7, 1941, were in *The Brackett News* office to share the schedule for the week-end activities.

On Friday, December 6, troopers will arrive at Fort Clark, get registered into the motel or the RV Park and then meet for an evening buffet.

On Saturday morning, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. **the public is invited** to a flag raising ceremony at flagpole in front of Post Headquarters Building (just down from Town Hall). The Eagle Pass High School ROTC Unit led by Sgt. Richard Ray will serve as the color guard.

Col. D. M. McMains will be the guest speaker.

At a private luncheon at Las Moras Restaurant Richard Thom-



Bill Tucker, Emet Huntsman

pson will speak on "Fort Clark Before and After Pearl Harbor."

The afternoon will provide the opportunity to renew friendships.

Sunday morning, December 8, at 11:00 a.m. a special worship service will be held at the Frontier Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Townsend bringing the message.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Routine criminal investigations and domestic disputes have kept us busy this past week with the two primary investigations involving a stolen saddle from the Bill Moody "Rancho Rio Grande" in deep south Kinney County, and a stolen vehicle reported taken from a ranch in north Kinney County following a domestic dispute between two Real County residents that "spilled" over into this county.

John Kincaid, foreman of the sprawling Rancho Rio Grande, called in on November 21st to report the theft of a saddle from the ranch valued at an estimated \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. We were assisted at the scene by local Border Patrol Agent Gene Meeks and Game Warden Dennis Gazaway. There was no strong evidence at the scene to indicate the crime was committed by illegal aliens from Mexico as first speculated, and it is now believed that the crime was committed by one or more suspects from this side of the border who knew "the lay of the land" so to speak.

The investigation continues at the time of this writing and we have enlisted the assistance of the Maverick County Sheriff's Department and officers of the Southwestern Texas Cattle Raisers Association in our attempts to track down the saddle, and the suspects.

The stolen vehicle involved a 1978 Toyota pickup taken from a north Kinney County ranch as a result of a domestic dispute that led to the arrest of the wife on outstanding criminal warrants out of Travis County. The husband, who stole the pickup, was fortunate in that the wife declined to press charges on him after the vehicle was located and recovered. Love is blind they say.

A recent crime information bulletin reported the death of a Deputy U. S. Marshal who died as a result of gunshot wounds received while he and a partner were transporting two prisoners from a Michigan prison to a Minnesota prison. Although both prisoners

were shackled with belly chains and handcuffs, one managed to free himself and throw a jacket over the head of the partner.

The victim officer, who was driving, braked the vehicle throwing the prisoner into the front seat. During this time, the second prisoner gained possession of the partners .357 Magnum revolver and fired four rounds. Two rounds struck the prisoner in the leg and chin, one round hit the victim deputy in neck, and one round hit the partner in the chest. The vehicle came to a stop and victim and partner were thrown from the vehicle and the prisoners fled the scene but were apprehended later.

Both suspects, males ages 40 & 44, received 71 and 67 year sentences respectively on combined charges of assault and escape including original charges of bank robbery.

That's All

WAIT A SECOND - SOMEBODY MISPELLED CUOMO

Straw Poll '92

TSONGAS 9%
CLINTON 7%
KERREY 5%
WILDER 3%
HARKIN 3%
BROWN 1%
UNDECIDED 72%

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

It's amazing how some people bow to the ridiculous demands of racists. We have been on a binge of bowing and scraping to every cry of foul by loud mouthed racists. Many politicians can't hear the majority of people nor think clearly and act responsibly because their thinking and many times their integrity is drowned out by the racists bellowing. We wonder why we have problems in the field of education. Comes one prime example from a school in San Antonio. Jefferson Davis School has worn the name for many, many years. Now, come some rabid students (71 of hundreds) who feel "offended" going to school at a school named for the President of the Confederacy. The superintendent proved himself to be a full blown whimp, decided to change the name. He chose to follow in the staggering steps of another whimp who chose to no longer allow a school to use the Confederate Flag as logo. The spineless school board agreed to change the name. The name selected was S. J. Davis. Mr. Davis is a very creditable man with a distinguished record as a black as demanded by the racist babble. Now it turns out that the S. J. of Davis is Stonewall Jackson. Stonewall Jackson was probably the most outstanding general of the Confederacy. He was bold, courageous, capable and fierce as a General in the field. How long will it be before the racists will cry out and demand another name change? Society, legislators and judges have so long marched in lock step to the demands of the racists, it will be hard to develop people to stand for common sense and turn the situation around. David Duke is the harbinger of events to come. Any thinking person despises racism with a passion whether it be manifest by white, black, brown, or red. No thinking person would ever believe race relations can be helped by succumbing to ridiculous demands by a loud hue and cry from a group of pompous, rabid crusaders. Were these students to put as much effort and thought into getting an education, they would profit more. Were the principal of the school to be involved in trying to reach a higher level of learning in the students more than catering to the whims of 71 agitators, he, the students, and the tax payers would be better served. As long as such misplaced and petty factors as names and logos occupy the minds of educators and students there is little hope of improving learning.

Big Mama Sez!



History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

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.

MEMBER 1991

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National Drunk Drugged Driving Awareness Week

By DORTHY PAYNE Brackett News Writer

December 10 - 16 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. The following is how to be a good host and hostess:
 1. Offer soft drinks - one third of the adult population chooses not to drink at all, and when someone says "no thanks," don't push it.
 2. Give more than a drink - introduce people who don't drink to each other, start a conversation. A host or hostess is not just a bartender.
 3. Don't rush refills - wait until the glass is empty before you offer another drink.
 4. Don't double up - a lot of people count their drinks, but if you serve doubles, they'll be drinking twice as much as they can handle.
 5. Keep 'em nibbling - not just later on, but while your guests are drinking. It slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the blood stream.
 6. Dinner is served - if you are going to serve dinner, do it before it's too late.

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 *Letters containing libelous material will be rejected.
 *Letters may be hand-delivered, or addressed to The Editor, The Brackett News, P. O. Box 1039, Brackettville TX 78832.

Days Past

by Dorothy Payne

December 21, 1620 - After exploring the coast since their arrival in the New World on November 9, the Pilgrims chose to settle at Plymouth and began to disembark. Santa Fe, New Mexico was a village of 50 residents at that time.
December 21, 1753 - Washington reached the French fort of LeBoeuf in the Ohio Territory and told the commander that Virginia demanded immediate French departure; the French refused. When Washington returned the next year to Virginia, Dinwiddie published the surveyor's journal, which included the French admission that it was their absolute design to take possession of the Ohio, and by G..., they would do it.
December 2, 1761 - Lord Egremont, the English Secretary of State, issued a declaration requiring royal approval of all land grants in Indian Territory; the proclamation was not strictly enforced.
December, 1767 - Daniel Boone made his first trip beyond the Appalachian Mountains along the Virginia - Kentucky frontier.
December, 1773 - The Boston Tea Party exacerbated the growing conflict between the British and North American colonies.
December 14, 1769 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon at age 67 after an illustrious career which began when, as a young surveyor, he explored and surveyed the Ohio Territory in 1752.
December 5, 1801 - American Ambassador to France Robert R. Livingston met French Foreign Minister Talleyrand for the first time. Talleyrand denied what had by now become common knowledge - that a secret treaty had provided for France to take Louisiana.
December 20, 1803 - The French Prefect de Laussat turns over New Orleans and Lower Louisiana to U. S. government representatives William C. Claiborne and James Wilkinson.
December 7, 1805 - The Lewis and Clark Expedition settled in for winter and built Fort Clatsop in present day Oregon. The winter was spent collecting data and mapping.
December 3, 1818 - Illinois became the twenty-first state in the Union. Illinois population was 40,000. Slavery was prohibited in Illinois.

Third Annual Community Christmas Project

Last year community organizations, churches, clubs, businesses, and individuals joined together to provide 96 baskets of food to needy families in Kinney County, and 135 children received Christmas toys.

It was done by working together, and you are again invited to participate with food products, toys and/or cash. Together, we can make a miracle again this year in the lives of our Community's needy.

Herb Voracek, 512-563-9400
Brackettville Lions Club Coordinator

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Kinney County Area

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City	563-2412
CP&L Electric	563-2325
Rio Grande Electric	563-2444
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Fire Department	563-2233
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Grandma's Kitchen

By Grandma



When I was a kid I took for granted those tiny Burma Shave signs and thought they were a permanent fixture.

Back in the early 20s the Burma-Vita Company was a young family business. Its assets were almost invisible; it made a liniment called Burma-Vita. Then, a young company chemist named Carl Noren developed a successful brushless shaving compound, and the rest is history.

The shaving industry has never been the same since.

The company had little money for advertising. The ads it did run seemed to be driving customers away. Then the oldest son of the founder hit in desperation on the idea of putting sets of signs along the highway. He asked his dad for \$200 to give it a try, and his dad said, "We're going busted anyway. You might as well finish the job."

He bought several hundred boards, painted slogans on them, and erected them in farmers' fields along the 100 mile road from Minneapolis to Albert Lea.

Cheer up, face, the war is over...Burma Shave," said the first sign. None of the early signs rhymed but their genial tone appealed to motorists immediately and sales multiplied.

So, needless to say, did the signs. Eventually they reached every state except the few where traffic was considered too sparse.

In 1927, they began to rhyme the shaving cream jingles thus fixing them in their immortal shape. "The wolf - who longs - to roam and howl - should shave before - he starts to howl...Burma Shave."

They ran out of ideas, so they even held a contest to find fresh jingles.

World War II stopped the replacing of signs, but in 1945 new jingles went up, proof that rationing was over and the world was no longer in disarray.

There was never a thought of trying a different kind of campaign: the firm was grossing three million dollars a year, and the jingles were behind it all.

However, in 1963, Philip Morris bought the Burma-Vita Company and decided it was too costly to maintain the signs. They said, "Motorists now drive too fast to read such signs."

Vast stretches of one highway now began to look alike. Cities merged into suburbs, suburbs into other suburbs, and the roadside took on a new pattern - gas stations and used car lots, motels and model homes, diners and billboards, and neon signs, souvenir stands and identical housing developments.

So, when we sigh for the Burma-Shave jingles, it's not for what's left our landscapes but for something that left ourselves. We sigh for a time when the road was full of surprises, and so was the car that jogged along it.

Here's a couple you might remember: "Altha - we've sold - six million others - we still can't sell - those coughdrop brothers - Burma-Shave." "If you - - don't know - whose signs - these are - you can't have - driven very far - Burma-Shave." "Goodbye, Burma-Shave - Super highways, super speed, people have, no time to read." That sure sums it up.

I know everybody is busy getting ready for Christmas, all the more reason to take time out and make a good for you snack.

CRUNCHY GRANOLA BARS

- ¾ cup margarine
- ½ cup brown sugar firmly packed
- 2 Tbs. honey
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 Tea. vanilla extract
- 9 shredded wheat biscuits rolled into fine crumbs
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375°. In large saucepan, over low heat, melt margarine, brown sugar and honey, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, let cool 5 minutes. Stir in beaten egg and vanilla. Add shredded wheat crumbs, walnuts and raisins, stir until well combined. Spread in 13x9x2 inch pan, bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes, while still warm cut into bars.

Everybody loves Burritos, if they're filled really full of spicy beef and beans. Make these. I keep a few in the freezer for a quick, easy meal. Here's my recipe for a fantastic filling.

BURRITOS

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can (16 oz) refried beans
- ¾ cup enchilada sauce
- ¼ cup water
- 3 Tbs. minced onion
- 1½ Tbs. chili powder
- ½ Tbs. garlic powder
- ¾ Tea. salt
- ½ Tea. each, ground oregano, coriander
- 6 (10 in) flour tortillas

In a large skillet brown beef until it loses its redness, drain well, blend in remaining ingredients, except tortillas. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until most of the moisture is absorbed. Meanwhile, wrap tortillas tightly in foil, warm at 250° 10 to 20 minutes. Divide meat mixture equally among the tortillas. Fold up sides, then fold up ends, top with salsa if desired.

Thought for the week: There's only a slight difference between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out, but, the difference is well worth knowing.

Be careful out there, and have a safe week.

Big Hugs and Love,
Grandma

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beginning December 1, 1991, all "THANK YOU" messages will be charged for at Classified Rates payable in advance.

Library Notes



Thought for the week: Wealth consists not in having great possessions but in having few wants. Epicurus.

We thank the Junior 4-H girls who baked the wonderful cookies and delivered them while they were still warm.

Big thanks go to those who contributed to our library: E. E. Anderson for Jerry Clower's book *Ain't God Good*; Richard Mountain and Marilyn for their current magazines, and to our anonymous donor.

The Brackett News donated 8" x 10" blowups made of the ground breaking ceremony. Thoughtfulness and constant support of the library makes them very special persons in our eyes.

During November 1,282 patrons visited the library. Twenty-three cards were issued bringing the total to 1,620 which is 52 % of the county's population. Books checked out - 1,282; videos checked out - 213.

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

Kinney County Library
Staff and Volunteers



Bridge Anyone

by Dot Burrow

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met November 26th with 5½ tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

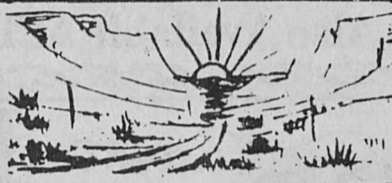
Coming in first North/South was Rozetta Pingnot and Tina Bauguess with Lamont and Marie McCandless coming in a close second.

In the East/West direction, Carol Benefield and Molly Schroeder won first with Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould coming in second.

On December 1st, Ben and Rozetta Pingnot won first with Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford second in a game of Howell with 3½ tables in play.

Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Las Vegas, New Mexico, is sixty miles or so across the Sangre de Cristo Mountains from Santa Fe. Las Vegas was in the right place at the right time and became one of the important cities in New Mexico.

It was a sleepy little village on the Santa Fe Trail before it became a convenient stopping place for travelers. By 1846 it had grown so much General Stephen W. Kearny thought it was the best place to announce the take over of the New Mexico and Arizona territories by the United States. For a few weeks it was the capitol of the territories until the capitol was moved to Santa Fe. Naturally, there were protests against the takeover, mostly from the Indians who had never believed that Spain or Mexico had ever owned the land.

By 1864, Las Vegas had become a great trading center, with more and more wagon trains coming and going on the Santa Fe Trail. The establishing of Fort Union, a few miles away cinched the rapid growth of the town.

The deBaca family owned 20,000 sheep, more than 100 cows and oxen and lived in a beautiful hacienda. The descendants of the family were among my friends when I lived in Las Vegas, and they showed me records dating back hundreds of years.

Six miles west of town the famous hot springs of Montezuma were located. This spa was known all over the world. The hotel there was burned in 1884 and replaced with a new one.

William Allen White, a famous writer from Kansas and known as

the "Sage of Emporia" spent his honeymoon at the hotel in 1893. There was a quarter of a mile of porches, the rates were \$10.00 for two. After 1900 the Montezuma was closed. Later it became a Baptist College, then a seminary for Mexican priests. The World College occupied the resort when I lived in Las Vegas. One of five World Colleges, it was dedicated at its opening by Prince Charles of England in an elaborate ceremony.

Las Vegas was the shops and yard for the Atkinson, Topeka, and the Santa Fe. There were three scouring mills in Las Vegas. The city was the largest wool-shipping point in the state.

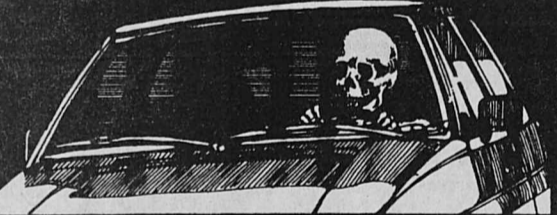
Customers would haul fruit to market in the Mora area, trade it for wheat and bring it to be ground in Las Vegas. No money was involved but it was a fair trade.

One of the celebrated Harvey Houses was built there. Passengers on the Santa Fe always stopped at the Harvey House for dinner.

On July 4, 1912, the heavy weight boxing championship bout between Jack Johnson and Jim ("The Pueblo Fireman") Flynn was scheduled to be fought in Las Vegas. Before the event, New Mexico Governor W.C. McDonald stopped proceedings. On July 25, he decided to let them fight. At the fight, Johnson had the upper hand for nine rounds when the bout was stopped. Everyone lost money because only 5,000 people showed up, 13,000 had been counted on.

Tom Mix made many movies in Las Vegas. Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders held their first reunion in Las Vegas.

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Don't Drink and Drive!
The Brackett News

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Christmas At The Fort ... December 7

By **TERESA S. PLUMMER**
FCS Public Relations

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will present *Christmas At The Fort* Saturday, December 7, 1991, at the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In appreciation for the support of the Brackettville and Fort Clark communities, the Old Quarry Society will present this Christmas program free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas At The Fort will feature singing, dancing, Christmas Carols, and a Christmas story! A member of *The Voices* will perform a solo. Also, local children and teenagers from Brackettville and Fort Clark are on the entertainment agenda. The program will conclude with *A Christmas Story* by Charles Ingram. Everyone is welcome. Since seating is limited, be sure to arrive early. Come join the Old Quarry Society for some Christmas cheer.

Southwest Texas Genealogical Society

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will hold its quarterly meeting Saturday, December 7, at The Kincaid Restaurant. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the topic of the program will be lineage societies.

Helen Lloyd will represent the Mayflower Society, whose members have an ancestor on the passenger list of the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower.

Joann Cox Davis of Utopia will speak on the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Davis will have printed material to give to anyone interested in this society.

Clarence Bell of San Antonio will give a presentation on the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Bell is a charter member of the South-

west Texas Genealogical Society.

Emmalee Carruthers of Crystal City will give a presentation on the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Lineage societies have made a tremendous contribution to the preservation of our history. Large libraries have been assembled by over 200 lineage societies throughout the United States that contain historical and genealogical information. Many of these libraries are available for public use.

Anyone interested, whether a member of SWTGS or not, is invited to attend. There will be an \$8.00 registration fee which includes lunch.

Contact Hannah Castellaw, 201 W. Oppenheimer, Uvalde TX 78801, 512-278-5454.



Querecho Hunters

Each year during the fall, most everyone around Querecho Flats is busy getting ready for the annual deer hunt. This is a tradition that has taken effect on just about everyone that has ever lived there.

But as in any great society, there is always some uneducated idiot that wants to not only change tradition, they actually want to stop it.

Hunting has been a way of supplying food for most of the families in Querecho Flats. But for the most part, that was in the past.

Now if you look at hunting as a source of food, you could save money by going to the store and buying meat. After you figure the cost of the license, time off from work, fuel, refreshments, and the cost of camping gear, store bought meat is cheaper. It's not near as good, but it is cheaper.

I have been a hunter since I was 11 years old, and I expect my kids to teach their kids to hunt. I still hunt for meat, but not nearly as hard as I used to. I wasn't all that crazy about deer season this year, and I did not count for sure why.

I had bought my general hunting and fishing license complete with trout stamp and BLM user stamp just like I had done since I was 14. I used my fishing license pretty hard, but I just couldn't get all that excited about a hunt this year.

Then one day I figured out just why I was avoiding the anticipation of the hunt.

I was over at Karl's Konstant Kitchen drinking some coffee with some of the welders when Louise Yankee came in.

I have to tell you, this woman is 3 points dumber than a box of bowling balls, and about as ugly as a wind eroded adobe wall. But she was from New Hampshire and she thought she knew the solution to all the world problems.

She is an animal rightist, a tree hugger, a women's libber, and a complete idiot. She is also a member of the Querecho Flats Quilting Quorum as well as a major voice in the Church of The Better Than Thou and Pert-Near Perfect People. She works for the Gritty Oil Company as a secretary and in the 3 years she has lived here in Querecho Flats, she has created more hate and discontent than I have.

One of the welders mentioned that he was going to hunt the sand country this year, and she heard 'im. I started to leave just to avoid the wreck, but then I figured that was my main problem. Instead of trying to educate this idiot I was avoiding her in order to try and keep peace (that's not usually my style)

She walked over to us and started in on the points of murdering all those lovely wild animals and how they had the right to live just as we had the right to live. And someday she would be able to prevent us from teaching our children to murder creatures of the wild.

That's when I got in on it.

I don't mind listening to some that disagrees with me if they have a valid argument, but to listen to some air headed old bat that doesn't have any idea as to what she's talking about really puts me in a bad mood. And I took to her with a vengeance.

DECEMBER

By **DORTHY PAYNE**
Brackett News Writer

December is the twelfth and last month in the Gregorian Calendar. It was the tenth month in the ancient Roman calendar, and its name comes from the Latin word "decem," meaning ten.

December is a month of happy traditions, including Christmas. In the United States, the last hours of December constitute New Year's Eve, a time of merrymaking for adults and watch night parties for young people.

The poinsettia has come to be the flower that is symbolic of December. Holly and mistletoe are also special December floral decorations used at Christmas time.

December has two birthstones. They are the turquoise and the zircon.

Merchant Marine Veterans Sought

A New York organization is trying to compile a list of surviving Merchant Marine seamen from World War II.

Survivors may contact the organization by writing Combat Merchant Mariners WWII, 14 Castle Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977, or by calling 914-623-8484.

I asked her if she had ever seen anything starving to death? Then I asked her if she had ever seen the results of inbreeding caused by over population? Then I asked her if she had any idea as to the population of the deer, elk, antelope, mountain sheep and mountain lion not to mention the bear population as well as the turkey population as compared to the late 1800s. There is a lot of people that go out in the wilds to kill all kinds of wild animals, but only about 40% manage to kill something. And for that reason there is something there to hunt the next year. The money from the licenses helps to pay the salary of a lot of people that see to it there is a hunting season next year.

Then I blew plumb up (I was on a roll). I asked her if she had ever noticed that all the kids around Querecho Flats all hunted and they all had some kind of respect for the rights of others as well as respect for the animals they were around, and that her little darlings had been in trouble ever since they moved there because of their lack of respect for anything man or beast. And I mentioned that should she try and teach her kids as well as her self some manners, even if it didn't involve hunting she just might become a better person.

She made a break for the door, but Lynn, Karl and Ves got 'er stopped. They informed her that she was gonna listen for a change and to sit down or stand up but she wasn't leaving till I was thru with 'er.

She chose to stand.

Then I asked her just how much money her and her little group of uneducated perverts had donated to help preserve wild life of any kind. She didn't know. I asked her how much money they had collected from the people by telling lies about the mistreatment of animals. She had a rough idea of about 150,000 dollars just that year, but she just wasn't sure. I told her the money must be going for wages for their leaders cause it sure as hell wasn't going to benefit the wild life.

I mentioned that the next time she accused me of murder in any form that woman or not I would do everything I could to knock her stupid head off. I was mad and I was very loud. It's not anything to be really proud of, but it happened, and I was glad to get my feelings out in the open.

That night as I was checking my gun and camping gear out, her husband came to the door. I figured I was gonna have to fight the man. I flat out didn't want to. But I wasn't going to apologize know matter what. It worked out pretty good.

He told me that the chewing out I gave her may not have helped her thinking about hunting much, but it had made her think some, and she was plumb quiet. In fact he hadn't seen her this quiet since she had that really bad sore throat about 6 years ago. He wasn't real pleased about the way I had screamed at her in public but it had it's merits. And the reason he was there was to see if I would try and see her at least every other week and give her the same treatment.

Then, he just turned around and left. I guess all anti-hunters aren't bad.

Famous People

Born In December

By **DORTHY PAYNE**
Brackett News Staff Writer

George Richards Minot

December 2, 1885 - Birthday of George Richards Minot, American physician and hematologist who made important discoveries with William Perry Murphy on the control of pernicious anemia; a corecipient of the 1935 Nobel prize in medicine.

Walt Disney

December 5, 1901 - Birthday of Walt Disney, American motion picture and television producer; pioneer in the creation of animated motion picture cartoons; creator of such cartoon characters as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck; organizer of the first Disneyland in 1955.

Eli Whitney

December 8, 1765 - Birthdate of Eli Whitney, American inventor and manufacturer who invented the cotton gin. He was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in 1900.



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Bandera Downs

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The Best of Class Championship Series featuring six races with more than \$30,000 in purse money were also highlighted on closing day. The point leaders in each Best of Class

claiming division matched strides providing some of the most competitive fields ever assembled at Bandera Downs. The most impressive win of the day came in the sixth race when R. T. Smith's I Sena Bug won his seventh consecutive race of the 1991 season while speeding 400 yards in a super-quick :19.95.

Despite inclement weather, Bandera Downs closed the 1991 season with a crowd of over 2300 who wagered an impressive \$335,754 on the ten race card for a per capita of \$140.65. Total three day - Friday, Saturday, Sunday - attendance 7,819.

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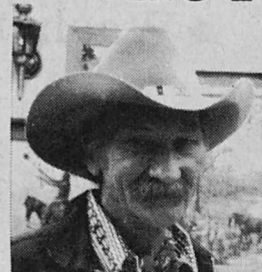
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A Date That Will Live In Infamy December 7, 1941

W. J. Loyer
VA Office of Public Affairs

"Air raid, Pearl Harbor -- this is no drill." Rear Adm. Patrick N. L. Bellinger's message from Pearl Harbor shocked the United States. A numbed public faced an awful reality.

The dean of American historians (later Rear Adm. USNR) Samuel E. Morison described the conflagration of December 7 (1941): "The Sabbath calm was rudely broken by the sharp barking of five-inch anti-aircraft guns and the nervous chatter of machine guns. Colors were raised defiantly and the Battle of Pearl Harbor was on. In one split second, the United States passed from a precarious neutrality to fullfledged belligerency; December 7 was the first of 1351 days of war."

The Japanese Fleet Air Arm launched its first attack at 7:50 a.m., headed for Battleship Row, Kaneohe Naval Air Station and the Army Air Force at Hickam and Wheeler Fields. Bellows Field, Naval Aviation on Ford Island, and Ewa Marine Corps Air Station were also beaten up. Army anti-aircraft batteries were impotent: guns were without crews and ammunition. Only Haliewa Field escaped.

But in the face of catastrophe individual heroism ran high: a Hickam chaplain, preparing for outdoor mass, grabbed a nearby machinegun, mounted it on the altar and opened fire; Chief Boatswain's Mate Jansen maneuvered his garbage scow to fight the West Virginia's fires; Arizona's survivors manned the Nevada's guns.

All was chaos and confusion. Then at 8:30 a.m., out of the maelstrom, out of the acrid smoke and searing flame, steamed Nevada, in full flight, breaking for the channel and the open sea.

Lt. Cmdr. Francis J. Thomas, USNR, senior officer present, had taken charge to save her from her sisters' fate. Admiral Block, fearing Nevada sinking in the channel, ordered her to anchor, but as Nevada was about to drop the hook, a bomb ripped open her forecastle, killing the anchoring party. Historian Gordon Prange, the foremost chronicler of that day, wrote that she then "Slid onto the mud of Hospital Point, her superstructure wrecked, a hole in her bow, her torn flag rippling defiance."

As Pearl became the abode of the damned, Hickam Field was being turned into an inferno. Parked wingtip to wingtip, Hickam's bombers were an easy target.

Wheeler Field, Morison wrote, "was the next stop on the Jap bombing express." Over base commander Col. William Flood's objection, pursuit planes were parked in neat rows, a defense against "sabotage"; they were pounded into scrap. The flight line was a sea of burning gasoline and air machines. There was no anti-aircraft protection, no air raid shelter. Amazingly, four P-40s and two P-36s were airborne a half hour after the first attack, managing to fly 25 sorties. At 8:50 a.m., four P-36s out of Wheeler's 46th Pursuit Squadron took off, flew over Bellows, and battled nine Japanese aircraft. Against odds, the P-36s downed two of them but lost one of their own, Lt. Gordon Sterling.

The second attack at 9 a.m. took Bellows Field out of action. By the miracle of a short warning, three P-40s were "go" by 8:55 a.m. Of the three pilots, one was killed getting into his plane, the other shortly after takeoff. The third crashed into the sea but swam ashore despite a leg wound.

Haliewa scraped through thanks to the sheer audacity of its defenders. Two of them, Lieutenants George Welch and Kenneth Taylor, were still playing poker at Wheeler when the bombing started. Telephoning the field to ready their P-40s, they raced to Hawaii in Taylor's car, scrambled into their planes and took off.

By 10 a.m., the fight was over. With a loss of only 23 planes, one large and one midget submarine, the Japanese had destroyed the Pacific Fleet's battle line and decimated the Army Air Corps.

Eight battleships, three light cruisers, four destroyers, and four auxiliaries were wrecked; Naval and Marine aviation were severely mauld. Of 231 Army aircraft, only 79 were capable of action.

At Hickam, hangers, maintenance operations, important administrative and engineering files were blown apart. The other fields were also in ruins. Luckily, the Pearl repair shops, power plant and tank farm were spared. And most importantly, and miraculously, the crusty Adm. "Bull" Halsey's carriers were at sea. The Pacific Fleet still had some punch!

The loss of life was appalling: 2,402 were dead, more than 1,000 wounded. Nearly 1,000 were lost when the Arizona blew up.

The Japanese had achieved their objective with one of the most successful offensives in history. East Asia and the Pacific would fall rapidly before them. The United States and her allies faced a long, bloody war.

The Japanese hadn't counted on America's resolve, nor the resilience of her military and naval services. The Army Air Corps salvaged 60 percent of its aircraft. The Navy restored the battleships Maryland, Pennsylvania, Nevada, West Virginia, California and Tennessee, along with lesser craft.

In the aftermath, conspiracy theories grew like weeds. They still do. But investigation uncovered no conspiracy, only a failure of imagination by the commanders, Adm. Husband Kimmel and Gen. Walter Short. They had failed to think the unthinkable, expect the unexpected. War had been expected. In light of world events, the Army and Navy were woefully unprepared.

Pearl Harbor was disaster, but also a tribute to great courage and ingenuity: to reservists who were every bit as professional as regulars, to pilots who took off against impossible odds, to ensigns who took command of ships, to enlisted who needed no order to man battle stations.

Today, the Arizona, shattered and rusting, still sits on the bottom of Pearl Harbor, her crew within. A memorial straddles her broken hull, mute testimony to that sunny Sunday morning 50 years ago.

Requiesant in pace, Rest in peace!

Nurse Cadet Making Strides

After mastering the 8-mile Dallas Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot" and the 26.2-mile Dallas White Rock Marathon on December 1, Sara Morse enters the second semester in her third year of a four year fully subsidized Army R.O.T.C. program in excellent overall career shape.

Carrying high academic grades in both military and nursing curriculums, Sara looks ahead to a busy summer when she will undergo a rigorous basic training camp in June, followed by a 10 week actual nursing experience at Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio.

She performed a diagnostic physical exam on her father December 3, in a graded nursing school test, and scored 95.

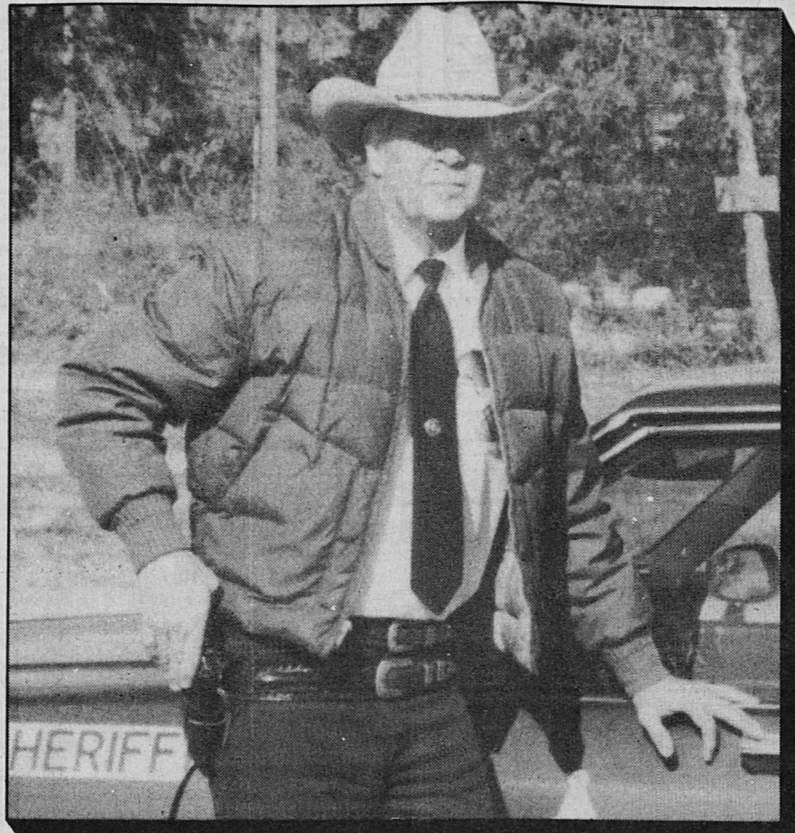


Sara Morse

Answers to Super Crossword. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a baseball diagram labeled '300 GAME WINNERS'.

Profile The Candidates

Hooten Announces



Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten announced today that he is a Democratic candidate for reelection to the office of Sheriff, the office he has held for almost ten years.

Sheriff Hooten is a highly qualified professional law enforcement officer who began his career in the profession as a State Game Warden with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in 1963, and graduated from the Game Warden School at Texas A&M University in May, 1964.

Over the past 28 years the veteran peace officer has held various positions in law enforcement, including that of Deputy Sheriff in Dallas County, River Rider with the Texas Animal Health Commission, Kinney County Constable, Pct. 3, Brackettville Chief of Police, and currently Sheriff of Kinney County.

Sheriff Hooten has been a voting member of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy in Uvalde since 1980. He served as Vice-President of the Southwest Texas Law Enforcement Officers Association in 1987. He was elected to that post by his peers of respected, professional law enforcement agencies. He also served the past four years as a voting member of the Board of Governors of the Del Rio Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

A veteran lawman with over a quarter century of service to the people through his chosen profession, Sheriff Hooten is well trained, educated, and experienced in the field of law enforcement and has earned the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Instructor's certificates of proficiency in law enforcement issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to peace officers that meet strict standards of law enforcement training, education, and years of service.

He has logged well over 1200 clock hours and 20 college hours in specialized law enforcement training and education during his career. He is a state certified Firearms Instructor.

During his career, Sheriff Hooten's dedication to public service has been recognized on numerous occasions by the people he serves with presentation of various awards and letters on commendation.

In 1965, he received the coveted "Friend of 4-H Award" while serving as game warden in Ozona, Texas, for his leadership and guidance of a 4-H rifle team that progressed to the state finals.

In 1981, he was selected "Kinney County Man Of The Year" for his efforts in public service while serving as Brackettville Police Chief.

In 1982, he received a "Mayor's Commendation Award" and an "Outstanding Service Award" from the City of Brackettville for his "continuing contributions to law enforcement service and protection for the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County." These were received during his tenure as Police Chief.

In 1990, Sheriff Hooten was voted "Kinney County Boss Of The Year" and received the award at a banquet for county officials and employees held at Fort Clark Springs.

When asked what his platform for re-election would be, Sheriff Hooten stated, "I stand on the solid platform of my proven record of performance as a compassionate, honest, professional law enforcement officer and administrator who has provided service and protection for the people of the state of Texas and Kinney County for over a quarter century."

"Since I became Sheriff in 1982, we have continually implemented

updated law enforcement techniques and procedures in order to provide ever better and more professional law enforcement for the people of this community and county.

I consider it an honor to have served the people of Kinney County as a professional peace officer for the past 15 years and ask for support and votes in the 1992 Primary and General elections in order for me to continue in their service."

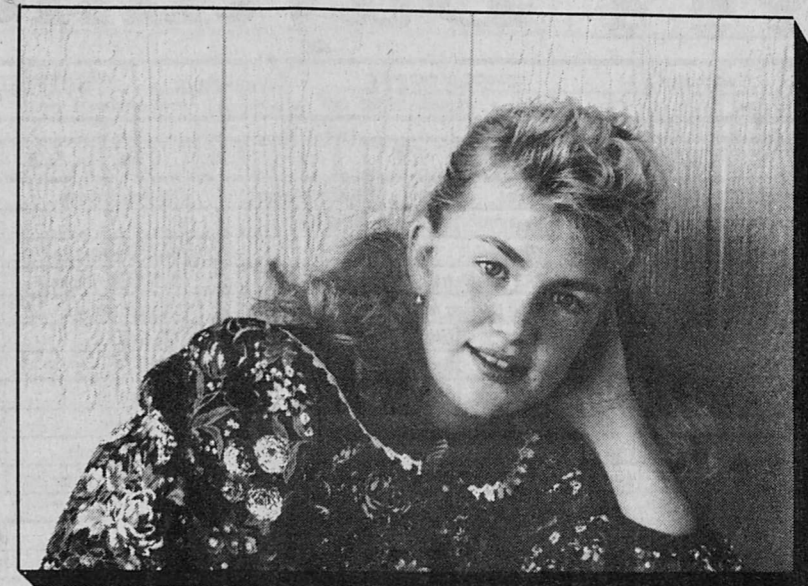
Mulvaney Announces

Clayton Mulvaney, Jr., of Del Rio, has announced that he is a candidate for the United States Congress, District 23.

He lists his qualifications as having 20 years of military service, member of National Rifle Association, taught in high school for 20 years, a 21 year member of TSTA and NEA, member of Quarter Horse Association, life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a rancher businessman.

A 30 year resident of District 23, he says he is opposed to nuclear toxic or hazardous material dump sites in West Texas.

Williams To "Dance Jam '91"



Leilani Williams

Leilani Williams, daughter of Don and Linda Wilson, recently attended "Dance Jam '91" at the Radisson Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Leilani, along with nine other girls from Miss Bonnie's School of Dance in Del Rio, literally "spent the week end dancing."

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Tiger Tracks

Basketball News

Tigers Whip Panthers 69-51

The Tiger Varsity Basketball Team have boosted their record to 2-1 by whipping the Nueces Canyon Panthers 69-51 last Tuesday night (Nov. 26).
Brackett ended the first quarter with a 16-10 lead, then went into the second half with a comfortable 8 point cushion 33-25. The final period the Tigers exploded for 20 points to the Panthers 11.
Tevin Senne scored 25 hard-earned points leading all scorers. W. T. Hunt scored 14, Lynn Floyd scored 8, John Hernandez 7, Lesly Floyd 5, Jesse Terrazas 4, Scott Sims 4, with Brian Sciba adding 2 points. David Dorrrough also saw action in the game.

J.V. Tigers Nueces Canyon

By LYNN FLOYD
Brackett News School Reporter

The Tiger JV lost by one point in overtime 34-33 in Nueces Canyon on November 26.
Craig Martinez' free throws late in the fourth quarter tied the game at 31. Free throws may have cost Brackett the game.
The Tigers made 17 out of 41. At 42%, this is not what Coach Carl Glass had expected.
The Brackett JV now drops to 1-3 for the season losing to Rocksprings twice.
Wil Shahan led the team in scoring with 11, Martinez scored 9, Matthew Rocha 7, Angel Jaso had 5 with Chris Hale adding a point.

Tournament

The Varsity Tigers and Tigerettes will be entering the Nueces Canyon Basketball Tournament December 5, 6, and 7. Other teams competing are Nueces Canyon, Leakey, Utopia, D'Hanis, and Knippa.
The Tigerettes face Knippa Friday at 2 p.m. with the Tigers playing Knippa at 3:30. This is a very important game especially for Coach Glass as this was the team he coached last year.
The Tigerettes play D'Hanis in the second round at 5:30 and the Tigers play D'Hanis at 7:00 on Friday evening.

Project Horizon

Jones Elementary School students in Project Horizon are looking for people in Kinney County and surrounding areas who have had interesting and/or unusual experiences with native plants and animals.
The students are compiling a book on indigenous plant and animal life. Contributions from the community are being sought to add additional dimensions to the book -- humor and the personal experience.
The students will accept written accounts, and they will conduct personal or telephone interviews.
Please contact the Project Horizon Students at Jones Elementary School, Box 586, Brackettville TX 78832, 512-563-2492.

1991-92 Varsity Basketball

NUMBER	PLAYER	CLASS	HEIGHT
10	David Dorrrough	Soph	5'10 1/2"
11	Lynn Floyd	Junior	5'10 1/2"
12	Lesly Floyd	Senior	5'5"
21	John Hernandez	Senior	5'10"
22	Tevin Senne	Senior	5'11"
23	Jesse Terrazas	Soph	5'6"
32	W. T. Hunt	Senior	6'2"
42	Brian Sciba	Soph	6'
44	Scott Sims	Senior	5'10 1/2"

Coach Carl Glass

2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

2nd Grade	All A Honor Roll
Michelle Bizzell Stephanie Gomez Marissa Melendez Rebecca Perez Amanda Smith Amanda Ward Susannah Davis Lloyd Lee Davis Raymond Gomez Candice Ingram Brandi Wilson Jason Dorrrough Laura Marshall Tony Molinar Isela Ramon Juan Rivas Rob-Anna Hough Miguel Hernandez Martin Garcia Duquesa Hunt Jaime Montalvo	7th Amy Bader Courtney Harrison Lindy LaMascus Brandy Meeks David Melancon
3rd Grade Kakine Breen Jessica Gutierrez Sam Hunt David Lopez Savanah Massingill Dustin Slubar Chase Ward Kayla Cruz Jarrett Harrison Marianna Rivas Jay Kelson Smith Jennifer Dorrrough Jeffrey Mills Stephanie Samaniego	8th Kathleen Hall Jared Shahan Wendy McDaniel Michelle Brandt W.T. Hunt Jennifer Shahan Scott Sims A-B Honor Roll 7th Josh Crumley Naiya Garcia Francisca Garza Moses Hernandez Sandra Hernandez Malissa Martinez Beau Smallwood Melissa Terrazas
4th Grade Jamie Bader Laura Lee Ballew Zachry Davis Khristina Dorrrough Sunni Jones Coty Williams Jim Rose B.J. Pierce James Burks Jerritt Meeks Lisa Marshall Michelle Melancon Michelle Villarreal Lucas Lumbreras Latoya Wright Jessica De Leon	8th Isabel Aguirre Amber Davis Denice Frerich Andres Garley Valerie Jimenez Samantha Luna Carlos Martinez Deborah Villarreal 9th Kimberly Ahrens Michael Benacci Sean Burks Chris Hale Karla Hall Zoila Herrera Patrick Melancon Jennifer Mearns Manuel Ramon Wil Shahan 10th Amanda Davis Christina Smith Jessie Terrazas Jimmy Martinez 11th Monica Cruz Mary Falcon Gabriel Flores Lynn Floyd Raquel Franklin Charles Frerich Dee Ann Frerich Tanya Frerich Myrna Gonzalez Esmeralda Talamantez
5th Grade Aaron Taylor Jessica York Amanda Petrosky	12th Diana Castillo Joaquin Davis Luis Gonzalez Susan Hale Selina Ramon Tevin Senne Guy Williams
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Tigers

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- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
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Orange Juice - Milk
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Taqitos
Ineapple Chunks
Milk
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Date & Raisin Muffins - Honey
Chole of Juice - Milk
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
Cold Cerea - Graham Crackers
Fruit - Milk

Lunch

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
Chili Cheese Dog
Choice of Vegetable
Green Salad W/ Dressing
Fruit Cobbler - Milk
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Pizza - Broccoli
Vegetable Sticks
Fruit Cocktail - Milk
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries
Cake Slice - Milk
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Cheese Nachos - Ranch Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit - Milk
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
BBQ Pork Sandwich
Cole Slaw
Vegeterian Beans
Fruit - Milk

Spots Quiz

by Lay Duncan

- SUPER BOWLS**
- Name the city New York Jet to ever score a touchdown in Super Bowl play.
 - Where was Super Bowl I played at?
 - Where and when was the first indoor Super Bowl played?
 - Who was the MVP in Super Bowl I?
 - Name the first defensive player to win the Super Bowl's MVP award.
 - Name the first inning back to win a Super Bowl MVP award.
 - Name the first kicker to ever miss two extra points in one Super Bowl game.
 - Name the only two teams in Super Bowl history to have a record of 0-4.

Spots Quiz Answers

1. Super Bowl III, Matt Snell ran
2. Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles; 3. Super Bowl II in 1978 at the Louisiana Superdome; 4. Green Bay's Bart Starr; 5. B. Chuck Howley of Dallas
3. Super Bowl I, Vince Lombardi
4. Tom Brady
5. Tom Brady
6. Tom Brady
7. Tom Brady
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Sergeant Family Reunion



November 16, 1991
Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my account of the first family reunion of the Seargeant Family of Brackettville, which was held in Brackettville this past August. I hope you will be able to use some of this in *The Brackett News*.

Also are enclosed a group photograph of the family and a copy of the poem which Carter Winters recited at the reunion. I believe the poem appeared in the August 11, 1991, issue of the *Del Rio News Herald*, but I thought you might want to use it to accompany the story about the reunion.

Will you return the photograph to me at the above address?

Thank you,
Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Jo Anne Hawkins

By Jo Anne Hawkins

Judge Tommy and Jean Seargeant and Alice M. Seargeant of Brackettville and Fort Clark, and Nell S. and A. H. "Fred" Walker of College Station and Comstock ended the summer by hosting the first family reunion of the descendants of Oscar Franklin Seargeant, an old-time rancher and Kinney County official, the weekend of August 23-25. A Mexican supper on Friday, August 23, at the Tommy Seargeant residence in Brackettville was the first official reunion event.

On Saturday, August 24, several members of the family visited the Seargeant Ranch, now a state nature preserve, and the Nueces River site of the Thurmond Cemetery on the Mays Ranch where several Kinney County families lived at the turn of the century.

Rev. David Zumaya offered a special mass for the Seargeant Family at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Seargeants are documented as coming to the United States from France before the Revolutionary War. Jasper A. Seargeant, Oscar Franklin Seargeant's grandfather, came to Texas from Virginia around 1825 as a member of the Austin Colony.

Later Saturday evening, Carter Winters, son of David Winters and the late Susan Seargeant Kyle, recited a stirring, patriotic poem of his own composition. A compen-

dium of family history was made available and many interesting old photographs and documents were on display.

The final reunion event, a brunch, was held on Sunday, August 25, at the home of Judge Tommy and Jean Seargeant.

Family members attending the event included: Judge Tommy and Jean Nash Seargeant of Brackettville; Billy Michael, Dianne L., Laura K., and Jessica Seargeant of Fredricksburg, Virginia; A. H. "Fred" and Nell Seargeant Walker of College Station; Henry E. and Anne Seargeant, Stephen M. and Rachel Susanne Ross of Austin; Daniel, Jo Anne Walker, and Laura Hawkins of Austin; Alice Martin Seargeant of Brackettville; Albert James III and Ann M. Seargeant of Redlands, California; Al, Catherine Seargeant, Travis and Rachel Cano of San Antonio; J. Carter and Tommy Winters of Del Rio; George, Hilda, and Matthew Seargeant of Warrenton, Virginia; David, Helen, David, Jr., and Christopher Lee Seargeant of Brackettville; Tommy Dee, Barbara, Marla and John Thomas (J.T.) Seargeant of Manchaca; James, Judy Seargeant, Melissa, Mark, and Matthew Blackburn of Stephenville; Jack B. Jones of Richmond; Jack B. Jones, Jr., and Egan Jones of Austin; Joe Ray, Mary, Ginna, and John Holland Jones of Austin.

Friends of the family attending included Michael Tamas of Austin, Temple Fox of Marble Falls, and Val Schultz of Richmond.

Holiday stars shine big and bright in Texas

By Cynthia Maddox

One of the first patriotic songs that Texas schoolchildren learn opens with the verse "The stars at night. Are big and bright. Deep in the heart of Texas." And it's true—no matter what part of the state you're in—look up at that big Texas sky and you'll find an expansive blanket of stars, not just twinkling above your head, but shining like bright beacons.

Skywatchers begin to notice an unusual phenomenon occurring late in the year, sometimes starting the night after Thanksgiving, when the nocturnal heavens begin glowing with an aura. No, it's not a UFO.

It's just Texas lighting up for Christmas. From Marshall in East Texas to El Paso 850 miles away, and Corpus Christi along the Gulf Coast to Amarillo in the northern Panhandle, towns and communities all over the state string a brilliant pageantry of lights that make those famous stars seem to glow even bigger and brighter during the holiday season.

Perhaps the most spectacular of all the Christmas illuminations is San Antonio's Holiday River Festival. On November 29, the night after Thanksgiving, more than 50,000 lights flicker on in trees lining the famous *Paseo del Rio*, or River Walk, while thousands more *luminarias* (candles burning inside paper bags) cast soft shadows along flagstone pathways bordering the river that laces through downtown San Antonio. Each weekend of December draws special events to the River Walk, including a river parade of decorated and lighted barges and an art fair. The most poignant of these weekend festivities is *Las Posadas*, a musical procession along the River Walk on Decem-

ber 8 reenacting the Holy Family's search for an inn. Children portraying biblical characters and choirs wind along the River Walk, stopping at hotels along the way to ask for shelter. Their journey ends when a clay figure of the infant Christ child is placed in a creche at Arneson River Theatre. A *piñata* party follows in the plazas of La Villita.

The age-old story of the Nativity also comes to life during the **Rivercenter Christmas Pageant**, where a cast of about 200 perform "Tonight There is a Star in the Sky," in both Spanish and English, on floating barges. The spectacular night-time pageant, free to the public, plays November 29-30, December 1, 5-7 and 13-15.

Elsewhere in the city, the campus of **Incarinate Word College** is lit by some 200,000 lights. Hundreds of homes in the Windcrest suburb at the Interstate Highway 35 and Loop 410 interchange participate in the **Windcrest Light Up**.

Always ready for a *fiesta*, San Antonio ushers in the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display from Alamo Plaza. Thousands of revelers gather in the plaza and streets outside the Alamo to count down the final minutes of the year just as starbursts of fiery color explode in the night sky over the venerable old mission. (1-800-447-3372)

The state capital of **Austin** also turns on all its lights for Christmas, even though the majestic pink granite statehouse, currently under renovation, is somewhat obscured by scaffolding right now. Much of the holiday festivity takes place in and around the capitol with Congress Avenue's traditional **Twelve Days of Christ-**

mas countdown. A community Christmas caroling around the tree fills the rotunda of the capitol with inspirational sounds of the season.

In nearby Zilker Park, motorists line up for hours to inch their way past the **Trail of Lights**, a series of lighted displays depicting various Christmas themes. The trail is open from December 6-25. A 165-foot tree of lights towers above the park and can be seen from almost anywhere in the city, from December 1-31. Visitors can twirl around on the ground and gaze up dizzily at the tree's kaleidoscope effect. (512/ 474-5171)

Campfires blaze across the parade grounds and luminaries light the paths for infantry and calvary troops performing twilight maneuvers during **Christmas at Old Fort Concho in San Angelo**, depicting life on the West Texas frontier in 1870. The December 6-8 celebration also includes wagon rides, music, a presentation by cowboy poets, campfire breakfast and cowboy church service. (1-800-375-1206)

Dozens of sailboats, cruisers and houseboats—masts and sails decorated with lights and garlands—glide along crystalline waters in a waterborne parade during the **Lake Amistad Festival of Lights in Del Rio** on December 7. (512/ 775-3551)

El Paso, the oldest city in Texas, also showcases its historic Spanish flavored downtown during the holiday season with thousands of glittery lights and luminaries. From December 13-23, the **Trolley Christmas Lite Tour** leaves from the Westin Paso del Norte Hotel downtown for a two-hour tour of the city's Christmas wonderland. (915/ 534-0653)

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It's Like A Whole Other Country.

Profile of alcoholism in the U.S.

Alcoholism is one of America's most serious public health problems. A look at percentages of Americans who have been exposed to alcoholism:

The overall picture

42.8% of adults have lived with, been married to, or have had a blood relative who was an alcoholic or problem drinker.

Exposure higher among whites

White	43.5%
Black	40.8%
Other	29.4%
Hispanic	36.3%

Exposure highest among those separated or divorced

Married	43.0%
Widowed	35.5%
Separated/divorced	55.5%
Never married	38.5%

Exposure higher among women

Male	38.9%
Female	46.2%

Exposure declines with age

18-44	46.1%
45-64	42.3%
65 and older	31.4%

Lived with alcoholic

18.1% of adults have lived with an alcoholic or a problem drinker at some time during their first 18 years of life. A look at race/ethnicity:

White	18.5%
Black	15.6%
Other	15.0%
Hispanic	17.4%

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, 1988

Married to alcoholic

Far more women have been married to alcoholics or problem drinkers

Male	3.6%
Female	14.3%

Close-up of women:

Married	12.1%
Widowed	16.5%
Separated or divorced	37.6%
Never married	4.6%

Related to alcoholic

37.9% of adults have a blood relative who has been an alcoholic or a problem drinker.

Race/ethnicity:

White	38.6%
Black	35.8%
Other	25.8%
Hispanic	32.2%

Marital status:

Married	39.1%
Widowed	26.5%
Separated/divorced	42.3%
Never married	36.2%

Age:

18-44 years	41.9%
45-64 years	36.5%
65 and older	26.0%

Other highlights

- In late 1980s, 10.5 million Americans exhibited some symptoms of alcoholism
- Half of all traffic deaths can be traced to drunk driving; 54% to 74% of those convicted of drunk driving are alcoholics
- Economic costs of alcoholism: \$128 billion in 1986, more than half from lost employment, reduced productivity; projected to rise to \$150 billion by 1995
- Health care costs for untreated alcoholics are at least 100% higher than for nonalcoholics
- 20% to 40% of all U.S. hospital beds are occupied for persons being treated for alcoholism or complications of alcohol abuse
- Evidence shows that exposure to alcoholism predisposes people to become alcoholics themselves

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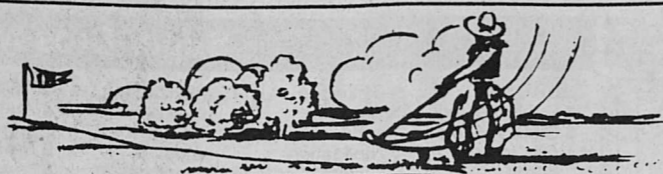


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Golf News

By Vicki Nichols



The beginning of the holiday season brought out golfers in droves. The course was packed on Thanksgiving Day. The Pro Shop was closed so many happy families as well as strangers from the surrounding areas enjoyed the privilege of free play. While some were not too overjoyed at having to carry their clubs, the fact that they didn't have to pay green fees made their clubs a whole lot lighter.

Leading their teams to a third place tie were Roy Dyer and Gordon Lundquist.

Men

Stableford - 4 man teams (Thanks, guys, for posting your results)
1st: Bill Bizzell, Julian Garza, Ward Pomeroy, and David Campbell, + 20
2nd place: Bob Derrickson, Vern Ebert, Jim Bussey, and Ken Kellar, + 14
3rd and 4th: Gordy Bieber, Carl Spray, Dan Isenberg, and Jack Bramble; Marv Maderich, Bob Houk, P. M. Moore, and Dwite Gilliland, + 7
5th: Gordon Lundquist, Slats Black, E. W. Williamson, and Herb Voracek, + 4

Monthly Scramble

The Monthly Club Tournament was a record breaker for number of entries. Eighteen teams competed in the four person scramble.

Two teams tied at 9 under for first place. They were Chuck Titus, Jane Young, Gordon Petaja, and Mary Isenberg; and Walter Dyer, Clem McKelvy, Betty Mathison, and Lorraine Lundquist.

Second place also ended in a tie at 8 under with Julian Garza, Ken Curry, Ward Pomeroy, and Betty Inman tied with Mike Young, Andy Anderson, Dan Isenberg, and Carrie Young.

Ladies

Played the most of any numbers and the winners were:
1st - Pat Nelson with 10 5's
2nd - Marge Maderich with 8 5's
3rd - three way - with 7 5's - Vicki Nichols, Charlene Bieber, and Margo Kendrick

Postscript

Please remember the Community Christmas Project being coordinated by the Lions Club. There is a box in the Club restaurant for toys and canned goods. Let's prove that golfers are not only fun loving people, but generous and caring also.

When you wrap your toys, please state on the tag if it is for a girl or boy, and of what age child it is for.

It was nice to see Slats Black back with us.

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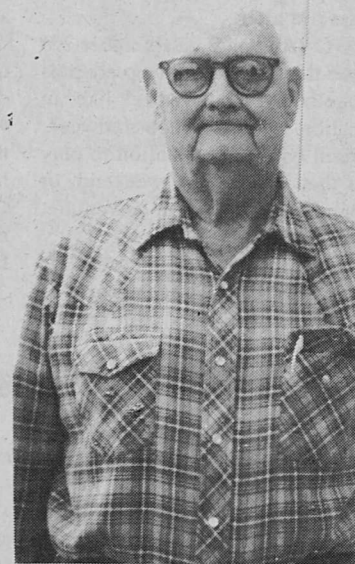
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What would you like to be if you could change your life: Coach.
If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: Improve streets.



Buster S. Bradley

There is More to Recycling Than Money



Dorothy Gore

By Dorothy Gore

1. Awareness of and willingness to handle recyclables. The generator of trash must sort and save for collection items that can be reused.
2. Collection of materials. Separate collection for recyclables is costly. None of us want our household expenses to go up unnecessarily. Therefore the generators of recyclable items must take them to a central collection point. There they must be stored until they can be trucked to a larger collection area or to an industry that can reuse them.
3. Sale of materials. At present, the market for most recycled materials is very depressed. This applies especially to newsprint and glass. Aluminum cans are the only item with much monetary value. If you don't want to recycle the cans yourself, please save them for a friend who does, or for a group such as the Fort Clark Historical Society. The Adult Center has a corner where cans can be left for the Historical Society. There is also a bin for cans on the porch of the museum. Eventually industries will adapt their processes to use recycled materials, the value will go up, and then we can make our trash pay its own way.
4. Saving of landfill space and labor. Typical household trash is about 50% paper. A large portion of this 50% is newspaper. If we could divert 90% of our old newspapers to reuse, we could save about 1/3 of the cost of pit digging and burial in the landfill. On the Fort, this would amount to about \$750.00 per month. Unfortunately, the slick newspaper inserts, junk mail, magazines, and other miscellaneous types of paper have no practical way to be recycled at this time in this area.
5. Saving of resources. The making of aluminum, other metals and chemicals requires mining and processing of ore, transport of ore concentrates, refining (massive amounts of electricity are required to refine aluminum), transport of refined materials to fabricators. Making new metals from old materials can save much wear and tear on our planet. Making of new aluminum cans from old ones saves 95% of the energy used in refining aluminum ore.
It requires 40 acres of trees to produce the paper used to print one Sunday edition of the *New York Times*. If this paper were a 75%/25% blend of reused and new fiber, only 10 acres of trees would be

required. While trees are not scarce and can be regrown, forests are declining in quality because of over-cutting in many places. Healthy forests are important for watershed protection, as habitat for wildlife and fish, for recreation, as well as to produce lumber. Trees (and other plants) produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is the major one of the heat absorbing gases in our atmosphere, almost certainly responsible for global temperature increases of recent years. Production of carbon dioxide is increasing due to the increased burning of fuels. Forests saved from cutting for paper making may well give us time to solve the global warming processes.

6. Jobs and the economy. Recycling industries are more labor intensive than mining or lumbering. New jobs can be created by recycling. This increases the tax base, can take people off welfare, so is good for the U. S. and the world.

7. Plastics are made from one of our non-renewable, less abundant, and high cost resources - petroleum. Production of petroleum and its processing are sources of much air, water, and land pollution. At present only #1 and #2 types of plastic are readily recyclable. Other types of plastic mixed with them can ruin a whole batch of plastic during the reprocessing. Look on the bottom of the container for a triangle made of three arrows with a number in the middle.

Only #1 and #2 are acceptable for recycling at present. Plastic soda bottles are #1, as are peanut butter jars, some vegetable oil bottles. #2 plastic is used in containers for milk, juice, water, shampoo, detergents, household cleaners, margarine, etc.

Turn over virtually any plastic packaged-goods container, and on the bottom you'll see the familiar arrows-chasing-arrows recycling emblem, with a number in the middle and sometimes a few letters underneath. It's the resin-coding system of the Society of the Plastics Industry, designed to enable consumers and recycling-center operators to separate the various plastic resins, which can't readily be recycled if they're mixed together. Here's what the numbers mean and where they're commonly found.

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET, PETE) - Soft drink bottles; frequently recycled.

High-density polyethylene (HD-PE) - Milk and detergent jugs; frequently recycled.

Polyvinyl chloride (PV, V) - Some shampoos and such; rarely recycled; burning produces toxic gases.

Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) - Plastic film and wrap; rarely recycled.

Polypropylene (PP) - Food lids, containers; rarely recycled.

Polystyrene (PS) - Food containers and foam burger boxes, hot drink cups, plates; occasionally recycled from schools, cafeterias, and restaurants.

Mixed resins - All other resins; rarely recycled.

At present, commercial servicing of any recycling effort from our area is economically unfeasible. Until such time as a community recycling program can be worked out, we urge you to recycle on your own.

Glass and aluminum cans to Coors, 111 E. Gibbs, Del Rio.

Newspapers and #1 and #2 plastic to Wal-Mart in Del Rio and Uvalde. Bins are in the parking lot. Remember to remove the slick newspaper inserts.

Plastic and paper grocery bags to HEB, Del Rio and Uvalde. Bins are at entrance.

You will be doing a good turn to your community (saving landfill space and expense, to the country (making new jobs), and to the world (saving resources).

You will feel good about it.
PLEASE RECYCLE

Editor's Note: Ms. Gore developed and presented this comprehensive report on recycling at Fort Clark. I was impressed with the report and asked for permission to print it. It points out that "getting money for recycling" is not the whole issue. Ecology and preservation are equally, or more, important. Thank you for sharing a report that should interest, and challenge, every citizen of Kinney County.

Little Things for A Healthier Environment

In a recent Good Housekeeping Institute survey, women were asked what they believed to be the three most important problems facing the country today. The environment was mentioned by nearly one-third of respondents - ranking second only to drugs - with solid waste cited by 78 percent as the most troubling.

One simple and effective way to fight the solid waste problem is through source reduction. As the Environmental Protection Agency's top priority for managing solid waste, source reduction is one of the best solutions to this country's solid waste problem. The message is simple: if there's less packaging being used, there's less to bring home and less to throw away.

"We've found that purchasing more environmentally-responsible products, such as those with less packaging, is something people can do personally to have a positive impact on the environment," said Dr. Paul Demko, director of environmental studies, Good Housekeeping Institute.

Procter & Gamble is one manufacturer that has taken a positive step toward source reduction with cartonless versions of Secret and Sure deodorants and antiperspirants. By eliminating outside packaging on these two products alone, 3.4 million pounds of packaging will be kept out of landfills each year. That's 80 million cartons, or enough to reach from Los Angeles to Singapore, and back, if laid end to end.

"Today's consumers are changing their attitudes and behavior to support this kind of action by manufacturers," said Dr. Demko. "It's definitely a step in the right direction when companies respond by giving the public more product choices."

According to the Good Housekeeping Institute survey, nearly two-thirds of respondents specifically look for products based on their environmental impact. More than 68 percent have actually changed their purchasing patterns.

As the environment continues to be a top concern, more and more Americans want to know how they can help. Shopping with better packaging in mind is just one way to make a positive impact on the environment. Following are some of the other "little things" you can do to "make a difference."

- Conserve water and energy by turning off faucets and lights when not in use
- Give old magazines a second life by donating them to hospitals, barbershops and laundromats
- Recycle used motor oil and car batteries at a local service station
- Donate old clothes to charities or shelters; turn those in bad condition into dust rags
- Return hangers and protective covers to the dry cleaners for re-use

At Work

- Adopt a permanent coffee mug
- Conserve paper by using both sides for notes and messages and by making two-sided photocopies
- Start an office-wide recycling program
- Share newspaper and magazine subscriptions with co-workers

At The Store

- Bring your grocery and produce bags back to the supermarket for re-use or carry a cloth bag
- Shop with source reduction in mind. Look for products with little or no outside packaging



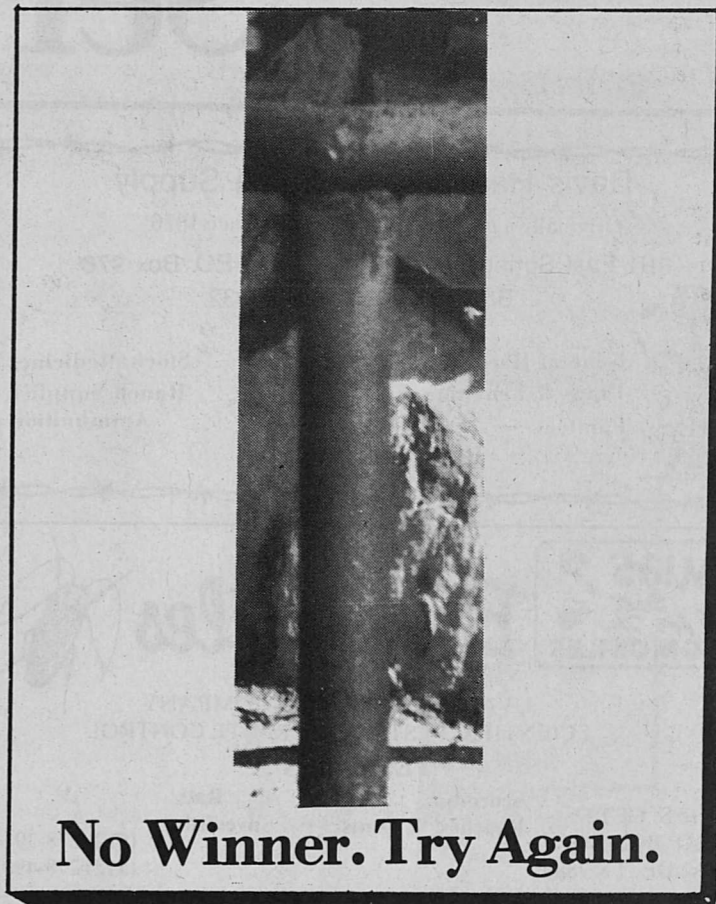
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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You get really basic this week. You care about bottom lines — financial, emotional or professional. No one is going to toy with you this week. Toward the end of the week, your mind drifts off to never-never land. Use that imagination to create the perfect weekend scenario. What a way to rejuvenate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You toss common sense to the wind this week. A relationship has you hot to trot, so to speak, all week long. You could toss this obsessive energy into negotiating a great business deal, but it's unlikely. All weekend long, you have a hard time coming back to earth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Charge through work this week because you'll want to split for an early weekend. Even if you must be at your desk, your mind won't be on paperwork. Flirtation punctuates the end of the week; intensity is the hallmark of the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) So what if your mind is on anything but work? Let your imagination go this week and your work will benefit. Your love of people or rather of a "people" has you preoccupied, content, and socializing all weekend long and maybe longer.

LEO (July 23-August 22) There is a time in every life when one must do some soul searching. Such is your task if you seek answers and transformation. You get into risking big time over the weekend. Be careful not to return into your cocoon, though you will need the extra rest after.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) Your job this week is to keep all ends tied together. You may feel like an information center through midweek. Be careful with an inclination to play ostrich that hits for the weekend, or else, you'll miss a great adventure. You carry on all weekend long.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) Try hitting the lottery. Reach out for an important other (a boss or a special

friend) later in the week. You get even better results than you anticipated. Keep the communications flowing now. Make plans for a weekend at home — in front of the fireplace, with the right person.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Notice your high impact on others — use it. Others are vulnerable yet focus on your priorities. Watch your possessiveness — you may become a little or a lot demanding. Respond to an invitation over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Though you may feel like investing in tissue stock early this week, you make sound decisions in this period of gloom. A new resolution and a new moon in your sign gives you a second chance. You may even decide to dump your stock by the weekend — not a sound investment.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Count on a roller coaster ride this week, mainly because of what you let in your life. When you plummet to the bottom sometime later in the week, remember, it's your life and you're in control. You're a veritable force to be reckoned with over the weekend. Wait for this apology, meanwhile enjoy.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Your dedication to work astounds others and even you. When you do let loose sometime later in the week, no one will see you for the remainder of the week. Accept a second chance; don't stand on ceremony. For some reason, your answering machine is on all weekend. Where are you?

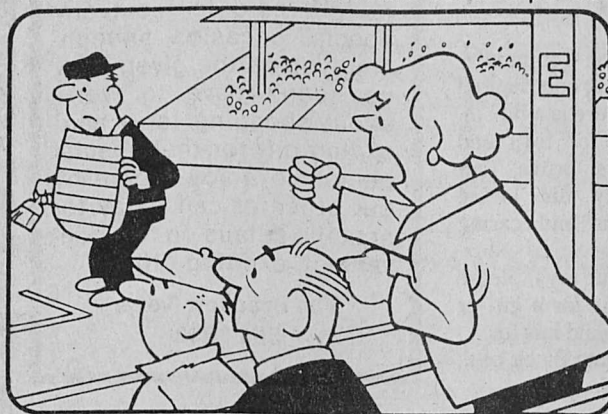
PISCES (February 19-March 20) Get more info, be on the phone — excuses for making plans for a weekend adventure. Late in the week, the boss comes down on you pretty hard. You pay in spades for these flights of fantasy. Of course, why you are in seventh heaven this weekend, is because of all the planning.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is reversed. 2. Arm is moved. 3. There are no spectators. 4. Dress is different. 5. Jacket strap is missing. 6. Section letter is lower.

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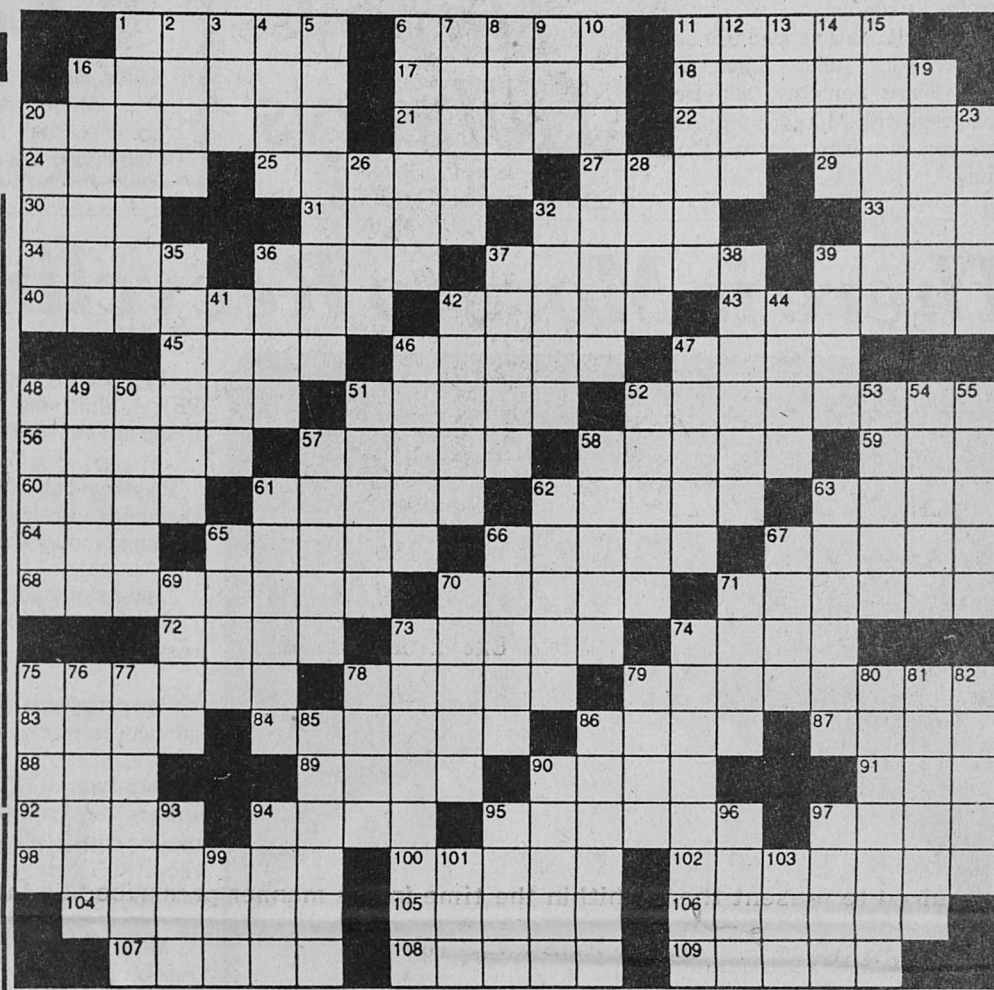
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Sacred scroll
 6 Biblical name
 11 City in Lombardy
 16 Spanish seaport
 17 Broadway musical hit
 18 Degraded
 20 Chewy confection
 21 "Attraction" (movie)
 22 The sea personified
 24 Pallid
 25 Spread out
 27 Contract, as muscles
 29 Sweet, pulpy fruit
 30 Water tester?
 31 Years gone by
 32 L.A.'s problem
 33 Sought office
 34 Algonquian Indian
 36 Food staple
 37 Free from restraint
 39 For Pete's sake
 40 Kind of photoengraving
 42 It takes a paddling
 43 Bronte and Dickinson
 45 Clinched hand
 46 Navigation system
 47 Illegal coin substitute
 48 City in California
 46 Brewer's purchase
 51 English seaport
 52 TV time division
 56 Love, in 11
 57 Begets
 58 Fine line of a letter
 59 Cuckoo
 60 Fruit dessert
 61 Intone
 62 Prove false
 63 Pass over
 64 Half a ballroom dance?
 65 Role for Alan Ladd
 66 Cycloades
 67 "Executive island"
 68 Gridiron rest period
 70 Administered
 71 Serving dish for soup
 72 City of seven hills
 73 Indirect suggestions
 74 "Spenser: For —"
 75 Mexican blanket
 78 Anagram for vales
 79 Semitone, in music
 83 U.S. chemist
 84 Cleans fish
 86 Brewer's purchase
 87 Legendary Swiss hero
 88 Knock
 89 Barks like Sandy
 90 Would-be sheep?
 91 Narrow inlet
 92 Confused
 94 Dull and dreary
 95 Casts the dice
 97 Privy to
 98 Cheer up
 100 Entrance courts
 102 Be a copycat
 104 Goiter
 105 Eccentric birds?
 106 Dogmas
 107 Desert plant
 108 High fliers
 109 It might be common
DOWN
 1 Native of North Carolina
 2 Palm leaf
 3 Aries
 4 Author/critic James
 5 Small person
 6 "...an offer he can't —"
 7 Stop! to Popeye
 8 Small contribution
 9 One — time
 10 Henry Hudson's ship
 11 Horseman-ship
 12 Wild goat
 13 Once around the track
 14 Myrna Loy's four-legged co-star
 15 Indifferent
 16 Accumulated
 17 Jewish tradition of the Holy Scriptures
 19 Underhanded
 20 Fisherman's haul
 23 Old-time slaves
 26 Confront
 28 Come in second
 32 Underwater detector
 35 A hard try
 36 Painter Bonheur
 37 Household gods
 38 Girl of song
 39 Deep, audible breath
 41 Prong
 42 Long for enviously
 44 Hand warmer
 46 Actor Greene
 47 Calcutta garments
 48 Word before pocket or test
 49 Nebraska city
 50 Ethical
 51 Keaton or Sawyer
 52 Spartan serf
 53 Comedian Jack
 54 Join in marriage
 55 Become mature
 57 Disgrace
 58 Deals in
 61 Musical bells
 62 Pulsates
 63 Most confident
 65 "I Can't — Loving You" (song)
 66 British sand hills
 67 Turf's menu partner
 69 Noisy quarrel
 70 Low haunts
 71 Take part in a joust
 73 Football position
 74 Stupid ones
 75 Twilled silk fabric
 76 Obliterates
 77 Recapitulates
 78 Zhivago's love
 79 Nimbus
 80 Arranged in threes
 81 T.S. and George
 82 Carpenter's tool
 85 Material or worldly
 86 Swamp
 90 Word before elephant or feather
 93 Irish exclamation
 94 Promotional record
 95 Pony's gait
 96 Pintail duck
 97 Brooklyn and Israel followers
 99 Egyptian king (familiar)
 101 French pronoun
 103 Motel's predecessor



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| Joe Don Ferguson | Dec. 5 |
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| Carol Benefield | Dec. 8 |
| Pedro Benites | Dec. 9 |
| James Smith | Dec. 9 |
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Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR? On Saturday we mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the fleet in Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Imperial Air Force. The United States responded with a declaration of war against Japan, and her marauding ally in Europe, Nazi Germany. Some social historians say that a more enlightened policy for the military began with that raid. Almost from the moment war was declared, a decision was made to deal more honorably with the vets of this war than the country had done with the vets of the last World War. To a great extent, the United States has treated veterans pretty well, at least as compared to pre-WWII periods. The U.S. has put in place educational programs, disability benefits, survivors' benefits, medical facilities and so forth. But problems remain. Right now, one of the more perplexing of these is the rising rate of homelessness among veterans, many of whom have lost jobs in this recession. If you have any comments to make on this, please write c/o King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.
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Dollars & Sense by Bryon Elson

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Death With Dignity- The Living Will

Jamie H. Clements, J.D.

Scott & White Medical Center and Professor of Humanities, Texas A&M University Health Science Center



Q: I've heard about "living wills" but I'm not sure what they are. Is a "living will" legal?

A: The decision of whether or not to turn off life support systems for a terminally ill patient who is not competent to make his own decisions is a difficult one and something most of us don't want to think about. However, the thought of others making decisions contrary to our wishes regarding our own lives is equally undesirable.

One way to help ensure that your wishes regarding life support systems and resuscitation are carried out is to sign a "living will," formally known in Texas as a directive to physician.

The Texas Natural Death Act of 1985 and its subsequent amendments (the latest in the fall of 1989)

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allow patients to die with dignity, without machines keeping them alive artificially when a condition is irreversible and hopeless.

Specifically, you can sign a directive to physician or what is commonly known as a living will. The directive tells your physician that under certain legally prescribed circumstances you would like life support systems withheld or turned off. You can also designate someone else in the directive to make treatment decisions for you when you may be unable to communicate treatment decisions for yourself.

In addition to the written directive, Texas law makes provisions for oral directives. Provided you are of sound mind, you can also tell your attending physician, in the presence of two witnesses, that you do not want to be kept alive by artificial life support devices.

Although a person can sign a "living will" at any time, it cannot be implemented until the patient has been certified by two physicians as being irreversibly terminally ill or if death is imminent. In addition, the Natural Death Act cannot be implemented if the patient is pregnant.

Directives to physicians should be placed in the person's medical record and the attending physician as well as the next of kin should be notified.

Although Texas law also provides that immediate family members can make the treatment decision for a terminally ill patient who is unable to communicate, we find that more and more people are signing these directives when they are healthy because they want to relieve their loved ones of the responsibility of making these difficult decisions.

Head 'em up! Move 'em out - through the Classifieds

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Meditations

by Preston Taylor

What is your reason for living? What makes you "tick"? Do you ever scratch below the surface and find the real purpose of living? Many people are "off course" and need a change in direction.

The power motive holds first place with many people. Individuals from every strata of life want to be "the boss." The longing to be the chief and lord may be in the political arena, the economic field, the educational camp, or a hundred other areas. One's god often is sheer power. That thirst for power is not easily quenched.

Some people reach for more possessions. Money may be the name of the game. Oftentimes it is land, toys, automobiles, or houses. Just give me more! In order to satisfy the longing for "thing," man will sacrifice truth, character, family, and even life itself. A rich young man in the gospels said "no" to Jesus because that decision would have cost him his possessions.

Pleasure holds mankind in its grip. Self-gratification dominates man. The flesh becomes pampered

and spoiled and thus becomes the god of life. Bodily appetites drag multitudes around in chains. The Bible describes every race of man as those who "eat, drink, and dance" to the world's music. Ours is an enslaved, pleasure-mad world on collision course, and this crazed generation accelerates its speed each day.

Is there another way to live? Another choice? What alternative does one have in life? God says we must give Him first place in life, if we want to be satisfied. In all things Christ is to have the preeminence.

The insatiable search for power, possessions, and pleasure will never be met by the ones who stay on the wrong trails. Jesus says those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are the ones who will be filled.

Taste buds that have only known the tangy flavor of the temporary, passing delicacies must know the flavor of the Eternal God. The discovery of Augustine needs to be made again: "My soul is restless until it finds rest in Thee, O God." Why not really give God a chance?

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December 12, 1991

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December Schedule

Sunday, December 8
8th Grade Program, 10:30 Mass
Tuesday, December 10
Workshop on Scriptures
6 to 9, Parish Hall

Saturday, December 14
2nd grade class practice, 1 p.m.
Sunday, December 15
2nd Grade program, 10:30 Mass
Christmas Hayride
K - 5, 5 p.m.
6 - 12, 6 p.m.
Monday, December 16
Posados begin at Church
Sunday, December 22
Teachers Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24
6:30 Mass
Christmas Program, Grades K - 5
Christmas Choir by Teachers

Special Reminders

No classes on the following dates:
Sundays - 15th, 22nd, 29th, and January 5.
Wednesdays - 18th, 25th, January 1, and 8th.

Hanukkah Week

December 2 - 10

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Staff Writer

Hanukkah is the chief Biblical festival of the Jews.

The ceremony is held for eight days, from Kislew 25th, in memory

of the restoration of the temple service during the times of the Macabees, 164 B. C.

It is known also, usually by Christians, as the Feast of Dedication. It is also known by the name "Chanuca."

Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort. Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons - 512-563-2071.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor - 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M.. Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Worship 6:00 P.M..

Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:30 A.M.. Worship Service 10:30 A.M.. Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M.. Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M.. Wed. & Sat. 6:30 P.M.. Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. reg. 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. and Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M.. Church School Classes 9:45 A.M.. Service of Worship 11:00 A.M.. Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M. Gordon Miller, Pastor.

News from . . .

First Baptist Church

Farewell to Taylors



The First Baptist Church's Thanksgiving Dinner was held at Las Moras Restaurant on Tuesday, November 26. The occasion was also a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Preston Taylor.

The Taylors accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Hondo and moved there late last week after serving First Baptist Church Brackettville for 4 1/2 years.

All Brackett Christmas Concert

Monday, December 16, 1991 7:00 P.M.
Brackett High School Auditorium

Featuring
Fifth Grade Recorder Band
Sixth Grade Cub Band
Award Winning High School Tiger Band
High School Stage Band
Band Director Lynette Crane, Trombonist

No admission fee! Lots of people needed!
Fill up every seat!
If you thought last year's concert was good, wait until you hear this year's performances...you will be delighted.

Frontier Baptist Church

by Joe Townsend

If you were not at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday you missed many blessings.

The message of the worship service pinpointed from the Scriptures some fallacies taught about life after death.

Those without an established relationship with Christ will go away into everlasting punishment. Those in Heaven will be alive, awake, alert and sensitive. There is no middle "state" or "place."

On death, the soul goes immediately to God who gave it. There will be no second chance beyond the grave. There will be a reunion in

Heaven with all of God's children through all the ages.

There will be a relationship with God tantamount to being wrapped in His arms to His bosom.

Following the message, the congregation was served The Lord's Supper, then came the Fellowship Dinner. The food was outstanding and was surpassed only by the fellowship enjoyed by all.

If you were not there that opportunity is gone for all time. There will be, however, an opportunity for blessings to be received in the worship on Sunday.
Come and see.

The Bible Says

"Everyone must give account of himself to God."

This is inevitable. No person can do anything without God knowing and making note of.

A person cannot go any place but that God knows. Man may ignore God and pay no heed to God's teachings but this does not mean he can do it with impunity.

God knows and cares. When one follows God then come blessings uncounted; peace of mind, physical, mental, and spiritual blessings galore.

When one ignores God, the ac-

tions bring their own castigation but in addition, God brings his judgement.

Eternity and the rewards and punishments of Heaven and hell reflect God's squaring off the accounts.

If one has trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior, his sins have been forgiven; paid for by Christ dying on the cross.

If one has not put his faith in Christ, an eternity in hell is his lot.

Make no mistake, "Everyone must give account of himself to God."

Plaza Del Sol Mall

Prizes to be given away!



Come Join Santa For Breakfast at Wyatt's Cafeteria In Plaza Del Sol Mall Saturday December 14, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

50¢ per person

Put Some Jingle In Your Pockets

Call 512-563-2852

Community Calender

- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St.
- Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall.
- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- City Council: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Drivers License: 1st, 3rd & Last Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon; 1 - 3 p.m., 2nd floor, Court House.
- Duplicate Bridge: Sunday 1:30 p.m., Tuesday 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Sabre Room.
- 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 & Auxiliary Post #8360: 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m., NCO Club. Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- FCS Bingo: Friday, 8 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Las Vegas Night: 4th Saturday, 8 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Sabre Room.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call Library for information.
- KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., NCO Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Board Room.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority: 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- NA: Thursdays, 7 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Happy Holidays