



## Letters to the Editor.....

### Internet is a wonderful tool, not to be abused

In your unsigned editorial of January 6, 2000, you refer to the approval of a New Policy regulating the use of the Library Facilities.

Unfortunately, there are citizens who are vociferous, not hygienic, and offensive to other patrons because of their behavior and profanity. Most patrons of the library are observant of the rules of behavior, which apply to everyone everywhere. These are not new.

In some instances, the law enforcement officers have been called to enforce rules of good conduct by removing a patron from the library premises.

The policy of limiting computer time use was employed to allow more individuals to use the computers. During the month of December the library had 750 users. The library has between 35 & 45 Internet users daily. Even if a computer is vacant for 15 or 20 minutes it allows new comers to have a computer available to them when

they come in. If the library did not have such a policy the same people would be on the computer all the time not allowing everyone in our community an equal opportunity to use the computers. Patrons coming in to use a computer will notice that they are in use and will leave. There is no charge for Internet use but this does not mean that people can conduct their long, drawn out business and conversations on them. They are a wonderful resource for the community to have but not to be abused.

In reference to the library hours of operation, The KCPL is open six days per week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday it remains open until 6:00 p.m. allowing access for children after school. The library is open on Saturday to accommodate working adults. In the past, employees of the KCPL have remained after closing time to allow students who needed a little extra time to finish up a report or adults who needed

to complete an entry or operation. Unfortunately there are patrons who take advantage of the employees good will and insist on staying after closing time, refusing to leave.

As you say "The Internet is an Amazing Resource" but it is not a baby-sitter, "to keep children off the streets." The library does provide various programs for children during the summer months. It also provides the children with several computers designed for their use including educational programs. It also provides a room with puzzles, books on tape, videos, stuffed animals and furniture just for little people. The children are always welcome in the library during operating hours and during the summer months the library houses between 75 and 80 children per day. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful library in our community.

Horace Troy

### Volunteer Firemen are Unsung Heros

On January 5, 2000, I experienced something that I had never experienced before and would like to share my feelings. The EMS Crew had responded to an alarm where the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was already battling a brush fire a few miles out of Spofford on Hwy. 1509. At approximately 6:30 p.m. Carolyn Rutherford and I relieved the first round of EMS crew that was already on the scene. This being my first time with EMS, in this type of situation, I went with my eyes closed and did not know what was expected.

As you know the Brackettville

Volunteer Fire Department is strictly on a volunteer basis. All of these men have full time jobs; some are students in high school or college. They jump when the alarm is given, whether it is day or night. The job that they do is excellent. I had not had the opportunity to see them in action and seeing them last night was very impressive and left me feeling honored that I know each and every one of them. They all worked together as a team, gave each other encouragement and made sure that they were all doing a safe job on what they were trained to do. I felt helpless just sitting in the am-

balance while they were hard at it. The impression they left was awesome. I'm very proud of each one of them. They each deserve a standing ovation and the title of unsung heroes. Keep up the good work guys!

Sincerely  
Elena C. Luna

### Ties that bind

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

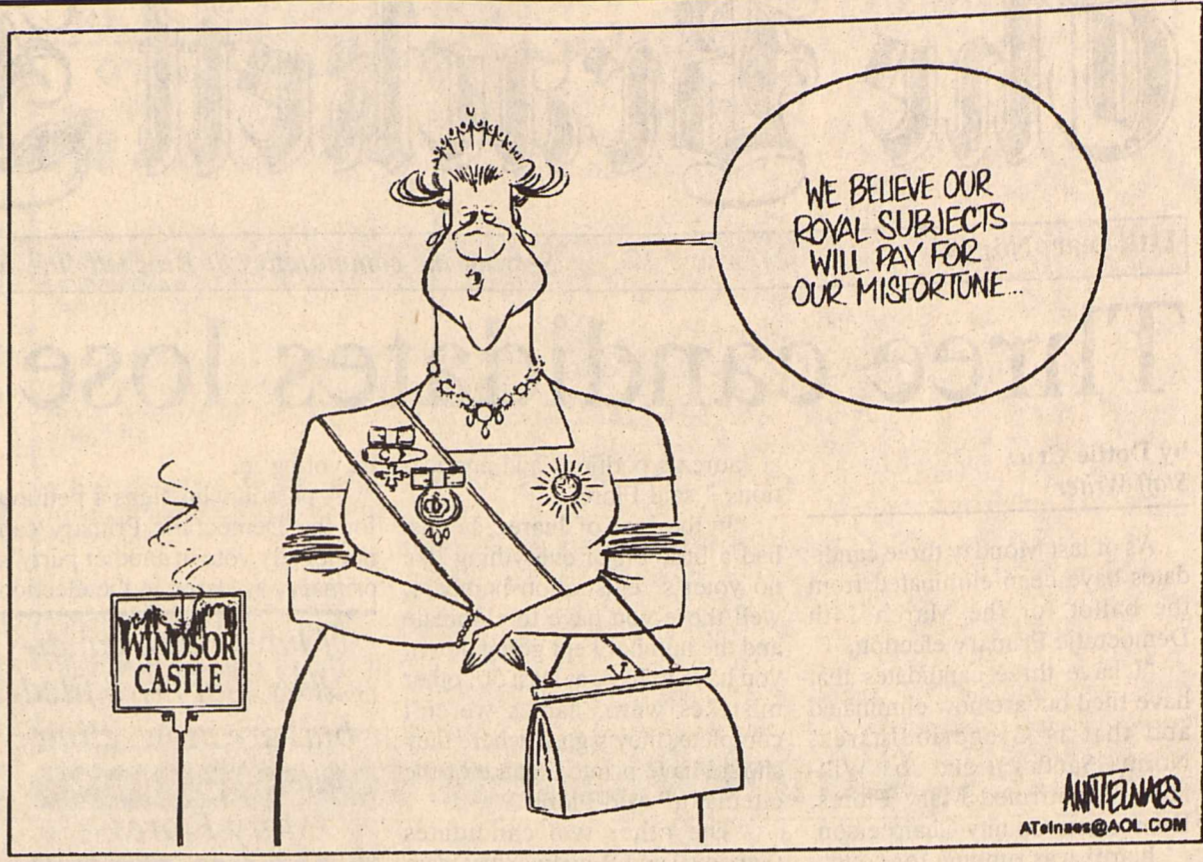
Chances are, many of you are reading this column at home. That's because a lot of us like to catch up on the latest news at home, as well as take care of a little work outside of the office. Though almost 20 million Americans work at home full-time, many others will occasionally type a letter, read a report, or make a work-related call from the comfort of their dining room tables.

Last week, the government did something that could have put a stop to that. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced that the rules that have applied to businesses for years would now also apply to anyone who works at home. OSHA said that this wasn't even a change in the rules: the bureaucrats claimed that the rules have always been that way. What's more, this new rule was in the form of a letter that was buried deep on OSHA's internet web site.

The letter's been on OSHA's web site since November. So why hadn't anyone heard about it until last week? OSHA didn't offer an explanation, but common sense might suggest that an advisory that ludicrous would bring a lot of criticism, something OSHA would surely want to avoid as long as possible.

Luckily, last week, the media found the advisory, and began explaining to the public what it meant. It meant that employers would be responsible for installing proper ventilation systems and proper lighting in their employees' homes, if the employees were going to continue to do any work there. It meant that banisters might have to be painted bright yellow to prevent accidents, and slick living room tile would need to be replaced with safer carpet. Of course, faced with either investing millions of dollars in employees' homes or simply not allowing people to work from their homes, most employers would have no choice but to choose the second option.

Thanks to the glare of publicity and public ridicule, OSHA and the Administration backed down. Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman announced that the advisory was being withdrawn. But it shouldn't take the full force of the media to convince OSHA to act logically. Regulations should follow the intent of the law, not the whims of political appointees. For any government agency, common sense should be the rule, not the exception.



### THE WHITE HOUSE IS CONSIDERING HAVING TAXPAYERS FOOT CLINTON'S \$5 MILLION LEGAL BILL Everyone's gotta get into the act

The way I see it!  
by Steven R. LaMascus

Matthew 28:19-20 (The Great Commission)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Please keep the above in mind as you read the rest of this piece.

I just learned that the FCC has now decided to get into the Christian bashing act. More than 125 noncommercial television broadcasters may be forced to drop religious programming after the Federal Communications Commission ruled that broadcasts "primarily devoted to religious exhortation, proselytizing or statements of personally-held religious views or beliefs" are prohibited under the agency's educational programming licenses.

This unconstitutional drivel was thinly disguised as "guidelines" which require broadcasters operating on noncommercial educational licenses to devote at least half their programming hours to topics that serve the "educational, instructional or cultural needs of the community." The FCC Gestapo continued by ordering that

the programming must not be primarily devoted to religious programming, read Christian here. Church services, emotional appeals to religious faith, or any form of evangelizing would not be allowed.

Just for your information, the majority of the Commission was appointed by Slick Willie Clinton.

All this communistic claptrap was enacted while congress was adjourned (translation: in secret), and as "guidelines" so that there would be no discussion beforehand. It was done in an underhanded, illegal, unconstitutional manner just like everything else this current regime in Washington has done that violates your constitutional rights. They know they can't justify their liberal, socialistic tactics so they sneak around looking for the unlocked back door or bathroom window through which to sneak their unconstitutional, anti-American, Satan inspired, privacy-invading, garbage. They should be stoned in the village square!

The regulation was aimed directly at Christian programming. It targets Cornerstone TeleVision in particular. It is a direct attack on your Christian belief because, as stated by Linda Wambaugh of the Pennsylvania Alliance for Progressive Action: "They lack diversity... A lot of their program-

ming is actually very hateful in many people's opinion; it is disparaging of other religions, of gays. That's not what public television is meant to be."

Well, all you loving, God-fearing Christians, how does it feel to be a hate monger? Simply because we state that things that are morally unacceptable, like homosexuality and pornography, are actually wrong, we are labeled as hate mongers! We are not diverse enough. We should be more acceptant of things like baby murder, Satanism, pornography, prostitution, extra-marital sex and all the other wonderful and exciting things this country stands for today. As Ms. Wambaugh so succinctly states: if you disagree with the opinion of the political left, if you are not politically correct, you are "hateful". Because you are not a liberal socialist, you have no constitutional right to disagree with them! Freedom of speech only applies to those sycophants who have no opinion of their own and simply parrot the liberal mantra.

I think I'm gonna be sick!  
The FCC, for obvious reasons, declined to comment.

Write your congressman. Call your representatives. Do something! Or get used to wearing a cute little proletarian uniform and addressing everyone as comrade.

**Big Mama Sez!**

*The optimist may be wrong, but she has a lot more fun than a pessimist.*

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### Over 200,00 Texans work the Oil patch

Submitted by  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

It's no news to Texans that oil is one of the basic elements that built this country. More than 200,000 Texans work in or are connected to the oil patch.

Nor is it news to us that the oil and gas industry remains a pillar of the America economy. Oil powers our cars, heats our homes and runs our factories. Without oil, the American economy stops and the military is stranded.

Unfortunately, we have seen a steady erosion of our ability as a nation to produce all of the oil and gas we consume. Volatile world commodity markets, foreign imports and a growing tax and regulatory burden on domestic producers have decreased American's capacity to meet our own growing demand.

Since November 1997, the oil exploration and production industry has been in a crisis that witnessed the lowest inflation-adjusted oil prices in history. Recent statistics speak for themselves:

We have lost 56,400 jobs out of an estimated 340,700 total industry jobs since October 1997; 20,000 additional oil and natural gas jobs stand at risk of being lost.

We have seen 136,000 oil wells (25 percent of total US. wells) and 57,000 natural gas wells shut down. A substantial number of these wells will never operate again.

We have lost \$21 billion in federal royalties and state severance and production taxes.

We have had to absorb \$25 billion-worth of economic losses associated with shut down oil and gas wells.

Production is down 651,000 barrels per day, to 5.88 million barrels, the lowest U.S. level since 1951.

At home, I hear a lot about low prices when I talk to oil and gas producers across our state. But that isn't by any means all they have to say. Producers are equally concerned about the difficulties they encounter in getting access to the capital needed to do business. Doing business involves high, up-front exploration and development costs, so access to capital can mean the difference between staying afloat or shutting down.

All this is why, on June 18, I was one of the first Senators to speak up for and vote in favor of an emergency loan guarantee bill to help save American's domestic oil and gas industry. It passed the Senate and now is expected to be taken up in the House of Representatives.

This loan guarantee program is a small but important attempt to level the playing field for American companies whose overseas competitors are subsidized by their governments. In contrast, U.S. producers, rather than receiving subsidies, face disproportionately high tax and regulatory costs. This is a deadly combination for a critical American industry.

The bill will provide a lifeline of capital to many viable, efficient, but cash-starved oil and gas producers, at minimal cost to the federal government. The loans are just that, loans, and we fully expect them to be repaid, with interest and fees.

The program is strictly limited to "small business concerns," as defined by the Small Business

Administration. In the oil industry, these are the small, independent producers who, despite their size, when combined, account for a majority of the domestic oil produced in this country. Unfortunately, these are also the companies that are the least able to withstand long-term drops in energy prices, and they represent the hardest-hit segment of the industry. These are hard-working, honest American entrepreneurs who pay back their loans.

Helping these producers boosts local economies and local governments, including the dozens of school districts in Texas that are dependent upon oil property-tax revenues. But most important, helping these companies helps America remain strong, capable of producing for itself what it needs to continue to lead the world.

At the time of the 1973 oil embargo, which threw our economy for a loop and into one of the worst recessions in U.S. history, foreign oil supplied 36 percent of U.S. demand; today, foreign oil supplies 56 percent. Most of the oil comes from volatile regions of the world.

We cannot stand by and watch our capacity to produce oil and gas disappear. Another supply shock like we saw in the 70's could send the American economy into recession. We must ensure this industry does not disappear from the American landscape. Total dependence on foreign oil would profoundly undermine our economic and national security.

We can and we must take steps now to ensure that the remaining infrastructure for this industry is not lost for good.

# Rotary elects officers for ensuing year

Rotary submitted by Ella Chambers  
New officers for Rotary 2000 were elected at the January 6, 2000 meeting. Joe Hardin is the incoming president and will take office in July 2000. Jim Heath is the incoming vice president and Ella Chambers will be the secretary/treasurer. All offices are for one year. Patsy Callnan is the outgoing president, Jim Hardin the outgoing vice president and Mike Holley the outgoing secretary/treasurer.

Frank Cheaney is the program chairperson for the month of January and Cheaney spoke on the Fundamentals of Rotary. Other speakers for the month will be Bill

Haenn, Kinney County Appraiser, Bob Prince, Regional Director for Civigenics and SPA Victor Saucedo with the Border Patrol K9 program.

Cheaney began his program with the history of Rotary. On February 23, 1905 Paul Harris and three other business associates met in the Unity building for the beginning of a "businessmen's club." They decided there was a need for businessmen to gather on a regular basis for camaraderie and to expand their circle of business and professional acquaintances. By the end of 1905, the founding club in Chicago had thirty members. A second club was formed in 1908 in San Fran-

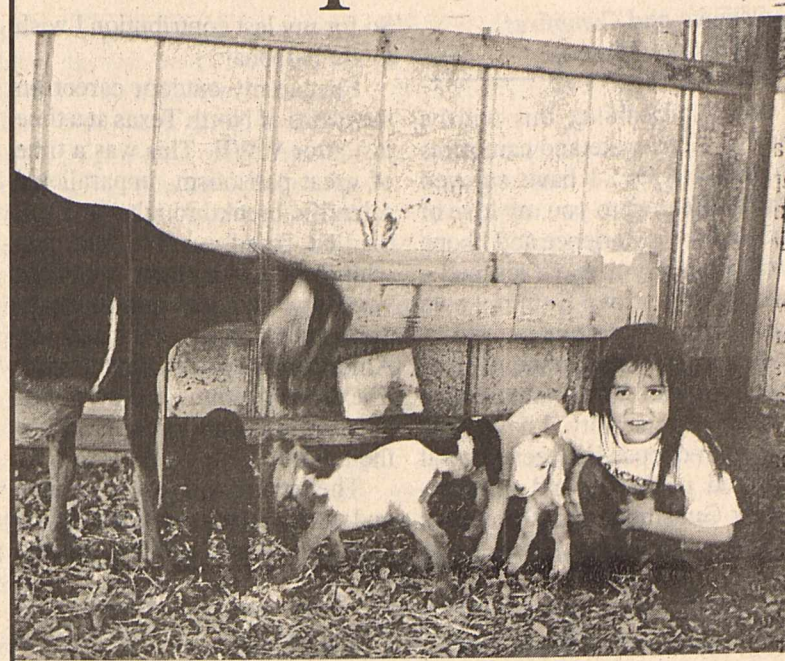
cisco followed quickly by clubs in Oakland, Los Angeles and New York City. The first International club was established in Winnipeg, Canada in 1910. At the beginning the gathering was called "Rotary" since the offices of members were used and a rotation system was established among themselves. However, as time passed and membership grew, this became impractical and permanent locations were established. A gear is still used as the club emblem and reflects the early beginning of rotating. Presently, Rotary has almost 1.2 million members in 30,000 clubs in 161 countries.

Rotary is an organization committed to vocational, community

and international service as well as service to Rotary. Each year Rotary awards a scholarship to a local student for further academic education. There is also local participation in 4H, and donations to food drive programs. Internationally, Rotary has been instrumental in eliminating polio and participating in the continuing fight against hunger and illiteracy worldwide with funds, personnel and research.

The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary; to globally promote the concept of service as a worthy endeavor, to strengthen and expand Rotary to communities

# Multiple Birth



McKenzie Castillo pictured above with the mama goat and her four new babies.

When Tommy and Suzanna Castillo found themselves with three orphan kid goats to raise they didn't push the panic button. They bought a Nubian nanny goat to raise the orphan kids, little did they know what a prize they had.

The mama goat did so well with her little orphans, the Castillo's decided to breed her to a full blooded Boar goat.

# Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

**Saturday, January 1**  
8:35 p.m., Unit 7252 requested a deputy from Maverick County. A 15 year old juvenile was abandoned on Hwy 277 and her money stolen.

**Sunday, January 2**  
3:42 a.m., An unidentified caller reported loud music in the vicinity of the 300 block of East Thorn Street. Police Chief Ron Ring was unable to find the source.

10:34 p.m., Game Warden Henry Lutz was requested to come to a ranch located on Hwy 277. Subjects were described as possible 'poachers'.

**Monday, January 3**  
7:57 a.m., Police Chief Ring was dispatched to Jones Elementary School where someone had broken the glass out of the front door.

8:30 a.m., A local woman reported the window to her Mothers truck had been broken out by someone throwing a rock through it. Chief Ring went to investigate.

8:44 a.m., Another glass was broken at the Jones Elementary School and Police Chief was advised of the situation.

**Wednesday, January 5**  
6:59 p.m., A local woman reported a light blue '90 Chevy truck with tail lights not working. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised of the report.

8:50 p.m., A local resident reported a one car rollover 4 miles West on Hwy 90. Trooper Slubar was already on the scene when Deputy Guidry arrived. Reported one person injured.

9:09 p.m., EMS reported their were picnic chairs in the West-bound lane just East of Sycamore Bridge. Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

**Thursday, January 6**  
12:30 a.m., Brackettville Fire Department requested the assistance of the Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department for a fire on a nearby ranch. Uvalde called back and were unable to reach any volunteers. Eagle Pass was able to send one unit to location.

10:37 p.m., A local resident reported in person being run off the road by a Napa truck. Border Patrol located the subject and detained him until Deputy Bobby Guidry arrived subject was brought into the Sheriffs Department. Justice of the Peace John Ford was called in and the matter was resolved.

**Friday, January 7**  
12:09 a.m., A Fort Clark Resident called and reported a domestic disturbance at his neighbors house. This person didn't want any charges filed - just speak with the couple. Trooper Slubar went to the location and requested they report to the Justice of the Peace the following morning.

12:10 a.m., Paragon Security requested a Deputy to a local residence at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Guidry requested back-up from Trooper Slubar. Shortly after the situation was resolved.

3:45p.m., A local woman reported directly to Police Chief Ring that her daughter was being harassed by the children of another local resident. Ring spoke with all parties involved and they agreed to keep away from each other.

9:15 p.m., Off duty Trooper Tom Wylie reported in person his neighbor was missing. She was identified as an 84 year old fe-

male, suffering from Alzheimer's. Sheriff, Deputies, Police Chief Ring, EMS and members of the volunteer fire department conducted a search for her. She was found by Gus Sandoval behind the Gonzales Store on Brown Street. She was awake but unable to move. EMS transported her to Val Verde.

9:31 p.m., A local woman needed help to get back into her apartment after locking herself

out.

**Saturday, January 8**  
3:44 p.m., A local man reported someone in a blue Nissan driving recklessly towards Uvalde. It was reported almost hitting several vehicles. Trooper Slubar was sent to check it out.

7:55 p.m., A local woman requested that a Deputy come and speak to someone that had parked on her lot and wanted them to move their car. Deputy Chism

went to the scene and the problem was resolved.

9:30 p.m., A local man reported hearing music 2 to 3 blocks away from his home. Deputy Karl Chism found the source and they turned it down.

**Sunday, January 9**  
12:26 a.m., A local woman called and reported unidentified disturbance. Deputy Chism was dispatched.

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# Keep your powder dry and your fishing lines wet

*Gunsmoke and Campfires*  
by Steven LaMascus

In all probability this will be the last Gunsmoke and campfires column I write. I have enjoyed communicating to you my love of the outdoor experience and I hope that some of you have learned a useful tidbit or two from my own hard-won experiences. Now, however, it is time to move on to other projects. Time being such a precious commodity, I have been forced to choose between several beloved projects, and unfortunately Gunsmoke and Campfires is the least pressing of the group.

So for my last contribution I wish to get personal.

I began my outdoor career on the plains of North Texas at a time just after WWII. This was a time of great patriotism, unparalleled scientific breakthroughs, and unbridled freedom. We had just whipped the evil plumb out of the world (we thought) and baseball, apple pie, Chevrolet, and the American Way were here to stay. The speed of sound had been broken and we were on our way to the moon.

The jet age was just beginning and world travel was for the first time something that didn't take the

wealth of a maharaja and the spare time of the filthy rich. A Safari trip to Africa that had once taken many thousands of dollars and several months of leisure time was now within the reach of anyone of moderate means who was willing to scrimp on his budget and save for a couple of years. My first big game rifle cost me \$20.00, my last one over \$500.00.

I grew up reading Hemingway, Ruark, O'Connor, Keith, Capstick and other giants of outdoor lore. By the time I was fifteen I could practically quote the reloading manuals verbatim. I could speak a smattering of Swahili, and I knew the difference between a Grants Gazelle and a Lesser Kudu. (Hapana faro Bwana, piga tendalla, pese, pese.) I knew that the scientific name for the American pronghorn antelope was antilocapra americana and that for the large mouth bass was micropterus salmoides. I knew the difference between odocoileus virginianus and odocoileus virginianus cousei. (I didn't look these up to check the spelling of the Latin monikers so please excuse any errors). I could tell the track of a coyote from that of a bobcat and that of a whitetail deer from a sheep. All these things seemed natural to me, like eating, or drinking, or heavy breathing.

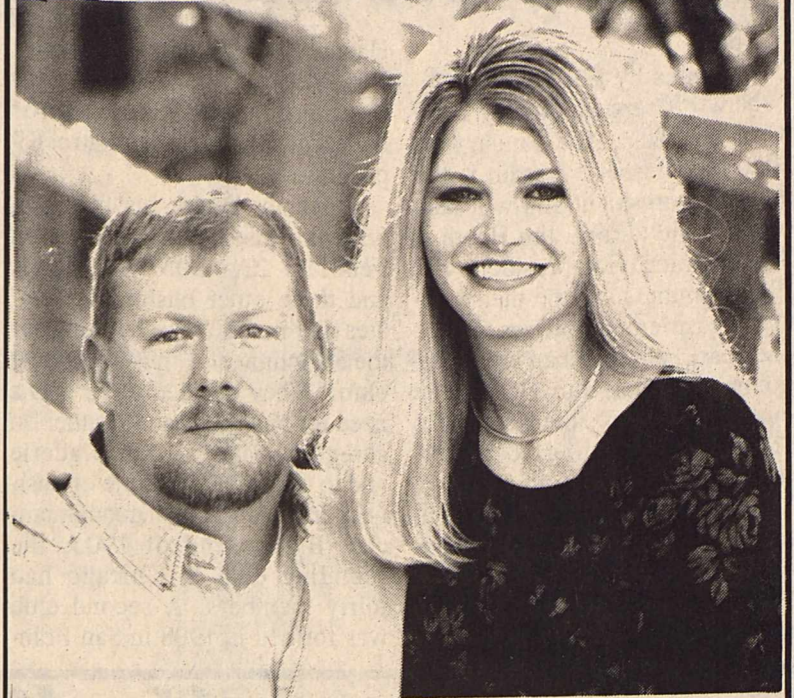
In 1980 I joined the United States Border Patrol, primarily because it was one of the few jobs that paid well, had an early retirement, and allowed me to be outdoors. This last January 8, I completed 20 years of service with the Border Patrol and am now looking forward to retirement in the near future. I will shortly retire and do full time what I have been doing part time for several years - photography and writing.

The outdoors, particularly the shooting sports and hunting, along with my faith in Jesus Christ and my loving family, have always been my lifeblood. Of mistakes there have been many, some of them real lusus, and I occasionally, momentarily, lost the narrow path! But if I had it all to do over again I wouldn't change a thing!

I want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding. I want to thank the editor and publisher for her kind and unrestricted access to my soapbox. I will continue to write about hunting, shooting, and the outdoors in other forums and I hope to be a fearless spokesman for our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. I also hope, God willing, that you will see my clumsy attempts at prose in the outdoor magazines.

Keep your powder dry and your fishing lines wet.

## Engagement Announcement



### Michelle Lowe and Mitch Frerich

Michelle Lowe and Mitch Frerich are proud to announce their engagement. Michelle is the daughter of Joel and Debra Lowe of Plains, Texas. She is a 1991 graduate of Plains High School. She received her B.A. in Psychology from Texas Tech University in 1995 and her Masters in Education-Counseling from Sul Ross State University in

1999. She is a Special Education Teacher at Garfield Elementary in Del Rio. Mitch is the son of Raymond and Gaylene Frerich of Brackettville. He is a 1990 graduate of Brackett High School and attended Angelo State University. He is an Engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad.

The couple plan to marry March 4, 2000 in Brackettville.

## Kinney County Livestock Show & Premium Sale

It's time for the 45th Annual Kinney County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show to be held at the Kinney County Civic Center on January 14-15, 2000. We value your continued support and we're looking forward to seeing you there.

### Schedule of Events

Friday, Jan. 14, 2000

8:00 - 12:00 noon Weigh all market animals (west side)  
2:00 p.m. Angora Goat Classes  
2:30 p.m. Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes  
3:30 p.m. Rabbit Classes  
4:30 p.m. Steer Classes  
5:30 p.m. Swine

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000

8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Classes  
9:30 a.m. Market Goat Classes  
12:00 noon BBQ Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Stock Show Awards Presentations  
2:00 p.m. Jr. Livestock Premium Sale

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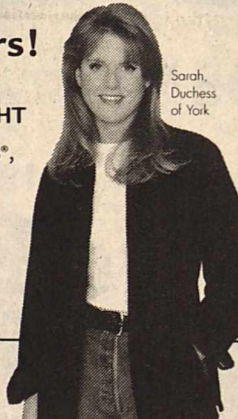
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## Fort Clark Golf

January 4th, the nine hole ladies league played for low putts. First place was Mylo Unruh for 16 putts. Kitty Sterling and Mary Hermanson tied with 17 putts for second place tie.

The eighteen hole league posted low scores for 16 holes. Joyce Ambler was first place winner with a score of 48. Four golfers tied for second place with a score of 51, they were Teresa Stephens, Pat Alexson, Margo Kendrick and Carol Benfield. A score of 52 was posted for third place and Sharon Boucher, Jo Workman and Edie Zipperer all tied for that event.

Thirty-six couples competed on Thursday in the weekly couples

tournament. First Flight winners were Amblers and Dyers who posted a score of 56 to claim first place. Second place team scored 60 by Salyers and Greens. Simpsons and Whites finished third with a score of 61.

Second Flight was won by Unruhs and Eberts, scoring 61. Neils and Divines placed second in this flight with a score of 64. 65 was the score for third place winners, Sterlings and Zipperers. Udy, Weber and Bromley's tied for first place with Pfluegrads and Bouchers, scoring 66 in the Third Flight. Mayberrys and Burkepiles took third place and scored 68.

## Commissioners appoint nine citizens to Grievance Committee

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"We're having a slow month, but we are doing above average," said Sheriff Burgess. "It's going to get a lot worse."

"Good for the budget, but bad for the Sheriff's Department, a lot of activity in other words," said Judge Senne.

Frerich asked Senne if he had received responses concerning the clean up in and around Pinto Creek Bridge.

Senne stated that he had received only one response by phone.

"I sent out three letters to local folks. One to Tim Ward, one to Jimmy Bader and one to Mike Bizzell, if you can think of some

more we can check them out," said Senne.

"We need to get the road department out there because, as you are coming in from the North from Highway 90, where the new road takes off, the old road is still there," said Frerich.

"If you happen to take the old road, you're going to run into a big boulder, we need to at least put a rail across there to divert traffic, making sure people who may not know the area will be made aware," added Frerich.

"We have a bunch of crushed limestone piled up there, we can put a row across and make it more safe," said Senne.

## Old Quarry Society

Want to make plans for a fun evening? The "Old Quarry Society" is sponsoring a "Cabaret Dinner" at Las Moras Inn's "Cavalry Room" on Saturday, January 29th. Entertainment is by the "Borderline Singers." Tickets are \$15.00 and can be obtained at Ft. Clark's Adult Center" or from any member of the "Old Quarry So-

ciety." The Old Quarry Society has plans to present "A Deadly Habit" on March 4th and 5th. The play is a murder mystery with audience participation. Also, in conjunction with the Ft. Clark Dance Company, the Old Quarry Society will host the annual Variety Show on March 25th.

## Commissioners agree to enforce traffic law of FCS

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Fort Clark, right now it's hard to take any action against anybody, other than the parties involved getting into civil litigation," said Burgess. "This way we can take action against the one that violates the law."

"This is really kind of a compromise at this point, we get this going and see what happens then if we feel we need a full-time deputy we'll need to negotiate the cost of what Fort Clark's part of that will be," said Heath.

"There's a difference of opinion right now with folks that feel

like we are paying taxes, why should we have to pay for a full-time deputy. I know we can work through that, this is at least a starting point," Heath added.

Effective date will depend on when Fort Clark has installed all of the traffic and warning signs that are required by law.

"I'm sure other gated communities concerned are looking to us to see what happens," Heath explained.

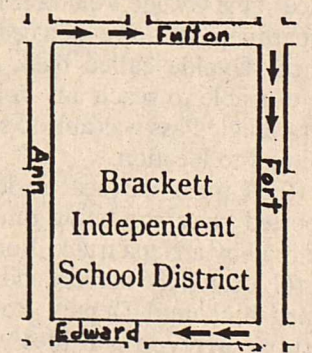
Senne abstained from voting on the matter because he is a member of Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

## Remember to obey the traffic laws in the School Zone

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come together in a crisis such as this one. To everyone involved in the search, thank you.

Questions may be directed to me at my office, phone number 563-9981. If I don't know the answer off the top of my head, I will find it for you. Remember, I am here to serve you.



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### Breakfast Menu

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Monday, January 17  
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Tuesday, January 18  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Fruit or Juice

Wednesday, January 19  
Ham Slice w/Toast  
Fruit or Juice

Thursday, January 20  
Scrambled Eggs  
Toast/Jelly  
Fruit or Juice

### Lunch Menu

Friday, January 14  
School Holiday

Monday, January 17  
Beef Stew/White Rice  
Cornbread/Fruit

Tuesday, January 18  
Chicken Fried Steak/Potatoes  
Seasoned Corn/Roll

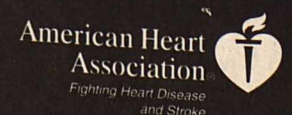
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Fruit

Thursday, January 20  
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.
Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Bear is wearing mittens. 3. Boy's glove is black. 4. Mountains are snow-capped. 5. Boy's feet are missing. 6. Bear has three toes.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week is liable to surpass your expectations. You'll receive such positive feedback from others that you'll be aglow! It is definitely a time to mix and mingle.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social graces are a valuable business asset. Higher-ups are amenable to requests. Sociable, as always, you'll share delightful times with friends this weekend.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The warm greetings you'll receive from a person afar will make you feel special. There's a decidedly happy accent on both romance and friendship.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although you feel otherwise inclined, business interests must take precedence this week. A higher-up is important to your success. Listen to this person's advice.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Surprise news comes from a friend you haven't heard from in a while. This week finds you especially magnetic and in good cheer. Social life is quite wonderful.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll opt for a quiet week with family and friends. The private time couples share with one another will be especially meaningful. Intuition is on target.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The accent this week is on business. Your new venture is bound to be a success. Just be patient.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You will be especially charming. You'll have the right words to say to one and all. You'll also be receiving a pleasant surprise. Romance is a plus.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It is a wonderful week
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# It's your choice! You can choose to forgive

Gateway Ministries  
by Pastor Charolette Corey

What do a reed, fresh putty, and you have in common? They are all "forgiving"...or should be. A reed will bend in a high wind where a stout tree will often break. Fresh putty is soft and pliable as it molds itself around objects but a stone...is a stone...is a stone....hard!

The best vow you can make for the new year and the new millennium is to be "forgiving". It sets the pattern in your life to receive forgiveness from God and others. (Matt. 6:12-15) It creates the fertile ground for God to receive your offerings of works to glorify God. It plants the seed in which you

receive God's blessings. (Mark 11:24-26).

The time is ripe for new beginnings which start with your own personal choices. If you want a fresh, clean slate, first wipe clean the slate of others. (Matt 18:21-34).

(Note: the point is not whether another owes you anything or not. The point is that you forgive them even when they do "owe" you.) Take a lesson from the reed. Bend so that you don't break. Take a lesson from the putty. Let God mold you.

It hurts when he has to take a chisel to you. Some people choose to harden their hearts like stone and suffer the consequences like Nabal (1 Sam 25:37-39)...his

heart died within him, and he became a stone...and it came to pass about ten days after, that the Lord smote Nabal, that he died." Then David said, "the Lord hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head."

Let God shine His light of the Holy Spirit upon your heart. Let Him reveal any hidden room or closet where you have stored a "shoebox" up in the far corner, hidden (you thought) from God. He knows it's there. (Psalms 44:21) Let His light shine upon it, his fresh, clean breeze of his Holy Spirit blow through it and blow away the cobwebs. (Isaiah 60:1) Let Him heal and restore. (Psalm 23:2).

Repent of the sin of

unforgiveness and let Him restore your soul. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let Him make you pliable again so that He may continue forming you into a vessel to honor Him. (Romans 9:23)

It's your choice! Choose to forgive. Choose to be like the reed that bends. In showing mercy you shall receive mercy (Luke 6:36) "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." (Luke 6:37).

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## From the book of Psalms

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23.

# Fort Clark RV'ers celebrate New Years Eve off the beaten path

The fun people of Ft. Clark, Units 34 and 36 ended 1999 and started the year 2000 in a special and unusual way. Paul and Barbara Williams, who's philosophy is, "there's always room for one more," organized a small party of

friends and neighbors in RV rigs for a trip to Black Gap Wildlife Preserve in Big Bend. The party soon mushroomed into 24 people. They traveled to Heath Canyon Resort Ranch on the Rio Grande River.

The adventurers enjoyed spiritual moments with meaningful devotionals, hiking, rowing, fireworks, keyboard music, roasting marshmallows and weiners around an open fire. Other food that they enjoyed was deep fried turkey, black-eyed peas, shrimp and more.

John Mattingly got a wet back, literally, when his canoe over turned in the Rio Grande. Marge Jones had to be rescued also.

Besides Paul and Barbara, the group included Garland and Ann Barron, Don and Rae Guyon, Harry and Marge Jones, Homer

and Gladys Lewis, Ed and Pat Moffatt, John and Rosie Mattingly, Bill and Kay Poff with their friends from Oklahoma, Erwin and Gail Nelms, John Wilson and Dennis St. John. Also joining the party were Don and Pat Parks with daughter, Carol Sachs and grandson Marcus Scoglio, who celebrated his 14th birthday on the New Year 2000 Century Day.

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John Joseph, M.D.

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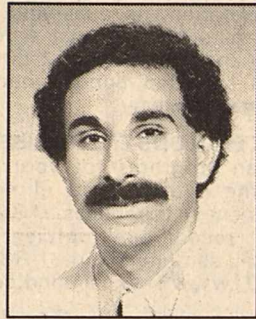
I am a 45 year old male. I've always been quite healthy, but recently I've noticed that I can't smell as well as I used to. What can be causing this?

#### Answer:

The loss of smell, or anosmia, is usually the result of nasal congestion or obstruction, but sometimes it can indicate a neurological disorder. Many medications also may change or decrease the ability to detect odors.

Temporary loss of the sense of smell is common with colds and nasal allergies such as hay fever or it may occur following a virus. The sense of smell is often lost with disorders such as nasal polyps, nasal septal deformities, and nasal tumors. These disorders prevent air from reaching the part of the nose where smell receptors are located.

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Treatment of underlying disorders may correct loss of the sense of smell.

Treatment can include antihistamines if the condition is related to allergy, surgical correction of physical blockages, treatment of other disorders, or changes in medication. For loss of smell caused by a recent viral upper respiratory infection, be patient, your sense of smell will return to normal without treatment.

Contact your doctor if the loss of smell is persistent, is getting worse, or is accompanied by other unexplained symptoms.

Dr. John Joseph is a senior staff physician in the Department of Family Practice at the Scott & White Clinic in Kilgus, Texas, and a professor of Family Practice at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

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10:00 a.m., Trooper Richard Slubar reported in person that the Border Patrol checkpoint reported to him of a possible stolen vehicle. Slubar and Deputy Guidry went to the checkpoint to investigate. The vehicle was found not to be stolen and the driver and his car was sent on their way.

11:09 p.m., A local woman reported her purse had been stolen. Deputy Chism went to her residence to take the report.

Monday, January 10

1:30 p.m., Jose Luis Hernandez, 30 was arrested by

Deputy Chism for a Bench Warrant out of Bexar County. As of Tuesday morning, Hernandez was still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

10:45 p.m., A local woman reported being threatened by a local man when he pointed a rifle at her. Deputy Chism spoke with both of the parties.

11:30 p.m., Deputy Chism was sent to investigate a report of someone outside the apartments on 1st Street knocking on the window and upsetting the woman that lived there. Chism was unable to find any activity.

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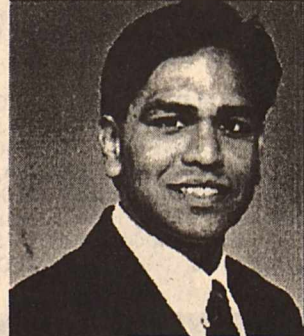
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