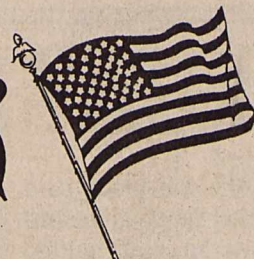


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Rebecca Riojas' vehicle after the accident near Amanda Crossing on Highway 90. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

## One seriously injured in single car accident

A one vehicle accident occurred Friday afternoon, December 3, on Hwy 90 near Amanda Crossing. The driver, Rebecca Riojas, 63, of San Antonio, was the only occupant of the vehicle. Riojas was taken to Val Verde Memorial Hospital where she was then life-flighted to University Hospital in San Antonio. At last report she was in critical condition.

Riojas, traveling west towards Del Rio, was attempting to pass a line of vehicles and met oncoming traffic. She swerved left sliding sideways into the ditch on the south side of the highway where her car struck a tree.

## Fire destroys travel trailer

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m., the Uvalde Police and Sheriff Departments reported there was a fire on or near the Herndon Ranch 5 miles North on Hwy 334.

When the fire department arrived at the Herndon Ranch, it was determined the fire was located at the Masterson Ranch due North.

Upon arrival at the Masterson ranch the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, found a travel trailer and nearby motor home on fire.

Bruce Johnson explained, to Deputy Bobby Guidry, he had turned the generator on after com-



Pictured above is the remains of the travel trailer (front) and the motor home (behind) after a fire destroyed both Saturday morning.

ing in from the morning hunt. He then left to clean the deer he had taken that morning.

## School board withholds payment on new building

By Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

The Brackett Independent School Board of Trustees agreed, by unanimous decision, to withhold payment of the balance owed on the new High School building.

The amount included the retainer fee to Greco Construction, general contractor for the building.

One of the main concerns was the air conditioning and heating system. According to school officials the air conditioning was not working properly and it was unknown whether or not the heaters were working.

"We have the heaters off, because we don't have enough variation between cooling and heating, so we really don't know about the heating," said Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

"If we pay \$52,000 then that takes the pressure off Greco, then that leaves \$30,000 for the Air Conditioning Sub (Contractor), and we don't want to take the pressure off Greco," said Board President Lloyd Lee Davis, "Because that is who we are depending on to get the problems fixed."

"I have worked with Sam

(Contractor from Greco Construction), on previous projects and I've never known him to be the kind of contractor to leave the owner hanging," said Kerry Andrews, Architect for the

*"Personally, I don't feel we are obligated legally or ethically to pay for those cabinets since they were in the specs."* - Lloyd Lee Davis

project. "You have all the right in the world to hold until the project is 100% acceptable, you have that option" Andrews added.

The School District has purchased a bond owners policy to cover the school if the contractor goes out of business prior to the projects completion.

"The bonding company has an obligation to provide the building whether the contractor does or not, so if you hold even back the \$30,000 the bond is still in full effect," said Andrews.

"I would just suggest, you not release that retainer until you get your contract completed and you have worked with these fellows to do their jobs, before you have to call in the bonding company," advised Quinton Etzel, Attorney for the Brackett Independent School District.

"That (holding the balance), is our only leverage, we don't want to have to go to the point of having to go to the bonding company to get this resolved," said Davis.

The other issue the board had concerned the purchase and installation of cabinets in the Science room.

Although the cabinets were not in the original bid, they were included in the specifications.

"The mistake was not ours and it's just like building a home; if a contractor makes a bid on something then leaves something out, I don't feel obligated to pay it. Because he had all the specs," said Davis.

The board voted unanimously not to pay for the cabinets.

"Personally, I don't feel we are obligated legally or ethically to pay for those cabinets since they were in the specs," Davis added.

## Briefs ...

### Learn more about your PC

Brackettville, Texas. Computers driving you crazy, but still so curious you would just love to open one up and see what's inside? Well, now you can. Join Brackettville's Computer Club on December 9th, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., in the Kinney County Library Annex Room. They plan to build a computer from the ground up and then see if it works at the end of the meeting. Cost is \$.50 per person (all proceeds go to the Kinney County Library). Call Carol Miller at 830-563-2137.

### Voices Concert

A Christmas cantata, entitled "Do You Hear What I Hear?" will be presented by the Voices of Fort Clark. The concert will be Saturday, December 11, 1999, at 7:30 PM in the Post Theatre. Featured soloist will be Clara McCord and Charlene Titus, as well as a children's choir.

Following the concert, refreshments will be served and a "special" visitor will be introduced.

Plan now for one of the highlights of the holiday season: "The Voices" on Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 pm., Post Theatre.

### Duplicate Bridge Club competition

Ft. Clark Springs Duplicate Club met Nov. 30th with six tables playing Mitchell Movement. Winners were: N/S 1. Fred and Nita Clayton, 2. Doc Harber and Bob Barnett, 3. Choppy and Joyce Ambler, E/W 1. Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder, 2. Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell, 3. Kay Roberts and Diane Daniels.

### Fort Clark Ladies golf

Eight teams competed on November 30th in the eighteen hole league.

Top honors went to the team of Cyndi Shaw, Ruth Spencer, JoAnn Mayberry and Jeanette Hinton. Their team scored 86 and second team with a 91 score was Teresa Stephens, Margot Kendrick, Pat McKelvy and Carol Benfield.

Mary Stephenson, Effie Bromley, Camille Niel and Joyce Ambler posted a score of 92 to finish in third place.

First place for the 9 hole league was won by Jonnie Fullenwider. There was a tie for second place by LaVon McLane and Betty Schlatterer.

## EMS public hearing

By Carolyn Rutherford  
Contributing Writer

On December 31, 1999, without approval to continue, our personnel variance from Texas Department of Health expires. The State has issued this variance to accommodate our special situation with few trained EMS personnel. Normally, the law requires that we have only EMS trained personnel on board, including the driver; however, because of the needs of the citizens of Kinney County, we have been allowed to operate out of compliance by using volunteer civilian drivers.

The time has come to renew

this personnel variance. This time, we are also requesting that another variance be given to allow Emergency Care Attendants to drive on Advanced Life Support calls with EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics.

My job here is to let the citizens of Kinney County know about this, and to announce the Public Hearing on this matter to be held at the Courthouse on Monday December 13, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. At that time, Lee Sweeten from Texas Department of Health will be on hand to explain all the ramifications on this variance. I really encourage you to come.

## Letsinger and Sofaly recognized at Annual Chamber Mixer



Chamber of Commerce President Rick Alvarado presented Larry Sofaly (left) and Kathryn Letsinger (right). With ten year plaques for serving as President and Secretary respectfully.

by Jewel Robinson  
Publisher

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas Mixer December 4, 1999 at the Service Club on Fort Clark.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of ten year plaques to Kathryn Letsinger and Larry Sofaly. Kathryn served as secretary and Larry served as president for ten consecutive years. During their time in office the chamber accomplished many things. The rest stop for holiday travelers was started. Two "Ninty Miles on Highway 90" books

were published and the chamber bought the marquee for the Civic Center to name a few.

Rick Alvarado Chamber of Commerce President served as master of ceremonies.

The club was decorated with a Christmas tree, poinsettias, red bows, and garlands of red, green and gold.

Carolyn Kay and the Roadhouse Band provided the music for the event. Guests served themselves from a large table laden with a variety of finger foods.

Throughout the evening drawings were held to give away thirty three door prizes donated by various businesses.

## MHMR center in the near future

by Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

In the near future Kinney County will have a Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center to provide services to qualified citizens.

This program will not be funded or operated by any local government agency.

The majority of the funds are being provided by Judge Herb Senne. "I'm putting my own money into it, to get started," Senne said.

Senne's personal interest in the project stems from his son Shawn being mentally challenged. Senne's experience and knowledge, gained over the years raising Shawn, inspired him to bring this service within the boundaries of Kinney County. Not only on behalf of his son, but for anyone who needs the services Hill Country provides.

"I'm trying to get a place for these folks that want to enter and be part of the program," said Senne.

Senne is currently in the process of forming a nonprofit corporation patterned after a similar project in Llano, Texas. Its purpose being the same as Senne's, helping mentally challenged citizens of their city.

Details are nearing the final stages; when the corporation has received its tax-exempt status and loan approval, they plan to purchase a location.

The up keep of the building could be self-sufficient from revenue generated by contracts MHMR clients will be paid to do.

On a temporary basis, they are meeting in the office located above the jail that was vacated by EMS when they moved to the Fort Clark Springs Fire Station.

"It's not the official office for them at all, and the consent of the Sheriff has been given," explained Senne. "It's just a place to get out of the weather, to rest up from doing what they do, from a training stand point."

The mental health and mental retardation program statewide has changed over the last two years. Services provided by state agencies are now being contracted out to the private sector.

These organizations are still under the umbrella of state agencies providing financing for staffing and must meet a standard level of care for all recipients served.

The Hill Country Community MHMR Center is a private institution operating out of Kerrville, and oversees a 19 county region which includes Kinney County. Both Uvalde and Val Verde counties have centers operated and staffed by Hill Country.

"We now have the opportunity to have those services of the staff provided free of charge," Senne said.

A temporary case worker out of Uvalde is providing services in

Kinney County three days a week. Last week six applicants were interviewed by the Hill Country, for the position of Kinney County Case Worker. No one has been hired at this time.

Training for the position will be provided by Hill Country MHMR. The duties will include providing training and guidance for mentally challenged clients.

"We have an inventory of something like 17 people in the community that need services," Senne said.

Currently there are four Kinney County client's in the program at this time.

"Between the time that number gets greater than four and approaches eight to ten, which I think will be within a two month period, the office above the jail will no longer be used by these individuals," Senne said.

At this time, the four participants have cleaning contracts for the Civic Center and Texas Department of Transportation buildings.

Those contracts are part of their training. And plan to branch off into the lawn care service.

"They are looking for other contracts that they can work within their ability," Senne said.

Under supervision of a case worker, clients work for a six hour period, as a training procedure, performing a contracted job. Because they are mentally

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# What Chicken?

I could be wrong!  
by Chuck Hall

Many years ago, I spent the summer in the southeast corner of Colorado where all of my relatives were from. I stayed with my mother's folks, grandma and grandpa Chenoweth.

One day my cousin, Steven, and I were taking an adventure through the barn, when we found some old rusty steel jawed traps. Being older, and much wiser, than my young relative, I naturally had to explain to him how these contraptions worked.

We took one out to the edge of the field. There we set it and waited patiently for some unsuspecting prey. Brilliance suddenly flashed over me. We needed bait. We gathered up all of the corn kernels we could find, spread them around the snare, and went back into hiding.

Young boys soon grow tired of waiting. We left our pitfall and sought other escapades.

After a few hours we returned to our ambush device only to find one of grandma's hens captured

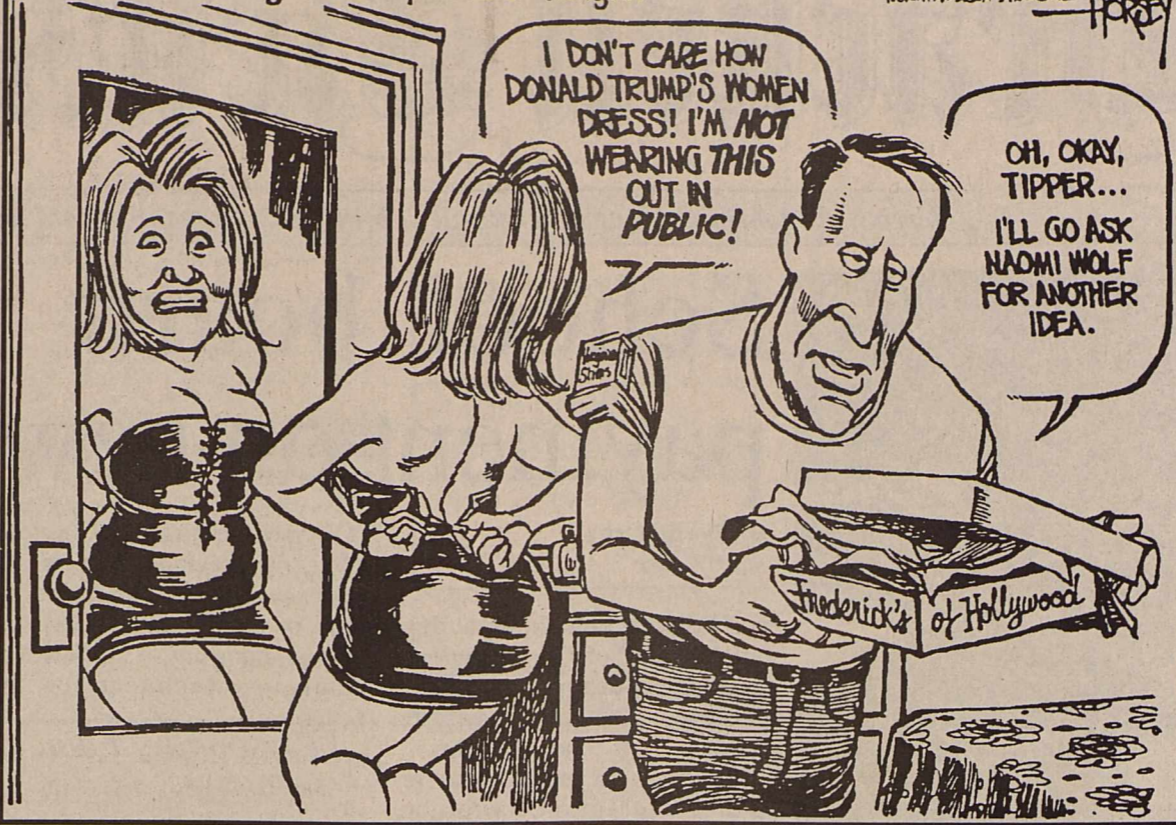
by the neck. She was grave yard dead. We carried her what seemed like miles down the creek, stuffed her into a badger hole and vowed not to say anything to anyone. Ever.

I still remember supper that night. As we sat down to our meal, grandma said, "Floyd, I'm missing one of my hens. The one with the brown spot on her left wing. Good layer. I got her about 5 years ago from Ida Moore. She had chicks last spring behind the well-house. Has anyone seen her?" She knew more about that chicken than she did about me.

I wasn't about to open my mouth. But Steven sang like a canary. Like a convict under the bright lights, he cracked. He burst into tears as he told the whole story. I can almost hear my grandmother's words to this day. "Chuck, you're the oldest. You should have known better. And not telling, hiding the truth, is just another way of lying."

Even at my tender young age, I learned early that I could be wrong.

Al Gore, still working on the "alpha male" thing...



# Loss Of Humanity Means Just Another Ape

The way I see it!  
by Steven R. LaMascus

I just ran across a piece in an old magazine that truly brings the bile up into my throat. It is an article from the May 1998 issue of Outside Magazine on one of the "ladies" who became so famous for studying and living with apes. Her name is Birute Galdikas and she was one of the three women who became known as Leakey's Angels: Fossey, Goodall and Galdikas. She became famous as one of the "great primatologists." Living in Borneo she has spent most of her life studying orangutans.

On the surface, her obsession with the great apes seems innocent enough. We all know that many of the ape species are, if not actually endangered, at least under great pressure from loss of habitat. The study of these animals is important. It is only when the animal becomes more important to the researcher than the humans around them that the evil comes to the forefront.

Reading the article I became aware that there was something missing from the statements quoted from Galdikas. They seemed to follow a disturbing path that finally was brought to light by the following:

"The most astonishing incident resulting from the aggressive tendencies of Galdikas's ex-captive

orangutans took place when an ex-captive male named Gundul attacked a Dayak woman who was working as a cook at Camp Leakey. In Reflections of Eden, Galdikas describes how she tried in vain to pull Gundul away. She continues, 'I began to realize that Gundul did not intend to harm the cook, but had something else in mind. The cook stopped struggling, 'It's all right,' she murmured. She lay back in my arms, with Gundul on top of her. Gundul was very calm and deliberate. He raped the cook.'

Further on: "Galdikas, in her reaction to the rape, seems almost unbelievably blasé. 'Gundul was behaving like a normal subadult orangutan,' she writes. 'Nonetheless, his behavior was worrisome.'

This is precisely the kind of dangerous, New Wave attitude we are seeing from animal rights activists, and other "tree huggers" all over the world. They are working for a worthy cause, but lose touch with reality. These are animals! They have no rights, and if they are dangerous to humans they need to be removed to a place where they are not dangerous or they need to be destroyed. An ape who rapes a human should be destroyed, period! Contrary to the acquiescence attributed to the native woman, which I doubt very much, it is anything but "all right." The disturbing thing is that

Galdikas could have stopped this by simply killing the ape. Unfortunately, she appears to have never even considered that option. The ape was simply "behaving like a normal subadult orangutan male." To her it was no big deal. An event that was contrary to the laws of God, nature, and humanity and to Galdikas it was just a hoe-hum, nothing-to-worry-about event. That is sick, twisted, warped — inhuman!

At that moment in time, if not before, Galdikas gave up her humanity and became just another ape, an animal, a lower form of life. That is what was missing from the statements, those missing things that disturbed me. They were emotion and humanity, and neither was there.

Isn't it frightening how easily we can give up our humanity and our salvation? I would wager that there are no true Christians in the ranks of the animal rights activists (not to be confused with true conservationists). Oh, some may claim to be Christians, but it's doubtful. God gave man dominion over all the animals of the earth. Contrary to the untrue, deceitful ads run by PETA and Friends of Animals, Jesus was not a vegetarian. Animals are not "people too." And when a person, a human, loses sight of that fact then they become less than human. And that's just the way I see it!

# Balanced wage measure

Submitted by  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson

The ancient Greek scholar and physician Hippocrates advised beginning doctors to first "...do no harm." The same advice should hold true for Congress, particularly when considering legislation that has the potential to affect the U.S. economy.

We are enjoying a strong economy today, the envy of the world, and we want to ensure it remains strong. So when Congress began debating a measure to increase the federal minimum wage, it was important to me that the legislation we approve should be balanced: providing a raise for working people, but tax relief for small businesses and the self-employed as well.

Whatever we do, we don't want to stop the success of today's small business operators. The number of small businesses in the United States is up 49 percent in the last 15 years; three-quarters of all new jobs in our country are created by small business.

The minimum wage measure under consideration would provide hourly employees a raise of \$1 over three years, which should not shock the economy or farmers and ranchers concerned about containing costs.

There are ways to ease the impact of raising the minimum wage. The legislation Congress has un-

der consideration includes tax cuts to help small businesses offset the additional costs.

One provision changes the tax rules for small businesses when they invest in business equipment, increasing the maximum dollar amount they may deduct from \$19,000 (this year) to \$30,000, and putting that increase into effect earlier, in 2001.

The measure also would provide employers with a permanent work opportunity tax credit to encourage job creation, extending a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for wages paid to new employees hired from welfare. This is a wonderful way to encourage formerly down-and-out people to become contributing members of society.

Another provision of this "balancing act" repeals the "temporary" federal unemployment surtax imposed in 1976 and extended through 2007. This will reduce the federal unemployment tax small businesses pay from 0.8 percent to 0.6 percent.

Our plan allows the self-employed to deduct 100 percent of their health care and health insurance costs, the same percentage allowed employers who provide health insurance for their workers. Some people have major medical bills but no insurance. It is only fair to allow them to deduct the cost of buying insurance, or to deduct their medical expenses if they don't have em-

ployer-provided insurance.

The measure also includes an important provision that I originally introduced: the Bonus Incentive Act. This would allow employers to pay performance or incentive bonuses to their employees without being forced to go back and recalculate their pay. Right now the law makes it relatively easy for employers to give their salaried employees bonuses, but forces them to recalculate an entire year's worth of overtime if they want to give a bonus to their hourly employees. This discourages employers from rewarding their hourly workers the same way they reward those paid a salary.

Bottom line here is that my provision would make it much easier for employers to pay all their employees well earned bonuses. There is no reason to have a long, complicated set of regulations for businesses to plow through before they can give their employees a bonus.

Taken as a whole, I believe the legislation is a fair approach that benefits workers and employers alike. Small businesses, which create so many of the new jobs in our economy, get tax relief to balance their higher payroll. We want to keep the job-generating machine going strong.

I would like to hear what you think about this legislation. Please write my office with your comments.

# Man of the Century

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

The Twentieth Century has been called the American Century. America has been the dominant economic, military and cultural force throughout the world. We have been the example countless societies have modeled themselves after. We have been the inspiration for millions around the globe. We have built the most prosperous and free society in the history of mankind.

America's success is not an accident. It is not by chance that this century was not a Russian or German or Japanese century. There was no guarantee that America would triumph. At many times during this century it looked as if the future belonged to other nations. It looked as if the forces of tyranny and oppression would triumph and usher in a dismal tragic future for mankind. It looked as if Nazism or Communism could not be stopped. Many feared freedom and hope would be extinguished. Tyrannies' militaries ran rampant over free nations erasing independence and freedom.

However, there was a force far stronger than the tyrant's army: it was the American G.I. The American G.I. ended the slaughter in the trenches which was World War I. The American G.I. stopped and destroyed the Nazi and Japanese killing machine in World War II. For the next fifty years the American G.I. went to battle and stood watch in the epic struggle against Soviet Communism. The American G.I.'s triumph was our triumph and a triumph for mankind.

General Colin Powell put it well when he said: The twentieth century can be called many things, but it was most certainly a century of war. The American G.I.'s helped defeat fascism and communism. They came home in triumph from the ferocious battlefields of World Wars I and II. In Korea and Vietnam they fought just as bravely as any of their predecessors, but no triumphant receptions awaited them at home. They soldiered on throughout the twilight struggles of the cold war and showed them what they were capable of in Desert Storm.

As this century closes, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, still full of promise. That promise was gained by the young men and women of America who fought and died for freedom. Near the top of any listing of the most important people of the twentieth century must stand, in singular honor, the American G.I.

The American G.I. was the man of this century. We owe these men our freedom and prosperity. As we enter a new millennium we must not forget our debt to those in uniform, and our responsibility to remain vigilant so that future generations of Americans can

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The surest way to be miserable is to have the leisure to wonder whether or not you are happy

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# Law enforcement speaks to Rotary Club on telemarketing fraud

by Ella Chambers  
Contributing Writer

Tino Guzman program chairman for December introduced Dwayne Wilson, a Del Rio police officer. Dwayne informed members of the Brackettville Rotary at their weekly meeting of the dangers of telemarketing. There are

approximately 140,000 telemarketing firms operating in the United States and up to 10% may be operating fraudulently. The estimated loss to consumers is about \$40 billion a year. Also, AARP has found that 56% of telemarketing fraud victims are 50 years of age or older.

A short video was used to show

the various methods used by telemarketing firms and the persons who have become victims. Some victims have lost as much as \$300,000 of life time savings to unscrupulous telemarketing gimmicks.

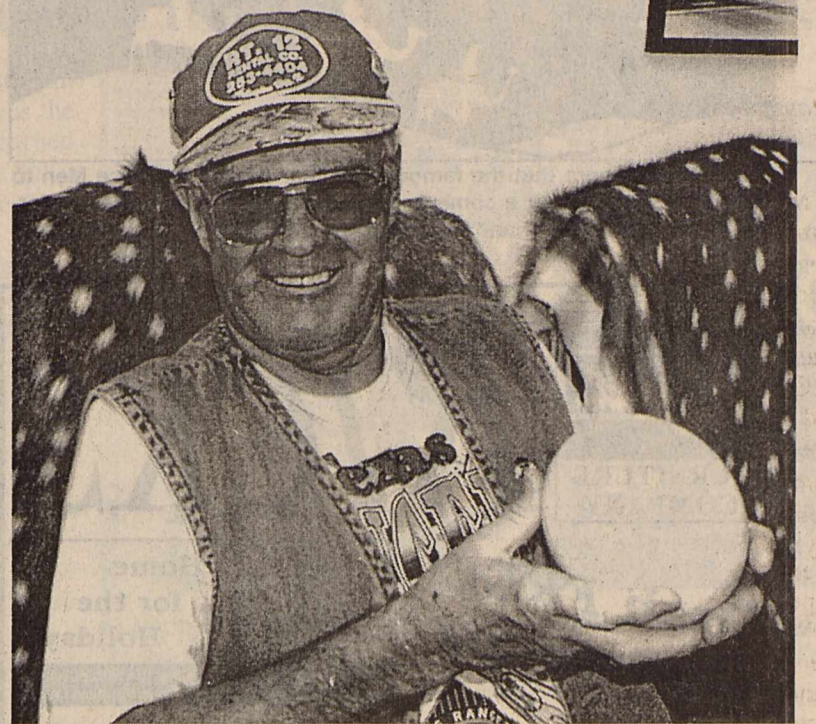
Wilson pointed out that telemarketing fraud violates both federal and state laws and regulations.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulations require:

The caller must (1) identify the company and what is being sold at the beginning of the call, (2) tell the person being called that no purchase is necessary to win the prize if a prize is being offered, (3) not ask for payment in

advance (payment is made only after services have actually been delivered), (4) not call before eight in the morning or after nine in the evening. You can not be called repeatedly and you must be told the cost or restrictions before you pay for the services or products.

Wilson reminded Rotarians that if the deal sounded too good to be true, it probably was and the best defense against fraudulent telemarketing is to hang up the phone after telling the caller you are not interested. He also recommended that if you wish to donate to organizations, do so in person without the aid of fund raisers or telemarketing practices. More money gets to the group intended.



Gerald Anderson, pictured above, found this huge egg about a 1/2 mile north of his home on Hwy 674. He took the egg to Stony Burks, Principal of Middle School. It is thought that it is an ostrich egg.



Pictured left to right are Mark Crosby, Tino Guzman and Dwayne Wilson. Dwayne Wilson of the Del Rio Police Department was guest speaker at the last weeks Rotary meeting.

## Training Center coming for mentally challenged

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challenged, they generally work at slower than normal speeds.

"That person is actually working out of that six hour period, maybe only one full hour," Senne said.

The rest of the time is non-productive. They may be receiving instruction or visiting with each other.

"But, this is expected, because their train of thought is easily distracted," explained Senne. For that six hours, the worker is actually paid for one or two hours.

"That's not bad, that's good. Because that is one hour more of actual productivity in their daily life," Senne said.

If a business, organization or individual are interested in more details concerning the work performed by the clients or if you or someone you know is mentally challenged and wants to join the program. More information can be obtained by either calling Judge Senne at 563-2401. Or contact Michael Nedela the area director for Kinney County at 830-278-1243.

## Briefs ...

### Welcome back winter Texans

November 16th, the ladies golf association hosted a "Welcome Back, Winter Texans" reception at the golf course. Teams of four players comprised of both nine hole golfers and the eighteen hole golfers competed in a scramble. Capturing first place honors with a score of 63 was the team of Lu Green, Joan Strothers, Mylo Unruh and Darlene Horning. Two teams tied with a score of 65, team members were Rose Mary Johnson, Barbara Miller, Nancy O'Brien and Betty Mathison. Members of the other team were Joyce Williamson, Fern Dyer, Carol Benfield and Lorraine Lundquist.

LaVon McLane and Betty Slatterer tied for first place honors for the nine hole golfers on November 23rd., with a low score of 51. Mary Hermanson placed second, posting a score of 54.

The eighteen hole golfers posted fairway shot scores and Luella Gilliland placed first, shooting a 43. Mary Rose Johnson and Joan Strothers tied for second with scores of 43.5. 44.5 was another tie for third place for Joyce Ambler and Carol Benfield. Jeannette Hinton scored 46 and placed fourth.

The Ladies Club Championship is scheduled to be played December 6th and 7th.

### Amistad NRA offers programs

Amistad National Recreation Area is now selling annual recreational lake use boat permits for the year 2000. All motorboats of any size and all sailboats 14 ft. in length or longer are required to obtain a recreational lake use permit. According to park Superintendent Bill Sontag, "By purchasing next year's passes now, boaters get an extra month free. They also make great stocking stuffers for your favorite angler or boat owner!"

Free programs continue at Amistad National Recreation Area. Guided Bird Walks are offered on the third Saturday of each month at 8 AM. In January, "Coffee With A Ranger" programs will be held on Friday mornings at 10 AM in various campgrounds. Evening programs are held most Saturday nights, 7:30 PM at Governor's Landing Amphitheater.

December's programs are: Saturday December 4 - Star Party - Ms. Lara Eakins of UT Austin Astronomy dept. will talk about constellations. Bring telescopes, binoculars and chairs. Saturday December 11 - Flintknapping - Local Flintknapper Steve Norman will demonstrate. Saturday December 18 - Cave Creatures - Ms. Jean "Creature" Krejca, Cave Biologist from UT Austin, tells us how catfish and other critters have adapted to life without light.

For park information, call Amistad National Recreation Area at 830-775-7491, near the lake tune to AM 1540.

### Border Patrol weekly statistics

Del Rio-The following is a recap of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during November 1999: Apprehensions: Abilene-113; Brackettville-613; Carrizo Springs-1,130; Comstock-51; Del Rio-1,053; Eagle Pass-3,413; Llano-74; Rocksprings-66; San Angelo-55 and Uvalde-244. Sector total-6,812. Other than Mexican (included in the station/sector totals)-805.

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# Hummingbirds rely on feeders during Winter

A little on the Wildlife side  
by Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — The arrival of a cold front in the fall often triggers a number of phone calls to Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) asking when should hummingbird feeders be taken down. The simple answer is — don't.

Many Texans may be surprised to learn that hummingbirds will be found in Texas every month of the year. "Hummingbirds frequently overwinter in Texas," says Mark Klym, TPW's Texas Hummingbird Roundup coordinator. "Last year our observers recorded 90 individuals from seven species in 22 different counties in Texas."

According to Klym, wintering hummingbirds are found as far north as Dallas, as far west as El Paso and throughout the central and coastal counties. "Wintering birds were reported by 17 percent of our observers representing 45 percent of those that left feeders up all winter last year," he noted. "Your odds of seeing a winter hummingbird are quite good if you keep your feeders up. This year we are already getting reports of birds we associate with the winter season from many parts of the state."

By far the most common winter hummingbird is the Rufous hummingbird, a bird noted for its aggressive behavior at feeders. These migrants from the northwest are looking for a reliable source of food to replace energy they used on a long migration, according to Klym. In fact, both experts highly recommend that hummingbird fans augment their hummingbird feeders with plantings of native wildflowers, such as salvias, lantana's and native honeysuckles.

Cliff Shackelford, a TPW ornithologist, explains some of the

concern. "People often ask if by leaving their feeders up they might disrupt the birds' normal migration pattern and thus endanger the bird. A number of factors influence migration, and simply maintaining a food supply is not going to confuse the birds. People have reported putting feeders back up when birds began feeding at their flowering plants in late fall and early winter."

"We are still learning a lot about hummingbird behavior and migration," Klym says. "Hum-

mingbirds are showing up considerably to the north of Texas. Texas is not too far north for winter hummingbirds. A Rufous hummingbird was banded recently in Virginia, and several people have seen a Rufous hummingbird in New Jersey lately."

Proper care of feeders over the winter is not terribly demanding. "If we are expecting extremely cold weather, you should ensure the feeder remains unfrozen by bringing it in for the night or providing a source of heat for it,"

Klym explained. Feeders still need to be cleaned and changed regularly. Since the birds have less shelter at this time of the year, feeders should not be placed where predators can easily approach them, Klym said.

For more information on hummingbirds or the Texas Hummingbird Roundup, contact Texas Hummingbird Roundup, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or [Mark.klym@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:Mark.klym@tpwd.state.tx.us), (512) 389-4644.

# How to Shoot a Big Buck

Gunsmoke and Campfires  
by Steven R. LaMascus

I marvel at the deer I see hanging in the meat lockers of Texas. You see some real bruisers, of course, but the majority of the deer are, to be kind, rather puny.

Several years ago my brother and I were hunting on the Kickapoo State Park. We were there to shoot does, hogs, and exotics. There were some other hunters who were there on a hunt for whitetailed bucks. I shot a nice young hog, and David shot 2 fat, tasty does. When we returned to the lodge to check out we saw several deer hanging in the barn. A closer inspection of the deer made me want to cry. The largest was probably a rather anemic 2 1/2 year old buck with a tiny 8-point rack. He weighed, field dressed, maybe 60 pounds. The smallest was an immature spike buck that might have dressed out at 20 or 25 pounds. Not a single one of the deer hanging there were mature bucks and many were practically fawns. For sure and certain none were trophies.

According to one of my

friends, who is a biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife, the average deer killed in the Texas Hill Country is less than 3 1/2 years old, and the majority are 1 1/2 to 2 1/2. Since a deer normally reaches his prime between the ages of 4 1/2 and 6 1/2 it stands to reason that there are very few deer killed that have reached their trophy potential. This is the primary reason that the ratio of trophy bucks killed is so small. They simply don't live long enough to grow up.

Another factor is nutrition. The Hill Country (and I include Kinney County) is primarily sheep and goat country. The sheep and goats, more so the goats, compete with the deer for food. This keeps the deer on the edge of malnutrition. When they are fed by the rancher or his hunters it is usually corn, which has little of the protein and minerals required for building large bodies and antlers. During a dry year you can drive through the Hill Country and see the browse line under the brush. The brush will be browsed clean as high as the deer can reach. On most ranches under these conditions the owner or leaseholder will

feed supplements to the livestock, but by and large the wildlife must fend for itself.

So there it is. To be able to harvest trophy bucks two things, at least, are required (there are more but we won't complicate things right now). First is that the deer have to live long enough to grow those trophy antlers. That means the hunters must refrain from shooting young bucks. And second, the deer must have sufficient nutrition to allow them to grow those wonderful large racks. Sometimes this means running less livestock on a place, and sometimes it means feeding the deer nutritional supplements. It was once thought that the deer in the Hill Country were genetically inferior to those of the Brush Country farther south, but careful, scientific management programs on many of the ranches in the Hill Country have shown that the genetic potential for trophy antlers is there; all the deer need are good food and opportunity. Sometimes in this crowded world even Mother Nature needs a helping hand.

# Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

**Saturday, November 27**  
6:25 p.m., Sheriff Burgess reported what sounded like two vehicles crashing into each other. Police Chief Ron Ring was sent to investigate.

**Monday, November 29**  
8:49 a.m., A local woman called and reported her daughter refused to go to school and requested assistance. Chief Ron Ring spoke with the woman.  
9:15 a.m., A second call came from the parent, that required Chief Ron Ring to be dispatched back to the home and intervene in the argument between mother and daughter. After Ring explained the law's requiring children to attend school until the age of eighteen. The mother took the daughter to school.

**Tuesday, November 30**  
11:35 p.m., A local woman reported a strong gas odor, indicating a possible leak in the gas line that goes inside her home. City employee David Martinez was notified and said he would go and check it out.

**Wednesday, December 1**  
Simon Jay Smith, 19 of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter and charged with theft. Released the same day on a PR bond.  
12:23 a.m., A local woman called and reported her 14 year old sister had sneaked out of the house with her boyfriend. Asked if both could be arrested because he was 21 years old and her sister was 14 years old. No action was reported on the incident report form.  
9:51 p.m., A woman reported that someone was in her truck, parked outside the apartments where she lives. She described the man as tall and wearing a flannel jacket. Deputy Bobby Guidry went to investigate.

**Thursday, December 2**  
Alfred Borrego, Jr. 26, of Corpus Christi was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while license suspended. Borrego was released the next day on a \$1500 bond.  
Joe Daniel Sanmaniego, Jr., 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter and charged with theft.

Sanmaniego is still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

Capciano Ramirez, 19, Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter and is still being held in the county jail charged with Theft.

Robert Joseph Garcia, 21 of Del Rio was arrested by Chief Ron Ring for DWI 1st offense. Garcia was released the same day on a PR bond.

12:45 a.m., Border Patrol agent called and reported two local girls were at the US Point of Entry. The call was for notification purposes only.

9:00 p.m., A woman and reported a skunk inside her residence. Animal Control employee officer Eddie Garcia was sent to remove the animal.

1:00 a.m., A young lady requested a deputy to patrol the back of her residence because she heard someone at her back-door. Deputy Guidry went to investigate.

1:44 p.m., A young man, who lives in Brackett was ill at a restaurant in Campwood. A local man called and asked for assistance in locating the parents who

were on Hwy 334 heading back to Brackettville. A cellular telephone number was provided to the department and the parents were reached and advised to turn around and go back to Campwood.

**Friday, December 3**  
2:51 p.m., Del Rio Police department reported a vehicle accident west of Brackettville, 2 miles east of Sycamore bridge on Hwy 90. DPS, the ambulance, fire and highway departments went to the location.

**Saturday, December 4**  
12:02a.m., A local woman called and reported that a local man was in her house trying to wake up her daughter. She stated she told him to leave and not to come back. Deputy Chism, spoke with her. She said she would come into the sheriff's department the next morning and sign a complaint.  
12:25 a.m., Sentry Security reported the alarm was going off at Pico's. Deputy Guidry and the manager of Picos were notified and the store was secured by

12:34 a.m.  
1:00 a.m., Adolfo Mateo DeLaCruz, 43 of Acuna, Mexico. Was arrested by Trooper Wylie for DWI 1st offense. DeLaCruz is still in the Kinney County Jail.

2:46 a.m., A resident from the east side of town reported loud music was coming in from outside and he couldn't sleep. Deputy Chism was sent to find the source of disturbance.

10:00 a.m., The Uvalde Police Department and other local residents called and reported a fire approximately five miles North of Hwy 334. At the Masterson Ranch. Deputy Guidry spoke with the owner of the travel trailer that had caught on fire and spread to a nearby old motor home. Fire department was notified and arrived at 10:44. Later the EMS arrived on the scene.

**Sunday, December 5**  
Martin Rodriguez, 44, from Acuna, Mexico was arrested by Trooper Ashley for outstanding DPS warrants. Rodriguez was released the same day after paying the fines.

# Caregivers have to remember their own health

More and more families and friends are taking on the responsibilities for their loved ones who are sick, recovering from surgery or dying in the home environment.

Caregivers are providing long-term care to individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, cancer, stroke, spinal injuries or multiple sclerosis.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association recognize the important role family members play in the care of their spouses, children, aging parents and other loved ones.

"Caregivers have to remember to take care of their own health," says Dr. Julie Graves Moy, of Austin.

The emotional and physical stresses of taking care of loved ones can take a toll on caregivers and Dr. Moy recommends assistance from sources outside the home such as short-term nursing facilities or paid in-home care. "This allows respite for the

caregivers," she adds.

Caregivers should be aware of the signs of burnout which include not eating properly, becoming more emotional, feeling overwhelmed, starting to withdraw, interacting less with peers, having less mental focus at work and displaying a disheveled, unkempt appearance.

*"Caregivers have to remember to take care of their own health." - Dr. Julie Graves Moy*

Assistance from caregivers comes in many forms. It can be providing physical assistance with daily activities from going to the bathroom to going to the pharmacy; monitoring medical devices and providing emotional, financial, legal and spiritual support. According to the National Fam-

ily Caregivers Association: There are more than 25 million family caregivers in America. Three-fourths of all caregivers are women. The value of services family caregivers provide free is estimated to be at least \$194 billion a year. By 2020 there will be 14 million elderly in need of long-term care. Sixty-one percent of "intense" family caregivers (at least 21 hours of care a week) have suffered from depression. Eighty percent of all home care is provided by family caregivers.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

## 21 Brackett students named Who's Who Among American High Schools

The following is a list of students from the Brackettville area who are featured in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1998-99.

Jamie Bader, Laura Lee Ballew, Michelle Bizzell, Lindsey Brotherton, James Burks, Angela

B. Childress, April Crumley, Lloyd Lee Davis, III, Susannah Davis, Zachry Davis, Eric G. Febres, Erica Gloria, Stephanie Gomez, Schiller Hill, David Honstein, Jacob Hughes, Duquesa Hunt, Jerritt Meeks, Amanda Petrosky, Gracie Terrazas and Amanda Ward.

## Ten Tigers earn all-district recognition

Ten Tiger Football players were recently named to the All-district Football Team.

First Team members were, Steven Hagler, Senior, Sam Hunt, Junior, Jaime Ortiz, Senior, and Coty Williams, Senior.

Hagler was named the Most Valuable Player, as a Defensive

End and also made the first team as Offensive Tackle. This is the second year Hagler has earned honors on both sides of the ball.

Hunt made the offensive team as a Tight End.

Williams was also recognized for the second year as a Defensive End, and made the second team as Offensive Guard.

Ortiz was recognized as an Outside Linebacker.

Second Team members include, Zach Davis, Senior, Jesse Hildago, Junior, Schiller Hill, Junior, Brandon Moore, Senior, J.J. Rivas, Sophomore, and Tommy Sandoval, Senior and Coty Williams, Senior.

Davis made the defensive team in the secondary and received Honorable Mention as a Quarterback for the second year in a row.

Hildago made the team as a Running Back.

Hill was recognized as an Outside Linebacker.

Moore was named Running Back of the team.

Rivas received recognition as a Defensive Tackle.

Sandoval made the team as an Inside Linebacker.

Brackett had two other players earning honorable mention all-district - Defensive Tackle Miguel Hernandez and Offensive Guard Carlos Gomez, both sophomores.

Brackett finished third in the district race, 3-2 behind Comfort and Dilley.



From left, back row: Jaime Ortiz, Schiller Hill, Coty Williams, Steven Hagler, Sam Hunt, and Carlos Gomez. Front row: Tommy Sandoval, Jesse Hildago, Zach Davis, and J.J. Rivas

## School Board adopts new activity policy

by Dottie Cruz  
Staff Writer

The Brackett Independent School Board of Trustees adopted a new policy concerning school activities at last Monday's regular meeting.

The new policy states that no school activities will be scheduled on Sundays or Wednesday evenings. The purpose was to allow students the opportunity to attend other outside interest, such as religious classes.

The only exception to scheduling activities on these nights would be of an emergency nature and require approval of the superintendent.

The building committee presented the Board with the results of their November 19th meeting.

Their recommendations included building an outdoor covered play area for the Jones Elementary students. Motion was made and approved to give the ad-

ministration the okay to begin the planning stage of the project.

Other recommendations, with no action taken, included landscaping the new high school and the front of the auditorium, new carpet for the central office, tiling the hallways of Jones Elementary, a cafeteria addition and removing the iron fence behind the band hall.

The Alternative Campus and District improvement plans were reviewed for a second time and approved by the Board.

Brackett Independent School District enrollment numbers were reported to the Board by each of the Principals for the 99-00 school year.

The total number of students as of December 1, 1999 is 704.

This is up 23 percent compared to October 1993's total enrollment of 574.

Jones Elementary has the highest enrollment with 403 students,

from Pre-K to 6th grade.

Brackett High School has 188, this covers grades 9th to 12th.

Brackett Middle School has 98 for the 7th and 8th graders with the Alternative having 15.

The 15 students currently in Alternative School are there for academic reasons.

The football gate receipts for this season are down 8 percent. This year's receipts totaled \$11,626.

Board members approved a budget adjustment, requested by Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, to reduce funds for ESEA Title VI Accelerated Instruction, in the amount of \$987 and increase the Texas Education Agency for General Operating Technology Allowment by the same amount.

The School Board meeting was held a week early this month due to Jones Elementary's Christmas concert scheduled for next Monday at 6:30.

# BISD enrollment reaches 700

Making a Difference  
by Taylor Stephenson

School music programs will be held Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 PM for the Middle School and High School. The elementary school music program will be held Monday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. The public is urged to attend both of these seasonal programs in the school auditorium.

We're still growing at Brackett ISD! Enrollment reached 700 in grades PK through 12 as of December 1. This is the largest that we have ever been, and we continue to grow at the rate of about 4% a year. Enrollment began to climb back in 1993 with 574 students. Last year, in December we had 675 enrolled. It's solid, but manageable growth.

I'm impressed with both the boys and girls basketball programs at Brackett ISD. I look for continued improvement as they work their way to being district and state contenders. The School Board is working on a project to renovate and remodel the school gym. We're also working on an outdoor, covered play area for elementary PE.

Report cards for all grades will be distributed on Thursday after the Christmas holidays. In the past, we have sometimes given out report cards for elementary before

Christmas. We're all on the same page this year and will wait until after the holidays for the good news!

I'm sure that you have noticed the continuous improvement to landscaping at Brackett ISD. A school board committee that includes Tim Ward, Sara Terrazas and Rose Mary Slubar continues to set priorities for the district. The entire board helps facilitate the improvements. Way to go! You can notice the improvements when you drive by the schools.

The Board adopted a policy that prohibits school activities on Sunday and Wednesday evening with those of the exception of an emergency nature that have to have been approved by the superintendent. The Board believes that

Wednesday and Sunday belong to families and churches. We want to support these vital institutions in the education of the young folks at Brackett ISD.

The new memorial benches have arrived in Brackettville. We're working trying to get them assembled and hope to get them in place before Christmas.

I was one of the 65,000 people in the Alamo Dome Saturday for the Texas-Nebraska game. My team lost, but the pageantry was fantastic. The Dome is an outstanding facility. Watching the Nebraska and UT Bands was sheer delight for me. Texas featured such tunes as San Antonio Rose, Deep in the Heart of Texas and the Eyes of Texas. The Ne-

braska band focused on a West Side Story Theme. We stood most of the game with those folks dressed in orange and cheered while giving the "hook-em horns sign." What a great way to spend an afternoon!

We're closer to Christmas, and its time to get the tree and lights in place. I hope you find time to renew and to rest during this holiday season. Have a great week!

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Monday, December 13  
Tiger Toast  
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Tuesday, December 14  
Bean & Cheese Burritos  
Picante Sauce  
Fruit or Juice

Wednesday, December 15  
Sweet Roll  
Fruit or Juice

Thursday, December 16  
Breakfast Tacos  
Picante Sauce  
Fruit or Juice

Friday, December 17  
Glazed Donut  
Fruit or Juice

### Lunch Menu

Friday, December 10  
Pepperoni Pizza & Salad  
Ice Cream Bar

Monday, December 13  
Chili Dog & Cheese Cup  
Oven Fries & Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, December 14  
Steak Fingers  
Potatoes w/Gravy  
Vegetables & Roll

Wednesday, December 15  
Taco Salad w/Beans  
Spanish Rice & Fruit  
Lettuce & tomato salad

Thursday, December 16  
Hamburger & Oven Fries  
Burger Salad & Pudding

Friday, December 17  
Pizza & Veggie Sticks  
Peanut Butter Cup & Fruit

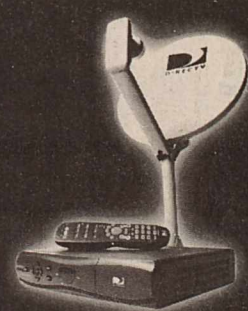
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

Here's a quick way to forecast your horoscope with 10 being the best possible week and 0 the most difficult.  
**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Being a busy bee is probably not in your best interest. You are likely to get stung if you throw yourself into this role. Stay with your swarm in order to maintain support. This week is a 6.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A game of tug-of-war seems to have erupted, and you could be the one who is trying to keep the flag in the middle. If you keep both extremes strong, it all evens out. This week is a 6.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The people and places inside of you merge and mold until they become quite hard to even recognize. Try to remember what they started out as, and interpretation becomes more distinct. This week is a 4.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The advantages you have been given show themselves in obvious ways. You realize how lucky you really are. Your efforts allow you to excel to a whole new level. This week is a 10.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your flamboyant side could be aiming to flaunt itself in almost any venue. You need to figure out the best way to tame the temptation. Make sure that your audiences are appropriate. This week is a 6.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Others agree with you even if the issues you propose are a bit outlandish. With your thoughts being taken into consideration, you have a little time to expand them even further. This week is an 8.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) The action around you may not only be uncanny but could also be a bit out of control. Hold on tightly to the pieces that are yours so that they don't get blown away by the hoopla. This week is a 5.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The vibrant colors of your face reveal a sense of achievement that no one can ever touch. You place yourself in the realm of master



with your careful interpretation of the scenery that surrounds you. This week is a 9.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Showing off could be your first impulse as you begin your week. In order to receive a better reception, make sure that your antics are not at the expense of someone else. This week is a 7.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) People have no problem making their opinions known, and this makes for some magical debate. The pros and cons create a whole dialogue that enriches all who are witness to the wonders. This week is a 9.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Deflate your ego and don't give negative thoughts any further assistance. They seem to be taking off on their own. Engage in a form of mutiny before they make themselves your dictator. This week is a 7.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Cupid's arrows are flying through the air, and you are part of their ultimate destination. The points don't hurt, and the results make it all worthwhile. This week is a 10.  
**YOU BORN THIS WEEK:** Accepting people for who they are is a knack that you hold above all others. This allows others to let down their guard and be real in their encounters with you. The insight that you gain through these interactions makes you a rich teller of stories. The benefit of the doubt usually ends up going in your favor.  
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Bucket has no water. 5. Boy's hat is different. 6. Broom handle is taller.

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- Dec 9.....Pedro Benitez  
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# Handel's Messiah

Mary Magdalene Catholic Church by Lynn McNew

What gets you "in the mood" for Christmas? For me, it is the music. In my opinion, one of the greatest pieces of music ever written is Handel's "Messiah." I love to hear it; I love to sing it.

The "Messiah" brings to life the words of the prophet Isaiah: the valleys will be exalted, the mountains made low and the rugged way made plain. The wondrous God of creation, the One who sends comfort to His people, loves us!

My first experience with singing this glorious music was as a senior in high school. I don't think I realized the power of what I was doing at that time. Later in college, I sang the "Messiah" again. Since then, I have had the opportunity to sing the "Messiah" sev-

eral times. Each time the words seem to have more and more impact.

God loves me! He sent His Son for me! I know I am not worthy of His great love, but in this season of preparation, I renew again my promise to become all I can for Him.

Take time out of your busy schedule in the next few weeks to listen to this beautiful music. Several churches in the area will perform the "Messiah", it will be on television and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has a thrilling rendition. I believe your heart and soul will be touched and thrilled as you listen to the promises God has made for you and me.

You are welcome to worship with us at anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You

# Times of ignorance, God commandeth to repent

St. John's Missionary Church by Rev. William P. Adams

God, who made the world and all things in it, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands,

Neither is worshiped with man's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all Life, and breath, and all things;

And hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitations.

That they should seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel after him, and find him, though he is not far from everyone of us;

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

For as much, then, as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God head is like gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now Commandeth All Men everywhere to repent.

Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus) whom he hath ordained; concerning which he hath given assurance unto all Men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17: 24-31. Praise The Lord.

# Season of Giving? Part 2

Gateway Ministries Pastor Charolette Corey

God is the prime example of the 'Gift Giver'. He has given to us 'in love' since before 'Creation'.

He prepared his only begotten son, Jesus, to pay for our mistakes long before we were created and made our first mistake. He has covered every facet of His plan for the purpose of victory in love.

The gift of his son is the best gift of all. Those of us who have invited Him to live in our hearts have an opportunity to share this same kind of love with everyone else, the lovable...as well as the unlovable.

Spiritually, true Christians should be the busiest gift givers of all. Daily there are opportunities to share "a word of knowledge" with another to help another make personal decisions. There are opportunities to share Godly discernment to help them become better aware of what is really going on in the spirit realm (not to be confused with gossip or fortune telling).

There are opportunities to share the gift of teaching with others to help teach them how to apply God's word to their lives that is real and meaningful to them for today. There are opportunities to share the gift of "helping others" through whatever talent that God has given you. There are opportunities to lay hands on the sick and pray for their healing, as well as opportunity to take them to a doctor. There are opportunities to touch your neighbor and help relieve their pain.

One of the most crucial gifts is the Gift of Forgiveness. God has forgiven you and you are expected to do likewise.

You can't even approach God's altar (your place of prayer) and offer a gift unless you have first forgiven. He will not accept your gift otherwise. The more you forgive, the easier it gets.

There are always spiritual opportunities to lift your neighbor up and encourage him/her. If the love of God "constraineth" you to approach someone to give, to help, to love...do it in Jesus' Name. The Gift of Love when given away does not lessen, does not deplete, but it grows and grows.

Give gifts not just for Christmas, but all year long. The body of Christ is one body. It is time we start acting like it.

Seek out those and be sensitive to those in need and share your gifts. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Obituaries ...

## Dave Stuart

Dave Stuart, age 53, passed away November 15, 1999 in Houston, Texas. He was born on September 13, 1946 to Clyde and Adele Stuart in Marshall, Texas. He was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a bachelors degree in Biology. He served his country during the Vietnam War in the Coast Guard. He married his loving wife of 23 years Nancy Hasty on January 3, 1976 in Baytown, Texas. He was a member of the Methodist faith. At the time of his death, he was a resident of both Kerrville and Brackettville, Texas. Dave had been employed with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for over ten years. He was the park superintendent of both the Kickapoo Cavern State Park in Brackettville and the Devil's Sink Hole in Rocksprings, Texas. He was dedicated to his job, and enjoyed teaching others about Texas' natural resources.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hasty Stuart of Kerrville, TX., parents, Clyde and Adele Stuart of Longview, TX., sisters: Judy Brandt of Dillsburg, PA., Janet Renshaw of Harrisburg, PA., and Jean Wall of Missouri City, TX. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 in the Kerrville Funeral Home's Chapel. The Rev. Gary Martin, Pastor of Iglesia Luterana Cristo El Salvador in Del Rio, Texas will officiate. A reception will follow at the Inn of the Hills Resort in Kerrville, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: The Dave Stuart Memorial, Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, P.O. Box 15097, Dallas, TX. 75201-0097. Services are under the direction of Kerrville Funeral Home.

## Seth Young

Seth Edward Young age 97, passed away December 4, 1999 in Uvalde Memorial Hospital. Seth was born September 12, 1902 in Rocksprings, Texas. Seth married Opal Dennette Sweeten August 18, 1925 in Rocksprings, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal; son, Ed Young; and grandchild, Venetia Haby.

Seth is survived by daughters: Doris Haby, Brackettville and

Irene Triplett of Uvalde. Grandchildren: Bruce Triplett, Houston; Beth Davitte, Houston; Seth Edward Young III, Austin; Dennette Coates, Brackettville; Hayden Haby, Jr., Granbury. Great-grandchildren: Griffin Haby; Sara Triplett and Brent Triplett. Services were held December 6, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Scott officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary, Uvalde, Texas.

# Colon cancer one of the most preventable and treatable forms of cancer

Colorectal cancer is one of the most widespread types of cancer in the United States. Yet with early detection, it also is one of the most treatable.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association encourage all Texans age 50 and older to get regular screenings to detect this life-threatening disease.

Excluding cancers of the skin, colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon and rectum) is the third most common malignancy in the country in terms of both new cases and deaths, according to the American Cancer Society. Colon cancer is more common than rectal cancer, accounting for 73 percent of new cases and 85 percent of deaths. The single most important risk factor for colorectal cancer is age. The incidence rate among persons 65 years of age and older is six times higher than that for persons between the ages of 40 and 64. Other major risk factors include family or personal history of colon cancer, a diet high in fat and obesity. Regular physical activity, hormone replacement therapy in postmenopausal women and aspirin use may decrease a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer.

The good news about colorectal cancer is that it is one of the most preventable and treatable forms of cancer. Many colorectal cancers can be prevented by appropriate modifications in diet and adoption

of regular physical activity. Additionally, existing screening tests have been shown to be effective in reducing deaths from colorectal cancers either by detecting and removing polyps before they become cancer or by detecting and removing early stage colorectal cancers when the disease is still highly curable. American Cancer Society statistics show a five-year survival rate of 91.4 percent for patients diagnosed at the local stage when the disease is confined to the colon or rectum and a 66.1 percent survival rate when the disease is detected at the regional stage where the cancer has spread to surrounding tissue. That compares to only an 8.5 percent survival rate when the cancer has metastasized.

It is recommended that both men and women at average risk for colorectal cancer begin regu-

lar screening at age 50. People should begin regular screening earlier if they have a strong family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, or a personal history of colorectal cancer, polyps or inflammatory bowel disease. Check with your physician to see if you should begin getting regular colorectal cancer screenings and what screening exams are most appropriate for you.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

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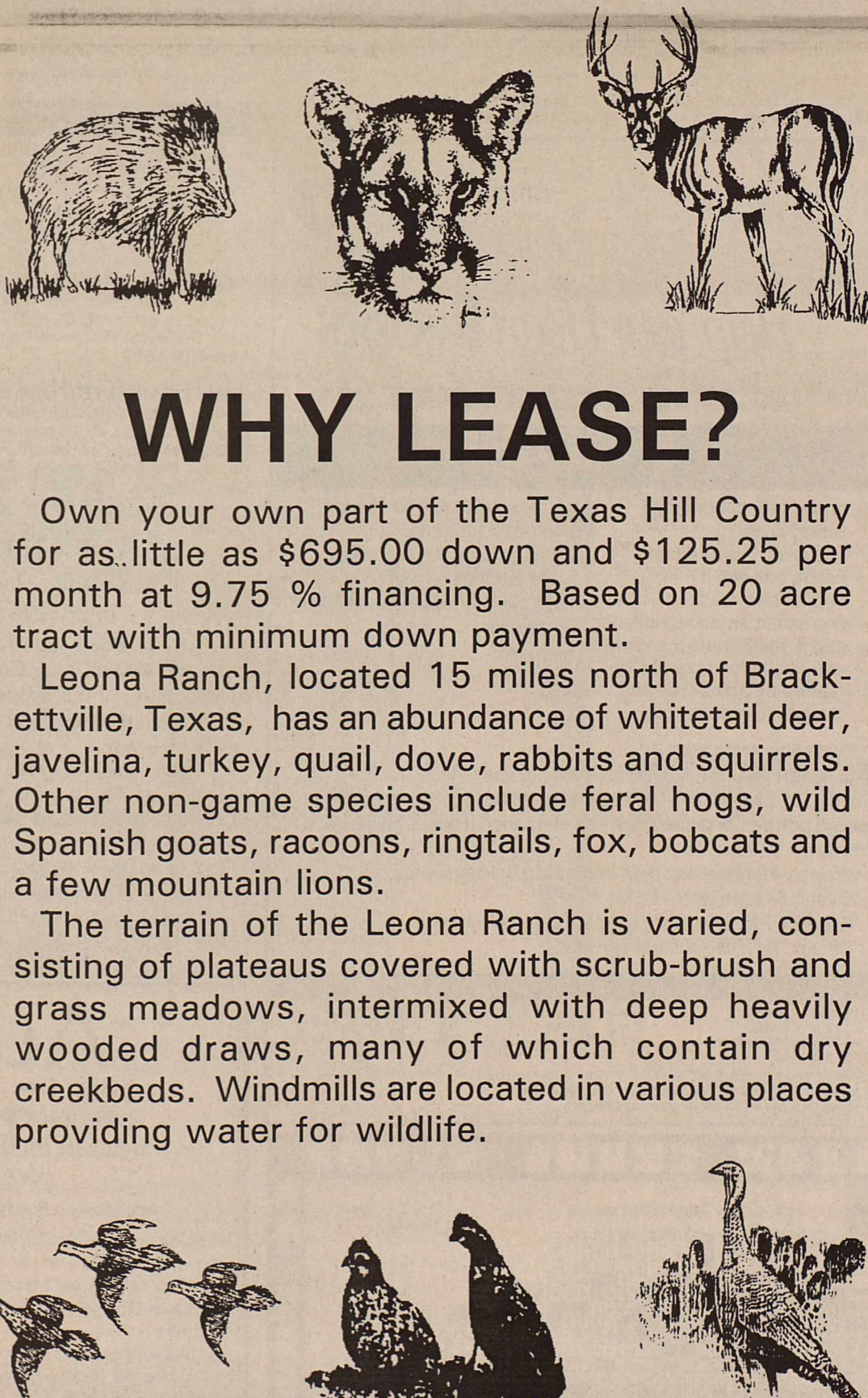
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INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIERS seeking dependable singles, teams, trainees with CDL. Aggressive pay package with benefits. Find out your potential earning opportunity based on experience. Call 1-800-396-3649/1-812-246-7202.

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EMPLOYMENT

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council is accepting applications for the position of Planner. This position is primarily responsible for advanced work in organizing and delivering a process for the development and execution of a range of functions with solid waste management, and will provide technical assistance in the development of local applications for state and federal programs aimed at improving the region's infrastructure, including environmental management; work directly with cities and counties to assist in determining and prioritizing their community environmental management needs; conduct various municipal solid waste management-related services and support activities; submit application forms within the requested time frames and respond to any request by the funding agency for changes or amendments to application forms, maintain a Solid Waste Advisory Committee; prepare and maintain minutes; provide technical assistance, conduct informational programs, participate in civic and community presentations on all issues pertaining to solid waste management; serve as a central point of contact for solid waste management outreach, education, and training programs; and maintain a resource center of solid waste information and reference materials. Minimum requirements for this position are a Bachelor of Arts Degree with two years of related work experience. This position requires in-region and out-of-region travel as well as some overnight travel. Must also be able to attend evening community meetings. Person accepting this position will be required to maintain an insured vehicle at all times. The salary range for this position depending on experience is \$25,470-\$28,081. This position will be housed in Carrizo Springs, All qualified applicants may submit a resume, an application, and copies of transcripts to Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834, (830) 876-3647, attention Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration. This position will be kept open until filled. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

REAL ESTATE

O'Rourke Realty Elsa & Paul O'Rourke 830-563-2713 Rentals Available

Unit 37 RV lot, 28X40 metal cover, pull-through drive, extra RV hook-up. Living Area, washer, dryer, refrigerator with ice-maker. \$39,500 Negotiable.

In Fort Clark 3 bed, 2 1/2 baths, large den, workshop, beautiful bright kitchen overlooking the creek. Unbeatable scenery from almost every room of the house. Only \$65,000.00.

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GATEWAY COMPUTERS..FACTORY direct. \$0 down. Low monthly payment. Pentium-III 600 available. Some credit problems okay. Call by Dec. 10, for free scanner. OMC, 1-800-477-9016. Code A33.

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Must sell 1,435 sq. ft. Home, 3 bedroom, 2 baths.

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Golf course lot in the oaks, just \$9,500 \* Golf course lot with big oaks, price reduced!

Stop in & see the good selection of dolls, children's books & gifts at LET'S PLAY

GARAGE SALE

2 FAMILY GARAGE sale, unit 3 lot 57. Sat. Dec. 11th. 9am - 7.

Garage Sale - Saturday Dec 11th, Unit 32, Sims St. 9-5 NO EARLY SALES. King bed, Dryer, clothing, misc. items

HEALTH SUPPLIES

GOT PSORIASIS? Get real relief, stop itching and flaking now. No more suffering. Free information. Call Skintech 2000, toll free, 1-877-425-8227.

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LEGAL SERVICES

DIVORCE \$155, covers child support, custody, visitation, missing spouses, property, debts, military, name change. One signature required. \*Excludes government fees, uncontested. 1-800-462-2000 (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). Legal Tech, Inc.

NURSING HOME ABUSE - Neglect, bedsores, burns, assaults, malnutrition, falls, deaths. Call free confidential consultation, David P. Willis, Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Lawyer, Houston, TX principal office, 1-800-883-9858.

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1999 3 BEDROOM 2 bath, A/C Plywood Floors, All Major Appliances, Shipped to us by mistake. Price Reduced - The Factory is paying for freight! Save now, call 774-7711 or 888-611-7711 toll free.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

ST. MARY MAGDALENE Catholic Church is accepting sealed bids for construction of a religious education building in Brackettville. Responsible contractors may obtain a set of plans at the rectory from Fr. James Cashin upon payment of \$25.00 deposit, which will be refunded upon receipt of a responsive bid and upon return of the plans in good condition. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope, addressed to St. Mary Magdalene Finance Committee and identified as a Proposal for CCD Building. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., December 17, 1999. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church reserves the right to waive formalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the most advantageous bidder. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MHMR Center 819 Water Street, Suite 300 Kerrville, Texas 78028. Requests For Proposals (RFP) are now being accepted for Nutritional Services to include consultation, assessments and family education for caregivers of children age 0-3 years. All services are to be provided in the child's natural setting within a fifteen (15) county area or area designated by RFP. For information about the RFP and to obtain an RFP packet, call Gaynell Royeva at 830/997-9503 or Lori Zambrano at 512/396-2058. RFP's will be accepted until December 31, 1999.

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PUBLIC BICYCLE SALE at: CT's Bike Parts & Repairs 410 East Spring Street Saturday, December 11th 9:00 am - 7:00 pm All Bicycles Must Sell Some New Some Rebuilt Some As-Is 25% Off Tires, Tubes, Parts & Accessories \$5.00 Off No-Mor-Flats (Pair/Installed) CT's Bike Parts & Repairs 410 East Spring Street

Public Notice EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage There will be a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 13, 1999 at the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS service which is in noncompliance with the law. Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Medical Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS service while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend. If you would like additional information, please contact the EMS Office at 830-563-9090.

Auction Sat. Dec. 11th, 1999 - 9 AM Bruce Clements Moving Sale No. 6 Crockett Rd & Payne - Ft. Clark Springs, Texas Watch For Signs Inspection on Friday, Dec. 10th - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM •Antiques Galore-Clocks-Gilbert circa 1878 •Calendar Clock w/ Mirror Shelf •Antique Round Oak Table w/ 4 Chairs •Antique Dresser w/Round Mirror & Marble Plates-Extra Nice •Antique Oak Hall Tree w/Mirror-Nice •Complete Set Noritake China-12 Place Setting •Roll Top Desk •Beautiful 5pc.Bedroom Suite •Complete Set of Zane Gray Books •Set of Time Life Books of Western Frontier •Large 4 Door Antique Ice Box •Large Free Standing Wood Burning Fireplace •Household Goods •Hand Tools •Too Much To List C.C. Veltmann Auctioneer-Tx. Lic. #7023

American Heart Association Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke Help Your Heart Recipes This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup sifted unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup fat-free milk
1/4 cup light margarine, softened
1/4 cup pureed prunes, unsweetened baby food prunes, or fat-free fruit-based oil and margarine replacement
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups uncooked quick-cooking oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a large mixing bowl, cream brown sugar, cocoa powder, milk, margarine, prunes, and vanilla. In a small bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat into margarine mixture. Stir in oatmeal. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. (You should have about 60 cookies.) Bake for 7 to 9 minutes, or until set in the center. Serves 30; 2 cookies per serving.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving: 105 kcal Calories, 2g Protein, 23g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 0mg Cholesterol, 77mg Sodium, 1g Total Fat, 0g Saturated Fat, 0g Polyunsaturated Fat, 0g Monounsaturated Fat

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