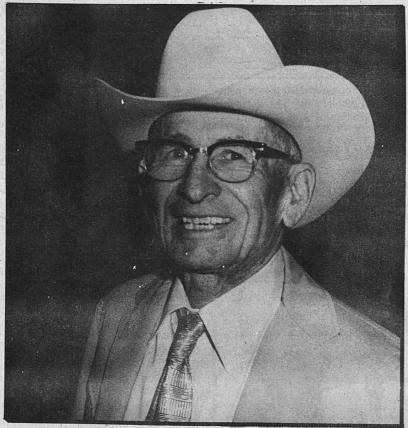


"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."



# Former Kinney County Sheriff John Sheedy Buried Today

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, December 23, 1993, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church for John A. Sheedy, former Kinney County Sheriff. Rev. David Zumaya officiated.

Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Visitation was at Humphreys Funeral Home, Brackettville, from 4 His father, John Sheedy, served as Deputy Sheriff from 1899 - 1901.

Before beginning his law enforcement career, Sheedy served his country in World War II in the European Theater.

Sheriff Hooten is quoted as saying, "He was an extremely close friend and one of my idols of years

# Laughlin Air Force Base Supplied Tank and Transportation To Haul Water To Arid Spofford

Just after darkness fell, water was delivered to Spofford and Judge Ward joined others in going houseto-house notifying residents that water was available from a central distribution point. Buckets, pails, and kegs were filled and lugged home...gratefully.

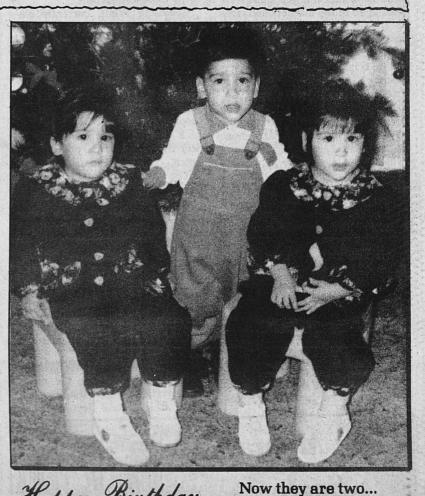
Monday morning air force personnel returned to Kinney County with a much larger sterile tank and took another load of water to Spofford.

Judge Ward, county officials, and Spofford residents extend their deepest appreciation to Col. Hess, SRA Victor Iuliano, S/Sgt. Stephan Judy and Laughlin Air Force Base for being good neighbors and alleviating a desperate situation in Kinney County. Late Friday, December 10, Spofford residents were completely without a water source and Kinney County Judge Tim Ward was contacted. Lacking a sterile tank, the county could offer little assistance for getting any water to Spofford and had no means of transporting potable water. However, recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Judge Ward called Col. Kenneth Hess at Laughlin Air Force Base seeking help.

Col. Hess readily agreed to send a sterile tank and promptly did. The first stop was in Brackettville to fill the tank but a city employee did not have the authority to release the water. Fort Clark MUD was contacted and in turn contacted Judge Ward again. Judge Ward guaranteed payment to the city and the tank was filled.

# Herald The Christmas Season

Joining in the spirit of the season were the Kinney County Court House, top, the Brackettville City Hall, center, and Fort Clark Springs Maintenance Department, bottom.



Happy Birthday Now they are two... December 23, 1993 From left, Elena, Daniel, and Elidia, the two year old triplets of Tony and Maria Elena Molinar of Brackettville.

until 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Sheedy was born March 17, 1912, in San Antonio, and died in Del Rio on Tuesday, December 21, 1993, at age 81.

On July 2, 1933, he and Lillian Berry were married in Brackettville. Mrs. Sheedy survives as does their son, John A. (Plunker) Sheedy III, Kinney County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Other survivors are a daughter-inlaw, Elaine Fischer Sheedy; a grandson and his wife, Johnny A. Sheedy IV and Cherry Stamps Sheedy; and numerous cousins. He was preceeded in death by a grandson, Troy Kevin Sheedy.

Sheedy served as Kinney County Sheriff from 1948 to his retirement in 1980 and then as a Deputy Sheriff for another 10 years. In 1981, he accepted a Judicial Appointment bringing his career as a Texas Lawman to 43 years.

He was appointed Deputy Sheriff by Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten and remained a certified licensed Texas Peace Officer with the Deputy Sheriff's Commission until his death. gone by. During most of his years as sheriff, he was kind of a one-man law enforcement agency. He was one of the legends of the old-time sheriffs."

Val Verde County Sheriff J.R. Koog, who worked with Sheedy on numerous cases including murder, and burglary said, "It's a sad thing, but he led a full life. We worked together on several major cases and I always found him to be a gentleman and a good lawman. He has the respect of lawmen throughout the area, and perhaps the state."

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Kinney County Rancher Bill Whitworth, Retired game warden and current Constable Bill Lindeman, Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten, Kinney County Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter, Border Patrolman Kenneth Hobbs, and Retired Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson.

Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo TX 79174.





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**Breen Gallery** 

Leona Ranch

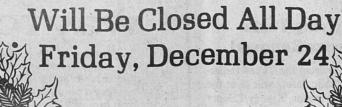


# Fort Clark Historical Society

Saturday afternoon, December 11, 1993, the Fort Clark Historical Society held an appreciation reception in the beautifully decorated home of John and Dorothy Frank for the volunteers who worked in the Guard House Museum and Sutler's Store. Approximately fifty people attended.

J. Lee Ballantyne, pictured, presented a scrap book she had compiled on General John Lapham Bullis dealing with his military career and the Seminole Sccuts. Ken Callnan, right, president of the Historical Society accepted the gift and presented it to Don Swanson, left, Museum Curator.

Without the support of the volunteers, the Museum and Sutler's Store could not continue to operate. And, only through generous donations such as Mrs. Ballantyne's does the Museum continue to grow and maintain its excellence.



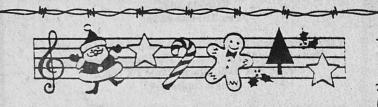


# **Community Christmas Project Set Today**

Christmas spirit was shared today as about 100 homes received gift boxes through the Community Christmas Basket Project. For weeks collection boxes have been placed throughout the community as organizations, churches, businesses and individuals have contributed food staples, toys, and money to assure that as many as possible could have a good holiday.

Fort Clark Springs provided the Service Club for use in assembling the boxes and as a distribution point. The project is co-ordinated and distributed by the Brackettville Lions Club in conjunction with volunteers from throughout the community.

Doris Foster, left, and Esther Roller started early Tuesday morning sorting, categorizing, and packing boxes of food. They were joined with many others as meat and frozen vegetables were added just before delivery today.



# May Your Days Be Merry and Bright

Health, happiness and harmony...is our wish for you during this season and throughout the year... as we express our thoughts of thanks and good wishes for your faith and trust in us, and for your very valued patronage!

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Page 2 December 23, 1993 The Brackett Rews.



The first order of business this week is to make a correction regarding the judge that was called upon to act as coroner in the case of the deceased ranch worker reported last week. I mistakenly reported the judge to be Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall, the actual judge was County Judge Tim Ward. Sorry about that!

Twenty-nine law enforcement officers were killed feloniously in the line of duty during the first six months of 1993, according to preliminary national figures released today by the FBI. The total is 5 higher than in January through June, 1992, when 24 officers were slain.

Statistics compiled by the FBI showed firearms continued to be the weapons most often used in the slayings of officers: handguns were used in 25 of the murders and rifles in 3. One officer was intentionally struck by a vehicle.

Fourteen officers were slain in the South, 6 in the West, 4 in the Northeast, 3 in the Midwest, and 2 in Puerto Rico.

Ten officers were slain during arrest situations: 4 were attempting to prevent robberies or apprehend robbery suspects; 2 were involved in drug-related situations; 1 was attempting to apprehend a burglary suspect; and 3 were attempting arrests for other crimes. Seven officers were killed while enforcing traffic laws, 4 while responding to disturbance calls, 4 while investigating suspicious persons or circumstances, 2 in ambushes, 1 while handling a prisoner, and 1 while handling a mentally deranged person.

Fourteen officers were wearing body armor at the time of their deaths. Three were killed with their own weapons.

Twenty-seven of the killings have been cleared by law enforcement

agencies. An additional 19 officers lost their lives during the six-month period due to accidents occurring during the performance of their duties.

Illegal hunting activities in Kinnev County proved to be a costly mistake for two out-of-state deer hunters from Florida Thursday night, December 16, 1993.

Joseph F. Berke; 41, of Yulee, Florida and his hunting companion, Stephen O. Beck, of Jacksonville, Florida, were stopped by this writer and subsequently arrested on Hwy. 131 approximately 5 miles south of Brackettville at approximately 7:30 p.m. on the night in question after a response to a call for assistance received by the Sheriff's Department from Maverick County Constable Carl Wipff who was in pursuit of the vehicle at the time.

Constable Wipff, currently employed as a Special Game Warden for the Anacacho Ranch in Southeast Kinney County, was working surveillance near the ranch on Ranch Road 1572 east of Spofford, Texas, in Kinney County, Thursday night when he spotted a suspicious vehicle driving slowly back and forth along the highway near the west boundary line of the ranch.

The vehicle, occupied by two persons, had also been spotted earlier that day by Kinney County Constable Bill Lindeman and was under suspicion of roadhunting.

Constable Wipff watched as the vehicle drove slowly past his observation post and soon afterward heard two shots spaced approximately thirty minutes apart. A short time later, the vehicle again drove past his post and then pulled over next to the ranch fence and stopped.

Although he could not actually see the suspects enter the ranch

property, he suspected that they had killed at least one deer and had **Big Mama** Sez! Rejoice in the gift of this past year and embrace the future with enthusiasm.

-----PLEASE REMEMBERthat we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for

possibly cut the fence to get the deer out. As the vehicle again pulled out onto the highway, Constable Wipff gave pursuit and the vehicle fled west towards Spofford. When he realized that he could not overtake the vehicle, he called the Sheriff's Department and this writer responded, intercepting and stopping the vehicle approximately 5 miles south of Hwy. 131.

After the initial stop was made it was determined that the vehicle, a 1984 Dodge Ram pickup with Florida license plates occupied by two white males, contained two trophy size whitetail buck deer. The two deer were in the back of the pickup partially covered by a foam rubber mattress. At this time both local Game Warden Dennis Gazaway and Constable Wipff were contacted by radio and advised of the location where the vehicle was stopped and of the possibility of hunting violations involved. They both arrived at the scene shortly thereafter.

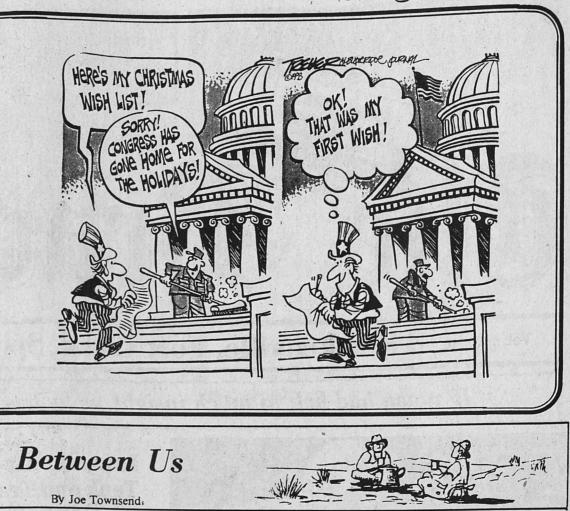
During the on-site investigation and interrogation of the two suspects it was determined that the two trophy class buck deer had been killed by the two suspects on the Anachacho Ranch and that they had indeed cut the fence in order to get the deer out.

Further investigation by Warden Gazaway led to the confession of the pair to the fact that though they had been staying at a motel in Del Rio, Texas, they had been roadhunting in Kinney County since Monday, December 13th, and had killed four more buck deer from the road on ranches north of Brackettville on Hwy. 674. Those deer had been processed and were stored in a Del Rio meat processing plant.

As the investigation continued and a search of the vehicle was made, a useable amount of marijuana of less than two ounces, a Class B Misdemeanor, was found on the floorboad of the vehicle. At this time a drug agent assigned to the Amistad Area Narcotics Task Force was called to the scene to take charge of the drug related portion of the investigation.

As a result of their illegal activities, both Berke and Beck were charged with a combined total of: 4 counts of Improperly Tagged Deer; 2 counts of Possession of Untagged Deer; 2 counts of Taking Wildlife Resources Without Landowners Consent; 1 count of Criminal Mischief; and 1 count of Possession

The hunting vio



It is disturbing to see America A current and recent movie made turning away from God and His light of Catholic nuns. This debasing

to a life of service to God is disgraceful.

Recently during a professional football game, an announcer made mockery of some who bowed on knees to thank God when there was success. For a sports announcer to presume he has the right to scorn the actions of Christian athletes shows a decadent character unfit to be carried on nation TV.

The constant bombardment by TV monies and news networks of the morality of promiscous sex and the preaching of the "safe sex" of condoms is utterly disgusting and revolting. The castigation and bad mouthing of those who deny the lies that homo-sexuality and lesbianism are not abnormal and that God approves is disgusting and beyond description.

The real tragedy is that they flaunt their deviate behavior to the degree that many politicans are led by the nose in errancy to seek to gain votes.

It is not the "religious right" that is dangerous but rather the irreligous and God-less left.

Time was when people as a whole believed the Bible and most sought

to follow it. The bottom line in the basic problems America faces is that people refuse to believe and follow the Bible and God. When America returns to common sense and returns to God's way, "safe sex," homosexuality, lesbianism, drugs, ve-by shoo tings and





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in Justice Court and the two suspects pled guilty as charged and were fined, respectively, \$1,571.00 and \$1,540.00. The Criminal Mischief and Possession of Marijuana charges were filed in County Court and both suspects again pled guilty as charged and were fined \$530.50 each with Stephen Beck ordered to pay \$500.00 restitution to the Anacacho Ranch for damages to the fence by cutting.

The combined overall total of fines, court costs, and restitution paid by the defendants was \$4,640.50. In addition all the deer killed by the Florida pair was confiscated and distributed to needy families in the area.

In addition to their fines, court costs, and restitution, they also had to pay wrecker and storage fees on their impounded vehicle.

The two men had \$64.00 left between them when they got out of jail. One of them stated that it would take them approximately 8 hours to get out of Texas and he promised that they would not be back to violate the game laws of Texas. Good idea!

The men stated that they had left Florida with \$6,000.00 and all things considered, taking into account travel money, fines, etc., this was a very expensive lesson for the pair and hopefully others with similar intent. And it serves to prove that crime doesn't pay, at least SOMETIMES.

> Merry Christmas & **Happy New Year** THAT'S ALL!



# **Driving Tests License Renewal**

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The otticer will be available to give driving tests, or to renewdrivers licenses.

Kinney County Sheriff's Department



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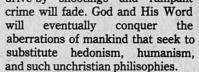




# simple Composting. A way to save a pile.

Composting saves you and your community money. It's an easy way to convert yard wastes into a nutrient-rich soil additive. Used on your lawn and garden, it can save water, improve soil quality and cut down on the amount of expensive fertilizers, peat moss, and mulch you buy. Plus, yard waste takes up as much as 20% of what we dump. So, composting can make your landfill last longer. That could mean lower sanitation fees and a savings of tax dollars to you. So heap it up! Compost and save. For more information visit or call: **City Hall of Brackettville** 210-563-2412

From the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Funds for this project provided by The Governor's Energy Office.



In the meantime those who deny God should be honest enough to admit it rather than to seek to rationalize away the truth. God sees and knows. There's no fooling Him.

> Seven easy steps to building vourown compost heap.

### 1. The Location An area with equal sunlight and shade. Make the pile freestanding or enclosed. 3 to 5 square feet.

2. The Base A 3 to 6 inch layer of old tree branches for aeration.

3. The First Layer 6 to 8 inches of leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, or kitchen scraps (fruit and vegetable only).

4. The Second Layer

1 to 2 inches of garden soil, manure, or a compost activator.

5. Successive Layers

Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your pile is 4 to 5 feet high.

6. Keep it moist Like a wrung-out sponge.

7. Turn it The more compact, the more often you turn it (once a week to once a month). It's ready when it'scrumbly and a uniform brown.





### **Library Hours** 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **Closed Tuesday**

The library staff and volunteers would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas in thirty-six langauges.

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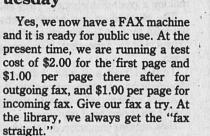
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# The Picture

**Brackett News cap!** 



Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22nd from noon until 5:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24 for Christmas Holidays. Merry Christmas everyone!

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use.

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

**Kinney County Library** 

Staff & Volunteers

### **Thank You**

To each for your loving concern, cards, phone calls, and prayers. I am recuperating in Georgetown and look forward to getting home soon. God bless each of you and Merry Christmas.

Anita Keilberg

### **Apologies Go To**

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The family of Catheren England. Mrs. England's obituary was in the December 9, 1993, issue of The Brackett News.

The article stated that she and Mr. England were married September 19, 1973. The date should have been September 19, 1937.



There will not be any arts and crafts classes for the balance of December. Classes will resume on January 3.

Ladies Exercise Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

### **Ceramic Shop Hours**

Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Mon. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

What's new for lunch? Have you tried the pinto beans, chili, and cornbread served Monday through Friday at the Las Moras Inn Restaurant? Let me tell you, that's real down home cooking at its best. If that's not your "cup of tea," there's a lunch special each week day. Another eye opener is the Sunday breakfast buffet. If you haven't visited our restaurant lately, you owe it to yourself to come by for a wonderful meal. Reminder: the Las Moras Inn Restaurant will be closed Christmas Eve. but the Golf Club Restaurant will be open until 6:00 p.m. A lunch buffet will be served Christmas Day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Las Moras Inn Restaurant.

Christmas Pot Luck at the Service Club, Wednesday, December 15, found many members wondering, "Where on my plate will this tasty delight fit?" So many special recipes adorned the serving table. The monthly pot luck supper is a must attend event.

It was difficult to tell the beginner from the professional with more than 50 members attending the Christmas Karaoke Party Saturday night. In the absence of Recreation Director Harrell Floyd, Rick Bacon served as Master of Ceremonies. Rick not only displayed his singing talents, but demonstrated some fancy "foot work" to a new dance called "The Flying Chips." A big thanks to Rick for a real fun evening.

And ... the winner is ... Sharon Everett of Unit 15 in the Home Christmas Decorating Contest. Second place honors went to Bill Haenn and Norma and Marshall Connors took the third place prize. It was a tough choice with so many wonderfully decorated homes. Thanks, members, for your participation.

Don't forget the Christmas Caroling Hayride Thursday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m. We'll meet at the Adult Center. Refreshments will be served.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the New Years Eve Dance at Town Hall. Advance tickets (\$7.50 per person) are available at the Adult Center. Music, party favors, snacks will be furnished. BYOB, set ups available. The fun begins at 8:00 p.m.

Back by popular request, Blondie Calderon will entertain area residents and guests at a Cabaret Dinner and Show, Friday, January 14, in the Cavalry Room, Las Moras Inn. Calderon is the talented arranger and pianist for Ray Price and a wonderful showman in his own right. He has just returned from a tour to Japan. The Old Quarry Society is sponsoring this annual event. A cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$13.50 per person. Tickets are available at the Adult Center or from Ruth Wilks at 563-2751, or Rozetta Pingenot at 563-2195. Groups of ten may reserve a table. Get your tickets early as seating is









# The Trouble With Heroes

fast the other day I had a small discussion with my grandson about how important it is for him to think alway important it is for mint to think shead a little bit. I tried to impress upon his mind by way of his hip pockets that when Grandpaw was shoeing a horse, it wasn't polite to jump off the back of the pickup swinging a big stick and singing the heme song from some gooly (urbe

theme tong from some goals was abov. After I had warmed up his brit-ches and things had settled down, I explained that even though it was fun for him to be acting like a tastle, it wasn't all that much fun for me to hobble around on the swellet les and ankle I got from him causing the colt to try to kick me and him both

plumb out of the country. Grandmaw rescued the listle darling, and I got back to trying to get shoes on the colt. I ligrared I would smote a cigarette and let the colt stand tied for 1 few tilinuous to calm down. All this got me to doing a little thinking.

I've always been one to dop and think things out pretty good before I tried anything that might be a little dangerous. Only on rare scenations did I just charge and not worry about the outcome.

Like the time I was in the fourth grade. Getting to go to town was a pretty big deal, and I generally got to go to the movies. One particular movie I saw was a Tarsan tim. Now, old Tarsan was a pretty good hand at sevens the to the elephants and whateve Contraction of the second in trouble. He could kill a i berehanded and never get scratch. I liked the old ? of a style, from and when I seen him sw tree to tree on them vines that was a pert near peri-travel. But when he jump ty to twenty-thousand-tout-high in an was only in the fourth g - Andrew when you're just over three things look higher) into the 1.11 Pro Ch river, I knew the man was 1.0 be my hero.

There was a prob 5.0 ough. Where we live C.L.L When't any trees to wring the trees around our place and had thoma on 'em. n. All Store Chie didn't have any lions to kil y hand. so l'arted to save an woman explorer from th chitches of a big old tom mad. (He might not have start with but by the time he go me carned loose, he was defin ly mad.) figured the next time I saw Tarsan, ould pay a little more attention to how he handled that big old lion. Since reacting women explorers was out, I thought I'd my and perfect the dive-into-the-river-from-the-cliff trick. We didn't have a river either, but me being the thinkingtype hid that I was, I would pretend that our six-foot-deep and thirty-foot-scross storage tank was a wing river and the thirtyhigh windmill tower was a cliff. The can't had water in it, which was good, but it only had about three feet of water in it, which I failed to

It wasn't that I didn't really have a couple of heroes: I just thought I needed someone besides Roy Rogers and Gene Autry to look up to. It always amazed me how those two could almost whip a whole gang of outlaws and then get knocked out. Course the outlaws knew when they woke up, they'd be plumb mad so the bad guys would head for the 111

The big fight scene would almost always happen in the bad guys boas's office upstairs from the local bar, and the bad guys would run downstairs, get their horses, and head for the hills.

The hero would wake up and realize the bad guys were getting away, and in order to save time, he'd climb out the window (which just happened to be above the exact spot here his horse was tied), jump off the balcony onto his horse, and get after the villians.

Well, one morning I was up in the bern loft practicing my bar room brawling when some sneaking, lowlife, dirty, double-crossing snake hit me across the back with a chair. As I lay there waiting for the bad guys to get a decent head start, I heard a horse come up to the barn.

I looked out the loft door just in time to see Dear Old Dad step off, drop the reins, and walk inside.

For once, my timing was perfect. Here was my chance to maybe catch some bad guys and impress Dear Old Dad with how I could get on a horse from anywhere.

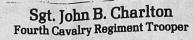
About halfway down, I realized the horse I was jumping on wasn't a normal horse. It was Old Spooks.

And I guess the change in altitude had kinda messed up my ability to judge distance properly. I hit him right square on the hips.

The last thing I saw for a while was the top of the barn hallway as Old Spooks pulled a one-horse stampeding idiot fit.

We both went into the barn with Dear Old Dad, but only Old Spooks came out.

I was waking up as Dear Old Dad was trying to explain to Mom what had happened. "I guess the kid walked up and scared that horse, cause when I came out of the saddle room, I got run over by a bellerin' freight train. And just as I was getting up and trying to get out of the way, that silly son of a buck run over me on his way back out. I don't think the boy's hurt, but I bet he thinks twice before he walks up



Chronicles Of Fort Clark,

(To run in installments)

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Texas By Donald A. Swanson

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### (Part 3, continued from last week)

One of the soldiers became insane at Fort Clark and it became necessary to send him for treatment to a government asylum for the insane. This resulted in Charlton drawing another of the detached duties. He left Fort Clark with his charge in handcuffs for Galveston where they boarded a ship for Tampa. Enroute the ship was beseiged by a storm and the Captain of the ship ordered Charlton to remove the handcuffs on the insane man in case the ship floundered. Due to the situation at the time, the insane soldier managed to slip away from Charlton and was discovered sitting astride the yard arm. Two of the ship's sailors managed to bring him down from the yard arm with the greatest of difficulty. The Captain finally permitted the Sergeant to lock the man in his berth for the remainder of the storm. The ship lost its rudder during the storm and drifted for days before it was discovered by a tramp steamer off the coast of South America and was towed back to Florida.

In the summer of late summer 1874 (about August), the Indians in the area of Fort Sill were rioting and General Sheridan was preparing the campaign to end campaigns. General Mackenzie was quartered at Fort Clark and had recovered from his raid at Remolina and a rheumatism attack. Mackenzie sent for Sgt. Charlton and gave him some dispatches to deliver to Fort Sill, I.T. (Oklahoma). Charlton was instructed to travel only by night as the country he would be passing through was infested with Indian bands and Mackenzie wanted assurance the dispatches would get through to Fort Sill as soon as possible. (Remember this was a year or two before the military telegraph system was established). Charlton made the trip (580 miles) in six nights by changing horses at each of the five army posts enroute.

On Charlton's return from Fort Sill, he was surprised to find Col. Mackenzie and most of the 4th Cavalry at Fort Concho. Mackenzie ordered Charlton to a scouting party under the command of Lt. William A. Thompson and consisting of six white men, thirteen Seminole Negro-Indians Scouts. twelve Tonkawa Indian scouts and two Apache scouts. Their job was to scout out in advance of Mackenzie's expedition that was going to clear the staked plains of Indian menace (commonly referred to as the Red River War of 1874). Mackenzie's expedition left Fort Concho almost immediately for Blanco Canyon (Yellow House Canyon). The supply trains accompanied by four companies of Infantry from Fort Concho followed. After several days marching the destination was reached and a supply camp (Camp Supply) was established. That night rain fell in torrents and a norther blew in all of which added to the discomfort of soldiers and animals. The next morning, September 27, 1874, with fifteen days rations for each man, the troops were on the march again, this time the destination was Tule Canyon, about another day's march. When the command reached the level of the plains, the scouts were ordered out ahead of the command and to deviate their path somewhat from that of the main command so the flanks would also be guarded. The scouts rode all morning without seeing any signs of Indians, but about noon with a break in the plains, the scouts stopped to survey the landscape. Some distance away Charlton spied what appeared about 100 buffalo and called the Lieutenant's attention to it. He raised his field glasses and exclaimed, "They are Indians, Sergeant, and they are going to attack us. Get our men ready for action." The old Sergeant dismounted the men, assigned six to take charge of the horses and had the remainder form a line around the horses. Lt. Thompson continued to watch the approaching Indians with his field glasses and determined his force was out-numbered by at least four to one. "Hold steady, men, and reserve your fire until they are within easy reach!" When the Indians reached a point about sixty yards distance, they made a right turn and started circling the scouts. In the meanwhile, the Lieutenant had decided that being that outnumbered they would have to fall back gradually holding the Indians off with hopes they could gain contact with the main force. Step by step they fell back fighting cautiously to create the most damage on the enemy. Almost sundown they had reached the trail of

the command. The Indians realized the size of the trail and the command approaching, the Indians bid the scouts goodnight.

Col. Mackenzie, after receiving reports of the skirmish, ordered onethird of the command on guard that night for he strongly suspected they would be attacked before sunup. His experience proved him correct, for at moon up, the Indians were out in full force. At the first concentrated fire from the Troopers, the Indians withdrew, no doubt surprised at the readiness and number of troopers involved. This certainly clued the old Indian fighter Mackenzie that somewhere in the region was a large encampment of Indians.

After the troops had breakfast, Colonel Mackenzie sent for Sergeant Charlton and ordered him to take two Indian Scouts and follow the trail left by the night raiding Indians. Charlton chose two Tonkawas, Johnson and Job, and departed following the well-marked trail. The country seemed level as far as the eve could see and numerous other trails joined the one the scouts were following. Unexpectedly, there was before the three scouts a colossal canyon, Palo Duro Canyon. Immediately they dismounted. Job was assigned to hold the horses while Charlton and Johnson crept to the precipice for a scout of the whole canyon. The walls of the canyon were a sheer drop of fifteen hundred feet and the distance from wall to wall being about a half mile, a small stream of water was running through between the walls.

In the open were hundreds of horses grazing, and from the immense height they appeared no larger than chickens. Teepees thickly dotted the banks of the stream as far down the canyon as was visible (later determined as three miles long). Johnson, viewing over the precipice said, "Heap Injuns!" Charlton reportedly replied, "You bet your life, old scout, and some canyon, too." Realizing they had twenty-five miles to ride to get back to the command and report to Mackenzie, they hastily but cautiously departed.

As soon as Mackenzie was briefed, he ordered a troop of the Cavalry to remain with the Infantry to protect the supplies at Camp Supply. With less than six hundred men, Mackenzie headed for the twenty-five mile march to meet the



## **Before The Hunt**

Open places with only post oak growing have nothing but fallen oak leaves littering the ground. This makes it impossible to walk without making a great disturbance. They are good places in which to listen.

The chickadees and house wrens make a great fuss, but there is a peaceful hum in the background, especially on cool and overcast days. Crows visit for a moment, then scream and go further off, to do it all over again.

Today I wait and wait, but nothing comes outside the ordinary. I should do something more productive.

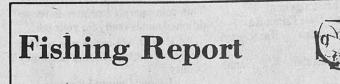
Acorn cups are all over the ground. I had thought beautyberries were earlier this year, but I was wrong.

Bow hunting just started. Deer will become scarce, hiding in thickness. I may be there sometimes, too.

Today is before the excitement of hunting season. In the past, it was the time to go to deer leases and prepare blinds and ladders and bad places on the senderos that might keep you from getting to the best spots for sitting and waiting for deer to kill.

I don't live that way anymore, but here in this open place among the post oaks it's easy to see those places and remember the long shots and the cold mornings. It's easy to get lonely about old hunts. It's not a sad loneliness. A lot of my old hunting friends are gone now.

These clearings among the oaks keep repeating what they've always said. Like old people, they say the same things over and over again. Maybe the reason is that what they repeat is what they really care about.



AMISTAD: Water clear, 60 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair to good to 9 pounds on worms and spinners in 15-20 feet of water off the points; striper are fair to good to 20 pounds on Boot's slabs and 1/2 ounce jigs with white trailers; white bass are fair in the schools on chartreuse and white slabs; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 5 pounds on cheese bait in 20-100 feet of water. BRAUNIG: Water murky, normal

level; black bass are slow; striper are fair to 5 pounds on chicken liver and worms; catfish are fair to 6 pounds on night crawlers and chicken liver; redfish are good from the bank to 16 pounds on various baits including crawfish; corvina are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 5 pounds on plastic worms; striper are fair to 4 pounds on Tony Acetta spoons down rigging; channel catfish are good to 3 pounds on liver and shrimp; blue catfish are good to 8 pounds on shad and liver; redfish are good to 20 pounds on crawfish and perch; corvina are slow.

CHOKE: Water clear, 63 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds in shallow water on topwaters on the flats in grassy areas; striper are slow; white bass are good to limits near the Hwy 99 bridge on live bait; crappie are good along the creeks and river channels in 15-25 feet of water on minnows; catfish are fair on chicken liver and cheese baits.

COLETA CREEK: All fishing slow due to lack of fishermen.

CURPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on white spinners in 3-5 feet of water; white bass are slow; crappie are fair off the piers in 15-30 feet of water at night on minnows; catfish are good to 30 pounds on live perch, goldfish and cut bait.

FALCON: Water clear, 64 degrees, 13 feet low; black bass are good to 11 pounds on jigs and pigs, worms and cranks in 10 feet of water; striper are fair in the schools under the birds on spoons and Roadrunners; catfish are excellent on stink bait in 5 feet of water.

MEDINA: Water clear, 59 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass are slow to 3 pounds on jig and pigs in 20-22 feet of water; white bass and hybrid striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on stink bait and night crawlers.

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thing when the wind changed. I put my original plan in motion. When I saw the wheel coming around on the changing wind and fixing to knock me off, I jumped. I hit the water and the cement

bottom in very rapid succession, having picked up a lot of momentum going down. Somehow I managed to hit at an angle, and I guess that's what saved me - if you called it "saved." I alid across the bottom of that water tank so fast it not only eled the hide off my face, it nredded the front of my shirt and levis, and dragged the toes plumb

Due of my next-to-new Keds. Dear Old Dad had seen me take the jump. He was driving in the west sector bad. It's jumped into the bink bout the same time I recocheted of the far side of my river.

I was having so hard from my self-inflicted skinning that he didn't whip me, but the chewing out I got was world-class.

Among other things, he wanted to know why I had done such a stupid

I said I figured if Tarsan could do it, I could, too. (I didn't mention

B. Could, too. (Could the methods trying to save the lady from the midget lion). After Dear Old Dad had calmed down a little, he very carefully saled if I had even considered the fact that Tarsan could swim and I couldn't. Or the fact that the river probably had a little more than three feet of rater in it.

terious studying on other candidates for the position of hero.

I just laid there with my ice pack and two black eyes and figured what Dear Old Dad didn't know wouldn't hurt me anymore.

This trying to be a hero ain't all it's cracked up to be.

(To be continued next week)

### This Week In History On December 25-26, 1776,

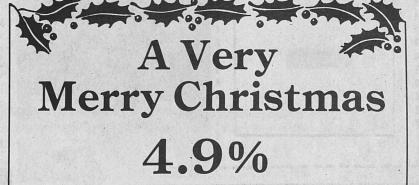
George Washington recrossed the Delaware River from Pennsylvania, arriving to defeat 1,400 hessians at Trenton, N.J. on the 26th ... Decem-ber 20, 1803, the U.S. took the title to Louisiana, having purchased it from France ... December 22, 1807, the Embargo Act was passed, banning all trade with foreign countries and forbidding ships to set sail for foreign ports ... December 24, 1814, a peace treaty to end the War of 1812. was signed at Ghent ... December 20, 1835, because of the discovery of gold on Cherokee land in Georgia, Indians were forced to cede the lands and to cross the Mississippi ... December 23, 1913, the Federal major reform of U.S. banking and Reserve System was authorized in a ince ... December 22, 1919, 250 alien radicals were deported from the U.S. ... December 26, 1933, the U.S. forswore armed intervention in Western Hemisphere nations ... December 22, 1968, the 82 men from the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo were released by the North Koreans ... December 26, 1971, U.S. bombers struck massively in North Vietnam for five days starting on this day in retaliation for alleged violations of agreements reached prior to the 1968 bombing halt ... December 23, 1981, President Reagan ordered sanctions against the new Polish military government in response to the imposition of martial law in that country ... December 24, 1983, in compliance with the War Power Resolution, the U.S. Congress orlered U.S. troops to leave Grenada by this date ... December 21, 1988, Drexel Burnham Lambert agreed to plead guilty to six violations of federal law, including, insider trading, stock manipulations and fal-sified records; and to pay penalties of \$650 million, by far the largest such Panama, over-

towing the government of Manuel Noriega, who eluded capture and took refuge in the Vatican mission. 7 foe of twice as much or more. At sunrise the next morning, the command had reached Palo Duro Canyon. He quickly surveyed the narrow, steep approach to the canyon, then walked over to Lt. Thompson's scouts and said, Mr. Thompson, take your men down and open the fight." "Very well, Sir." and Lt. Thompson led off with the scouts in single file to descend the fifteen hundred feet into a land teeming with Indians. About twothirds down the precipitous buffalo trail, an Indian sentinel spied the attackers and let out a war whoop That whoop brought a shot from the scouts and although it silenced that sentinel as it echoed through the canyon it immediately caused the whole canyon to come to life. (Custer affacionatos should compare this action with Custer's "Last Stand" to learn why Mackenzie was the better combat general).

Kiowas, Comanches, and Arapahoes attacked the scouts from every quarter, first by dozens, later by hundreds, as warriors hastily gathered at the lower part of the camp attempting to block the path of the attacking scouts and then the troopers. Many of the defending Indians concealed themselves behind rocks or cedars for protection as they were able to observe the continuous line of troopers descending the trail. The scouts had to take the blunt of the battle but were quickly reinforced by the troopers descending behind them.

By the time the warriors were battling the total command, they began to give ground, fighting desperately to cover the exit of the squaws and pack animals. The Indians' retreat followed the banks of the stream to the pass some five miles where the squaws left the canyon. The warriors more slowly retreated to the same destination but it was sunset before they made the pass.

The troopers broke off the pursuit so they could burn the Indian teepees and Indians' personal belongings, herd the Indian ponies and attend to their own wounded. The trooper casualtities were two dead and a number wounded. reaches of canyon, said he passed over dead Indians everywhere. (Continued next week)



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\*You can use self-rising flour instead of all purpose; omit the baking powder & salt. Procedure: Turn oven on and set to 325°F. Simmer raisins in 2 cups water 15 minutes. Cool slightly. Pour 3/4 cup of the water into a measuring cup and set aside. Drain off the rest of the water. Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs. Throughly mix baking powder and salt with the flour. (If using self-rising flour, skip this step.) Stir together flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Thoroughly blend dead and a number wounded, if flour mixture alternately with 3/4 cup reserved water into creamed mixture. Add raisins and stir in nuts. Pour batter into greased 15-1/2 X 10-1/2 inch pan with 1-inch high sides. (If your pan is a little smaller, your bar cookies will be taller.) Bake in 325°F oven for 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan. Cut into 2 X 3 inch bars.

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# **The Tiger Booster Club Encourages You To Support**

**Basketball** 

Tuesday, December 28, 1 p.m. JVG/VG/VB

# **Double Bit Of Good News**

Donald and Maryann Geeze of San Antonio, son and daughter-inlaw of Walt and Marge Geeze of Fort Clark Springs, reached new milestones in their careers and personal lives this week.

Lt. Col. Don Geeze, flight surgeon and psychiatrist, was accepted into drichs; Ladds/Voraceks. the Air Force Aero Space Medicine Program. He is the only psychiatrist in the program, so he expects to be kept busy in his new assignment. Maryann Geeze graduated from the University of Texas HSCA

School of Nursing with high honors and received both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. The couple are parents of three

children: Don, Jr., age 9; Zack, age 8; and Mary Beth, age 5.



# Golf News

Crystal City, Here

Tied for first place: McLanes/Ken-

Third place: Mayberry/Mills.

Six teams tied for fourth place.

### **Monthly Scramble**

Saturday, December 18, 1993 1st, 60, Julian Garza, Marty Isenberg, Red Udy, Vern Ebert.

2nd, 62, Chuck Titus, Ward Pomroy, Gene Graham, Carol Benfield.

Our town of Brackettville and the adjacent community of Fort Clark Springs have outdone themselves with the sights and sounds of Christmas, 1993. I believe there are twice as many homes this year that have chosen to "light up" as we had in '92. If you haven't ventured out for the spectacular sights, it's time to do so!

You can see what you want to see: a lighted golf cart, a ferris wheel, a cactus lit up in a tree in the Oaks, homes outlined with lights, stately Colony Row windows glowing with single candles and wreaths that look. like they were meant to be there year round, lights that blink, lights that don't, lights that glow, and wreaths of red, green and gold. The lights are Christmas colored as well as white.

I love the tree in front of the Court House with its lights of snow white blinking on a field of green. We have trains and rocking horses that are lighted. We have Santa Claus on a fire truck at attractively decorated City Hall. It's almost like an architect planned the decorations at homes and businesses in Brackettville.

story of "lighted candles" guiding Mary and Joseph to the Inn is one that you won't and shouldn't quickly forget, nor mention of the several manger scenes around town.

I want to talk about the people that believe in Christmas enough to share their talents with the rest of us. How about Judy Burks and Kandace LaMascus and the elementary school music program for grades K-3. Two weeks ago, I talked about their contributions to the school music program. This last week, I saw the fruit of their efforts.

jingle bells, lots of them ringing while they sang about Bells and wished us a Merry Christmas.

How about the First Grade singing I'm A Little Green Tree In The House, Christmas Day Is Coming Soon as they ended with a big Ho, Ho, Ho says dear Old Santa? The first grade was decked out in Green Bibs singing Rudolph and talking about Santa going down in history like Columbus when Santa indeed comes to Brackettville.

The third grade wore red bibs with holly. Love And Joy, Come To You! May God Send You A Happy New Year!

There were lots of smiling faces, and enthusiastic children that not only sang well with good pitch and rhythm, but they also performed like "real experts." They had fun; so did we. They believe in Christmas; so do we! It's like all great teachers that believe that we can learn and sell us on how important it is to get the job done, so we can learn. The kids believed in what they were selling.

If TEA (Texas Education Agency) and all their "attache carrying bureaucrats" could have been there, they would have said ... I came ... I saw...I believe ... they believe ... they learned...it's good!

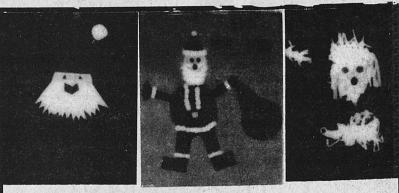
This past Sunday night, Smiley Goodloe and friends gave Brackettville a real treat. A living manger scene with a pony and sheep, lots of angels, and of course Mary, Joseph and the Baby, the Shepherds and Wise Men from the East were all there. I was impressed. My daughter, Traci, said, "Dad, it reflected the true meaning of Christmas; it made me want to cry. To think that those people were there on their own giving to all of us is what this Christmas season is about."

All these folks took us with them on a tour of Christmas. We could see Christmas past, present and future right here in Brackettville. Whether you put up lights for others to enjoy, directed music, sang, or re-enacted that beautiful scene from the East 2000 years ago, you gave us a gift of love.

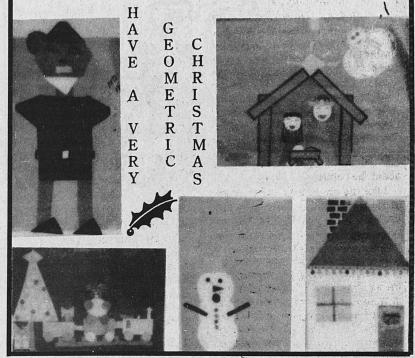
Yes, Brackettville and Fort Clark, a year from now, nay even a hundred years from now, if our folks keep sharing their love, Jesus Christ will live on and on in our hearts.

Where one is loved, the true meaning of Christmas comes alive. I saw it over and over as I looked into the eyes of our young folks, into the beauty of our giving adults and as I looked at the gift of light from the warm homes of Fort Clark and Brackettville.

This week, I salute Judy, Kandace, Smiley, students in grades Pre-K through 3rd and their great teachers, and all of those folks that put up beautiful decorations to show that they believe. God bless you for sharing!



Last week Taylor Stephenson saluted Math Teacher Mary Petrosky and her students on their geometry project of illustrating Christmas with Geometric designs. Pictured clockwise from top left are the projects of Zachry Davis, Jamie Bader, James Burks, Cherisse Ward, Samatha Perez, Moses Villarreal, and Amanda Petrosky.



# Drug Crises By DAVID P. TATUM

use fell by 37 percent between 1985 **Interim Executive Director** and 1988 - that's a drop of 23 million regular users to 14 million. Casual Texas Commission On Alcohol and Drug Abuse cocaine use is down markedly from 12,200 in 1985 to 6,065 in 1991. A A 66-year-old grandmother in recent TCADA survey shows a Houston sat on her front porch last general decrease in drug and alcohol year on July 11 crying uncontrollably because she had just shot and killed her daughter who was an abusive crack addict. Her addicted daughter constantly beat her and

use among fourth through sixth grade students between 1990 and 1992. Among seniors in 1992, 29 percent admitted using marijuana, compared to 46 percent in 1988. Cocaine and crack use among seniors dropped from 12 percent in 1988 to 8 percent in 1992. These figures are encouraging and highlight our successful combined efforts but they are still dramatically and unacceptably high. Another successful treatment initiative lies within our State's prison system. Texas is undertaking the largest drug treatment program for prisoners in the world - the Criminal Justice Chemical Dependency Treatment Initiative. More than 60 percent of the nation's prisoners have a serious drug or alcohol problem. Users are also more likely than nonusers to commit more crimes after being released from prison unless they are treated for their chemical dependency. "Barry", a habitual criminal who was treated for substance abuse in prison, says he used to be violent and angry at everyone, but is a different man at peace with himself and the world. He attributes his metamorphosis to the chemical dependency program. The feedback from other inmates is also positive and encouraging. For Barry, the addiction was a nightmare that controlled his life. He says when he was under the influence he did things he never would have done when sober. Barry says he was tired of his life, of being addicted, and of being in and out of jails. He wanted out, and the chemical treatment program in prison gave him that way out. Legalization would be sentencing many to the same nightmare that Barry and many like him have lived. For Americans, the answer is also "no" to legalization. In a 1988 nationwide Gallup poll, 74 percent of the public and 78 percent in the South opposed legalization. We have all seen the toll and damage that drugs take on our country, families and individuals. We must never give up the fight to save people from the hazards and of drugs. The answer lies in prevention and treatment. These initiatives work and we must never give in to . legalization. Because if we do the alternative would be losing a whole way of life, tradition, values and morals in which Americans believe in and make this country great.



I love the luminarias. The Spanish

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3rd, 63, (tie) Clarence Blackburn, Pat McKelvy, Louise Williamson, Ken Westrich; Jim Bussey, Helen Miller, Loris Ryan, Dwite Gilliland.

### Other teams playing:

Charlie Smith, Betty Mathison, George Miller, Carl Green; C. Kauffman, Luella Gilliland, Ruben Martinez, Don Warren; Lou Green, Gordon Mathison, James Stafford, Mike Kurscher.

Bill Koons, Marge Maderich, E. W. Williamson, Carl Bordega; Bill Mills, Dan Isenberg, Darlene Horning, Odette Mills.

### **3-Par Scramble**

Monday, December 20, 1993

1st place, 3 under par 24, Gerald Gallion, Bill Woolston, Art Ray, Margo Kendrich, Don Herron.

2nd place, 2 under par 25, Darlene Horning, Phil Land, Mac McCandless, Bud Gertzen.

3rd place, 1 over par 28, Ken Bell, Dave Yates, Howard Skelton, Ernie Hall, and Ruth Pack.

# **Ladies Golf**

December 20, 1993 Prior to their Christmas party, nineteen Ladybugs braved the North wind to play a scramble.

Pat McKelvy drew Marty Isenberg, Pat Nelson and Gail Campbell for her team that won first with 5 under par 65.

Fern Dyer drew Betty Mathison, JoAnn Mayberry and "no-show" LaVon McLane for the team that placed second with 67.

Carol Benfield drew Barbara Miller, Norma Reivitt, and Helen Westrich for a team that scored 68.

Gwen Ladd drew Darlene Horning, Patty Barnett and LaVera Grant. Their team score was 69.

Lou Green drew Luella Gilliland, Margot Kendrick, and Jean Petaja for a team that scored 70.

Following play 33 members met for lunch. Gifts were exchanged with Lorraine Lundquist and Dorothy Wood acting as Santas.

Next week the monthly business meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. prior to play.

## 9-Hole Play

December 21, 1993 The game was "Poker Hand" and winners were Mary Ellen Jensen and Eileen Voracek.

The second grade wore green bibs with Santa portrayed...that is S-A-N-T-A Is His Name-O!

Merry Christmas, May Love and Joy Come Into Your Heart during this Christmas season.









take it any more."

her grandchildren for money. When

her daughter pulled a butcher knife

on her, she shot her. She repeated to

police as she cried, "I just couldn't

Sad story, but even sadder: Babies are being abandoned at hospitals because pregnant crack addicts continue to abuse drugs, endangering the unborn babies' lives. According to a 1991 government national survey, 22,000 infants are born a year to drug abusers or unstable mothers. More than threefourths of these babies tested positive for drugs, and nearly half were born prematurely.

These are just some examples of the toll drugs take on human lives and the crippling effects that addictive substances can have on our society. For years the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has been working diligently to provide prevention, intervention and treatment services for chemically dependent Texans. We have seen how drugs alter people's behavior, making them very violent, causing them to abandon their families and babies and commit crimes they otherwise wouldn't commit if they were not substance abusers.

Studying the legalization of drugs, as suggested by Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, would only increase drug use and be detrimental to our society. In Britain, where addicts get heroin from the government, the number of registered addicts has risen from 2,800 in 1980 to 80,000 in 1990. Let us not forget the lesson we learned from legalizing alcohol during prohibition.

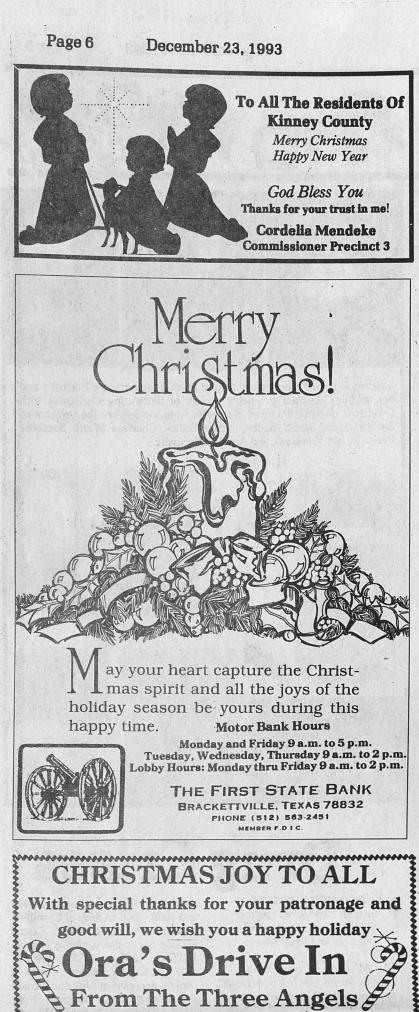
Since alcohol prohibition was repealed, consumption rose by 50 percent. Today, alcohol kills 100,000 people and costs our country more than \$85 billion a year. Alcohol abuse also rips families apart; one in four Americans report alcohol has been a source of trouble in their family. Today, substance abuse costs the nation \$300 billion each year in crime, decreased productivity and direct health care costs.

Drug abuse is also a prime vehicle for spreading HIV. Legalization of substance abuse would only increase these staggering statistics dramatically. Drug Czar Lee Brown, Attorney General Janet Reno, TCADA and others advocate instead the answer to our country's debilitating drug problem lies in prevention and treatment, which have already proven to be successful.

Illicit drug use, both nationally and in Texas, is decreasing. Drug

("Making Sense of the Drug Legalization Debate," a study on the legalization issue is available from TCADA. For a copy please call (512) 867-8816 or write Texas Commission : on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 710 Brazos Street, Austin TX 78710-2576).

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# A King Is Born, Bubba!



By DAVE CROWE Marshal, Alamo Village

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. 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!" ex-

claimed Bubba.

year," said Leroy. "I overheard Him talkin' about it.'

"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 chan-

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

said Bubba. "Oh, He's got a plan, a great

plan," answered Leroy. "OK, how's He goina' do it; Just ride in on a white horse like the Lone

Ranger and clean up the whole place?" "Nope," said Leroy. "He's goina'

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 this time?" "Yes, He is. You see that bright star over there?" "Yeah, but, where's He goina 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 Almighty. He's ...

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

"OK, OK, one last question. Where's He goina' 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

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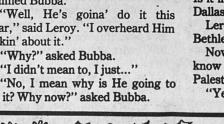
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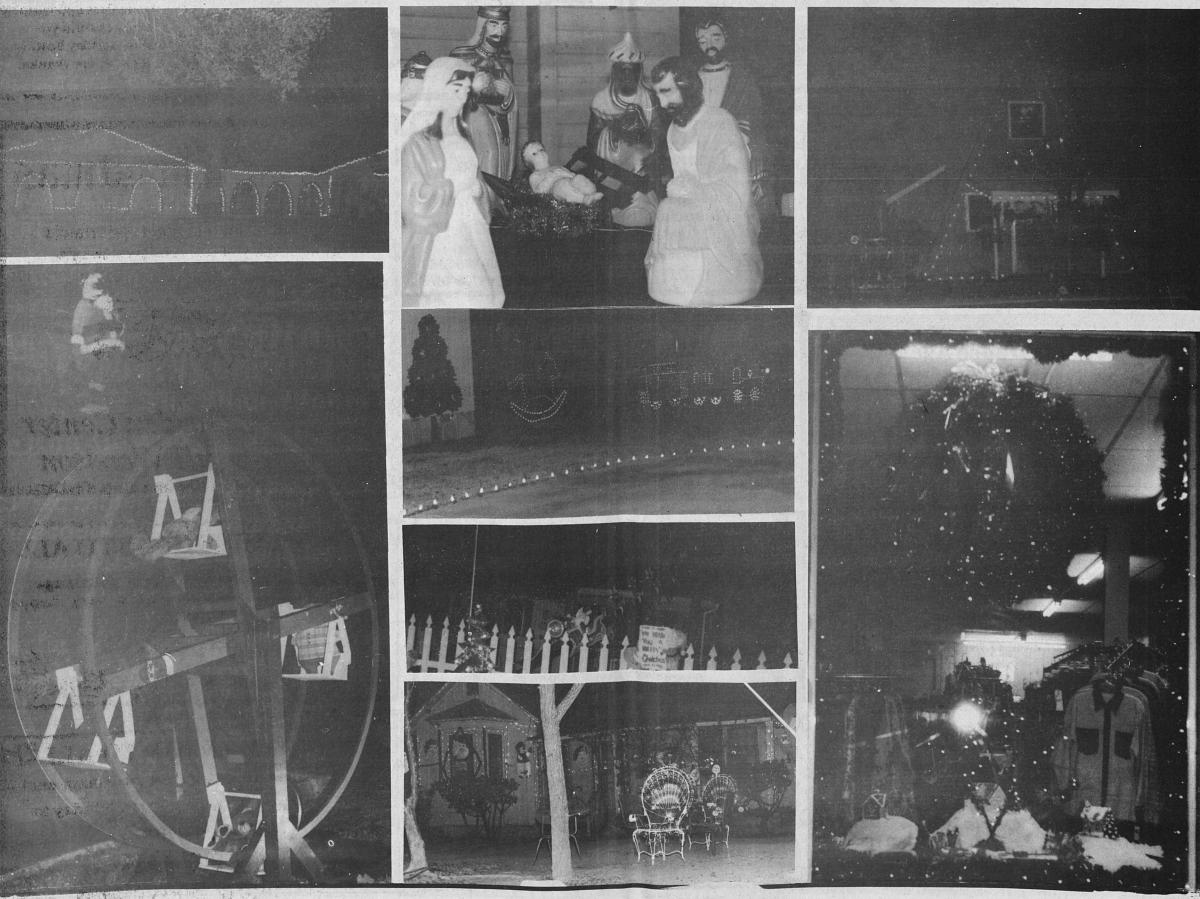
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### Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 10) Behind-the-scenes moves are best in business this week. A co-worker may be unduly sensitive or touchy now. Further reflection is needed about a financial concern. It would be wise to do further research about investment options. Make no hasty commitments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A romantic interest may need reassurances that you care this week. A difficulty between a partner and a friend may surface now. Developments from afar are in your favor. You could overlook something of importance. Partnership interests are highlighted in the New Year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family member may need extra consideration during the holidays. Though this week's business developments will lead to future gains, an immediate task may cause you some difficulty. You're not quite in synch with one friend later in the week. Advice comes now.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may feel a child isn't listening to you this week. Try not to get agitated. Instead, throw yourself into the holiday festivities. Plans for travel in the New year start taking shape now. Mixing business and pleasure is not favored for a while.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're on the right track where work interests are concerned this week. New developments are in your favor. Guard against overspending on holiday items. Instead, kick back and enjoy the simple pleasures of home and hearth.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) To insure relationship harmony this week, you must be sensitive to a partner's needs. Avoid nagging behavior in your quest to have everything "perfect" for holiday entertaining. Romance sparkles over the weekend. Enjoy spontaneous fun

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A money situation could be hanging over your head this holiday week. Do not let temperament or hurt feelings undercut work efficiency. The weekend brings favorable home and family developments as you celebrate the holiday together.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A friend may be downcast yet incommunicado. Tact and diplomacy are needed in dealings with children who may be asking for a bit too much from Santa this year. The weekend brings creative inspirations. Dating for singles is definitely a plus.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An older relative may need a cheerful holiday greeting from you this week, so be sure to reach out. A shopping expedition

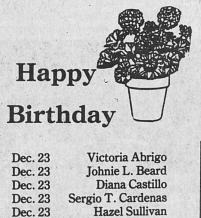
leads to a surprise purchase. You're sharp-witted this week but remember to also be tactful. Finish up home projects now.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Minor friction is possible on the home front but chalk it up to holiday jitters. New ideas make you feel good about yourself as you take stock for the New Year. Social interests are favored now, but a friend could prove to be a bit tiresome.

AOUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You will resent it this week when someone tries to get you to do work for less than your usual fee. Still, your financial picture will brighten in the long run. Be decisive without coming on too strong. Measure words carefully.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some you deal with this week may be temperamental. Avoid getting into a dispute about an ideological matter over the holiday dinner table. The weekend favors social interests. New friendships are likely. A friend entrusts you with a confidence.

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In just a couple of days, much if not most of, the world will be celebrating one of the two greatest holidays of the year. It occurred because of the birth of a baby. This was no ordinary baby though. The arrival of this child had been foretold by the prophet Isaiah 700 years prior to its happening (Isaiah 7:14)

Many have not believed. Many have tried to discredit the story but even so most have believed the report. Jesus came, born of a virgin.

The second great holiday, Easter, falls into the same circumstances. It, too, was foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 53:5). That also has stood firm against all opposition.

There is one other great event, one that is not yet celebrated because it has yet to occur. It is referred to by many as the "second coming." The Apostle Paul took on the role of prophet in his first letter to the Thessalonians in chapter 4:16-17. He foretells this... That great holiday celebration will be the greatest of all because it will be a never ending celebration. But it will be an elitist holiday.

You see, anyone can celebrate the other two holidays because they take place on earth. But this one will only be for those who are heavenbound. It will start in mid-air and will continue in the presence of the Lord forever. It will be only for the blood relatives of Christ.

Is your name listed on the family tree? If not, or if you are not sure, I invite you to a place where some of God's family members will be this Sunday.

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His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John:7-10.

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**Special Christmas Celebration** Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. St. John's Baptist Church **The Public Is Invited** 

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To The Brackett News staff and to the public!

St. Andrews **Episcopal** Church **Rev. Bill Koons, Pastor** 



Christmas worship at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort and Henderson Streets, Brackettville, will be a 10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, according to the Rev. William D. Koons, priest-in-charge.

There will be no service on Christmas Day, and worship on Sunday, December 26, will be a 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharsit, he added.



Sunday was a great day at Frontier Baptist Church. The morning worship service was a variety type Christmas program.

Those appearing on the program were Adrian Reyes, Jr., Frank and Ruby Cheaney, Barbara Miller, Brian Hooker, Dick Mountain, Margaret Reyes and Oleta Townsend.

The program was arranged and conducted by Mrs. Townsend. A feature of the service was a World Mission Offering to support the world wide work of the Southern **Baptist Convention.** 

Following the service, a sumptuous Christmas dinner was enjoyed by the congregation.

Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be registered for taxing. When they arrived, Mary's time for the birth of her child came. They had tried to find lodging at an inn outside the city but were turned away because there was "no room."

There was a large crowd because of the events of the day causing previous commitments to cause lack of room. There, too, was the condition of Mary which would cause problems in the crowded inn were the child to be born.

The Christ faces the same problems today. Many people deny Him entrance to their lives because of previous committments. Unwilling to part from lives denying the leadership of Christ, they simply hang a sign on their hearts, "No Room.

Many feel that if He comes into their lives they will be forced to change their actions and that would be troublesome so they simply say "No Room."

In spite of being turned away from the inn, Christ was born. Instead of the fame that would have

> Holiday Leftovers

Creative cooking and fine dining make the holiday season special. But, after the celebrations come to an end, it's back to daily routines. The beautifully garnished entrees and luscious desserts are sometimes not as pleasing to the eye nor as satisfying to the taste after the holidays. However, even second-day turkey, roast beef or other holiday leftovers can take on new life with the right additions. A few herbs and spices can make an after-holiday dinner as attractive and delicious as the holiday feast itself.

Frontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

> overshadowed the inn, had Christ been born there, there is a stigma shrouding the inn relegating it to anonymity.

People denying Christ entrance to their lives in no way diminshes His power and love.

Denial of Christ does not mean He is not the Son of God. He is the greatest historical character in all time. He knocks for admittance to every heart.

Each person can hang a "No Room" sign on his heart but Christ will still be the Savior, the Great High Priest, the King of Kings, the Peace of Peace. His cause will not suffer because some say "No Room.'

Sunday, the pastor will preach on "The Morning After Christmas." Come and see.



There is a very fine young lady who was born in Brackettville. Her parents also are natives of Brackettville.

She is a most likeable person. She is a good student. She is outstanding as an athlete as well a as a great cheerleader.

She is high caliber morally. She has many friends and truly is an exceptional young lady. Surely Deborah Frerich is an

'Unsung Hero.'' 

Happy Birthday Mom

(Norma Conner) December 24 Bernie, Willie, Keith, Wayne Jeff, Judy, Gary

And Marshall, Too.



Church

Directory

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

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday 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 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

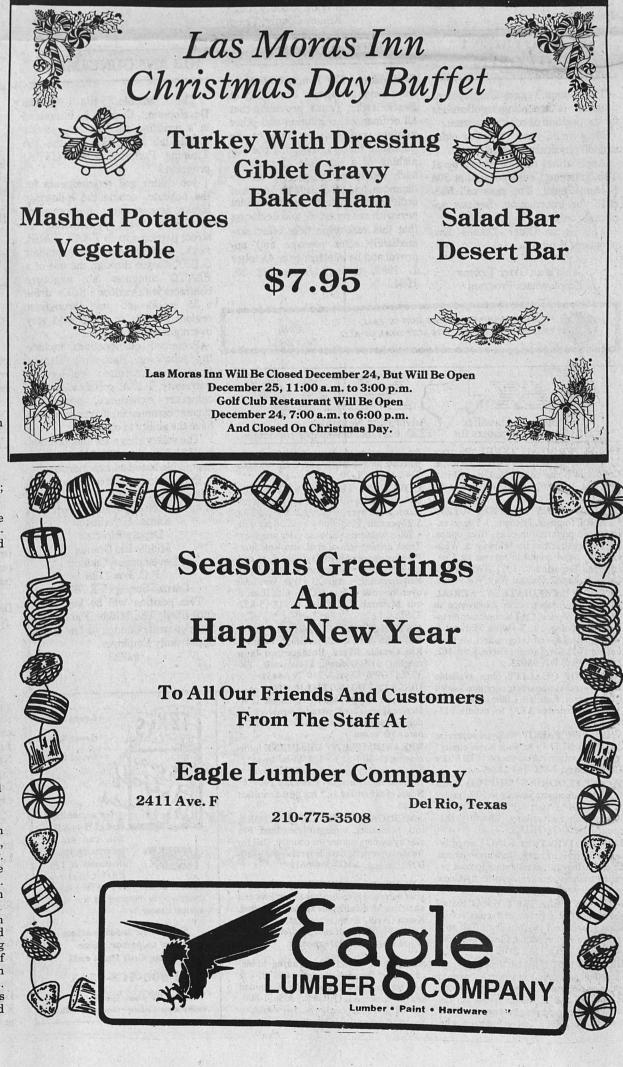
Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 A.M., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., Regular 10:30 A.M. Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Fr. 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 Wednesday 5:00 P.M., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, 6:00, Fort Clark Golf Club. 563-2047.

# **Merry Christmas**



# The Brackett Reus,

# **Epsilon Iota Laureates Experience** "Hair Pulling Moments"

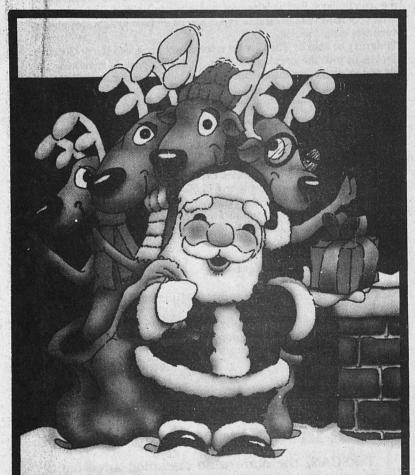
Mildred Borden entertained the Laureate Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in her home Monday night with the chapter's annual Christmas Party.

Members enjoyed a sumptous dinner before playing games for gifts and opening Secret Sister presents.

Some "hair pulling moments" were felt during the frantic trading of gifts in the card games, and all present enjoyed the party and heart-felt fellowship.

Gloria Burroughs will be hostess for the January meeting when a "silent auction" will be held.

Present Monday night were Orlean Riley, Nakai Breen, Betty Schlatterer, Lily Schwandner, Oleta Townsend, Mabel Parham, Hawkins Huey, Marge Geeze, Gloria Burroughs, Mildred Borden, and guest Nell Smallwood.



ur Entire Organization ... Joins In Sending Holiday Greetings

With Every Good Wish For The New Year **Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce** 

Try these savory post-holiday recipe ideas, developed and tested by George Bay, that incorporate traditional holiday leftovers.

> **Trendy Turkey** Serves 1

Start with: 1/2 Bays English Muffin, lightly toasted Spread with: 1/2 teaspoon Dijon

mustard Add: 2 ounces sliced turkey breast and 1 1/2 ounces Brie; microwave until cheese melts. Top with: toasted, sliced almonds

**Beef Stack Supreme** Serves 1

Start with: 1/2 Bays English Muffin, lightly toasted

Spread with: 2 tablespoons cream cheese and 1 teaspoon horseradish

Add: 2 ounces thinly sliced roast beef

Top with: 2 teaspoons steak sauce; sprinkle with chopped walnuts

For those who have a little more time, try this festive recipe combining sliced apples with cinnamon and nutmeg.

Apple Muffin Macaroon Cobbler Serves 6

3/4 cup sugar

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 5 cups thinly sliced apples 1/2 cup apple juice
  - **Cobbler Topping**
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup ground almonds
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind 3 Bays English Muffins cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In medium-sized bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix in apples and juice. Arrange in greased 9 x 9-inch baking dish. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove from oven

While apples are baking, in medium-sized bowl, cream butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs; mixing well. Stir in almonds, half-and-half and orange rind. Fold in English muffin cubes. Spoon over apples. Continue baking for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm.