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

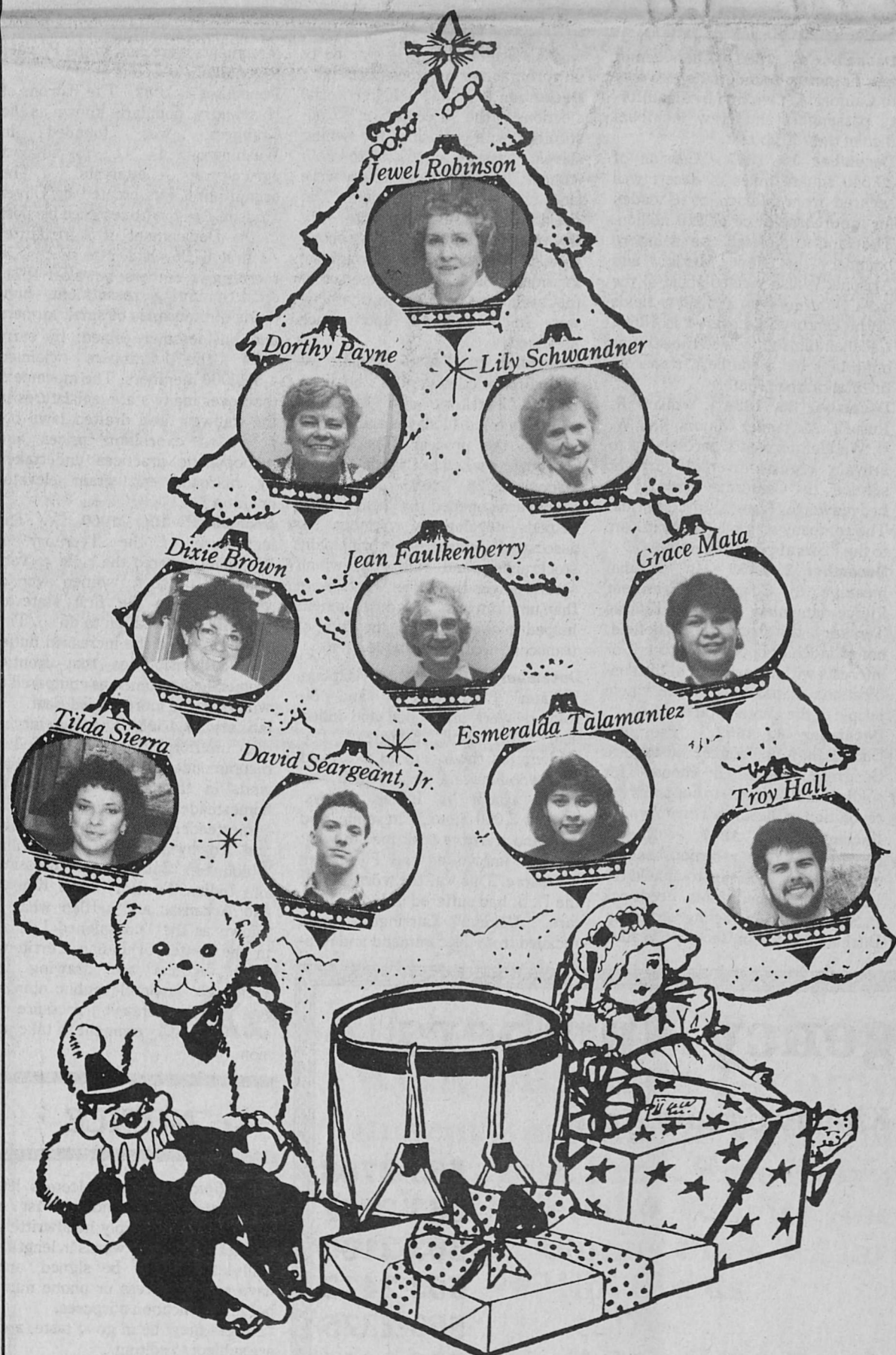
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Lead actress Holley Vaughn, Producer Greg Vaughn, Happy Shahan, and Casting Director Shirley Abrams did an outstanding job of "Travis". The Vaughns will be at the premiere January 4th.

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Premiere Of "Travis" Video

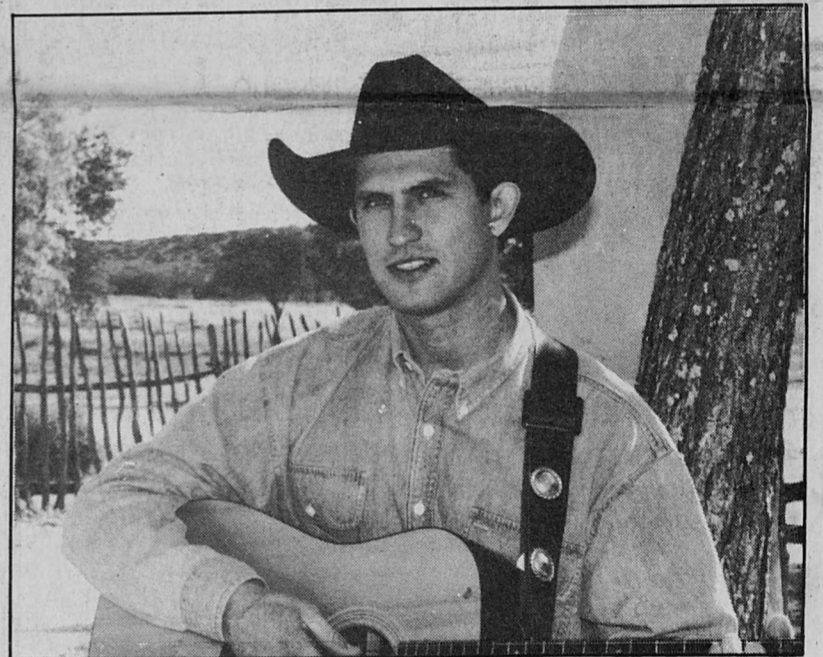
The premiere of "Travis" will be held January 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Brackettville Civic Center. Free! "Travis" is a video that features Texas children embarking upon adventures wherein they come in contact with remarkable characters and events from the past. Rather than a dry documentary, this video uses drama to help the audience discover the events of history along with the characters of the video.

Over half of "Travis" was shot at Alamo Village. Local participants include owners Happy and Virginia Shahan, special effects men Jerry Clardy and Tim McNew, actors Richard Curilla as the Doctor, Mel Green as Mr. Dickenson, and Robert Hooker as James Bonham.

Producer Greg Vaughn and lead actress Holley Vaughn will be present to sign autographs and share their feelings about this project.

This project would not have been possible without the generous grant from the Hillcrest Foundation of Dallas. This organization is also the one that contributed so greatly to our county library. The Harold Byrd family is to be congratulated.

"Travis" is the first release which shows seventh grade student Angie Anderson involved in writing a required research project on the life of William Barret Travis. She has no



Sergio Salinas will be singing "The Price of Freedom" at the premiere.

interest in the project until she enters a mysterious library and is suddenly catapulted into the past. Suddenly, it's the year 1836. The place - an old Spanish mission called *The Alamo*. There, 189 men fought to the death against overwhelming odds - led by a man named Travis. "Travis" combines drama, fantasy, adventure and teaching to bring to

life one of Texas' most famous figures.

This fun-filled evening is FREE and there will be a reception following the showing of "Travis." Sergio Salinas will sing, "The Price of Freedom" and there will be more. All ages will enjoy this evening of entertainment.

Ya'll come

A King Is Born, Bubba

By DAVE CROWE
Waco Freelance Writer

Once upon a time, a very long time ago - nearly 2,000 years ago, to be exact - there were these two angels up in Heaven: Leroy and his very good friend, Bubba.

It was a particularly beautiful day in Heaven and Bubba was winging his way from cloud to cloud visiting with all of the other angels when he spotted Leroy.

Leroy was sitting all alone and seemed somewhat perplexed as he sometimes was when he was wrestling with an unanswered question or problem.

So, Bubba flew over to see if somehow he could help his friend with whatever was troubling him. "What ya doin'?" asked Bubba.

"Not much. Just thinkin'." "What ya thinkin' about?" insisted Bubba. Leroy took a very deep breath and then exhaled. "Well, you know how every year about this time, He talks about doing it."

"Yeah, but He never does!" exclaimed Bubba. "Well, He's goin' do it this year," said Leroy. "I overheard Him talkin' about it."

"Why?" asked Bubba.

"No, I mean why is He going to do it? Why now?" asked Bubba.

"He says it's because He loves them," Leroy said.

"I know," said Bubba, "but you know as well as I do, that most of 'em ain't worth the powder it'd take to blow 'em to..."

"I know," agrees Leroy, "but He wants to give 'em one more chance."

"I suppose He's got it all figured out. He'll need a real good plan," said Bubba.

"Oh, He's got a plan, great plan," answered Leroy.

"I suppose you heard the whole thing?" asked Bubba.

"As a matter of fact I did," said Leroy.

"Ok, how's He goin' do it? Just ride in on a white horse like the Lone Ranger and clean up the whole place?"

"Nope," said Leroy. "He's goin' go down as a little baby."

"As a what?"

"You know - as a little baby. Just like you and me started out."

"Yeah, but Leroy, surely He knows how dangerous it is down there. He sees all the..."

"I know," said Leroy, "but He says it's the only way He can save them!"

"Wait a minute, wait a minute! To be a baby, you have to be borned. To be borned, you have to have a mother!"

"He has already picked His mother out, nearly nine months ago. A girl named Mary," Leroy explains.

"Then He's serious about it this time?"

"Yes, He's serious about it this time?"

"Yes, He is. You see that bright star over there?"

"Yeah, but where's He gonna be borned?" asked Bubba.

"In a barn," answered Leroy.

"In a barn? You don't mean a livestock barn? Surely he can do better than that. After all He is the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, God's Almighty. He's..."

"Bubba, Bubba, don't you understand anything? He's goin' become the last sacrificial lamb!"

"OK, OK, one last question. Where's He goin' be borned? Where is this barn? Is it in Houston? Is it in San Antonio? Austin? Waco? Dallas? Where?"

Leroy smiled, "In the town of Bethlehem."

Now Bubba was smiling, too. "I know where that's at. It's over by Palestine, right?"

"Yeah, Bubba, right!"

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



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Legislative Special Session Called To Remap

AUSTIN - Governor Ann Richards has called the Legislature back to the Capitol for a Special Session beginning at noon on Jan. 2, 1992 to remap districts for members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives. The session is expected to last three to eight days. The Governor called the special session after the Texas Supreme Court on Tuesday struck down the state Senate redistricting plan that had been approved by an unofficial majority of the state's upper chamber.

District 68 Representative Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, said he is "somewhat apprehensive" about the special session. "The House previously passed a redistricting bill I felt was very good to the people of this district. It kept the district basically rural," Gallego said. "With 82 percent of the 1990 Texas population centered in and around urban areas, keeping rural districts, and their voices in the Legislature, is of vital importance."

Although legal upheavals threatened to change Gallego's border district, the most recent plan approved kept the district as it was passed by the Legislature this summer. While the special session means the Legislature will "start from Scratch," Gallego said the work accomplished on redistricting plans this fall should help keep the district intact. "I think they'll leave the district makeup pretty much as it is," Gallego said of a new district which would add Jeff Davis, Culberson and Hudspeth counties to the existing district of Maverick, Val Verde, Kinney, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio and Pecos counties.

"I was hoping we could avoid a special session," Gallego said. "Not only for the expense and time, but because I thought we could do it right the first time." If the Legislature fails to pass a redistricting bill by a two-thirds majority vote, the new redistricting plan could require 90 days to go into effect. Such a delay would further cloud the schedule for the state primary races, Gallego added.

For more information: Rep. Pete Gallego at (915) 837-7383 or (512) 463-0566.

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The Kennedy millions and infamy still live and dominate. Anyone who heard Smith's testimony could see with one eye he was not telling the truth.

He gave the appearance of repeating what his lawyers had coached him to say. He continually faltered as though trying to remember what he was supposed to say.

His story was so full of holes that if it were a fish net it wouldn't hold a minnow or a ten pound trout.

The judge was shown as being unable to cope. Her ruling out three other cases of rape by Smith showed a bend toward the defense.

The local prosecutor was totally inept compared to the million dollar attorney of Smith.

It is amazing that Ted Kennedy was allowed to ramble on about the clan and his concern for the

"Young Smith."

This had no bearing on the case and should never have been allowed.

At any rate the young lady gave all the appearance of truthfulness and sincerity. A person would have empty space between his ears to believe Smith.

Space won't allow an outline of all the holes in his story. Everyone of the highly paid and touted technical "experts" on the behalf of Smith were discredited.

The lawyer himself said, "Yes, the money played an important part in the verdict." At least in this one instance, he was honest.

Many questions come to mind. A 29 year old doctor goes out to a bar and picks up a woman. He claimed he had sex twice at her insistence. What kind of a wimp is he?

He had already said he expected to have sex with her. In this day of

the Aids virus it never occurred to him that promiscuous sex could be dangerous. He was not truly concerned even about an unwanted pregnancy.

His claim of her almost hysterical reaction because he called her the name of his fiancée is laughable. What about his claim that she called him Michael...no apparent reaction on his part.

The fact that this is number four on his rape chart speaks volumes about his lack of morals and character. What thinking woman would ever patronize him as her physician?

The morals of the Kennedy clan continue to be conspicuously absent. When will the people of Massachusetts and the U. S. Senate and the American people wake up and say enough. Such is long overdue.

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



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Days Past



December 24, 1853 - The steamer San Francisco foundered on its way to California. Two hundred and forty passengers and crew members died of the 700 aboard.

December 30, 1853 - Cession of 29,640 square miles of desert was secured from Mexico by Gadsden for a purchase price of \$10 million. The land completed the southern boundary of New Mexico and Arizona. It also yielded some of the most enduring gold and silver fields of the century (discovered in 1856). Gadsden himself viewed the strip as important for a southern transcontinental railroad route.

December 28, 1854 - William R. Russell, Alexander Majors, and W. B. Waddell formed a partnership to provide regular overland freight service to California from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to California. The company was subsidized in part to the Federal government.

December 2, 1856 - In his final message to Congress, President Pierce lamented that the Kansas Territory was made the battlefield, not so much of opposing factions, or interests within itself, but of the confusions of passions of the whole people of the United States.

December 8, 1857 - President Buchanan, in his annual message to Congress, requested money for soldiers and supplies to suppress the revolution in the Utah Territory.

December 17, 1857 - Kansas Governor Walker resigned because of Buchanan's decision to uphold the Lecompton Constitution. Frederick P. Stanton became acting Governor. Buchanan's about face to Walker

was an attempt to preserve party unity, but it had an opposite effect.

December 21, 1857 - In territorial elections, the Lecompton Constitution, with provisions for owning slaves, passed by 6226 to 569. Almost 3000 of these votes were later shown to be fraudulent. The Free State men refused to vote.

December 6, 1858 - In his second annual message to Congress, President Buchanan asserted that the authority of Constitutional law was fully restored and peace prevailed.

December 20, 1858 - Abolitionist John Brown conducted a raid from Kansas Territory into Missouri, where he freed 11 slaves and killed a man in the process. The former slaves were taken to Canada.

December 25, 1865 - The Union Stockyards opened in Chicago. This helped develop a number of associated industries, principally stockraising and railroads, which spread across the entire West. More than anything else, this development helped make Chicago the hub of transcontinental commerce.

December 21, 1866 - Captain William J. Fetterman and 80 soldiers were ambushed and killed near Fort Phil Kearney. The soldiers left the fort to go to the aid of a wood-cutting party which was under attack by Indian decoys.

Almost 2,000 Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors took part in what became known as the Fetterman Massacre. This was the worst defeat the U. S. had suffered in Indian warfare. Colonel Carrington was recalled from his command and reinforcements were sent to the Powder River area.

December 4, 1867 - The Patrons of Husbandry, popularly known as the Grangers, was founded in Washington, D. C., to support agricultural interests. The organization was created by Oliver Hudson Kelly, who resigned his post in the Department of Agriculture. At first Kelley had little success in recruiting members, but after 1871, amid mounting resentment, hundreds of thousands of small farmers and businessmen joined; by early 1874 the Grangers claimed 1,500,000 members. The movement took over many state legislatures in the midwest and drafted laws opposed to exorbitant prices and monopolistic practices undertaken by railroads and grain elevator operators.

December 10, 1869 - The legislature of the Territory of Wyoming granted the right to vote and hold office to women over 21 years of age, the first state or territory in the nation to do so. This move reflected the increased duties and responsibilities that frontier women had assumed as compared to women in the more settled East.

January 30, 1885 - The Secretary of the Interior, Henry M. Teller, recommended the opening of Indian lands in the Indian Territory to homesteaders. Since 1880 homesteaders known as "boomers" and led by David L. Payne and William L. Couch, were crossing into Indian Territory from Kansas and Arkansas and settled what is known as the "unassigned Lands" in the center of Indian Territory. Their actions are drawing increasingly favorable public opinion and placing increasing pressure on the Federal Government to take action.

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Grandma's Kitchen

By Grandma



Let's play what if. As we approach the end of the second year of the countdown - to 2000 decade, what if the various prognostications are right? What if we don't reach the 21st century?

Let's take as a basis for this game a time limit of seven years, pretend that sometime in 1999, the planet (and human life as we know it) will end. Right now it doesn't matter how it will end.

Cataclysm, or a gentle lifting away of all the completed souls to begin again in a new place, or traditional religions view of the end of the world complete with plagues and locusts - whatever, when it's over, it's over.

Pretend that at the end of seven years, all who will learn have learned; all who will grow have grown as much as they will, all who will love, love. That, of course, would mean all who will "get it right," already did, and for the rest, there would be no more opportunities to incarnate.

The first impulse question after such conjecture would be, what then? But is that the question? Think about it, ignore for a moment the undeniable fact that none of us really knows for certain that we have remaining even seven days, or seven hours, much less seven years.

For some, such as those who are seriously ill, seven years sounds like forever. Some would abhor - others would cherish - another seven years.

But ordinarily seven years seems but a moment in the eternity scheme, especially if one happens to be wildly happy about some particular situation.

As infants, we come into the earth needy. Regardless of how long or short a time we stay, we go out needing to rest and to evaluate the soul's experience before coming back to try it again. But since in this game coming back isn't an option, and our last shot at meeting needs is during the next seven years, it's reasonable to identify what those needs are. Once identified, how do we satisfy true need? What has to happen today so that when our imaginary seven years are up, we're physically, mentally, and spiritually ready for whatever comes.

When we develop do-it-now consciousness, then lets mend relationships, meditate, pray, forgive self and others, be kinder, and love more, and so on. We either do it, or accept that it won't be done and swallow the consequences.

Soon we begin 1992, the third year of the countdown-to-2000 decade. How do we win this game? Those who won't do, don't win. All those who will, do.

If I get too deep for you ever so often, just ignore me, sometimes I get too deep for myself.

Now, lets get to some recipes I've picked out especially for you. Here's one those kids can fix for you, Mom, after a hard day.

BAKED LIVER & BACON

Beef liver - 4 serving size slices
Salt & pepper to taste
Flour for dredging
1 egg beaten with 1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
8 strips bacon

Generously grease a shallow baking pan. Salt and pepper liver slices and dredge flour lightly. Beat egg with the milk and dip floured slices in egg mixture. Then coat with bread crumbs. Lay liver slices close

BEEF & CHEESE CASSEROLE

1 cup milk
8 oz. elbow macaroni
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
8 oz. beef cut in thin slices
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1/4 cup chopped green onions

In a large bowl, gradually stir milk into soup until blended. Add raw macaroni, beef, cheese, eggs and green onions. Toss to coat well. Spoon into 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours, like overnight. Cover casserole with foil, bake at 375° oven, stirring once for 45 minutes, or until macaroni is tender. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes. That's a great recipe for all you working moms.

Now, here's a new way to fix liver, it's a little trouble to prepare, but well worth it.

together in greased pan and cover all with bacon slices. Bake in 350° oven until bacon is crisp and brown, about 30 minutes. Liver is ready to serve.

Watch out group, here's a great thought to end the year, or to start 1992. This one's going to hit you between the eyes: a cartoon depicted a court room scene in which the defendant stood before the bench and asked, "Judge, may I plead slightly guilty?" Often, we are more than "slightly" guilty of failing to live up to our best, to develop our talents to the fullest, and to go that extra mile of service. Perhaps we are more than "slightly guilty" of ingratitude.

If we are too busy to be grateful, we are too busy, and it's time to slow down, look around, and express our thanks to God and man.

Most of us are more than "slightly guilty" of wanting to change our neighbor, rather than to correct our own shortcomings. It is easy to magnify and concentrate on the splinter in another's eye while neglecting the log in our own.

If we are honest, we will admit that we are more than "slightly guilty" of dodging our responsibilities, of letting the other person do it, and of closing our eyes to suffering, injustice, and loneliness in the lives of others. Too often we are more than "slightly guilty" of convincing ourselves that we are only "slightly guilty."

Just time for a quick hug and special love,

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Library Notes



Hello Kinney County! I'm your new librarian, Cindy Lockwood.

I decided that this week I would tell you a little bit about myself. I have only been living in Brackettville for two months. My husband and I moved here from a wonderful West Texas community called Alpine, where we both received our degrees from Sul Ross State University.

Since I am new to the community, I am looking forward to meeting the people of Kinney County. Please come by and see me.

If I appear to be confused, it is only because the library has been without a librarian for two months and there's a lot of catching up to do. With the welcomed help of the marvelous volunteers and Maria Woodson, I believe I will make it.

Many thanks to the people who donated materials to the library this week. Jeffery Duncan donated some magazines, and Sandy Herman donated a book and a video.

It is this type of continued generosity that makes this library a success.

Happy Holidays to everyone and a prosperous New Year. Make a resolution to read more in the new year and we'll see you here.

Kinney County Library Staff and Volunteers

Media Alert

Material from the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Commerce stating that San Antonio has fireworks over the Alamo on New Year's Eve is in error. **There is no major fireworks display on New Year's Eve in San Antonio.**

Editor's Note: The incorrect information was part of a state Christmas round-up article and was provided newspapers camera ready. *The Brackett News* printed it on December 5.

Beyond The Horizon

By Dorothy Payne



Fort Gibson, on the Arkansas River, was the head of navigation in the early days in Indian Territory. Its location was established here because of the water available.

The military built the Fort in 1824. This Fort was unique because its duty was to protect the five civilized tribes against Plains Indians.

Fort Gibson was one of the strongest and most important links from the northern to the southern boundaries of the United States. It became the chief military center in Indian Territory. Many treaties with the tribes were concluded here. Here the Indians brought in buffalo hides, furs, beeswax, bear oil, prairie chickens, and pecans, which they traded for tobacco, knives, jewelry, and especially cotton cloth. The favorite cloth was a bright three colored pin stripe.

The Fort was abandoned in June 1857. It was re-opened during the Civil War and was active until 1890.

Many historical figures came to Fort Gibson. Such figures came as General Zackery Taylor, Captain Nathan Boone - son of Daniel Boone, Jefferson Davis, General Henry Leavenworth, Robert E. Lee, and Washington Irving whose book was followed by anyone who wanted to go west.

For a time, Henry M. Stanley, the famous explorer, taught school in Fort Givson. He was famous for finding Dr. Livingston who was supposedly lost, but really wasn't, just not ready to be found until his work was finished.

In 1829, Sam Houston made a home for himself about three miles northwest of the Fort at his "Wigwam Neasho." Here he lived with his Cherokee wife, Tiana Rogers, until 1832, when he left for his destiny in Texas. The grave of Mrs. Houston is in the National Cemetery at Fort Gibson. Mrs. Houston was related to the Will Rogers family.

The famous painter of Indians, George Catlin, had his headquarters in Fort Gibson in 1834. From here, he made trips to paint the Indians. Most of these paintings are in the National Museum in Washington and in the Gilcrease Foundation at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Fort Gibson, because of the terrain and rivers, was prone to mosquitos, which brought malaria to the soldiers. It was a busy place and a haven to travelers in the wilds.

Most of Fort Gibson has been restored, especially the buildings built during the Civil War. An aura of adventure can still be felt when visiting Fort Gibson.

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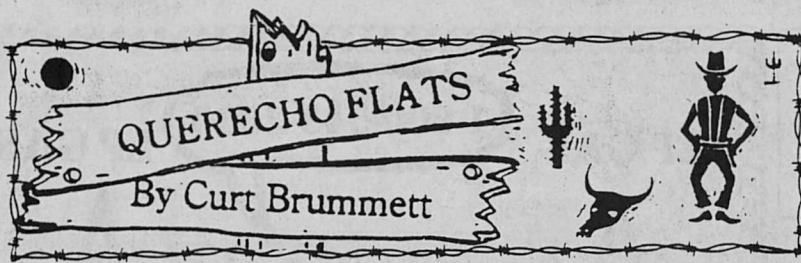
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Querecho Christmas

As usual, in the quaint little village of Querecho Flats there is the element of stupidity. And the element raises it's ugly little head pretty regular, sometimes it is so aggravating that a person can get really mad and threaten to separate himself (or herself) from any and all forms of communication with all those afflicted with the dread disease known as **Severe Dumb Butt Anemia**. From here on out the dreaded sickness will be referred to as SDBA.

But, there has been a few times since SDBA has not only created some genuine hate and discontent, it has supplied the good citizens of Querecho Flats with some really good laughs.

The one particular time I'm referring to is Christmas about 6 years ago.

Garlan has helped out a lot of different people from time to time, and he hasn't asked for much in return. But don't misunderstand what I'm saying. He is known for his undying desire to make a buck when ever possible, and he tries to make every situation a money making deal. And that's what caused the Great Wreck of Christmas 1985.

Four days before Christmas, about 4:45 p.m. a salesman just happened to have car trouble in front of Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office. It wasn't any thing major, all it would take to repair the car would be a whole new motor. It appeared that one or two rods were sticking out the side of the block.

The salesman was in a rush to get back home for the holidays and be with his family. He told Garlan that it would be the first time in several years that he would have a chance to spend more than just Christmas day at home. Home being El Paso, Texas.

Querecho Flats is not on what you would call a major highway, and Garlan knew that the chances of the salesman getting a ride to any where at that time of day was just about zip. So being the good old boy that he was, he offered to give the man a ride into Roswell so he could catch a bus on in to El Paso. He would 'ave offered to take 'im to Logaville but to get to El Paso from Logaville you have to go somewhere else to start.

They pushed the car around back of the Mostly General Store where it joined several others that Garlan had seen fit to retire rather than trade off. The blowed up car was in good company, cause they parked it next to a 1951 Studebaker Hawk that died of the same problem. Garlan figured some day all those rusted out bodies would be worth something to an antique collector.

And after closing up the store, him and the salesman took off for Roswell.

Garlan refused to accept any money for the help, and he told the salesman that maybe someday, he would be able to help someone out that was in a bind. But the salesman wouldn't take no for an answer, and as he was getting on the bus for El Paso, he gave Garlan his sample case of goods and told 'im to sell 'em or just give 'em away and since it wasn't money Garlan figured it would be alright to accept the gift. And besides all that, when the man said sell 'em, Garlan saw his chance to make a buck.

Well, the next morning all the local coffee drinkers and domino players were busy doing their thing at Garlan's when the subject of Christmas presents came up. And it was Garlan that brought it up.

Sure enough Garlan had it figured right. Out of the 9 men that were in the store, only one had bought the wife a Christmas gift, and the other 8 were waiting for the last minute because they just didn't know what to buy their lovely wives for that really special time of the year.

Of course Garlan had the perfect solution, for just \$11.95 each one of the late shoppers could not only buy their wife an attractive present but something that could be used for years to come and each time it was used the lucky lady would think of the special someone that purchased the item with only the best of thoughts in mind. Not to mention the fact that they wouldn't have to mess around with all those ill mannered people in the stores at the last minute.

Well Garlan sold out and every one was happy until about 8:15 on Christmas morning. That's when Garlan started getting some really nasty phone calls.

Probably the only one that had any dealings with Garlan that year at Christmas time that had a good cheerful Christmas was the salesman. You see, the salesman sold **IRONING BOARD COVERS**.

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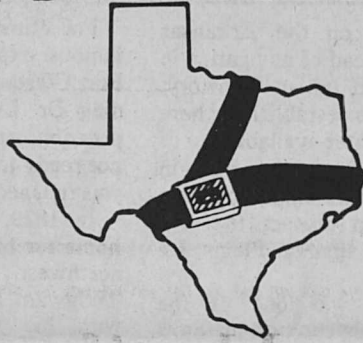
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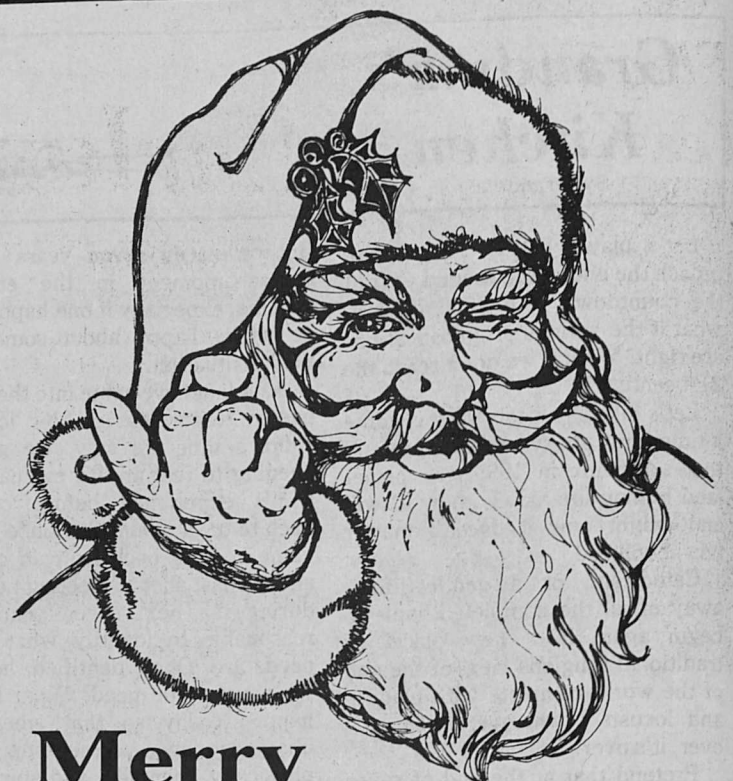
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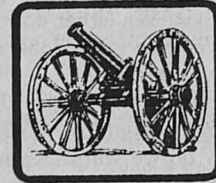


- AA: Mondays, 8 p.m., Slator Hall, 109 W. James St.
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- Bass Club: Last Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- City Council: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 noon, Laughlin AFB. Reservations required.
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- 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 & Auxillary 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.
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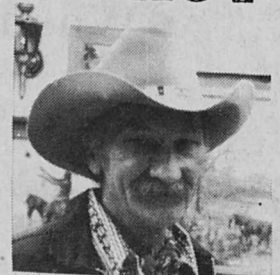
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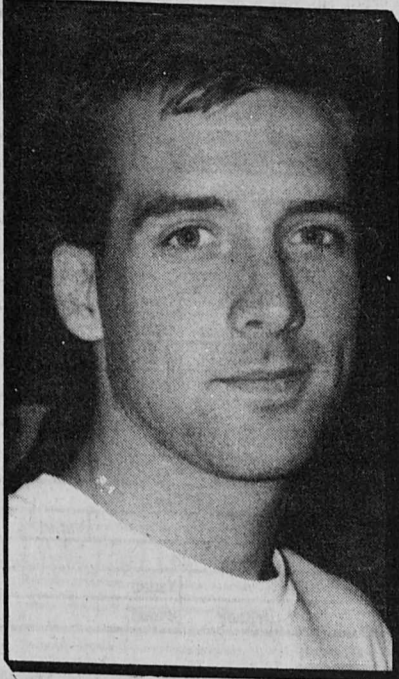
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Flag Football Team to Finals



Shane Williford

The intramural girls flag football team coached by Shane Williford and Rob Milson at Howard Payne University has earned the right to represent HPU in the National Intercollegiate Flag Football Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning December 27.

Williford and Milson are senior students at HPU and they and the team will leave Brownwood on December 26 taking fifteen players to New Orleans.

In addition to competing, they will attend the Sugar Bowl Basketball Classics, and the Flag Football final game will be played in the Sugar Bowl during the half-time of the Classics.

Williford is a math and physical education major and last year, as a junior, qualified for and played in the National Collegiate Tennis Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.

Williford is the grandson of Tom and Jean Faulkenberry of Fort Clark Springs and is a frequent visitor to the Fort.

Missy Markham, one of the players, has also been a visitor to the Fort as a guest of the Faulkenberrys.

Boxing Day

December 26

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Writer

Amateur boxing ranks high as a sport among the youth of many countries, as shown by the Olympic Games. In the United States, boxing competition has been encouraged among youth throughout most of the 20th century by the Amateur Athletic Union, an organization established in 1888.

Since 1928 the foremost event in amateur boxing has been the Golden Gloves tournaments, annual contests between cities. Joe Louis came from the ranks of Golden Glove contestants.

Most amateur bouts are 3-minute rounds and usually specify that gloves may not weigh less than 8 ounces.

Boxing Day is December 26 in the British Empire. On that day the gentry were accustomed to giving presents, generally of money. Boxing Day is a legal bank holiday in Britain.

Happy Birthday

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Love Family & Friends - December 29

ASC County Committee Election

Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Kinney County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, has announced the results of the December 2 election of County ASC Committee persons for 1992.

Charles E. Foust was reelected to serve a 3-year term. Martha Mahone will serve as first alternate, and Don Nance will serve as second alternate.

Wanoreck added that producer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs, under the guidance of the State ASC Committee and applicable Federal laws and regulations.

At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The producer receiving the largest number of votes is elected to the committee for a three year term; persons receiving the second and third largest number of votes are elected to one year terms as first and second alternates.

Carlos' Christmas Essay

By JUDITH ZAFFRINI
State Senator, Dist. 21

"My mom and I think there should be more 'Christ' in Christmas," our 9-year-old son, Carlos, Jr., wrote in his Christmas essay at school last week.

Indeed, as Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus 1,991 years ago and Jews celebrate Hanukkah, the focus should be on faith and family.

We who are blessed with extended families and enjoy religious festivities at this special time of the year should pause to consider the plight of those whose problems are at home and of those who don't have a home.

Throughout Texas we see impoverished men, women, and children, many of them hungry and homeless. State and federal government programs never will identify all of these individuals, much less care for all of the truly needy. Accordingly, this season of traditional celebrations offers an opportunity to re-examine how the public, private and non-profit sectors can complement each other to help less fortunate Texans.

Food, clothing and toy drives are wonderful opportunities for children to experience the spirit of sharing. At home, school and/or church, children should learn the sincere generosity reflects the joy of giving, rather than the simple pleasure of receiving.

One of our most popular contemporary heroes, David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs, is setting a beautiful example by conducting a new toy and new clothing drive for needy children. His emphasis on "new" reflects his interest in making recipients happy. Too often financially stable families simply clean out their pantries, closets and toy chests to participate in similar drives, though they could afford higher quality contributions.

"When we give to the poor, we can pretend that we are giving Jesus birthday presents," Carlos Jr. added in his essay. This innocent expression reflects the profound assumption that generosity reflects the interrelationship binding faith with hope and with charity.

Giving time to help others often is as meaningful as giving material goods, for as Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "the only gift is a portion of myself."

Visiting the lonely and the suffering can generate unexpected cheer, especially at this time of the year. Those who live in happy homes could benefit from taking time to visit centers and homes for the elderly and the abused, rehabilitation centers, halfway houses and orphanages.

Such special visits can be equally heartwarming for the visitors as they realize how fortunate they are by comparison and how easily they can generate goodwill. No governmental effort could offer this kind of emotional boost.

Truly, those who enjoy blessings such as happiness at home should share them with those who don't. Such sharing is especially important because troubled and unhappy individuals often suffer deep depression and other anxieties and problems as they witness in others the harmony they wish they had.

Frankly, when the focus is on faith and family, those who have neither often need our special attention and/or help. For them, the greatest gift may be to share our time and to listen to their needs.

We also should focus attention on protecting seasonal travelers. Every year holiday dreams are shattered and replaced with anguish as Texans

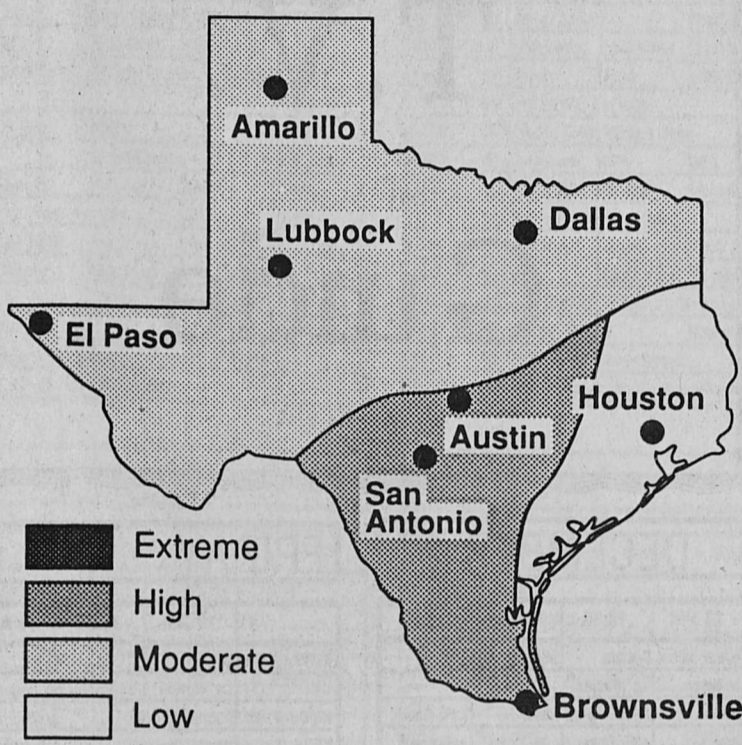
die at the hands of drunk drivers. Last year, for example, drunk drivers killed 203 Texans during the holiday period from November 1 to December 31. To help avoid this tragedy, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) are asking motorists to display a red ribbon on their vehicles until after New Year's as a reminder to avoid drunk driving.

To decrease accidents and deaths on our streets and highways, a record number of peace officers will be on duty at critical times throughout our state. Like firefighters, hospital and

health care personnel, and a multitude of public service employees who work on Christmas Day and other holidays to protect the public, they deserve our gratitude.

My prayer this holiday season is that the Lord inspire us all not only to be grateful for and cognizant of our blessings, but also to share them with others throughout the year. The faith, hope, love, generosity and family unity associated with Hanukkah and Christmas should be enjoyed year-round.

WILDFIRE DANGER REPORT



Fire activity and risk remains high in portions of South Texas. Rains over the weekend in East Texas and portions of North Central Texas have kept danger in the low or medium categories. South Texans should be very careful with all outside burning. Source: Texas Forest Service and Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 12-10-91

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FRIDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 27. Table listing programs from 6 PM to 11:30 PM on various channels.

FRIDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 27. Table listing programs from 12 AM to 5:30 AM on various channels.

SATURDAY Morning DECEMBER 28. Table listing programs from 6 AM to 11:30 AM on various channels.

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SUNDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 29

Table of TV programming for Sunday, December 29, Prime Time. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and program titles like 'Space Wild Am.', 'Siempre en Domingo', 'Movie: Ghost Dad', etc.

SUNDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 29

Table of TV programming for Sunday, December 29, Wee Hours. Columns include time slots (12 AM to 5:30 AM) and program titles like 'Off Air', 'Continued', 'Siempre en Domingo', etc.

MONDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 30

Table of TV programming for Monday, December 30, Prime Time. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and program titles like 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'Machachitas', 'Wheel Jeopardy!', etc.

MONDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 30

Table of TV programming for Monday, December 30, Wee Hours. Columns include time slots (12 AM to 5:30 AM) and program titles like 'Off Air', 'La Movida', 'Programacion Pagada', etc.

TUESDAY Prime Time DECEMBER 31

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, December 31, Prime Time. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and program titles like 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'Machachitas', 'Wheel Jeopardy!', etc.

TUESDAY Wee Hours DECEMBER 31

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, December 31, Wee Hours. Columns include time slots (12 AM to 5:30 AM) and program titles like 'Off Air', 'La Movida', 'Letterman', etc.

WEDNESDAY Prime Time JANUARY 1

Table of TV programming for Wednesday, January 1, Prime Time. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and program titles like 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'Machachitas', 'Wheel Jeopardy!', etc.

WEDNESDAY Wee Hours JANUARY 1

Table of TV programming for Wednesday, January 1, Wee Hours. Columns include time slots (12 AM to 5:30 AM) and program titles like 'Off Air', 'La Movida', 'HOLA America', etc.

THURSDAY Prime Time JANUARY 2

Table of TV programming for Thursday, January 2, Prime Time. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and program titles like 'Sandiego? Bus.', 'Machachitas', 'Wheel Jeopardy!', etc.

THURSDAY Wee Hours JANUARY 2

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County Agent News

by Allan L. McWilliams



A statewide campaign to help school children cope with the Africanized honey bee began December 10 with the distribution of hands-on teaching materials to elementary schools in Hidalgo County.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is providing a honey bee "show and tell" kit -- 400 of them in all -- to every public elementary school in the 18 counties where the Africanized honey bee has been found. By spring, 1,000 of the kits, will have been given to schools throughout South Texas.

Children are the most vulnerable and perhaps the least informed. The kits are designed to give teachers the tools they have been requesting to help instruct children about the myths and realities about this insect.

Africanized bees look like regular honey bees, but they are much more defensive in protecting their hives. As a result, they are more likely to sting in greater numbers, with less provocation, and at greater distances from their nests.

The first swarm of Africanized bees was found in Hidalgo County in October 1990. To date, the insect has been found as far north as Del Rio and Corpus Christi. By next fall, the bees are projected to have reached San Antonio and be within 50 miles of Houston.

The Africanized bee will not be an insect that will change Texans' way of life. It is simply another insect that children will have to be careful around. Like a rattlesnake, it's a nuisance that we have to learn how to avoid and what to do if we encounter it.

The kit consists of a blue cardboard box, the same one scientists hang in trees to monitor the bee movements. Each box has a complete setup for teaching children in grades K-4 how to live with the new creatures; large photos of honey bees, an Africanized honey bee preserved in resin, a color slide set with scripts and cassettes in Spanish and English, a plastic honeycomb, capsules of the scented pheromones bees use to communicate with each other and a teaching guide with cartoons and handouts to color.

The kits are part of the public information campaign on the Africanized bee in Texas supported in part by a \$45,000 grant from the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Currently, 18 counties in South Texas are under quarantine in an effort to slow the spread of the Africanized honey bee. More than 1

million people, about 90 percent of whom are Hispanic, live in those counties. A concentrated effort will be to reach these groups. About one-third of the population are children under the age of 14 years. The region's per capita income is less than \$6,000.

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5:00 p.m. Rabbit Show

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8:30 a.m. Market Lamb Show: Finewools, Crossbreds
10:30 a.m. Commercial Fine-wool Ewe Lamb Show
11:00 a.m. Jr. Angora Goat Show
12:00 noon Barbeque Lunch
1:30 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentation
2:00 p.m. Junior Livestock Auction Sale

Eastern Standard Time

First Day Of Winter

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Writer

The winter solstice occurs approximately on December 22, when the sun appears highest in the southern sky at any location south of the Tropic of Capricorn.

International Arbor Day was established on this day to encourage winter tree planting in celebration of Arbor Days throughout the world.

In the U. S., an annual tree-planting day for the beautification of towns, or the forestation of empty tracts of land. It is a legal holiday in some states and is generally observed in connection with the public schools, for the purpose of impressing children with the importance of trees.



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The following items will be accepted at the Recycle Del Rio Recycling Center (located at the corner of 12th and Bedell). By following these simple guidelines you will help to insure the recyclability of our materials.

-ALUMINUM. Drink cans only. Please rinse, drain and crush.

-GLASS. Remove caps or lids and rinse. Separate into clear, brown and green (either at home or at the center). There is no need to remove labels or aluminum rings.

-TIN. Food cans such as soup or pet food cans. Please rinse lightly but there is no need to remove labels.

-PLASTICS. Number 1 and 2 types only. The numbers can be found on the bottom of your plastic containers. Usually milk jugs, water

jugs, vegetable oil bottles, soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars, shampoo bottles, margarine tubs and laundry detergent/household cleaner bottles are number 1 or 2. There is no need to separate the two.

-CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. To be collected for donation to the Bethel Center.

-WHITE BOND PAPER/COMPUTER PAPER. This includes green bar, plain computer paper and forms, typing paper, paper used in a copier or laser printer. We are unable to accept junk mail, fax paper or notebook paper at this time.

Items may be delivered in plastic bags, but need to be removed from the bags at the center.

Questions can be answered by the Recycling Coordinator, Teresa Garland, at 775-8558.

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What is your favorite book: *Twas The Night Before Christmas*.
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What would you like to be if you could change your life: I would like to be able to turn off my nose during hunting season.
If you could change Brackettville, how would you change it: More chimneys and wider doors.

Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer

Texas Tourism Events Named Best In North America

AUSTIN, TEXAS -- The American Bus Association has chosen two Texas festivals for its 1992 "Top 100 Events in North America," a list used by the motorcoach industry to plan itineraries.

The San Antonio Texas Folklife Festival, Aug. 1-2, and the Corpus Christi Harbor Lights Festival, Dec. 5, were named among North American festivals and events that celebrate rural folkways, ethnic diversity and historic commemoratives.

The Texas Folklife Festival is held annually on the Institute of Texan Culture's 15-acre grounds. Costumed participants representing more than 30 ethnic groups serve food and perform music and dancing indicative of their cultures.

Corpus Christi's Harbor Christmas Lights Festival celebrates the city's maritime heritage with a display of lights in the downtown and harbor areas. After a parade, street festival and Santa's arrival, the city's mayor flips on the lights of downtown buildings and decorated boats in the harbor, launching a month of festivities.

The Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division entered the events in the ABA competition to

represent the state's varied cultural activities and to draw attention to its diverse folkways, said Dianne Mendoza Freeman, Ph.D., Tourism Division deputy director.

"The ABA's choice of Texas festivals shows that North America's travel community is becoming aware of what we've known for a long time that Texas is the premiere continental destination," Freeman said. "We have something to offer every traveler."

Events are nominated based on the level of community support and national reputation, expected attendance, and accommodation to motorcoach travel.

The American Bus Association is the national trade association of the intercity bus industry. Its nearly 700 bus company members operate regular route, charter, tour, airport express and commuter services. ABA member bus companies provide about 90 percent of the private bus service in the United States.

The U.S. motorcoach industry generated \$13.2 billion in travel expenditures in 1989, and accounted for \$94.9 million in travel spending in Texas, a National Tour Association study reported.

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Tournament of Roses

By DORTHY PAYNE
Brackett News Writer

The Tournament of Roses has been held in Pasadena, California, each year since January 1, 1886.

The parade is fabulous with decorated floats passing in procession. The parade takes hours to pass in front of jam-packed spectators lining the street for miles.

After the parade, the Rose Bowl football game is played. This game has been played annually since January 1, 1902. The Rose Bowl Game preceded the other well-known annual American bowl games by three decades.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



C IS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHILD
ON HIS LITTLE BED OF HAY

H IS FOR THE HEAVENLY HOST
WHO WORSHIPPED HIM THAT DAY

R IS FOR THE RAY OF LIGHT
FROM ONE BRIGHT STAR ABOVE

I IS FOR THE LOWLY INN
SO FULL OF JOY AND LOVE

S IS FOR THE SHEPHERDS
KNEELING HUMBLY IN PRAYER

T IS FOR THE TRAVELERS
WITH GIFTS SO GREAT AND RARE

M IS FOR THE MOTHER,
GENTLE MARY, FULL OF GRACE

A IS FOR THE AWE AND PRIDE
ON BLESSED JOSEPH'S FACE

S IS FOR THE ANGEL'S SONG--
REJOICING IN THE ONE
WHO CAME TO BE
GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE,
THE FATHER'S ONLY SON

The Brackett News

Kinney County Gets The Christmas Spirit



Andrea Garcia, Aurela Sanchez and Ronnie Dunnam are packing 250 bags with candy and fruit to give children in Headstart through the third grade. This is a project of the Volunteer Fire Department and is paid for by the firemen and private donations.



Santa (Johnny McClure) with the help of elves, Darnette Daniels and Aurela Sanchez prepare to hand out goody bags donated by BVFD to children at Headstart. He later visited Jones Elementary.



Get out and enjoy a little "Window Shopping" at Jean's on Spring Street.



Ashely Castillo and Amber Carrow enjoy Christmas Party at Headstart held Friday, Dec. 20.



The FCS Maintenance Department shows off its Christmas Tree and Beautiful lighting.



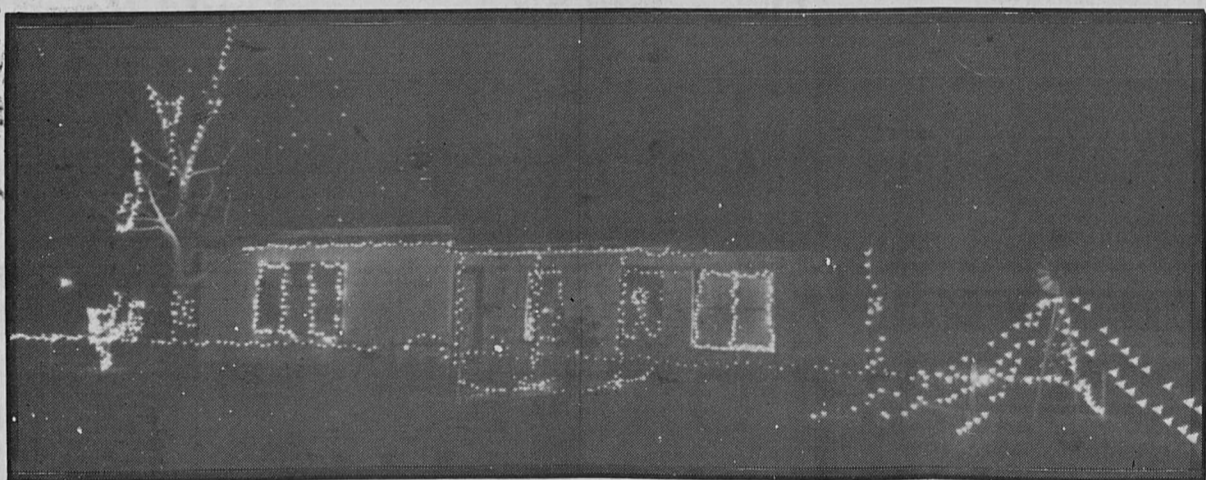
The Sammy Lee Smith house on El Paso St., Brackettville is all aglow with the lights for the Holidays.



Don and Ruth Packer residence in Fort Clark is one of many attractions in Unit 14.



The Frank and Helen Garza home on Spring St., Brackettville, sports beautiful Christmas decorations in the front yard.



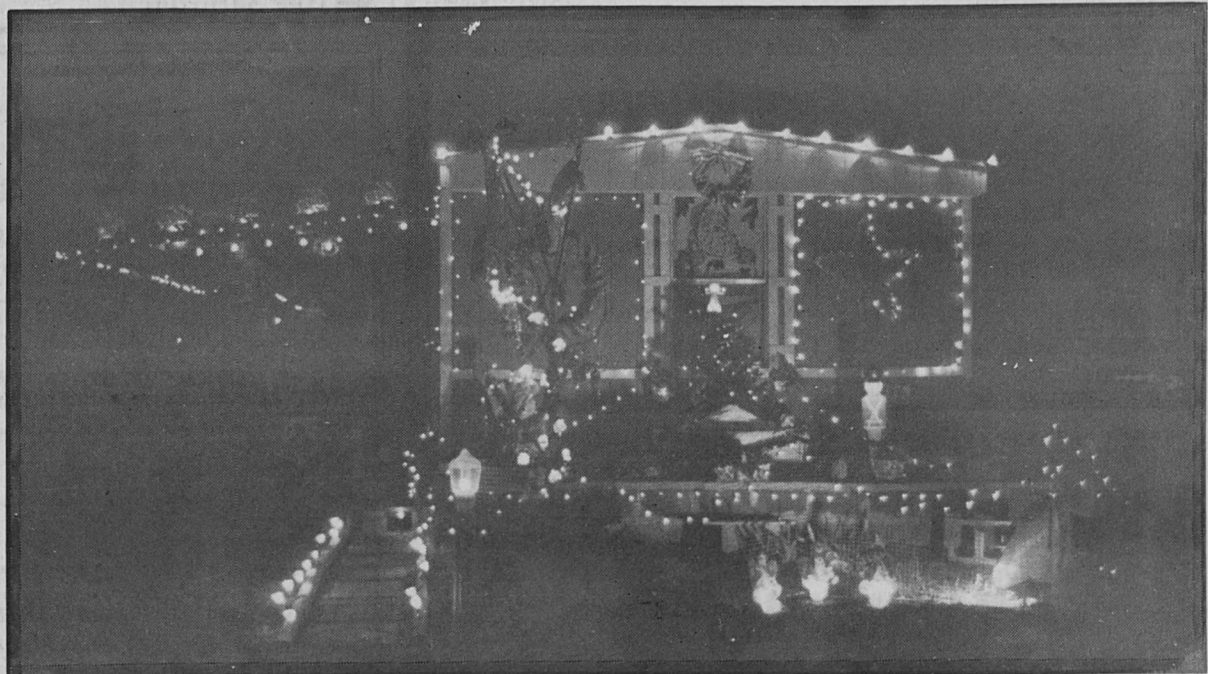
Moreana Rivas, Gove Street, Brackettville has lights not only on her house but also in the trees and on a miniature windmill.



The Albert and Esther Kesteloot residence at FCS, Unit 3, have Christmas lights galore. A "must see" extravaganza.



Andrea Garcia and Aurela Sanchez of the Auxialry to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department load the van with Holiday cheer to be delivered to "shut ins" in Kinney County.



Charlie and Wanda Smith, FCS Unit 14 go all out with their Christmas decorating.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You get to show just how much you've got it together this week. You're heavy into standing under the mistletoe (who can blame you?) as you roll into Christmas. Be nurturing as the week comes to a close. Another mistletoe attack; let another lead you down the trail to bliss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't put unneeded pressure on yourself as the week begins. Play it low keyed; stay close to the roost. A loved one lets you know how very much they care this Christmas. Both of you may hear sleigh bells for a long time. Take some special time just for you and company this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make a point of calling friends that you don't contact often at the beginning of the week. You make a difference. Get into the flow of the season. Drop anchor Christmas Day. Rest up because you enter a special weekend with a special elf in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be dumbstruck at the cost of this holiday season, or you may be awestruck by a special gift sent to you. Intimate conversations, brisk walks and tender moments fill the remainder of the week. You vanish into your shell for the weekend ... with whom or for what, we don't know.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Even if you don't dress up as Santa this week, everyone's going to be sure that, with the "HO-HO-HO's" and rosy cheeks, you're certainly playing the role. You enjoy unusual happiness this holiday week. Over the weekend, you are cooling, and on the go (not far from home).

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) You may be rather mysterious to others before the holiday. You reveal yourself and are in full bloom this Christmas. Others are drawn to you; and your magnetic ways zero in on just the right person. Gift giving of all forms occupy you even through the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

With lots of bases to cover, you are the last minute shopper. You really get into the festivities — egg nog here and there (kisses under the mistletoe here and there). You may miss a special person this Christmas until the weekend. Then, Libra can be found beaming all weekend long.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) You are likely to be the happiest of all signs right now. Seems like Santa knew what was on your wish list, and be that spiritual or physical, you indulge all week long. You are not to be found this weekend. Playing with your toys again!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Reach out to another at a distance. Change your plans if that's what you want to do. Your perkier side comes out toward the weekend. You are very happy, and it seems you've made a friend especially happy as well. Your holiday magic appears to be contagious.

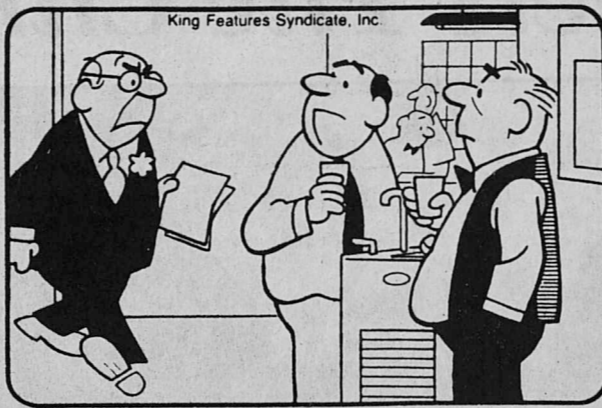
CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) As the week begins, lasso in a special friend and make them your holiday gift. This exchange has your spirits soaring Christmas Day. Boy, do you seem distracted at Christmas dinner. Everyone can ask; you don't have to tell. You work on normalizing all weekend long.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) A special person shoots their Cupid's arrow and hits the bull's eye. Don't worry about explaining why you cancelled all your Christmas Day plans and the next day's plans. The poet in you comes out this weekend.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) The Fish may be swimming everywhere as the week begins (trying to get everything done). A late Christmas Eve, but it's all worth it as you and associates discover. Celebration and intimacy intertwine. The weekend is exclusive and just for ... oh well ... some people have all the luck.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Flower is longer. 2. Paper is missing. 3. Tie is different. 4. Light fixture is longer. 5. Man is missing. 6. Vest is different.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Goat antelope
6 Perfume measure
10 Places of scientific discovery
14 Louvre's locale
19 Hollywood costume designer
20 Western city
21 five
22 Actress/singer
23 Pea tree
24 Gunther's "inside"
25 Merit
26 Swellings
27 Lease again
28 Pursue or rate
29 Disney classic
30 Where breeches end
31 Adjust to a standard
34 Mexican blanket
36 Compass reading
39 To the (entirely)
40 Personality
42 Hindu hero
43 Ewe said it!

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

- Artificial Basecoat
Bite Broken
Buff Clippers Cuticles Emery board
File Finger Manicure Paint
Polish Toe Trim

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School Activities Need Your Support

Happy Birthday

- Hazel Sullivan Dec. 23
Johnnie Beard Dec. 23
Victoriano Abrigo Dec. 23
Tom Beatty Dec. 24
Sam Ferguson Dec. 24
Jesus Christ Dec. 25
Michael Gass Dec. 25
Dorothy Clark Dec. 26
Pat Foster Dec. 26
Christina Smith Dec. 27
J. J. Smith Dec. 27
Kerry Barry Dec. 28
Hortencia Castro Dec. 28
Patsy Foster Dec. 29
Myrna Gonzalez Dec. 29
Patricia Garberick Dec. 29
Wallace Dimery Dec. 30
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Due to the expected length of impoundment and the small size of the pound area, the City is making this appeal to citizens for help.

Temporary housing and care of this animal is being asked of a good neighbor.

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Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

HAPPY HOLIDAYS. I hope you all have a place to be this Christmas and New Year's, and that you're feeling as much a part of what it is to be an American as you felt when you were in the service to protect and preserve our American freedoms.

For many vets, however, especially those who left the service with psychiatric disabilities, homelessness has become their way of life, and, too often they're forgotten in the crush of other matters. But some people do remember, and I'd like to take this time to salute the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Service Trust who have begun supplying warm jackets to homeless vets in 13 cities across the country. Over 2,000 jackets were scheduled for distribution through local programs in Little Rock, Ark., San Francisco, Calif., Greeley, Colo., Washington, D.C., Fort Thomas, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Boston, Mass., New York, N.Y., Dayton Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., Charleston, S.C., Tacoma, Wash., Martinsburg, W.Va. For more information, write DVA Charitable Service Trust, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Ky. 41076. Tel.: 606-441-7300.

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YOU ALWAYS HIT THE MARK WITH THE CLASSIFIEDS

Kinney County Republican Chairman

Persons interested in filing for a place on the Republican 1992 General Primary Ballot may contact Rosemary Cervantes at 512-563-2213.

Kinney County Democratic Chairman

The Kinney County Democratic Chairperson will be in the Kinney County Library 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday through Friday for persons wishing to file an application for a place on the Democratic 1992 General Primary Ballot, or may be reached at 512-563-2211 at other times.

LEASE WANTED

Couple interested in long term lease, or lease purchase, of residence on Fort Clark. Can furnish references.

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INVITATION TO BID

Kinney County Commissioners Court is accepting bids on the following, to wit:

New Ford F-350 Cab/chassis 161" W.B. w/Type I Ford Ambulance prep. pkg. (47A). For additional specifications, please contact the Kinney County Judge's Office.

Bids will be opened January 13, 1992. Sealed bids shall be mailed to the County Judge, P. O. Box 348, Brackettville TX 78832.

The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
/s/ Tim Ward
County Judge



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Season's Greetings

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Saving Water with Appliances — Every Drop Counts!

These days, water shortages in various parts of the United States are reminding everybody just how precious each drop of fresh water really is.

But what can the average consumer do to conserve water? The answer, say Whirlpool home economists, is plenty. They offer the following simple steps to save water when washing dishes or doing laundry:

Dishwashers

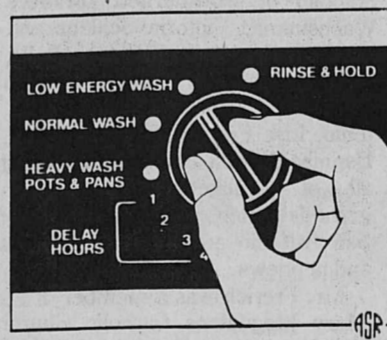
- If you own a dishwasher, use it! Washing dishes by hand takes up to 43 percent more water than washing with a standard-size automatic dishwasher.

- Avoid pre-rinsing. Many dishwasher owners still rinse dishes before loading them, even though today's highly efficient dishwashers are designed to remove food particles from dishes, filter them out of the water and flush them away. So while pre-rinsing doesn't get dishes any cleaner, it does use up to 70 percent more water.

- Use a single-wash cycle whenever possible. Lightly soiled dishes don't require a cycle with two washes, which are usually reserved for heavily soiled items. Check your dishwasher's use and care guide to see which cycles have just one wash.

- Load dishes carefully. To get the best cleaning results (and prevent rewashing), be sure dishes aren't blocking the detergent dispenser or spray arms. Check to see that heavily soiled items are positioned face-down to get the full force of the water action.

- Wash only full loads. Accumulate a full load of dishes for a single wash at the end of the day.



Clothes Washers

- Use only enough water to allow clothes to move freely and get clean... no more. With the adjustable water level control, you can save water by choosing a low setting for a small load, medium for a medium load, and so on (the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers says the difference between the highest and lowest water level setting in the average large-capacity washer is 21 gallons!).
- Consolidate loads, if possible. Washing two small loads uses an average of five gallons more water than combining them into a single large load.

- Prepare loads carefully. Sort items according to instructions in your use and care guide, pre-treat heavy stains and use enough detergent to get clothes clean. This will avoid the water waste of rewashing.

- Avoid buying clothes that must be laundered separately. Check the fabric care label when purchasing new clothing. If each household can save just a few gallons of water daily, the total savings will be tremendous.

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Endometriosis: A Confusing Condition

Patricia J. Sulak, M.D.
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic and
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Texas
A&M University Health Science Center



Q: I've been told by my doctor that I might have endometriosis. What is it? How is it treated?

A: Endometriosis is a condition in which tissue that looks and acts like the tissue lining the uterus is found in places other than the lining of the uterus. The tissue that lines the inside of the uterus is called endometrial tissue. When this tissue is found in places other than the inside of the uterus, we call it endometriosis. Endometriosis can be found on the outside of the uterus, on the tubes, on the ovaries, and even on the bowels or other structures.

When a woman menstruates (has a period) she sheds the inside lining of her uterus. If a woman has endometriosis, the endometrial tissue that is found outside the uterus will also break apart and bleed. Endometriosis can occur in any menstruating woman.

Women who have endometriosis may have pelvic pain, especially pain during the menstrual period, called dysmenorrhea. They may also have pain with sexual intercourse. In addition, women who have endometriosis may

also have problems becoming pregnant (infertility). Endometriosis is often suspected from the patient's history, especially if she is having problems with pelvic pain or getting pregnant. Often, the pelvic exam done by the physician may be normal except for some pelvic tenderness.

An accurate diagnosis can be obtained only by a procedure called laparoscopy. This is a procedure done in the operating room under general anesthesia. A telescope is inserted through a small incision in the abdomen enabling the doctor to have a direct look at the pelvic organs and actually see if endometriosis is present.

Many types of treatments are available for women with endometriosis. At the time of laparoscopy, if endometriosis is found, it can often be treated with laser. Medications are also available.

Endometriosis is a common condition which affects many women in the reproductive age of life.

While some women have no symptoms whatsoever, many have severe pelvic pain or may complain of difficulties getting pregnant. If you are having any problems suggestive of endometriosis, consult your physician.

If you have a question please write to "Scott & White Options For Health" in care of your local newspaper.



Meditations

by Preston Taylor

A track star slipped and fell as the gun fired, and all the other runners outdistanced him by a solid ten yards on that one hundred yard dash. He would have welcomed another opportunity to run.

We don't like to blunder; to fail is embarrassing. Our desire is to succeed. Even though Jonah and Peter had a "second chance," we don't want to run their risk. We want to be our best on the first or final big days of life. How?

Use your brains. I played baseball in high school. Our coach always encouraged us by saying, "Use your brains....Play 'heads up' ball!" God gives each of us about 12 billion brain cells -- twelve billion. We could use more than a small fraction of our thinking capacity with effort. Solomon said, "As a man thinketh.....so is he."

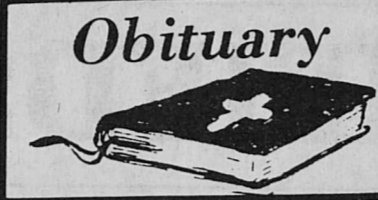
Take care of your body. A person shortens his life by smoking and drinking. Ninety percent of lung cancer is related to smoking. Drug habits and loud rock music damage

the brains and the body. Strive to keep your physical body in good shape. One's working, eating, and sleeping habits ought to be fairly well balanced in non-fanatical way. This is good insurance health policy. To disregard or violate health laws is costly.

Keep in "touch with God." Church going people live longer than the non-church goers. This is a proven fact. Even as the tabernacle remained in the center of the camp of the 12 tribes of Israel, God ought to be in the center of life today. A person cheats himself, not God, when the reverse is true.

A Chinese father told his son, "The man who removes the mountain is the man who begins carrying away small stones." Do your small duties today and the big ones will fall into place.

Start where you are with what you have. Make the most of the first opportunities and you will still be making good marks when the final bell sounds.



Obituary

Hardy Smith

Major Hardy Smith, USA Ret. died in Villa View Hospital October 2, 1991, of pneumonia and heart failure.

Major Smith was born November 1, 1893, in Rockdale, Texas, to Euriah Abner and Matty Dougherty Smith.

He served in the U. S. Army in France in 1917, and served in WWII and received a medical discharge in 1944.

Maj. Smith was stationed at Fort Clark and made numerous visits back after he was discharged from service. He was a subscriber to *The Brackett News* and enjoyed reading about activities at Fort Clark and in Kinney County.

He was a member of John D. Spreckles Masonic Lodge in San Diego, and a member of North Park Chapter #358, Order of the Eastern Star, where he served two terms as worthy patron.

Major Smith led a very intense life, traveled throughout the world, and was active in High Twelve Fraternity.

The highlight of his travels was to go to Israel and follow the paths Jesus trod.

He wrote poetry and remained active until hospitalized in January, 1991.

His love of life and friends were the reasons his life was so fulfilled.

He is survived by a nephew, Arthur Athey, Beeville, Texas, and Catherine Athey, niece by marriage.

Editor's Note: This information was received this week from Mr. Smith's guardian, Marie McVay.

Lola Mae McClure

Lola Mae McClure of Brackettville died at Val Verde Memorial Hospital December 20, 1991. She was born at Fort Clark November 25, 1921.

She is survived by her husband, Oscar McClure, of Brackettville, sons Johnny McClure, Brackettville, Alvin McClure, Spofford, and George McClure of Lampasas. She is also survived by three brothers: Russell Snyder, Jr. of San Antonio, William H. Snyder of Hondo, E. K. Snyder of Brackettville; and three sisters, Joan Batty of Lampasas, Polly Benson and Louise Malinowski both of Brackettville; and grandchildren Sean McClure, Tanya Kay McClure, Chip McClure, and Lola McClure.

Memorial services are pending at this time with Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home, Inc., 200 East Garfield Ave., Del Rio, Texas.

Fred A. Frerich

Fred A. Frerich, Brackettville, died December 20, 1991, at Val Verde Memorial Hospital. He was born October 29, 1912, in Scotland, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Frerich of Brackettville, whom he had been married to for fifty-four years. Other survivors include a daughter Pat Spain of San Antonio, a son Freddie Frerich of Brackettville; brothers August Frerich, Antom Frerich, Andrew Frerich all of Wichita Falls; sisters Albertine Schlabs of Scotland, Catherine Stallcup of Burkburnett, Frances Wachsmann, Victoria Schlabs and Elizabeth Lane all of Wichita Falls; and grandchildren Cynthia Fountain of Uvalde, Trey Spain of San Antonio, Lisa Frerich, Tanya Frerich, Dennise Frerich and Debra Frerich all of Brackettville; a great-granddaughter Stephanie Spain of San Antonio and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Frerich was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 8223.

Visitation was Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a prayer vigil to reside at 7:00 p.m. by Father David Zumaya at Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home.

Funeral mass was Monday at 10:00 a.m. in Brackettville at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father David Zumaya officiating. Interment followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Ray Frerich, Mitch Frerich, Mark Frerich, Tony Frerich, Jack Frerich, and Allen Frerich.

In lieu of flowers, the Frerich family has requested that donations be made to the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery Fund.

Happy Holidays

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Vigil Of Christmas

The Vigil of Christmas will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, December 24, with Christmas Carols before 12:00 midnight.

At 12:00 midnight, the feast of the Nativity, or birth of Christ, will be celebrated at Christmas Mass preceded by the blessing of the crib.

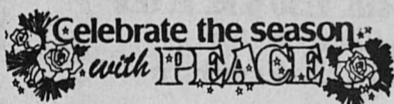
The crib usually refers to the manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after his birth in the stable of Bethlehem.

Nativity Of The Lord

Christmas Day, the day of the Nativity of the Lord, is December 25. The word "Christmas" can be traced back to 1038, to the old English "Cristes Maesse," meaning "the Mass of Christ."

The Nativity of Christ was introduced as a special feast in Rome about the middle of the fourth century. The Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth is the focal point of the world-wide celebration.

Christmas is a holiday in one hundred five nations of the world.



The Magi

The travelers from the East who visited Jesus when he was a babe in the manger are frequently called kings, but this is doubtful.

They were probably men learned in the natural sciences, particularly in astrology.

Scripture does not furnish enough data to determine the country of their origin, telling us only that they came from the East. The three gifts they brought suggests they were three wise men.

The names assigned to them are Gaspar, Balthasar, and Melchior.

The long tradition give these three gifts a mystical significance: gold because Christ was a king; frankincense because He was God; myrrh because He was man.

Day Of Obligation

A feast day of the whole church is held all over the world on January 1 commemorating the subjection of the child Jesus to the rite of admission to the Covenant of God with Abraham, as it is referred to in the gospel at the Mass, the rest being a continuation of the Christmas feast.

It is a holy day of obligation, and will be celebrated at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at the usual masses on January 1st.

Frontier Baptist Church

by Joe Townsend

Sunday was truly an outstanding day at Frontier Baptist Church.

Mrs. Joe Townsend planned and coordinated a variety type of Christmas program. A number of people participated in readings, Christmas stories and Scriptures. It was a most meaningful and worshipful program.

The Christmas dinner that followed was marked by a wide array of food. The fellowship was enriching to all.

The Bible Says

"The government shall be upon his shoulders."

Make no mistake the government of the world and of each person rests on the shoulders of God.

We, nor the world, are never beyond the reach and control of God. True, God allows us to go our own way and do our own thing. This is why so many times we get ourselves in trouble.

But it is equally true that "in" Him we live and move and have our

being.

Generally our misdeeds bring their own punishment but sometimes God steps in and chastises. When He finally steps in His judgement is usually harsh.

His punishment, however, is because He loves us and wants to point us in the right direction.

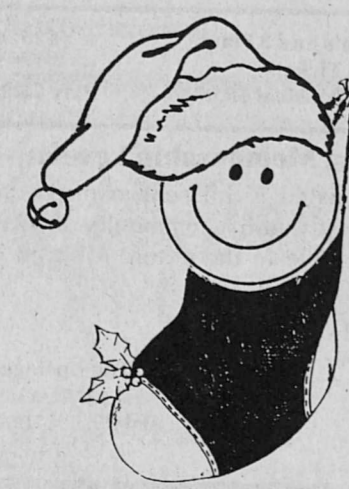
The same is true of the nations of the world.

And the government shall be upon His shoulders."

Merry Christmas!

With special thanks for your patronage and goodwill, we wish you a very happy holiday.

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Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

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