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Shoppers Jubilee



Bandera will be dreaming of "An Old Fashioned Christmas" Friday, Dec. 2 when the celebration of Shoppers Jubilee starts at 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive at the courthouse lawn at 5 p.m. in a carriage pulled by a team of Clydesdale horses.

Santa and Mrs. Santa will be joined by a living nativity, the Silver Sage Melodiers and Bandera High School band. Caroling, awards and festivities will be followed by many merchants staying open until 8:30 or 9 p.m.

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Staff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Bandera spirits assure others' Christmas

By James Henry Frazier
Staff Writer

"Will I get anything for Christmas?" It's not a question most of us ask. Rather, we ask, "How many?" But for far too many, Christmas could come and go without any gifts, save for Bandera County's Spirits of Christmas Presents.

The Spirits of Christmas Presents organization strives to make sure that each child in Bandera County has gifts for Christmas and that their family has a Christmas dinner. Last year the organization served 125 families in Bandera County, many rural, but some also in the county's towns.

The people of The Spirits of Christmas Presents don't want any child to go without Christmas, no matter what the reason. "We go knowing that these children may not have a Christmas without us and their family won't have a Christmas dinner," says Jim Evans, one of the directors of the organization.

This year on Christmas Eve, several Santas each with an elf helper, bags of toys, and boxes of food will drive to predetermined homes to deliver their gifts. The presents are marked with the child's first name, making the gifts a little more personal. The project tries to give four gifts to each child, with at least one very good toy.

Sometimes the children open the packages while the Santa and Elf are still at the home, says Evans, who has been a Santa for several years. One time a girl wanted a watch, he recalls. She tore into each package, hoping for that one special gift, all the time glad for what she received.

There wasn't a watch among the presents, but before the girl could get through all the gifts, the elf had brought in a wrapped watch from the truck. "Oh, Santa, you 'dropped' one gift on your way in," Evans' helper told him. Evans says he never expected to see such joy in someone at receiving a watch.

There are other cases when the gift was just right. Evans recalled a used bike they gave one boy as being exactly what he wanted.

Gifts are purchased from Bandera merchants by members of

The Spirits of the Christmas Presents project using donated money. Gifts are also donated directly by area residents. There are collection boxes at the First State Bank, Bandera Bank, and the Dairy Queen in Bandera, says Evans. Canned food donations are also accepted at these sites.

Donated toys should be new preferably, but used toys in good condition can also be used by the project. Donated toys should be sturdy. "The donated gifts need to be a real playable gift, as what the children receive this Christmas may be the only toys the children have," says Evans.

Donated toys should be in the middle to lower price range. "We don't get many expensive toys, and that makes it difficult to distribute the toys evenly among the children," says Evans. The project serves children from age 0 to 18, and the fewest gifts they have are for junior high age children, "because they are so hard to buy for," says Evans. Clothes and games seem to be the usual gifts for junior high children.

Families are referred to The Spirits of Christmas Presents from sources such as school teachers, nurses and the school lunch program. The project also gets referrals from Helping Hand, the Texas Department of Human Resources, and clergymen. "Anyone can refer someone," says Evans. "We get the names of those that need a visit from Santa from people that notice that a child has a need."

Information needed for a referral are the name, age, and sex of each child in a family, each child's size for clothes, and the location of the family's living quarters.

Representatives of The Spirits of Christmas Presents and a Santa will be in front of Shoe Biz in Bandera during Friday's Shopper's Jubilee to hand out flyers, describe the project, take names of volunteers, and accept donations, says Evans. To help or make a referral, call Karen Jackson at 796-4870 or Evans at 796-3201.

Donations may also be mailed to The Spirits of Christmas Presents, P.O. Box 282, Bandera. All donations are tax deductible, says Evans.

4 arrested in drug bust

Property and narcotics with an estimated street value of \$200,000 were seized and four people were arrested Monday when federal drug officers, assisted by drug task force agents and Bandera county law officials, converged on a location near Pipe Creek.

At the same time, the district task force has recently heard their funding will be extended into 1989.

Robert Smallwood, Marty Brown, Debbie Bullock and Sandra Goff were arrested and taken to a San Antonio federal facility, according to Bandera county sheriff Guy Pickett.

"At about 11 a.m. I was contacted by Greg Whitlock, an agent with DEA, and advised of an ongoing investigation he was working in Bandera County," said Pickett.

"We drove by a residence on Rio Ranchero Road and the odor of a meth lab was very strong from the street in front of the Robert Smallwood residence," the sheriff said.

Whitlock had a federal search warrant sent from San Antonio, and had several DEA officers come up to help serve the warrant, according to Pickett.

Drug task officers also assisted DEA agents, according to task force chief Jim Harvey.

"At about 3 p.m. we converged on the residence and executed the warrant," said Pickett, who added that property and narcotics with a street value of about \$200,000 were seized.

"Also, we recovered two stolen vehicles, a 1985 Toyota van and

one Chevrolet blazer," Pickett said.

The 216th District drug task force got a 30 day extension on funding that was to run out Nov. 30 and prospects "look good" for funding that will allow the program to operate next year.

"All task forces have been extended and will be reviewed for extensions in January to run through September when the funding cycle begins," said John Coffell of the state's Criminal Justice Department.

The 218th was one of 14 from the state's 33 task forces due to expire at the end of November. All 14 programs have been extended, Coffell said.

Not all task forces are guaranteed of being extended in January, but the 216th is "certain for continuation through the end of next year," said 216th attorney Bruce Curry, task force coordinator.

Curry said the task force just recently got the news of their extension, and that the outlook is "favorable."

The state received Federal Justice Assistance money to help fund the task forces and has \$2.3 million still remaining to be used for amending each force's budget to meet the extensions, according to Coffell.

The 216th district task force has been involved in or responsible for at least 10 drug indictments in Bandera since June, and they have also been active in Kerr, Kendall and Gillespie counties.

Judge rules Raser eligible to serve

County Judge Ray F. Mauer ruled Monday that errors made when Roger Raser was named to replace Republican nominee Gary Smith on the Nov. 5 general election ballot were "administrative" and do not warrant declaring Raser ineligible to serve as county commissioner.

Raser was named to replace Smith on the ballot in August by the Bandera County Republican Executive Committee, which also ruled the party's elected nominee ineligible to serve as county commissioner because he had moved out of the county.

The county clerk was not notified of the action in writing prior to the deadline established in the Texas Election Code.

The oversight caused the matter to be thrown in Judge Mauer's lap. His written ruling was dated Monday, Nov. 28.

"There were some administrative errors made in this regard, but not to the extent that the candidate, Roger Raser, would be declared ineligible," Mauer said. "I have coordinated this ruling with the secretary of state's office," the judge said.

Raser defeated Democratic incumbent A.A. (Pete) Reed, 393 votes to 334.

Judge Mauer said his ruling may have been different had the matter been called to his attention earlier. Though the Texas Election Code directs that the matter be decided by the county judge if it is called to his attention



Roger Raser

after the election. Mauer made reference to another provision of the code that applies to removing a candidate's name from the ballot.

Reed brought the matter up Monday, Nov. 21, when he delivered a letter to county Democratic chairman Nick Johnson asking the party to investigate the matter and "take the appropriate action." Johnson referred it to Judge Mauer for a ruling.

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from the hill

By Tom Denyer

George Bush may not be dead, but he is dead in the eyes of the Democrats. Central America and the Middle East may or may not flow in his hands.

It almost seems not to matter, as far as the Democratic prospects for recapturing the White House go. Whether or not Bush drops the crown, the Democrats may not be in shape to pick up the pieces.

The struggle for the party's heart and soul has already begun. One point of view sees the party as too identified with something called "liberalism," whatever that means now or in the past. The party will have to become less liberal — whiter, more masculine, friendlier to giant corporations.

Another point of view sees the party as already trying too hard to be Republican. Why vote for an imitation Republican when you can have the real thing? Instead, according to this viewpoint, Democrats should organize non-voters who number at least one of every two eligible voters.

Having organized these potential Democrats, the party would get them to the polls with "populist" and "progressive" candidates and programs.

The "we're too liberal" viewpoint predominates among Democratic elected officials in cities, counties, governors' offices and state legislatures, and the U.S. Congress. The party's activist rank and file — minority group leaders, labor and community activists, and intellectuals — prefer to expand the electorate and transform the party into a social movement, not just a device for putting people in office.

In Texas, for example, established party leaders say that Bentsen's presence on the ticket made a 7 percent difference in the vote for president and contributed to Democrats regaining two of the six Congressional seats lost in the 1984 Reagan landslide. Bentsen, after all, polled 39 percent to Bush's 56 percent.

The party establishment spent \$3 million identifying and mobilizing supporters, including 1 million "swing voters."

Liberals respond that swing voters — also known as Reagan Democrats and "the Bubba vote" — number about 900,000. Registered Hispanics number 1.2 million, Blacks about 700,000. With higher registration and turnout among Hispanics and Blacks, a statewide Democratic candidate needs only slightly less than 40 percent of the Anglo vote to win.

To put it another way, Texas Democrats will never be competitive in presidential elections without carrying Bexar and Harris counties (San Antonio and Houston) by substantial margins, while developing populist appeals to economically discontented, working-class Anglos.

The battle will be joined in Texas when treasurer Ann Richards and Attorney General Jim Mattox face each other in the spring 1990 primary. The conflict will also surface if, as expected, commissioner of agriculture Jim Hightower challenges Phil Gramm for his senate seat.

So it looks like the Democrats are in for some rough and tumble. Does that mean Republicans are home free?

Not necessarily.

letters

Helping others

Dear editor:

When I was a little girl growing up in Bandera County, Christmas was always such a happy time for me. I just couldn't wait until Christmas Eve and I always received so many nice things and had a wonderful Christmas day.

After the Christmas holidays were over and school started again, I would always hear that there were some children who did not have a happy Christmas and it would make me sad. I didn't understand it then, but I understand it now.

Some families in our area just cannot afford to have a nice Christmas without the help of others, and this is why I enjoy working with the Gifts of Love Organization.

The people who contribute to the Gifts of Love program are thoughtful, caring individuals who enjoy sharing their many blessings with others less fortunate.

It is truly a heart-warming feeling to be involved in a worthy project of this type and if you would like to help this year, you may send your donation to Gifts of Love, Rt. 1 Box 771, Bandera. We also have an account open at First Federal Savings for those who want to contribute in that manner.

It would really help to have all donations in by Dec. 15 as all items given are new and we like to shop for them while there is still a nice selection in the stores.

To be forgotten at Christmas time is a lonely feeling for anyone, but it is especially so for children. They stare out the window and wonder why Santa did not come to their house this year.

In the giving of your gift, you will be making sure this does not happen to the underprivileged children in our area.

No child, of any age, should ever have a Christmas without presents that is "just another day." Pat D'Spain, Bandera



Terry Nicholas will return next week.

U.S. would support tariff, if... Kent Hance says

Texas' man in Vienna, Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, last week warned that Texas, Alaska and other oil states could convince the rest of the nation to support a tariff on imported oil if OPEC let prices drop as low as \$10 a barrel.

Hance made his statements while monitoring the closed-door talks between Iran and Iraq which threaten to flood the market with more oil, a move that would stall the recovering Texas economy.

Hance said West Texas intermediate oil, the nation's benchmark, might fall to \$10 unless OPEC moved to bolster prices.

He was in Vienna, Austria with Louisiana state Sen. Samuel Nunez, who commented that stability at \$10 is better than instability at \$20.

Texas currently produces about 2 million barrels a day, approximately 25 percent of U.S. production.

Consumers nervous

A Texas poll showed consumers lost confidence in the Texas economy during the price fall, indicating how sensitive Texans are to the oil market.

According to the survey, 39 percent of respondents expected good times for Texas businesses in 1989, compared to 47 percent in a similar summer poll.

Thirty-nine percent said they will be worse off, compared to 43 percent during the summer survey.

Coming issues

Sleeping with one eye open during the oil price fall were members of the next legislative session, who will go into session in the black for the first time in years.

Among the top issues lawmakers will tackle are school finance and workers' compensation.

It just hurts

Dear editor:

Someone threw a beautiful puppy into my yard, which is totally fenced, and the poor little thing died of internal injuries before we found it.

Now, we were looking for a puppy — just about like this fluffy little one. If the people who threw him in our yard had only come to our door and asked if we wanted him, he would not be dead today.

Disposing of unwanted puppies and kittens seems to be a growing problem. I think, one of the problems here is money. Most people can't afford \$50 or more to have their bitches spayed — and nearly that amount for kitten factories. It's a little less for males, but not affordable for people trying to feed their families.

I know the vets need to pay their expenses — and their time and expertise is worth money.

I don't have any answers. It just hurts to find a beautiful puppy dead in my yard.

Charlotte A. Hayhurst
Pipe Creek

The Bulletin solicits your letters on any subject of general interest. Each letter must be brief, in good taste and must not be libelous. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for these reasons.

While political endorsements and thank you notes will not be accepted as letters, we will be happy to arrange advertising space for these purposes.

potpourri

By Nick Johnson

The city of Bandera is suing the state of Texas because it wants to keep secret some documents the attorney general says it must make public. The case is especially interesting here because the city of Bandera gets its legal advice from the same law firm, indeed the same attorney, that advised Boerne to spend thousands of dollars to challenge a state law.

Attorney Randall Richards of the Boerne law firm of Hollon, Marion and Richards acts as city attorney for both the city of Boerne and the city of Bandera.

Richards drew fire here in city council chambers two weeks ago from a couple of citizens concerned about more than his \$10,000, two-month bill to the city.

They also questioned his habit of refusing to answer questions from citizens or council members unless he is in a secret, executive session.

Any questions. About any subject. He says his answer to any question amounts to "legal advice" and he does not give legal advice in public. (All the while, his \$100-per-hour meter is running, whether in public session or private, whether he's giving "legal advice" or refusing to give it.) The same kind of reasoning is behind the lawsuit he filed this week for the city of Boerne.

The Hill Country Recorder quotes that city's Mayor Patrick Heath explaining the information the city does not want to make public falls into three categories: (1) information considered protected by the attorney-client privilege, (2) an attorney's work product, and (3) the identification of citizens who offered information that led to the resignation of Police Chief Walt Myers.

Point No. 3 is a valid concern. The Boerne city council should have been advised to warn those citizens that their identity (but not their testimony) would be made public, as required by state law.

As for points No. 1 and 2, the Open Meetings Act is explicit. "Private consultation between a governmental body and its attorney are not permitted." The act reads, with three rather narrow exceptions listed.

And nowhere in the Open Meetings Act do I find anything that might remotely justify treating an attorney's work product any differently than, for example, an engineer's work product or a certified public accountant's.

The Recorder published one more revealing quotation from barrister Richards: "Some things should be withheld or a government can't be as good a government as they could be," observes the attorney.

The question is, counselor, who's to decide what part of the people's information should be withheld from the people?

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J.P. Doodles



Keeping \$ home called chamber's 'job one'

Keeping local dollars at home rather than sending them out of the county is the county's top priority, says economic development committee chairman Joe McMullen.

The chamber is working through the Texas Department of Commerce to focus attention on diversifying the economic base of Bandera County to include such things as food processing, Main Street mercantile growth, and general tourist development.

Dry November puts area 13 inches under normal

November's rainfall came to an official 0.02 inches for Bandera, giving a total for the year of 17.75 inches, short by 13.35 inches of the average 31.1 inches that normally falls during the first 11 months of the year.

November's rainfall came Nov. 10 when the 0.02 inches drizzled. Average rainfall for November is 2.22 inches. Measurements are taken at the City of Bandera.

October's rainfall was short by 3.18 inches, with the county receiving officially a meager 0.77 inches of rain. Only during the last three days of October had there been any significant rainfall events. Saturday, Oct. 29 gave 0.54 inches, followed by Oct. 30th's 0.04, and Oct. 31st's 0.15 inch reading.

Hurricane Gilbert, whose rains brought an official 3.99 inches of rain over a four-day period Sept. 17-20, has helped many farmers and ranchers with their crops, says conservationist Billy Griffin of the Bandera Soil and Water Conservation District.

The 4.84 inches of rain received in September was early enough to get the county's crops going, says Griffin. The warm days and warm nights of the last three months have enabled the grasses and crops to grow. However, it has not been a banner year for crop growth, he says.

Rainfall from Gilbert varied from 4.5 inches in Lakehills, two inches in the Medina area, and only one inch in other parts of the county.

In the past 37 years, three other years received 17 inches of rain or less for the year. With 15.93 inches of rain in 1951, 13.19 inches in 1954, and 11.63 inches by the end of 1956, 1988 is shaping up as the fourth worse

participants.

The Girl Scout cookie sale is set to begin with ordering Jan. 7-22, and direct sales Feb. 16-March 3.

For more information, contact Julie Rose at 349-2404.

Workshop planned

There will be a reception on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for 24 artists selected from the 144 participants in four recent workshops sponsored by the Cowboy Artists of America Museum.

This exhibit, the fourth annual Showcase, will feature new works by 20 painters and 4 sculptors. It will continue as a museum through January 8, 1989.

Commissions plan year's last meeting

Bandera County Commissioners will hold their last meeting of the year Monday, Dec. 12, unless sufficient business necessitates another meeting.

Commissioners' regular meeting Monday, Nov. 28, was cancelled as there were not enough items on the agenda, reports County Judge Ray Mauer. Currently, there are no plans for the commissioners to meet Dec. 26.

Commissioners regularly meet the second and fourth Monday of each month, with the second Monday meeting being required by state law.

Since the Christmas holidays fall on a weekend, current plans have the courthouse closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26.

The agenda for commissioners' meeting is finalized the Thursday before the Monday meeting by 5 p.m.

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his efforts to encourage more funding locally.

It will be an monumental task, says McMullen. He said that governmental units and schools as well as local citizens spend money on their own projects.

He suggests involvement with chamber activities as one way local residents can help control the dependence of local persons and groups on out-of-the-county merchants. "We urge everyone in the community to plan becoming involved (with chamber activities) as the New Year approaches," he said. "You can begin thinking about how your goals, together with your neighbors, can begin to form guidelines to improve the economy, yet maintaining its character."

Figures produced in a statewide survey by the extension service show that sales in Bandera County represent only 38.5 percent of income, a figure well below neighboring counties.

Sales in Kerr County represent 67.6 percent of income. Comal County (New Braunfels) 74.4 percent, Bexar County 97.6 percent, and Kendall County 84.5 percent. Sales in Medina County (Hondo and Castroville) actually exceed income.

Rainfall for 1987 was 36.42 inches, 3.55 inches above average. Rainfall figures are based on data provided by the Soil Conservation Service.

Grand jury indicts five

Bandera County Grand Jury handed down six indictments or true bills, and one no bill Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Tommie Lee Heinen was indicted on one count of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and one count of burglary of a building.

Heinen had at least two prior convictions for burglary, and Wednesday's charges were enhanced.

Rafael Yunque Jr. and Lester Cernaux were both indicted for burglary of a habitation.

George Torres and Julie Swain (also known as Julie Fenn) were both indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The grand jury no bill Edmundo Aleman on a charge of involuntary manslaughter stemming from an accident in August that killed one San Antonio man.

Seven incidents reported this week

Four burglaries and three thefts were reported by Bandera sheriff's officials last week.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, Robert Tschirhart reported stolen a cutting torch valued at \$300.

Friday, Nov. 25, Joe Smith of Houston reported a portable spot welder in a break in at his place of State Highway 46.

Saturday, Nov. 26, Frank Paila of Stafford reported the theft of a cattle trough and butane tank valued at \$300, from his place on State Highway 173 south of Bandera.

Sunday, Nov. 27, Bob Jordan of Bandera reported stolen in a burglary an electric heater, valued at \$30, from his place in Lake Medina Shores.

Monday, Nov. 28, William Smith of Pipe Creek reported a theft of a television, valued at \$440, stolen in a break in at his place.

Health clinic slated

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an adult health clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bandera County Jail Building, 730 p.m.

A fee of an unstated amount will be charged for services rendered, the health department said.

PTO Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 3rd
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bandera Fire House
Crafts and Baked Goods

New Shipment
New Design and Colors
Polly's Chapel
T-Shirts

Available at Boyle's Market
Friday, December 2
Noon till 5:30 p.m.

Benefit for
Polly's Chapel Repair Fund
Also available till Christmas
at Sundance Travel

Thanks, Beverly and Johnny!

Calendar

New Moon
Dec. 9

Turning cooler
Weekend weather: Fair skies with mild days and cool nights. Highs will be in the 60s and lows in the 40s. Friday and 40s on Saturday and Sunday.

National Weather Service

Thursday, Dec. 1
Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Non-Smoking, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, 9:15 p.m.
St. Victor's Altar Society, St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills, 7 p.m.
Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.
Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 69, General Meeting, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Beginning Spanish, 9:45 a.m.; Conversational Spanish, 10:45 a.m.; Table Games, Christmas craft workshop, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Dec. 2
Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, St. Stanislaus Parish, 8 p.m.
Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bandera Youth Center, 1101 Cedar, 7:10 p.m.
Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Table Games, Bridge, 1 p.m.; Melodians Practice, 5 p.m.; Melodians Sing at Purple Hills, 6 p.m.; Bandera Shoppers Jubilee, Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Dec. 3
Sunrise 7:13 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Bandera County Farmers Market, Main and Hackberry, 8 a.m.-noon.
Bandera Youth Center, 1101 Cedar, 7:10 p.m.
Free Dance, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 8 p.m.
Melodians sing at Veterans Hospital in Kerrville.
Grace Lutheran Annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea Room, Grace Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bandera VFD Auxiliary Annual Christmas Arts and Craft Sale, Bandera Firehouse, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4
Sunrise 7:13 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Bingo, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Bandera, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5
Sunrise 7:14 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Weight Watchers Meeting, Pipe Creek Community Center, 6:30 p.m.; Weight-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Meeting.
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Hill Country Sound Machine, 12th and Mulberry, 8 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 448, Mansfield Park, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Bandera Optimist Club, Cabaret, 7:30 p.m.
Bandera Community Wolf Club, Community Room, First State Bank, 7:30 p.m.
International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Lodge, Bandera, 5 p.m.
Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Floor Loom Weaving, 9 a.m.; Sketching, 1 p.m.; Table Games, Sketching, Craft Workshop, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Dec. 6
Sunrise 7:15 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 146, Mansfield Park, Bandera, 7 p.m.
Medina Rotary Club, Youth Center, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Non-Smoking, Hill Country Sound Machine, 12th and Mulberry, 9:15 p.m.
Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Pipe Creek Extension Homemakers, 1 p.m.
Bingo, American Legion Hall, Lakehills, 7:30 p.m.
Bandera County River Authority, Old County Jail Building, 8 p.m.
Pancake Flippers, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Silver Sage Corral, 6:30-9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.; Pipe Creek and Mulberry practice, 10 a.m.; Melodians sing in Kerrville for Awards Tea, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Sunrise 7:16 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Bingo, Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department, Wharton's Dock, 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Hill Country Sound Machine, 12th and Mulberry, 8 p.m.
CCD Classes, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:30-9 p.m. St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills.
County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee, Old Courthouse, Bandera, 9:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church Women, Lakehills United Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.
4-H Horse Club, Community Room, Bandera Bank, 7 p.m.
Bandera Electric Co-op Board of Directors.
Bandera County Citizens League, American Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Low Impact Exercise, 8:30 a.m.; Oil Painting, 9 a.m.; Table Games, 1 p.m.; Beginning Knitting, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Dec. 8
Sunrise 7:16 a.m. Sunset 5:35 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Non-Smoking, Hill Country Sound Machine, 12th and Mulberry, 9:15 p.m.
Bandera Ranch Acres Club, 7 p.m.
Bandera Bass Club, Hay Real Estate Office, Bandera, 7:30 p.m.
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9176, General meeting, Post Home, 7:30 p.m.
Medina Lake Retirement Association, Board Meeting, Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.
Medina School Board Meeting, School Office, 7:30 p.m.
Cowboy Capitol Rodeo Association, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7:30 p.m.
Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department, General Meeting, Pipe Creek Firehouse, 8 p.m.
Beginning Spanish, 9:45 a.m.; Conversational Spanish, 10:45 a.m.; Table Games, Crafts Workshop, Dominoes, Samba, 1 p.m.; Silver Sage Corral.

Entertainment

Kinky Friedman to appear at St. Mary's

Fresh from reviews of his new book, Kinky Friedman, well-known country music singer turned mystery novelist, will bring his "Renaissance Texan" show to St. Mary's University on Dec. 2.

The event, free and open to the public, is at 8 p.m. in Treadway Auditorium on campus. Friedman will share his writing experiences, entertain on guitar accompanied by a violinist, and answer questions from the audience.

A book signing for his latest mystery thriller, "When the Cat's Away," will follow the show.

Friedman, a native Texan raised near Kerrville, is the author of "Greenwich Killing Time," scheduled to go into film production this fall, and "A Case of Lone Star." His next book, "The Grasshopper Game," is also due out. Friedman was the lead singer for the country cult band, the Texas Jewboys before his writing career.

WOL Radio "Morning Magazine" program hosts Eliza Soume "and" will follow the show. View Friedman on his career and his latest book at 10:10 a.m. Dec. 2.

St. Mary's English and Communication Arts Department and the English Guild are sponsors. Friedman was the lead singer for the country cult band, the Texas Jewboys before his writing career.

what's rustlin'

by bungy

Need a great Christmas idea? There's always plenty at the annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Trade Fair of the Bandera Volunteer Fire Department.

It's this Saturday at the firehouse in Bandera, of course.

I'm sentimental, I know, but the lighting of the Christmas tree and the caroling by singers with hands joined during Bandera's Holiday Shoppers Jubilee always brings tears to my eyes.

A few weeks ago I made a plea for unusual gift ideas among those of you in readerland. Well, we got some hits!

The Deer Stand has a complete set of hand-made stag horn dining and kitchen utensils. The Mercantile has a complete line of various colored chaps, including pink, mauve and forest green.

The Bandera General Store will bronze your little (or big) baby's cowboy boots, and the Bandera Bulletin has a complete set of Hanes the Cowdog paperbacks. The Bandera Forge has camouflaged Christmas stockings and camouflaged bonnets for lady hunters.

Main Street Rags is featuring Southwest-flavored sweaters from New Mexico and Bandera Emporium's newest and most unusual item is an elegant Christmas basket of super gourmet candy.

Bandera Feed Store has just been taken over by the famous Sim's Spur Family, and you can order that special set of spurs for your favorite cowboy or cowgirl.

Bandera is fast becoming the "in" place for the rich and famous. The Silver Dollar had a surprise guest the other day when Melissa Gilbert of "Little House on the Prairie" fame dropped in. She didn't dance through the sawdust, however, because she was "enroute" (in foal).

Mary Anderwald of the Twin Elm Guest Ranch tells this one: Two groups of Soviet scientists have been guests at the Twin Elm recently. They're training with some company in Houston, Mary says.

Because it was November,

Mary worried about her guests' comfort. It can get pretty cool at this time of year, she thought, and she expressed her concern to the fellow doing the booking. "I really wouldn't worry about what you call 'cold,'" he said. "They live 100 miles from the Arctic Circle."

The Soviet guests loved the weather and even went swimming in the Medina River, and they were amazed at the size of the steak Mary served when they were through.

(Editor's note: Bungy is taking a four-week sabbatical during the remainder of December. Her column will return in January.)

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Traditional holiday festival planned in historic Goliad

Artists and craftsmen will display original works for sale on the courthouse lawn in historic Goliad from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Christmas in Goliad, featured in the 1988 December issue of Southern Home magazine, is an annual Christmas festival that has become a tradition in the small South Texas community.

A homes tour, antique toy show, a knife and gun exhibit and the traditional Christmas pageant, Las Posadas are activities scheduled for the day. Local organizations will serve holiday and ethnic food, including "reindeer" burgers, tamales, Mexican rice and beans, barbecue sandwiches, and hot chocolate and gingerbread houses will feature homemade candy.

There will be games, face painting and the breaking of candy-filled pinatas, in conjunction with the Las Posadas pageant.

The historic courthouse square will be decorated with white lights, wreaths and Christmas banners. Five historic structures, decorated in Christmas finery will be open from 12:5 p.m. to 2 p.m. and breakfast, lunch, two homes and one church will be featured. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased the day of the tour.

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Sharon Elaine Bay, granddaughter of Roscoe L. Hayes of Bandera, has become engaged to Joseph Anthony Labus of Edinburg. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Bay of Victoria and is employed in Edinburg at the dental offices of Drs. David Adams and Larry Hall. He is employed by Valero Energy Corporation in Pharr. The couple plans a Jan. 28 wedding in Edinburg.



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Bandera Bulletin now has books... come see selections including Hank the Cowdog and The Official Fajita Cookbook

Native Plant Society to mark holiday with social event

The Bandera County chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will have its first annual Holiday Social Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the regular meeting place in the Bandera County River Authority offices at 7 p.m.

Members and interested people are asked to bring a covered dish recipe, preferably made with native edible plants. A door prize donated by domestic M. Nursery will be given away. Coffee and punch and serving utensils will be provided.

A \$1 donation will be asked of non-members. For more information call Faren Houkela at 796-3823.

Your basic

Bandera

By Peggy Tobin

There were probably even more people from Bandera County in attendance at the Texas Water Commission hearing over in Kerrville the other week than those we recognized, who included Ray Buck, Anton Hauer, Phil Tobin, Paul Lavon Garrison, Baxter Adams, and the Gerald Persays.

We all listened to the answers to questions about the upcoming Water Master program. Landowners with permits to take irrigation water from area rivers and state-regulated tributaries will soon be required to pay \$50 a year for the right-turned privilege.

There will be an acre-foot charge to be calculated by a meter installed by the landowner. And we'll have to call the Water Master, probably stationed in Kerrville, for permission to turn on the pump.

Most people at the meeting would agree that fair allocation of increasingly scarce water is a necessity in this newly-crowded Hill Country world. We're happy to share with each other. But there is a sneaking fear that we're being softened up by a series of slow moves which will end in the taking of massive quantities of the Hill Country water we're used to regarding as our own.

Oh well. Maybe it will rain on the just and the unjust. Retired school man Doc Gray lived as a child in a house up at the back of our pasture, the foundations of which are now just

barely visible. He says he used to walk down to Miller Creek, a far place, to fetch water from a fern-bank spring. The spring, overhung with wild cherry trees and black haw, stopped running this year. Doc says four days of good rain have always brought it back. He didn't say what his family did for water in dry times. Perhaps they rationed from a cistern or hauled water — but from where? It wasn't that long ago that people in Bandera town relied on cisterns and buckets carried from the river.

Most of us now get our water by means of submersible electric pumps drawing from a stratum of the Glen Rose limestone, principal outcrop of Bandera County. Do we know exactly where our recharge is? There are no signs to tell us such as are now posted in Bexar and Comal counties announcing entry into the Edwards Aquifer zone.

While it's possible that some of our ground water comes from farther up the country, it seems likely that we're basically living all over the top of our own aquifer. We'd better not complain when inevitably tighter regulations on sewage and waste disposal are put on. We'll need those regs to be able to go on living here.

Speaking of waste disposal — the kind carried on by rolling down the car window and chucking out the trash on the highway, it seems Bandera has become the recipient of foreign aid in dealing with the problem.

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Shoppers Jubilee to kick off at 5 p.m. Friday

Bandera businesses large and small are kicking off the Shoppers Jubilee on Friday, Dec. 2.

Merchants participating in Main Street and in other commercial areas will spend the week decorating, trimming and lighting their businesses for the night of festivity that will be highlighted by a visit from Santa and the lighting of a community Christmas tree.

The theme of this year's decorating contest is "An Old Fashioned Christmas."

Some five small business entries and two large business entries had been received Tuesday, but Kim Ashton with the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce and entry deadline is Thursday afternoon, and she expects several entries to come in that day. Judging will be Thursday evening, and awards will be presented Friday evening at the courthouse lawn celebration.

Merchants are all out of towners, and will include Pede Ginnow, Bonnie Groll and Catherine Taylor.

Bandera Bank, last year's winner in the large business category, and First State Bank had entered Tuesday.

In the small business category, entries had been received from Banks in Bloom, Clear Fork Medical Center, Sam's Barber Shop, Everett's and Braun Drug Tuesday.

Last year's winner in the small business category was Kohler's Park. Books in Bloom placed second, and the old First State Bank building on 11th Street placed third. Gingerbread House took top honors in 1986, and Janette won both in 1985 and



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive at 5 p.m. at the Bandera County courthouse to be part of Friday's Christmas celebration of caroling and festivities in Bandera.

This year, Mr. and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. in front of the Bandera County courthouse. They will travel in a carriage pulled by a team of Clydesdale horses, owned by Ann Aylesworth.

Santa and Mrs. Santa will join a living nativity, the Silver Sage Melodiers and Bandera High School band in front of the court.

The two-day fair will feature folk art, Christmas trimmings, herbs and teas, wood crafts, toys, and quilts from 65 booths in the new dancehall. A \$1 gate admission will be charged.

A knife, gun, and sporting equipment show will be held in the old dancehall and exhibition hall with a \$2 admission charge. At least 175 dealers are expected. The event will begin Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. On Sunday the fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual trimming of the Christmas tree at the Lakshills American Legion hall Sunday, Dec. 4, will begin at noon. A native cedar tree will be trimmed with strings of popcorn and cranberries as well as home-made ornaments. Children will be encouraged to decorate the

house for a community celebration. The event will be emceed by the program and lead the caroling.

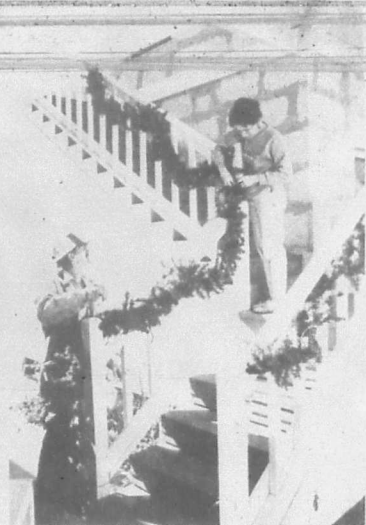
Caroling awards and festive merchants staying open until 8:30 or 9 p.m. for shoppers to travel from place to place, sampling goodies and looking for just the right gift for "that special someone."

To give the jubilee a more county-wide appeal, local merchants outside the city of Bandera will be invited to "set up shop" in the parking lot at Main and Cypress Streets. Officials hope this will encourage county residents to shop locally.

Booths of out-of-town merchants will be set up and open by 6 p.m., chamber officials said. The invitation was extended to businesses in Vanderpool, Tarpley, Medina, Pipe Creek and Lakehills.

Visitors from Natalia, Crystal City, Pearsall, Castroville and Comfort will be in town for the Bandera Baiting Invitational Basketball tournament at the high school and junior high gymnasiums that night.

The chamber extends invitations to all area churches and musical groups to participate in the festivities on the courthouse lawn.



Stuff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Boerne plans two-day Christmas Fair this weekend

Oma's Christmas Fair will be held at the Kendall County Fair Grounds Saturday and Sunday in Boerne. There will also be a sporting goods show at the fair grounds.

The two-day fair will feature folk art, Christmas trimmings, herbs and teas, wood crafts, toys, and quilts from 65 booths in the new dancehall. A \$1 gate admission will be charged.

A free Christmas puppet show will be presented Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. by Cindy Gonzales of the Institute of Texan Cultures.

The fair grounds is located on Highway 48, just east of Boerne.

Food and drinks will be available.

The event is sponsored by the Kendall County Fair Association Women's Auxiliary. Call 1-249-3076 or 1-537-4512 for more information.

Judy Coover and brother-in-law, J.L. Dick, put up holiday decorations at the Dart Group offices in the old First State Bank building on 11th Street.

Fine Arts to meet

Piano selections by local musician Jodi Holen will highlight the Bandera Fine Arts Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 6. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. and is at the Holen residence in Pipe Creek. For more information, contact Kathryn Thompson at 796-8271.

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Most in holiday cooking, pecans are very much a part of most traditional desert favorites. The nutty crunch of pecans also adds a special flair to vegetables and meats.

The following recipes are from the Texas Pecan Growers Association. For a free pecan brochure filled with pecan information and recipes, write the Texas Department of Agriculture, 122 Heiman, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Pecan Cheese Crisps

- 1/2 C. butter
 - 8 oz. grated cheddar cheese
 - 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/4 C. flour
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. red pepper
 - 1/2 tsp. tabasco sauce
 - 1 C. finely chopped pecans
- Cream butter and cheese and add remaining ingredients. Chill dough until firm enough to form into rolls 1-inch thick. Place rolls in freezer (may be stored indefinitely). Defrost 10 minutes and slice into thin rounds. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake about 10 minutes at 350 degrees F. Makes 4-5 dozen.

Cream Cheese Pecan Tarts

- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
 - 1 stick (1/2 C.) butter
 - 1 C. sifted flour
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1/2 C. brown sugar
 - 1 T. butter, softened
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1 C. chopped pecans
- To make dough, soften cream cheese and butter at room temperature. Cream softened cream cheese and butter; add flour. Chill one hour, then mold in tart pans. Prepare filling by combining egg, brown sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, vanilla, salt and pecans. Fill each tart cup 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 25 minutes. Remove from pan when cool.

Texas Pecan Pie

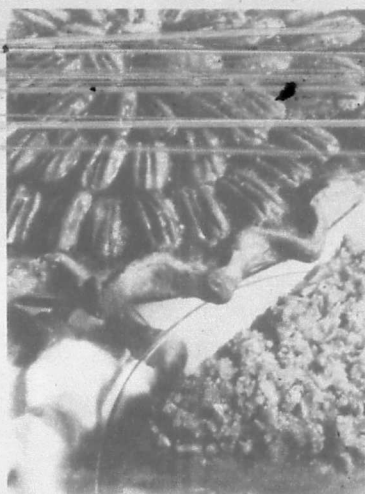
- 1 C. white corn syrup
 - 1/2 C. dark brown sugar
 - 1/3 tsp. salt
 - 1/3 C. melted butter
 - 3 slightly beaten eggs
 - 1/2 C. pecan halves
 - 1 (9 in.) pie crust
- Mix syrup, sugar, salt, butter and vanilla. Mix in slightly beaten eggs. Add pecans. Pour into pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees F. about 45 minutes. Note: To make ruffled edge on pie crust fit raw dough into pan. Place thumb and index finger about 1 inch apart on pastry rim. With other index finger, pull pastry between fingers and toward outside.

Hot Turkey Salad

- 1 C. cooked turkey, cubed
 - 1 C. chopped celery
 - 1 C. chopped pecans
 - 1/2 C. mayonnaise
 - 1 T. lemon juice
 - 1 T. chopped onion
 - 1 C. grated cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste. Crushed chips. Mix all ingredients except chips and place in baking dish. Cover top with crushed chips. Bake at 350 degrees F. for about 20 minutes (or until salad bubbles around the edges.)

Golden Pecan Ham Steaks

- 1 1/2 lb. ham steaks (cut into 6 serving pieces)
 - 2 C. oranges, sectioned
 - 1/2 C. seedless raisins
 - 1 C. pecan halves
 - 1/2 C. onion, chopped
 - 1 T. butter
 - 1 T. cornstarch
 - 2 C. orange juice
 - 1 tsp. dry mustard
 - 1 tsp. ground ginger
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 3 T. brown sugar
- Sear ham steaks and place in a 2 quart casserole. Spoon oranges, raisins and pecans over ham. Set aside. Brown onions in butter in a saucpan. Dissolve cornstarch in orange juice and pour into onions. Add mustard, ginger, salt and sugar. Cook until slightly thickened. Pour over ham and bake at 350 degrees F. for 20 minutes. Serve with 3 cups cooked rice. Makes 6 servings.



There are many recipes for pecans this holiday season.



Leftovers no problem with these suggestions

Christmas dinner means a lot of great things—family, conversation, and leftovers.

But the best thing about Christmas dinner is all the leftovers. That is, if your family does not resemble a bunch of locusts. If you've got leftovers, you won't have to cook for days.

The first thing to do after everyone has enjoyed Christmas dinner is to debone the turkey. That is if there's anything left. Never leave what's left of the turkey on the table for munching.

Precautions should be taken with leftover turkey. Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) home economist Carol Guthrie recommends refrigerating or freezing turkey leftovers within two hours after serving. Turkey that is not eaten the day it is cooked, must be stored carefully and immediately refrigerated, to reduce the risk of food poisoning. Large quantities of leftovers should be divided into smaller portions and stored in several covered containers. Smaller portions will chill quicker than larger portions.

Separate the stuffing from the meat and refrigerate. Leftover stuffing and turkey in separate containers. A covered dish should be used for storing cooked turkey to prevent drying. Stuffing should be used within two days; meat will keep in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Of course, freezing will extend the storage life of cooked turkey. When freezing, slice, chop, or cube the meat, and then freeze for future use. Gravy and dressing can also be frozen. However, gravy and stuffing should be eaten within a month. Turkey will keep for up to six months in the freezer if properly wrapped in air-tight containers. If you're looking for an appetizing and appealing way to serve that left-over turkey, the following recipes will please the eye and the palate. For recipes featuring turkey write to Texas Department of Agriculture, 122 Heiman, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Appetizing and appealing uses for leftovers.

Sweet and Sour Turkey

- 1 C. pineapple juice (reserved from chunks)
- 1/3 C. vinegar
- 1/4 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 C. cooked, diced turkey
- 1/2 C. green pepper, cut in 1/2 in. strips
- 1/4 C. thinly sliced onion
- 1 (No. 2) drained can pineapple chunks

Combine pineapple juice, vinegar, brown sugar, cornstarch, soy sauce, and salt. Cook over low heat until thickened and clear, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add turkey. Let stand for 10 minutes. Cover green pepper strips with boiling water and let stand for five minutes; drain well. Add green pepper, onion, and pineapple chunks to turkey mixture. Heat and serve over cooked rice. Makes 4-6 servings.

Turkey Pie

- 6 T. butter
 - 6 T. flour
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 cup. pepper
 - 3 C. turkey broth
 - 3 C. cooked, chopped turkey
 - 3/4 C. celery
 - 3/4 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
 - 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Pastry. Melt butter in heavy saucpan. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add turkey broth and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Place turkey, celery and mushrooms in shallow baking dish. Sprinkle with cayenne and cover evenly with sauce. Top with pastry cut with several air slits. Bake at 450 degrees F. for 25 minutes.

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Byron Boyd and Judy Coover, left, were among several Bandera County residents who took a ride on the Texan Dining Train in San Antonio Nov. 4. The travelers were treated to a four-course meal served in restored antique rail cars.

Dining Train revives tradition of luxury

By Larry T. Williams

In the popular board game Monopoly, if a certain card is drawn, one may take a ride on the Reading Railroad, and usually good things happen.

When the game was invented, rail travel still carried with it an aura of style and class. It was still considered an elegant means of going from here to there.

Now that feeling of luxury and comfort can be enjoyed again for an evening by booking a place on The Texan Dining Train.

A few weeks ago, several Bandera County residents took advantage of a group tour from Sundance Travel and "took a ride on The Texan."

The group enjoyed a wine and cheese bus trip into San Antonio where they were delivered to the Southern Pacific Amtrak station. Once arrived, everyone had a brief time to check out the 85-year-old terminal which has been partially restored to its former glory.

After boarding the train, everyone was shown to a club car where lunch, served by starched, white-coated waiters and waitresses set the mood for the evening.

The cars themselves lent a

moor of grace and comfort with their wood-paneled interiors, plush surfaces and fixtures and plush-covered seating, all restored to their original art deco elegance.

Gentle motion and a rhythmic, distant clatter informed one that the trip was under way and shortly after a business led the guests to their tables in a dining car where a four-course meal was served on authentic dishes of the period.

The three-hour trip out and back seemed to take no time at all as the guests relaxed in the sumptuous atmosphere and enjoyed cross-car conversation with other

diners, along with an after-dinner drink and a final light cap.

Conversation among the Bandera-fella during the bus ride back to the Cowboy Capital seemed mostly positive with regard to the trip and several mentioned a desire to make a repeat journey.

If you are interested in enjoying a bit of the romance left over from a past era, you may find out more about the Texan Dining Train by calling Sundance Travel at 796-3065 or Texas Southern in San Antonio at 377-2900.

Bazaar has solutions to gift-giving dilemmas

The Christmas season is here, and you don't have time for all the baking, but want to serve homemade goodies at those special gatherings.

It's time to purchase gifts, and you'd really like something unique for those special people on your Christmas list.

The kids would like to buy a gift or two, but their allowance won't stretch quite enough at the toy store.

The Parent-Teachers Organization Christmas Bazaar might be just the solution for all these dilemmas. The doors to this one-stop "shop" will open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 — during the Shoppers' Jubilee weekend — at the Bandera Fire Station.

Sweet temptations for holiday entertaining will range from candy to cookies and jellies. Craft items handmade by a special team of PTO elves will help solve many gift problems. The Kid's Store will have a wide selection of toys, good books, and many other items for sale.

All funds raised at this third annual PTO Christmas Bazaar go towards equipment and teaching aids for the children at Alike Elementary.

— Alice Lundblad

Give yourself a yuletide break

Keep track of holiday spending

Keeping track of the money you spend during the holiday season may be one of the best gifts you can give yourself for 1988.

Many people never seem to do it to what the holidays really cost them," said Nancy Granovsky, an expert on family budgeting.

"Every year they have trouble stretching the paycheck to the end of December and wind up with credit card bills they can't pay off in January."

Even in families where they plan ahead for major gift expenses, it's easy to get caught short by the other hidden costs," she said.

According to Granovsky, who is a family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, getting a grip on holiday expenses involves knowing how much you spend for the following:

- Gifts you buy and the cost of materials or ingredients for gifts you make.
- The cost of food and liquor for parties at home; feeding visiting relatives or friends; taking foods to parties or potlucks; the cost of ingredients for Christmas baking.
- Tickets to events; hair styling; and new clothes to attend events.
- Special contributions made at church or to charities.
- Indoor or outdoor decorations; replacement bulbs; Christmas

Landmark open house

Castroville's Landmark Inn State Historic Site, owned by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is having an "Old Fashion Christmas" and Open House on Friday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 1850s stagecoach inn will be decorated inside and out and entertainment will be provided by local church and scout groups, a classical guitarist, and a Spanish choir, all singing Christmas carols.

- Wrapping materials and postage.
- Gasoline and food away from home for shopping trips; travel expenses to visit friends and relatives.
- Many holiday expenses don't seem extraordinary, especially when they're mixed in with other items, such as normal grocery shopping. But they do add up to significant amounts of money, said the specialist.

"By keeping receipts or making a list of all holiday expenses you can get an idea of actual costs and plan ahead for next year," she said.

During the chapter meeting, a nominating committee was elected and charged with giving a nominating report in January. Members are Mrs. Don Tobin, chairman; Mrs. James O. Evans Sr.; and Mrs. Jon W. Dowell.

Chapter regent Mrs. Herbert Bilhartz announced that several volunteers from the chapter will be present in the genealogy department of the Bandera County Library from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 2, to assist persons who want help in genealogy research.

The annual luncheon of the combined Bandera Chapter DAR and Lt. Abraham Cantine Sons of the American Revolution will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Mayan Guest Ranch with Mrs. Wayne Douglas Tiner, former state DAR regent and past national vice president general, as guest speaker.

Mrs. Tiner is a candidate for recording secretary general at the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress in April.

One strategy for managing the holidays is to save a portion of the cost each month. Another method is to shift some of the expenses to other months by, for example, buying gifts throughout the year or stocking the pantry in October and November.

"Any strategy for planning holiday spending can help people avoid over-extending themselves on credit," said Granovsky.

Since finance charges on credit spending are no longer totally tax deductible, the specialist said families will also be money ahead when they finance the holidays on their own.

Bandera DAR discusses orphan trains of past

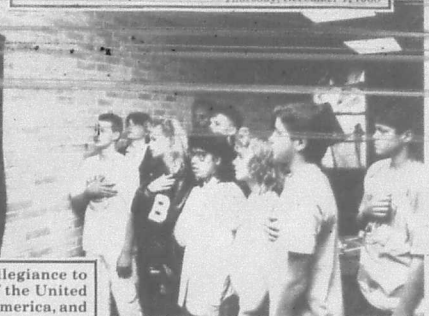
Wagon trains made up of orphans and children from families who could not care for them in the New York City area came to the Midwestern states from 1854 through 1929, and survivors of those trains have united in an organization that brings them together.

Mrs. C.E. Hogan of Kerrville discussed reunions of survivors at the monthly meeting of the Bandera Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is the past president of the Kerrville Genealogy Society.

Children on the so-called orphan trains were taken to Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa where they were chosen by local families, Mrs. Hogan said. Some became family members; others were little more than slaves, she said.

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America brings together survivors of these trains where they discuss and record their experiences. An episode of television's "Unsolved Mysteries" will be devoted to the orphan trains in February, Mrs. Hogan said.



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Medina ninth graders recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag as the school re-instates an old tradition.

Medina school revives patriotism

Medina school has revived a patriotic tradition that's been lost in the shuffle of House Bill 72 and the ever increasing demand for space in an already busy school day.

Monday, Nov. 29, the school once more officially began its day with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Medina superintendent Jerry Huie said that the school board voted in its last meeting to provide flags for every classroom and to reintroduce the "opportunity to say the pledge."

"It was brought to our attention that many students and

adults alike were not showing respect for the raising of the flag or the National Anthem at athletic events," said Huie.

The board felt that perhaps reintroducing the "pledge" would help make the students more aware of what their flag represents and why it's important, he said.

Several teachers expressed their support of the pledge and were in favor of its reinstatement at the school.

Student reaction was mixed and ranged from "I don't know why it's such a big deal," to "I'm glad. It's good to remember who

we are and what we have and why."

The pledge apparently fell from favor when the Supreme Court ruling on prayer in school was delivered, said Huie. "It (the pledge) was not banned by my knowledge," he said. "But schools stopped using it anyway."

Huie emphasized that the Medina students were not being required to participate. Those that choose not to involve themselves for religious or personal reasons may remain seated and quiet during the brief ceremony, he said.

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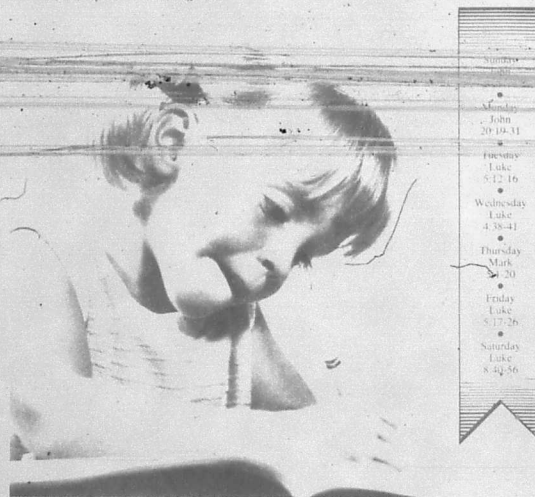
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Ag biotechnology called 'mind boggling'

A potential for increasing agricultural productivity is truly "mind boggling."

This is how Dr. Ernest E. Davis, president of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, described the cultural biotechnology, which already is impacting the animal agriculture industry. Davis is an economist in livestock marketing with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Davis said we've seen much of today's technology developed during our lifetimes. "Half of all the technology we know today has been developed in the last half century," he said.

"But hang on, because present estimates show that during the next two decades, technological change — mostly biotechnology — will take place 500 times faster than during the past 20 years," Davis said.

Davis said the U.S. Government Accounting Office report has defined biotech as "any technique that uses living organisms to make or modify products, to improve plants or animals or to develop microorganisms for specific uses."

"This could help to provide for mankind's most basic needs, ranking from food supplies to biomedical needs and health care," Davis said.

Davis said that biotech her-

only is not new to the cattle industry.

"Artificial insemination came along in the 1930s and frozen semen came along in the 1950s. Embryo transfer work began in 1963, frozen embryos followed in 1971, and microsurgical embryo splitting began in 1982," Davis said.

"But this is just the beginning. In the future, more will be achieved through genetic engineering by developing vaccines to prevent disease or designing cattle to fit specific needs or consumer demands," Davis predicted.

He said that from new biotechnologies, cattlemen can expect improved calving and survival rates, higher lean-yielding cattle with lower cholesterol levels, improved beef quality, better feed conversions and generally higher profits, he said.

"Biotech advances will enable cattlemen to tailor a product more in keeping with consumer desires, increase productivity and lower production costs," he said. This increased productivity means more beef production per acre.

"This ultimately may mean fewer, more technology intensive cattlemen."

Davis said that higher productivity and relatively lower costs of such competing meats as poultry and pork will force cattlemen to make investments in biotechnology.

He said that increases in consumer demand for beef must keep pace with increases in beef productivity.

"Otherwise, continued liquidation of the cow herd will be required for beef supplies and demand to equate at profitable levels," he said.

He said that with biotech's potential to produce cattle with certain desirable traits and the concentrating packer segment demands, cattlemen will be pressured to develop cattle conforming to these packer specifications.

"If cattlemen do not invest in biotech advances, packers or private firms will, and they will use the new genetics. When developed, the genetically improved cattle likely will be expensive for traditional cattlemen to buy. They may only be able to contract to raise and condition these select cattle," Davis said.

Medina School lunch menu

December 5-9

Monday — Lasagna, salad, corn, fruit and milk

Tuesday — Taco, salad, carrots, fruit and milk

Wednesday — Chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit, salad and milk

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UTSA training grant continued by SBA

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has received a \$400,000 grant from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to continue its training program for small business owners and managers.

The grant represents a \$100,000 increase over the previous year's grant, according to SBA director Henry Trivette.

According to SBA director Henry Trivette, the increase in funding will enable the center to expand its services to a greater number of clients in the 79-county area it serves. Last year the center served over 2,700 clients through various programs which include low cost business seminars and work shop counseling, training and technical assistance.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce currently has two state requests totaling \$14,000 pending with the SBA.

Through its broad-based 79-county delivery system, the South Texas Center (STC) network provides assistance and advice that contribute to the economic stability of the area's business owners, as well as to the business environment of South Texas, Trivette said.

Trivette also says the grant itself helps create economic development. "Most people don't realize the sponsoring institutions such as UTSA must match every federal dollar received through this program. So it has a multiplier effect on the federal dollar," he added.

FSB Lakehills celebrates first

The First State Bank branch at Lakehills celebrated its first anniversary with an outdoor tent party, Nov. 16.

The Lakehills branch of Bandera's First State Bank opened its doors on Nov. 9, 1987. "We started from ground zero and now we have \$1.3 million in assets," states Sam Braxwell, vice-president of First State Bank.

"I feel we are doing exceptionally well in a depressed Texas economy," says Braxwell. "We'd like to thank our customers and the lake community for helping us grow through our first year."

The anniversary party included an outdoor buffet. Approximately 40 local people attended.

Carol Smith



In front of the State Capitol in Austin, a statue stands in commemoration of the value of the 8th Texas Cavalry, better known as Terry's Texas Rangers. These legendary soldiers were part of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States (1861-65) and were named after Col. R.F. Terry. The monument was erected in 1907 by a group of his surviving comrades. Texas Tourist Agency photo.

Bargain hunters emerge as new land buyers

A study by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University shows that rural land prices have declined by nearly 20 percent since 1981.

"Bargain hunters have joined the traditional producers, investors and consumers as significant buyers of Texas rural property," says Dr. Charles Gilliland, assistant research economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

"Bargain hunters are interested in investment regardless of the ultimate use of the property," says Gilliland, who recently completed a study of rural land buyer motivations. "They presumably anticipate land value increases or at least price stability. This is true even if the bargain hunter is a farmer who uses the land in production or a deer hunter who finds land attractive at lowered prices."

When the local land market attracts a large group of bargain hunters, it is an indication that some buyers believe prices have stabilized or soon will.

Land prices in areas with few bargain hunters and few producers depend heavily on a healthy non-agricultural economy. Such markets have a concentration of consumers and investors. A dearth of bargain hunters indicates land values have not declined much, that current asking prices exceed values or that such value declines may yet materialize.

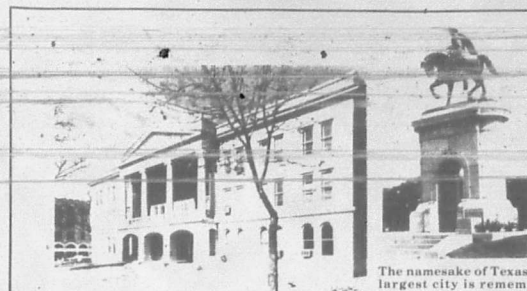
The new Real Estate Center study shows most buyers of Texas rural land are motivated by reduced land prices. Recreational motivation is a close second. Investment is the third most cited motivation.

"While consumers were the largest group of buyers, nearly 40 percent in the study sample," says Gilliland, "bargain hunters made a strong showing with nearly 27 percent. Investors comprised 22 percent, and slightly more than 11 percent were producers."

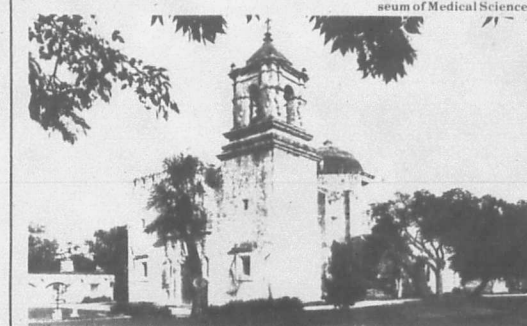
Purchases by non-farm buyers may explain why Texas rural land prices continued upward from 1981 to 1985 while rural land values withered elsewhere in the United States. Seller motivations also were analyzed in the Real Estate Center study. Ninety-five percent of all sales studied were classified as liquidations.

"Liquidation at this extremely high percentage indicates the distress that permeated the entire Texas market in 1986-87," says Gilliland. "Buyers throughout Texas apparently faced a market of sellers who were forced to liquidate holdings."

The Real Estate Center was created in 1971 by the Texas Legislature.

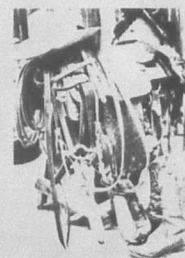


The Uvalde County Courthouse is the fifth such building that county has had since its creation in 1856. The neo-classical style features cast stone segmental arches and ironic porticoes at the entrances. The 60-year-old structure was designed by Henry T. Phelps, the architect of several other Texas courthouses. Uvalde is located 80 miles west of San Antonio off U.S. Highway 90.



Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, better known as Mission San Jose, is recognized as the "Queen of the Missions" in San Antonio. The shrine is one of the five San Antonio missions established by Franciscan Friars in the early 18th century. The entire compound of San Jose has been restored, including the outer wall with Indian

dwellings, a granary and workshops. The mission, along with San Juan Capistrano, San Francisco de Espada, Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción, and San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo) comprise the "Mission trail" in San Antonio, which is administered by the National Park Service.



The West of the Pecos Museum in Pecos is devoted to the preservation of the colorful western heritage of this West Texas town. Saddles, branding irons, chuck wagons, and other authentic memorabilia are contained in this three-story structure from the 1880s. Pecos is located 77 miles southwest of Odessa.



The Knutsch Band of Fredericksburg can be seen playing all the old German favorites at many of that town's festivals and social functions. The German-American community in Central Texas has rapidly become a favorite weekend getaway spot for many Texans eager to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

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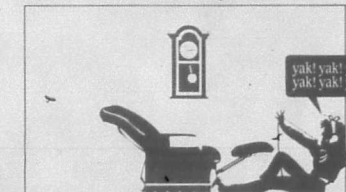
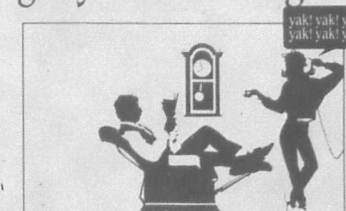
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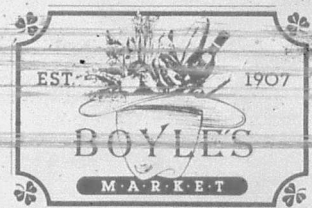
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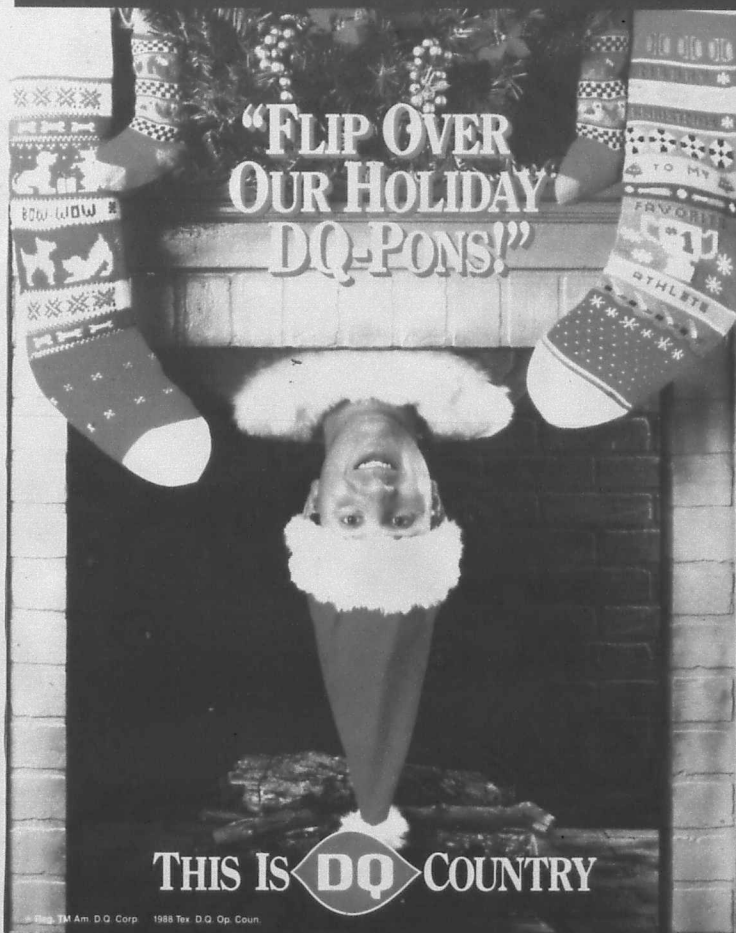
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Full Meal Deal®

\$2⁵⁹ each

Hungry-Buster® small fries, 16-oz. drink, 5-oz. sundae

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Fun Bunch Lunch®

50¢ off

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"YOU'LL GO HEAD-OVER-HEELS FOR THESE HOLIDAY SPECIALS!"

Frosty, fruity

Banana Split

\$1.19 each

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Taco Salad

\$2.39 each

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Free Fries with purchase of the "Quarter-Pound Homestyle HUNGR-BUSTER"

Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions. *See coupon weight.

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Free 5-oz. Cone with any purchase

Bob Phillips

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Texas T-Brand Tacos

49¢ each

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Chicken fried steak sandwich

The Dude

\$1.29 each

Lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise

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12-Oz.

Blizzard

99¢ each

Candy bits in a swirled soft serve delight.

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"Half-Pound Homestyle Beltbuster"

\$1.79 each

Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions. *See coupon weight.

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The famous Country Basket

\$1.99 each

100% beef fingers, fries, Texas toast, gravy.

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Peanut Buster Parfait

\$1.19 each

Layers of peanuts, hot fudge and soft serve.

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Full Meal Deal

\$2.59 each

Hungr-Buster® small fries, 16-oz. drink, 5-oz. sundae.

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Chicken Fillet Basket

\$2.99 each

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Hungr-Buster® Small Fries Medium Drink

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SASA's insolvency produces rumor, but not a run

Rumors of impending losses for depositors in the wake of news of the insolvency of San Antonio Savings Association are more rampant in Bandera than in other SASA cities and towns, but they are only rumors, local SASA spokeswoman Cheryl Perry said Tuesday.

She said few if any depositors have removed their money from the thrift institution for fear that they will lose their savings. "There is a lot of talk," Perry says. "I'm not sure where it's coming from, whether it's just the way Bandera is, but it's like there's extra rumors around here."

She said the rumors are more prevalent here than in other SASA branch towns such as Kerrville or Boerne. "It's not like everybody has been saying," she said, "that the FSILC (Federal Savings & Loan Investment Corporation) won't pay off. It's backed by the U.S. government. All of our depositors will be paid," she said. Local branch manager Janet Lurker was out of town Tuesday because of a family emergency.

SASA officials cited massive operating losses and \$140 million in bad debts in announcing last Thursday the 67-year-old thrift was insolvent. They said SASA is seeking investors to recapitalize under the so-called Southwest Plan.

SASA is the largest San Antonio-based savings and loan and has assets of about \$2.9 billion. The Bandera branch had deposits of \$8 million Monday, Perry said, up from a year ago. Officials stressed at a news

conference Wednesday all deposits up to \$100,000 are federally insured and day-to-day operations at the company's 53 offices — including the one in Bandera — will not be affected by the thrift's financial troubles.

"The FSILC is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government and insures all deposits up to \$100,000," said W.W. (Bo) McAllister III, SASA's chairman.

He said the company posted a loss of \$51 million for the third quarter of 1988. A Federal Home Loan Bank Board examination of the company's loan and real estate portfolios also indicates SASA may be required to make new loan loss provisions of \$100 million.

McAllister said SASA has hired an independent appraiser to evaluate additional loans and real estate projects. The appraiser advised additional loan-loss provisions of about \$40 million.

The chief executive said the examiners' preliminary report did not cite any mismanagement, fraud or self-dealing.

The local branch was purchased from Gill Savings and Loan in late 1984. Gill has since also been forced into insolvency.

Other local financial institutions have also been struck by the current banking crisis in Texas. The First National Bank was closed by federal officials on April 24, 1988. First Federal of Austin, another thrift with a branch in Bandera, became a part of Guaranty Federal Savings Bank in October with no apparent change in day-to-day operations.

Bandera schools bands to play concert Dec. 15

The Bandera Schools bands from grades 4 to 12 will perform a Pops Christmas concert Thursday, Dec. 15, in the high school auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. The approximately one-and-a-half hour concert for the community will feature separate performances of Christmas and popular music by the elementary, the junior high, and high school bands, says Susan Henry, vice-president of the Bandera Band Boosters.

The concert will feature strictly entertainment music, says Bandera High School band director John Higgins. The high school band will play selections such as "Henderson Field March" by K.L. King, a jazz tune titled "More Today than Yesterday," and the popular "La Bamba."

Christmas tunes to be played include "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin, "Night in December" by John Higgins, and "Jingle Bells Rhapsody" arrangement. The high school jazz band will also play.

The concert will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with the 5th grade band and is guaranteed to end by 8:30 p.m., says Fox.

Admission to the concert is free. Refreshments will be served afterward in the band hall by the Bandera Band Boosters, says Henry. The band boosters will also sell poinsettias after the concert to raise funds for band activities.

Single counterfeit bill found in circulation here

By Janna Sandidge
Staff Writer

Counterfeit money surfaced in Bandera recently, and reports of phony bills in Kerrville, Boerne, and Uvalde indicated that the Hill Country was hit by a problem that happens more often in larger cities.

"So far, there has been only one found in Bandera," said Ken Vintow, special agent in charge with the Secret Service in San Antonio. "There was a quantity found in San Antonio, a few in Kerrville and a few in Uvalde."

The bogus \$20 bill was apparently passed at Dairy Queen and was in a deposit forwarded to First State Bank when it was discovered. The incident occurred in November. The latter money hunter's search opened, according to Don Mehaffey, manager of DQ.

Mehaffey said the bank contacted him after the bill was discovered.

"One of our tellers called," said bank president Sully Wood-

land. "It was discovered, a little lighter in color, but it's hard to catch counterfeit bills when you take in several thousand."

Counterfeit bills have a different feel and color, and there are other differences that can be detected upon closer inspection, according to Debbie Hutcherson with First State Bank.

"The little red and blue fibers will come off a real one, and they rub on paper, the ink will rub off a real bill," she said.

Hutcherson said when the bank suspects a bill is counterfeit, they contact the Secret Service immediately. But finding a genuine non-genuine bill is usually pretty rare.

"Until now, we've never had one as long as I've been (at the bank), and that's 10 years," she explained. "Carol Anne (Boyle) has been here 21 years, and she didn't remember it ever happen-



Santa Claus came to town

Bandera's Jo Highsmith and three-year-old daughter Karla enjoy a visit with the "Jolly-Old-Elf" from the far north. Santa, who arrived in town in a horse-drawn

wagon instead of his usual sleigh, took last minute requests from young and old alike as he made the rounds during the Shopper's Jubilee.

Shoppers jam downtown stores

Dart Group, Bandera Bank win decorating accolades

David and Judy Coover's Dart Group, Inc. and Bandera Bank took top honors in the decoration contest, but Bandera's annual Shoppers Jubilee drew crowds to many local businesses Friday, Dec. 2.

Merchants report that business and decorations were better than in years past.

"Everyone missed the parade, but I never saw the town look so good in the eight year history of (Shoppers Jubilee)," said Margaret Parade, whose Gingerbread House was one of 22 small businesses entered in the Christmas decoration contest.

Placing second to The Dart Group, Inc. in the small business category was Eckhart's Flower Shop. Bandera Bank won top honors in the large business category, followed by San Antonio Savings, placing second. The only four businesses of the some 27 entered were recognized. Bandera County Chamber of Commerce officials said the number of entries was 'good' and that the high level of participation was a good indication.

"It's important to get involved," said chamber secretary Kim Ashton. "So many have decorated, and it is really good for the community. Next year, we hope to expand (Shoppers Jubilee)."

Next year, additional categories, including a people's choice award may be added, she said. Ashton said judges were impressed with the number of beautiful and creative decorations this year.

"It was a tough decision. There were lots of great decorations," she said. "Merchants went to a lot of trouble and hard work to make Bandera look beautiful. It worked, and that is the whole idea."

The theme of this year's decorated contest was "An Old-Fashioned Christmas."

Most businesses followed the theme, and some went to elaborate lengths. The Dart Group,

Inc., housed in the old First State Bank building on 11th Street, and Bandera Bank used lots of colorful lights in their decorations, making spectacular displays.

Everett's had their windows painted in an old-fashioned Christmas design, and Bandera Inn had high school art students paint their windows. Braun Drug's window depicted an old-fashioned Christmas complete with antique toys and holiday carolers.

SASA and Eckhart's Flower Shop, both second place winners, had traditional Christmas trim-

ings incorporated into their decorations.

Judging was Thursday evening, and winners were announced Friday at the courthouse lawn celebration. The Bandera High School band played, the Silver Sage Melodians sang and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (and their little poodle) arrived in a carriage pulled by a Clydesdale horse.

Friday's festivities continued

until about 9 p.m., and merchants including Janet's, Gingerbread House and Dairy Queen reported lots of business.

"We were swamped with customers that evening," said DQ manager Don Mehaffey.

"There were a lot of people in, and we gave away between 60 and 70 balloons," said Parade. "There were lots of lockers and lots of shoppers, too."

Jane Moore of Janet's said that store also "did well."

Jim Davis' rally in finals falls just short of victory

Earning \$12,300 of his year's total of \$21,180 in the world steer roping finals, Bandera's Jim Davis fell just short of dethroning world champion Shaun Burchett of Pryor, Okla., in the National Finals Steer Roping in Guthrie, Okla.

Burchett, reigning world champion, who led the list of money winners nearly all year long, wound up 1988 with winnings of \$33,197 to become only the third cowboy ever to win back-to-back steer roping titles.

Davis entered the finals in fourth place, behind Burchett, Roy Cooper of Durant, Okla., and Guy Allen of Eunice, N.M. He was \$9,242 behind Burchett in earnings through Nov. 15.

But the Bandera Cowboy won three of the ten rounds in the finals and placed among the top four in two other rounds. His total elapsed time was good enough to

For the second year in a row, Davis was runner-up to Shaun Burchett of Pryor, Okla.

earn him the best average in the finals.

Despite his brilliant performance in the finals, Davis' year-long earnings total fell \$2,017 short of Burchett's and gave him second place to Burchett for the second straight year.

Burchett won second place to Davis in 1985 and 1986 when Davis became the second cowboy ever to win back-to-back world championships. The Oklahoma steer roping specialist Davis' bid to become the first ropier ever to win three world titles in a row, in 1987, and now Davis is in a position to spoil Burchett's attempt to complete the same milestone.



Jim Davis

A view from the hill

By Tom Denyer

The Republicans are home free, cranking down East Street, living in Fat City. — Elizabeth

On the one hand, Bush's victory says to some that the nation wants to stay the course of Reaganism, and that the Republicans can lock on the electoral college has not faded.

On the other hand, Democratic margins in Congress, governorships and state legislatures say that the Republicans have a way to go before becoming the majority party.

Republicans can take comfort from the likely Democratic infigthing, discussed in this column last week, over how to win the presidency. If Bush can stay out of a shooting war, and ride out the recession expected in '89 or '90, swing voters will stay on his side in 1992.

Add to that traditional Republican strength in New England and the midwest, the ranchers and defense contractors of the West, and the unreconstructed rebels of the slave states.

Yet even conservative observers like James J. Kilpatrick see problems in the party's future. He worries that the party "is not finding, grooming and successfully promoting a cadre of ambitious young Republicans." Too many yellow dog Democrats, especially in the South if not in Bandera County, are still voting the party of the fathers.

The Republicans' problems, however, are greater than those Kilpatrick sees.

Since the 1964 Goldwater and 1968 Wallace campaigns Republicans have built a coalition with two key elements: the white, male business class and the socially conservative issue voters.

The business class wants a government that spends on the business class, with defense contracts, tax breaks, and pork-barrel projects like the supercollider.

The social conservatives want a government that spends little, but does everything it can to make people the way they were before civil rights, legal abortion and birth control, drugs and crime.

Like every political coalition that has even been, this one will not hang together forever.

Can Bush keep it together, and expand it, while governing competently, not ideologically? Can he cut the deficit, spend on the business class, and put the country right? It will not be easy.

letters

Under the rug?

Dear editor:

Lately we hear more and more of children committing crimes and getting tried as adults. And more and more, we find ourselves wondering how the problem got so out of hand. We find ourselves putting the blame on TV programs and on the music that our children watch and hear.

But who allows our children to watch the programs and listen to the music? Most children today have no respect for their people's feelings or property. Children are having children, kids are smoking, drinking and using drugs. It seems like the parents are losing control of their authority, and children are getting far out of control.

And the problem keeps getting swept under the rug.

I have two young boys that we have adopted and are my responsibility and my wife's. I'm teaching my two boys respect for themselves and for others. It's true what they say, that when they're on their own, they will do for themselves, how they want, what they want. But if they are raised with respect, love and good judgement, I feel they will do what's right.

Because of their previous training and environment, my wife and I are raising our two boys with lots of love, respect, and a Christian environment. And it's great. But that still doesn't solve the whole problem. Just a very small part of it.

My questions are: are we as parents coming to grips with the problem, or are we just going to continue to sweep it under the rug?

And who has the authority, parents or children? Lefty Y Barra Bandera

Helping each other

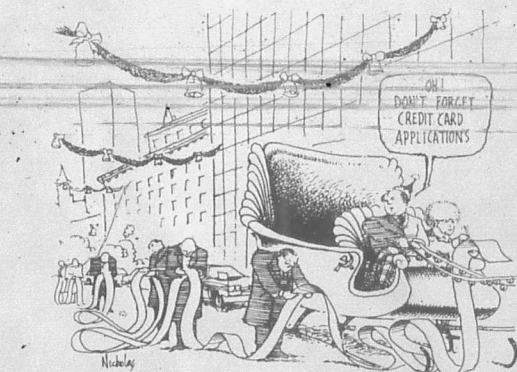
Dear editor:

The response of the business people in Bandera County who let us see their outdoor signs and place our literature on the Great American Smoke-out in their places of business was heartwarming. Your newspaper also did a great job with all the pictures and articles leading up to the big day, Nov. 14.

The cooperation we received, for example, from Mr. (Truman) Donahoe, Mrs. (Lorette) Wilton, Mrs. (Randy) Gardner and all their students who helped the American Cancer Society get the message across means we still have time to help each other and you can't ask for anything more than that.

Jo Russell Bandera Co-chairwoman Great American Smokeout

The Bulletin solicits your letters on any subject of general interest.



Terry Nicholas

Solons get Christmas present: higher revenue estimate

Some good news came last week to legislators set to convene in about three weeks: State income is estimated up by \$1.6 billion next year.

Comptroller Bob Bullock's revenue projection was quickly followed by a prediction from Speaker Gib Lewis that House members would not raise taxes this session.

Bullock's figures reflect money available after deducting amounts earmarked for specific purposes and funds for lawsuits over state taxes.

The anticipated profits from Texas' new racing industry did not materialize and Bullock lowered revenue projections from it by \$174 million.

The industry is starting slow with track licenses to be granted next year.

Energy scene

Texas officials covered the energy field from domestic natural gas to imported crude oil and offered good news overall.

Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, returning from the Vienna OPEC meeting, said the new OPEC pact to raise oil prices will be neither a boon nor a bust, but will probably bolster new drilling.

The agreement is a "big plus" in that, without the pact, prices could fall to levels which would further devastate the Texas economy.

Gas poised to revive

His Democratic colleague on the commission, John Sharp, and Massachusetts Congressman Joseph Kennedy met with oil company officials in Houston to unveil a plan for deregulation of natural gas markets.

Also supporting the plan is Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and his allies from the Sierra Club who want clean air and a halt to acid rain that they say natural gas use will bring.

The proposals include new Texas-New England gas pipelines and a strategic reserve for natural gas similar to the federal oil reserve.

Sharp's reaction to the OPEC agreement differed from Hance's: OPEC's "see-saw deliberations show how powerless this country is to control its own energy future," Sharp said.

Lawsuit worth millions

State Treasurer Ann Richards said Texas stands to make millions if it wins a lawsuit against New York and Delaware now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The exact amount is unknown, but "We are talking about lots and lots of money," she said.

The dispute is over the ownership of millions of dollars in dividends and interest that have no known owner, but originated in entire nation-wide.

The funds are held in New York brokerage houses which are incorporated in Delaware, and Texas says that money should be returned to states based on where payments originated.

Clements, White meet

In the same week that President-elect Bush offered prominent Democratic leaders, Texas Gov. Bill Clements and nemesis, former Gov. Mark White, got their opportunity at a chance meeting in a Madrid, Spain, hotel lobby.

The meeting was their first face-to-face talk since the bitter 1986 election pitting them as campaign foes.

Clements offered no comments, but White later joked, "I was afraid he was trying to escape. I want him to serve out every day of his sentence," a reference to the state prison furlough plan which emerged controversial during the election.

"We hadn't had cross words in years," White said, adding they hadn't spoken at all in years.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

White defeated Clements in 1982, only to fall to a Clements comeback victory in 1988.

Insurance reforms

State Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock says he will recommend a series of insurance reforms intended to bring regulation to currently unregulated companies and to disclose more quickly information about troubled companies.

"In these rough economic times, government simply must be more vigilant — and I'm one of those guys who says get the government off the backs of people," Montford said.

"But government has to protect people, too."

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Bandera County potpourri

By Nick Johnson

The following column by Kendra Kahn appeared in the Austin American-Statesman on Dec. 8. Dewey Overholser, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Overholser of Wharton's Dock.

For Dewey Overholser, every day since Sept. 1 had been a gift.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said the 34-year-old supervisor for an electronics firm in South Austin.

Overholser was struck by lightning Sept. 1 while on vacation with his wife, Elizabeth, and 18-month-old son.

"The doctors indicated that they see lightning victims a lot but they don't usually see them alive," he said. "They said only five people live through a lightning strike."

Overholser was climbing in Colorado just north of Crested Butte when a sudden storm came up. He stepped under a stand of trees to put on his poncho and escape the hail.

"Just as I looked out to see that it was hailing that hard, I was struck," he said.

Overholser was knocked unconscious. He awakened face down and shivering uncontrollably about 20 feet from where he had been standing. "I didn't realize what had happened to me," he said. He looked at his watch. An hour and a half had passed.

Because the band of lightning hit nastily and he was experiencing chest pains, Overholser thought he had been hit by a tree limb or had suffered a heart attack. He didn't consider lightning because "there had been no thunder before I was hit," he said.

It wasn't until he made the 45-minute walk back to a cabin where he was staying and told his father-in-law what happened that they realized he was struck by lightning.

"It was like somebody had taken a razor blade to my jeans," he said. "My boots looked like they were blasted apart."

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County commissioners to discuss January EMS training Dec. 12

Bandera County Commissioners will discuss January EMS training for Bandera at their meeting Monday, Dec. 12. The class will seek to train more emergency medical technicians in the Bandera area.

Commissioners will also consider purchase of a heart defibrillator monitor for use by the county's EMS ambulance system. The equipment will allow EMTs to treat heart patients more effectively.

Commissioners will consider the appointment of a new home demonstration county agent to replace Janet Smith-Hiesler.

Commissioners will also open bids for a motor grader for use by precinct four.

Commissioners will also consider the contract for collection of delinquent county taxes. Car-

rently the law firm representing the county is Gates-Stein of Austin.

Final approval will be considered to Ernest H. Allen to combine two lots in Avalon Ranch Subdivision on Elmhurst Drive to make a single lot of 0.7 acres. This combination will reduce the taxes on the property by \$200 from \$1,200. The cabin is used as a weekend retreat.

Other items may be added to the agenda, which is finalized Thursday by 5 p.m.

Appraisal District to meet Friday

The Bandera County Appraisal District board of directors will meet Friday, Dec. 9 to discuss financial contracts and receive information about a map proposal.

Directors will open bids and consider awarding a contract for the district's 1989 financial audit. Directors will also award a 1989-90 depositary contract, for the district's banking needs.

Directors will receive information about maps for special areas of the county that the field appraisers need help with the most.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and will be held in the chief appraiser's office at the north end of Ninth Street.

—Bogus—

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Dec. 26		64	42	70	62	69	30
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Rainfall this week 9.0 inches. Rainfall last week N.A. Total rainfall so far for Dec. 30 inches. Average for Dec. 153.

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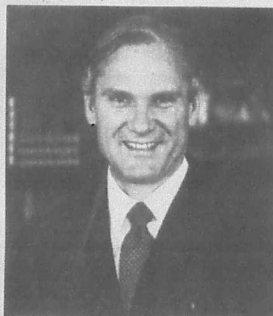
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Let me begin by saying thank you to all our loyal customers who have rallied to our support.

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Kristine Rozell and James Dugosh

Dugosh, Rozell engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Rozell of Pittsburg, Tex., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristine Rozell, to James Dugosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Dugosh, formerly of Bandera. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Pittsburg Independent School District. Dugosh is the grandson of Catherine Dugosh of Bandera and Mrs. and Mrs. E.F. Zatopek. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in poultry science. He is employed by Pilgrim's Pride, Inc. in Pittsburg. The wedding date is planned for Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pittsburg.

Local girls competing in food show

Seniors Julie Ruede, Shannon Cowser, Candi Saathoff and Chance O'Dell will head a Bandera County delegation competing in the 4-H Food Show in Boerne Saturday, Dec. 10.

Ruede won the main dish competition in the Bandera County 4-H Food Show here last month. Cowser won the senior fruits and vegetables division, Saathoff the breads and cereals division, and O'Dell the snacks and desserts category.

Junior winners were Jeanette Williams, main dish; Heidi Hicks, fruits and vegetables; Abby Nightingale, breads and cereals; and Ashley Godfrey, snacks and desserts.

Beginners who got in the winners' circle were Jessica Leland, main dish; Lacey Helmle, fruits and vegetables; Tara Miller, breads and cereals; and Breanne Hicks, snacks and desserts.

Cathy White feted at wedding shower

Cathy Tom White, daughter of Colleen and Steve Tom of Medina, was honored Saturday, Nov. 26, at a wedding shower co-hosted by the Medina United Methodist Women.

The shower was coordinated by Thelma Gallant, Linda McElithlin and Ann Huie, with the assistance of Letitia Huie. Refreshments were served by Neda Gallant, Florine Williams, Judy Moore and Kathy Brownell.

Out-of-town guests included the bride's cousin and grandmother and the groom's mother.

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Ashley Jane Jennings
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A daughter, Ashley Jane Jennings, was born to James and Sandra Jennings of Bandera on Monday, Nov. 7, at 3:03 a.m. in Humana Women's Hospital in San Antonio.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Barbara Reider of San Antonio, Tony and Susie Jennings of Bandera, Gene Wehmer of Pipe Creek and All Riedner of San Antonio.

Great-grandparents are Albert and Jane Riedner of San Antonio, Marjorie Goodpastor of Portland, Ore., and Aileen Bernhardt of San Antonio.

Observes 52nd

Edwin Vawter and Thelma Jeane Johnson met on the skating rink at Schott's Hall in Pipe Creek and were married in Seguin on Dec. 7, 1936. Edwin was foreman on the Floyd Pruett ranch, ran the toll road between San Geronimo and Medina Lake, and raised goats, sheep, cows, and horses.

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New cafe's opening planned for Saturday

The Heath Cafe, located in the old Aviation Restaurant, will open this week offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with their grand opening slated for Saturday morning.

The cafe will offer a variety of menu items including catfish, fillets, liver and onions, fried chicken, as well as the menu favorites hamburgers and chicken, fried steaks. Beer and wine will be served with meals only.

The restaurant will be open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hours may be extended on Friday and Saturday, says owner R. Mitchell. After the busi-

Ag commissioner promotes land heritage program

Pointing to the importance of recognizing and remembering the pioneer farm and ranch families in Texas, Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower has invited long-time farming families to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program.

Registration for the program, which recognizes families who have had land in agricultural production for 100 years or more, is now open and will extend through July 15, Hightower said.

"To date, 10 properties in Bandera County have qualified for the Family Land Heritage Program, and this year I hope we will be able to identify many more," he said. Since the program was established in 1974 to honor pioneering families, over 2,000 families have been recognized.

The basic requirements of the program include continuous agricultural production on the farm or ranch for 100 years, land ownership within the family, complete operation or supervision of the farm, ranch produc-

tion by family members who are Texas residents, and a size of at least 10 acres with a minimum income of \$50 from farm or ranch products. If the farm or ranch is smaller than 10 acres, sales must total \$250 per year.

"These families are living productive symbols of our family farm unit. We celebrate their past achievements, and acknowledge the importance that such family farms hold for us in the future," Hightower said.

This year a certified registrant will be honored at a state ceremony to be held in Austin in the fall. Honorees will receive a certificate with an official sign marker to be placed on the recipients' property as a "Century Farm" or "Century Ranch."

Property owners of 150 years or more will be awarded a special Sequenential certificate. Additionally, a Family Land Heritage Registry will later be published and distributed to all honorees.



Staff Photo by James Frasier

Pipe Creek Presbyterian will now greet its members and guests as an organized church, rather than a mission fellowship. Member Nancy Westley is greeted by elders and pastor of the church Reet Campbell, lower left, Jerry Willis, the Rev. Dale Hines, William H. Smith, upper right, Roy Carpenter, and Patsy Small. Elder Emily Keith is not pictured. See Page 14 for the story.

Girl Scout troops schedule Christmas Bazaar Dec. 17

The first annual Girl Scout Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Bandera Bank Community Room beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m.

Featured items will include arts and crafts made by the girl scout members of Troop 576 led by Debbie Foster, Troop 661 led by Vicky Terry, and the troop led by Reet Campbell.

Shrine Club plans Saturday party

The Medina Lake Shrine Club will install new officers Saturday, Dec. 9 at the club's Christmas party to be held at the Mayan Guest Ranch, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

New officers, elected at the club's Nov. 18 meeting, are Bob Jones, president; Red Osborn, vice-president; Guy Pickett, secretary; and George Wallace, treasurer. They will be installed by the Illustrations Potentia Jim Decker of San Antonio's Alzafar Temple, says spokesman Tony Kruse. The officers will take office that night.

Some 67 members and guests

are expected at the Christmas party, says Kruse. The Medina Lake Shrine Club has 35 members from all parts of Bandera County.

Boerne sheriff loses after recount of votes

A recount of ballots cast in the Kendall County sheriff's race showed incumbent Sheriff Lee O'Spina lost by five more votes than originally reported.

The longtime sheriff, who had sought re-election as an independent, had requested the recount.

Groups to meet to formulate Bandera calendar of events

Persons affiliated with organizations that sponsor events for the general public have been invited to attend a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7, at which time a calendar of events will be drafted. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at The Cabaret Steak House, says Cal Chapman. The group will also discuss and help plan Bandera's reception of San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo ambassadors who are expected here Thursday, Jan. 19, Chapman said.

Drunk driving awareness can help save lives

Drunk driving awareness can help save lives anywhere, anytime, but it's even more important during the holidays for people living in smaller communities and rural areas.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, there were 100 fewer driving while intoxicated (DWI) fatalities in rural areas in 1987 than in 1986.

However, 59 percent of all 1987 DWI-related fatalities still occurred in rural areas, even though the majority of the population lives in urban centers.

Alma Fonseca, a home economist with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, has been working through a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to develop alcohol awareness and seat belt safety Extension education programs for rural Texas.

"In rural areas, people attending holiday parties are more likely to be driving long distances

and less likely to have free taxi rides or other prevention services available," she said.

"That means hosts must be more vigilant about making sure each car has a designated driver who is not drinking, or provide overnight accommodations or rides home for people who've had

too much," said Fonseca.

Fonseca said rural residents can become involved in drunk driving prevention by joining in the educational activities of groups such as the Texas Extension Homemakers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

All activities are free and open to the public.

The multi-cultural events begin at 6:30 p.m. with the students troubadour group, "Estudiantina," from the University of



"Prairie Madonna," sculpture of an Indian mother and child, done in bronze.

American and Mexican celebrations at St. Mary's

Traditional American and Mexican Christmas carols, country western favorites, selections from classical composers as well as candlelight procession will fill St. Mary's University with the Christmas spirit during its annual Noche de Paz celebration Friday, Dec. 9.

All activities are free and open to the public.

The multi-cultural events begin at 6:30 p.m. with the students troubadour group, "Estudiantina," from the University of

Mexico (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico) leading the Las Posadas procession around campus.

The candlelight ceremony reenacts the story of Mary and Joseph in search of lodging Christmas night through song and dramatization. The procession begins at the Treadway Courtyard. Colorfully costumed troubadours will strum on their mandolins and guitars at various residence halls until Mary and Joseph are given a place to stay.

Anderwald's works in museum exhibit

Sculpture, watercolor, and oils by Bandera artist Norma Jean Anderwald and the F.B. Doan collection of western paintings will be on exhibit at Frontier Times Museum during the month of December.

Anderwald, former art director of the Doane Hotel and the museum, initiated the guest artists' exhibition program, which is a monthly feature of Frontier Times Museum.

Anderwald, a commercial artist who received her training in Houston, designed the sculpture for the Cowboy Capitol monument which is displayed on the lawn at the Bandera County courthouse. Her works have been exhibited in various Texas institutions and universities, including a two-person show with Brother Cleatus Behlmann of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and a one-person show held at the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts.

In 1986, Anderwald was named "Artist of the Month" and "Artist of the Year" at the Coppini Academy in San Antonio for her sculptural interpretation of Bandera's historical rodeo, bronze, "The Flannery Bay."

Featured in Anderwald's exhibit at Frontier Times Museum this month are her most recent sculpture, "Hung on Old No. 5," the infamous spinning bull which was in the rodeo string at Mansfield Park in the 1940s. Portraits of three famous Indian chiefs, Red Cloud, Horse Collar, and First Feather, are also on display.

Her work includes the impressionistic, contemporary or abstract, realism, and post impressionism techniques, and presents a well-rounded exhibition of the various artistic methods.

Frontier Times Museum, 506 11th Street, Bandera, is open from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children with members of the Friends of Frontier Times Museum admitted free. The museum will be closed on December

24 and 25. For more information call 796-3094.



Singer-songwriter Tony Perez will bring his own music to the Cabaret Saturday, Dec. 10. The Austin based musician has signed a recording contract with Warner Brothers according to an article in the Austin American-Statesman.

Entry deadline looms for stock show

Livestock exhibitors have until Saturday to make their official entry for the Bandera County Junior Livestock Show, to begin Jan. 12.

"We will be taking entries for the livestock show Friday Dec. 9 from 3:30 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.," said Connie Smith. Saturday, Dec. 10 is the deadline for entries.

Entries will be taken at Main Street Rags, 310 Main Street. For more information, contact Smith at 796-8223.

Your basic Bandera

By Peggy Tobin

Here's a way to look at history. Let's try to think of famous people who have been in Bandera. While it's true that everyone you do meet someone who honeymooned at Dixie Dude or remembers getting into his first flat fight atop Mount Rugh in 1939, it's hard to recall famous visitors.

After the Civil war there was a handsome stranger around town for a while, running a school and calling himself Professor Ryan. People were sure that he was really John Wilkes Booth, not dead at all but still on the lam after fatally shooting President Lincoln from the stage of Ford's Theatre in Washington. The suspicion remained unproved. Professor Ryan departing from Bandera as silently as he had arrived. Did he know we were on to him?

Now at this point in our little chronology, it's even harder to think of succeeding famous visitors, though in the late nineteenth century, colorful characters were filtering into the hills from all over the world.

We know, however, that among the famous visitors may have been Civil War Gen. John Bell Hood, outlaw Jesse James, Chicago 8 defendant Jerry Rubin, and former Gov. John Connally.

Reading the above, our North Carolina brother asked if we realized that George Washington had once visited Bandera. Yes, he said, George's father had brought him, still only a child, out to see what was going on in New Spain. While the senior Washington was negotiating with the Apaches, young George entertained himself by chopping down a pecan sapling. Upon severe questioning, George answered, "Yes, father, I cut down the pecan tree. I still cannot tell a lie."

"Come, son," said Mr. Washington, "We'd best head back to Virginia. You'll never make it in Texas!"

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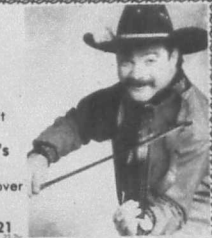
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Spirits enjoy wide support base

Referrals, donations, volunteers come from all parts of community

By James Henry Frazier
Staff Writer

The Spirits of Christmas Presents lives and works in Bandera County because of the donations of generous citizens and the referrals of those that need gifts for children and food for the family a Christmas dinner.

There is no magic source of information about who needs The Spirits of Christmas Presents. The directors of the project, Karen Jackson, Kathy Gardner, and Jim Evans, don't know all the people that need help. The list of who needs the visit of a Santa and Elf this year comes from many different people, who because of their personal contact, know who will miss Christmas presents this year.

Referrals can come from teachers, social workers, friends, and relatives. "Anyone can be referred. We do not judge," says Jackson. "Some of those we help wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas."

"We are looking for families who need assistance at Christmas," says Gardner. When the presents are collected and the Santas and Elves go to visit, a certain amount of anonymity must be maintained. Call it pride, respect, or most likely, caring, but "Santa knows everybody and doesn't have to know their last name," says Gardner.

Gifts and food, likewise, do not appear from some imaginary grab bag. They must be collected, bought, sorted, and wrapped. It takes money, donations, and volunteers.

Presents are not enough, however. That's why the food for the Christmas dinner is also provided. The Santa and Elf bring in the wrapped gifts and the box of food, too.

The jars for money collection at county merchants serve two purposes: collect extra donations from customer's spare change and make people aware of the project. "People might not mind a quarter or left-over change," says Jackson. A fair amount of the project's donations come from the many jars. "All those dimes and quarters added all together

make a significant amount," says Jackson.

The jars give anyone a chance to give how much they want anonymously," says Jackson. "And it gives them the chance to join in the spirit of the season," says Gardner.

There are ways to help beyond money in a jar, someone can sponsor a family. "If someone wants to sponsor a family, we give them guidelines for gifts."

The Spirits of Christmas Presents does not seek to change the economic situation of the families they help. Critics might call it useless. But for the people it serves, the project is like a bright light that shines once in awhile.

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Christmas contest draws 27 entries

A total of 27 Bandera businesses entered the annual decorating contest conducted by the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce.

Small business entries included Bandera Veterinary Clinic, Braun Drug, "The" Beauty Shop, Bandera Forge, Bandera Western Gifts, Deodati's Station Restaurant, McMullan Insurance, Books in Bloom, Main Street Kags, Butterfield Station, O.S.T. Restaurant, Everett's, Gingerbread House, Ken's TV, Hill Country Crafts, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, R&S Dairy Queen, Sam's Barber Shop, Clear Fork Medical Center, and D'Spain Sales and Service Inc.

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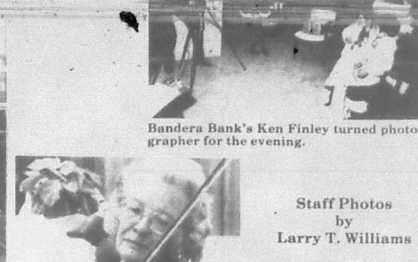
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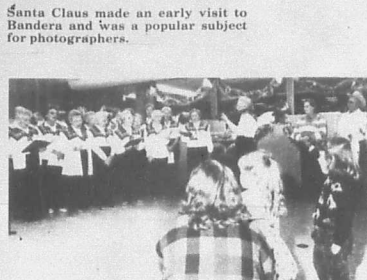
Janett's women's wear store had a busy night.



Bandera Bank's Ken Finley turned photographer for the evening.



Kim Ashton got a fuzzy hug from St. Nick.



Santa Claus made an early visit to Bandera and was a popular subject for photographers.



Judy Goodenough was elegant with her violin.



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Leroy Brown

Mansfield, Brown make all-district

The Mansfield and Leroy Brown were named all-district football first team along with six other players.

Mansfield, a sophomore, was named as first team line backer. A football player for four years, Mansfield believes it is an honor being named as an all-district player. He also participates in basketball, baseball and track.

Brown, also a sophomore, was named first team punter. Brown has played football for four years and feels great being named an all-district player.



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For, about and by students in Bandera schools.

Comedy Crue to present brief sketches

Fourteen various sketches will be presented at the first annual Comedy Crue Production, Friday, Dec. 9.

From three to six minutes each, the sketches will be presented by one or two persons directed by Mrs. Julie Young. The theater arts class will present their sketches during second period on Friday.

The comedy sketches include "The School of Psychiatry," presented by Belinda Sanchez and Marcel Elliott; "The Worm Farm," presented by Tasha VanderZee; "The Boutique," presented by Katie Holcomb and Amie Nightingale; "Who's on First," presented by Sanchez and Elliott; "The Psychiatrist," presented by John Mallia and Holcomb; "They're Sorry," presented by Patti Kintula; "Beauty For Sale," presented by Kim Lukachuk; "Applying for a Job," presented by Anne Brown; "She Hit Me First," presented by Eric Wylie; "Love Letter to Suzy," presented by Brandon Sezech; "Some Dew," presented by Brett Simmons and Stacy Sklos; "The Newlyweds," presented by Emma and Sklos; "On Being a Nurse," presented by Mary Molina; and "One Fine Day in a Diner," presented by Kelly Perry and Kintula.

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Amie places in AAU meet

Placing third in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Cross Country Regionals, Amie Nightingale qualified to run in the National AAU Cross Country Championships where she placed 21st. The National AAU meet was held in Maryland the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4.

Nightingale competed against approximately 50 runners in the National AAU meet. She held 20th place until the finish when she was passed up by another runner and dropped into 21st place. She received a bronze medal for her accomplishments.

The regional meet was held at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio Nov. 19. Girls from the San Antonio area were eligible to enter the 5.5 mile race.

To prepare for the race in Maryland, Nightingale participated in the National TAC Cross Country Championships, a 3 mile race with 25 runners entered. It was held Saturday, Nov. 26 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was "around 35 degrees and very windy," says Nightingale, who placed ninth with a time of just above 21 minutes.

Nightingale has been running competitively since the sixth grade in both cross country and track. She is now a junior at Bandera High School.

—Lauri Reagan

NHS to celebrate with special ed kids

National Honor Society will be giving Christmas gifts to the Jr. High Special Education Class as a winter project.

About this time every year, NHS conducts a project similar to this. This year, the younger children in the Special Education Class will receive large, fluffy, stuffed dogs. NHS will give the older children decorated buckets full of candy, as well as small "stuffed" stuffed animals.

NHS students will go to the Jr. High this week to present the gifts.

—DeLeane Wilkinson

New Bandera High School FHA officers include Laurie Martinez, vice-president of recreation, upper left; Ronda Raser, vice-president power of one; Shelley Cujko, vice-president public relations; Tami McMullen, vice-president public relations, lower left; Stacy Sklos, president and Lisa Paulk, secretary. Not pictured are officers Jeannine Myers, Elizabeth Garza, Anne Medders, Candis Snathoff, Clarissa Paulk, and Bernadette Rodriguez.

FHA members plan activities

Members of F.H.A. met Tuesday to discuss several topics and planned activities for the near future.

F.H.A. is sponsoring a Christmas cake sale scheduled Dec. 15. Whole cakes, pies, and other goodies will be sold in front of Boyle's Market and Super S Foods, and there will be a bake sale for the students during the school day.

Sponsor Mrs. Lorette Wilson and F.H.A. members would like to thank Boyle's and Super S for allowing the F.H.A. to set up a stand in front of their stores.

Officers candidates in order of rank are president, Stacy Sklos; VP power of one, Ronda Raser; VP recreation, Laurie Martinez.

School menus

Lunch - Elementary
Monday - Pizza, tossed salad with dressing, baked corn, french onion soup.
Tuesday - Hamburger, french onion soup, baked corn, fruit, apple juice.
Wednesday - Chicken, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.
Thursday - Beef, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.
Friday - Turkey, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.

Lunch - Junior High and High School
Monday - Pepperoni pizza or chili burger, French fries, baked potato, fruit, apple juice.
Tuesday - Chicken, french onion soup, baked corn, fruit, apple juice.
Wednesday - Beef, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.
Thursday - Beef, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.
Friday - Turkey, baked potato, green beans, carrots, fruit, apple juice.

Bandera AARP group elects Portman

Bandera chapter of the AARP met for its annual meeting and elected officers.

Portman was elected president of the organization for 1989. Dolores Greene is vice president, Benny Barker is secretary, and Marion Bunch is treasurer.

Harry Webb talked about health advocacy, detailing family care-givers week report. One of the most important aspects of care-giving is treating the older person with respect, and having enough space and resources.

Purple Hills Manor

By Mada Wedgworth - 796-4738

The Rev. Sheldon Hermanson from the Grace Lutheran Church used for his text Sunday the book of John. Norma Barr was the pianist.

Guests were Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick, Renee Hermanson, Meleese Rug and Marley Johnson.

A page got torn out of our guest book and some of our news is missing.

Clara Kelly's visitors have been her son and wife, Lillian and Leon Ray, who visited with her several times over the Thanksgiving holidays, and Clara's grandson, Jerry L. Kelley, and his son, Darren of Houston.

They took Clara to lunch in Kerrville. Clara's granddaughter, Lynette Kelley Wink of Austin and Dorothy Keese visited her also.

Lillian and Leon Ray visited Clara and her friends. Luther and June Mathis went with their son and wife, Luther Jr. and Quita, to the Masonic Lodge for supper Monday evening. Luther Sr. received his 50-year pin from the Masons.

Club Scout Pack 146, Den 4, under the leadership of Barbara Story came by and sang Christmas carols for us last week.

Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick visited friends Wednesday evening and again on Sunday. They

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Senior Citizens

By Harry F. Webb

Marie Holand and her elves have been working hard for the past month making Christmas presents and decorations. The bazaar at the Lutheran Church provided an excellent setting to place their handiwork in front of the public. There are still quite a few items, including Christmas cards, on display at the Silver Sage Corral. All proceeds go towards the operation of the Silver Sage Corral and the pleasure and comfort of the senior citizens of our community.

The Melodiers and Auto Harps provided a Christmas program at the Veterans Administration Hospital on Saturday.

They will perform at the Annual Valentine's Awards, held at the Kerrville State Hospital on December 6.

The women of the Silver Sage Corral are busy getting the new Boutique in shape. We will be stocking mainly handcrafted items.

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Bandera Methodists plan annual holiday program

Bandera United Methodist Church will have their annual Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

The program will include Las Posadas, a traditional service for a place for Mary and Joseph to stay the night.

After the program, Santa will arrive bringing treats for the kids, then adults and children will go caroling around the city.

Everyone is invited to come and share the holiday spirit, according to the Rev. Jarrell Sharp.

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By John M. Grimes

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It is of the greatest importance to mean what you say, when you say what you mean. It is within your power to banish misunderstanding and create peace with doubt, tears and prejudice. And the bigger the vocabulary, the better the thinking. New heights of ecstasy can be attained. Problems can dissolve like mist before the summer sun for you will have the keys to a vast treasure of understanding.

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The coach said she has hopes of taking the team to state tournament in Austin March 2-4. With a 3-1 record, the team won the Bandera Invitational tournament last weekend. The team won their first game of the season 41-32 against Ingram Nov. 15, then faced a loss their second time out Nov. 18. "Marion beat us 34-79," said Young. "They are ranked fifth in the state. It's the first state-ranked team we ever played."

"They were great," she said with a smile. "Next, the Lady Dogs defeated both Medina 53-20 on Nov. 22, and Center Point 52-27 on Nov. 29."

The coach said she is proud of the players, and their record so far this season.

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Lady 'Dogs' win home town tournament

By Michele Hermann
Bandera News Editor

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Children's author comes to area schools

Bandera and Medina elementary school students this week got a taste of Texas history from a "real live author," in programs complete with costumes, artifacts and entertaining dramatizations.

Author Rita Kerr spoke about Texas and early Texans, according to Alkek Elementary School librarian Lee Kindla. Kerr is the author of some eight children's books that focus on historical events and characters.

"She acted out the parts, and it was like Texas history lessons in a very interesting way," said Kindla. "She told each class about a different book."

"She kept the children enthralled, and I was enthralled, too," said the teacher with a smile. "I listened to every presentation she made. It was just great."

Kerr wore period costumes, and talked some about her own ancestry to vividly illustrate the historical period she writes about, generally around the 1830's, to the schoolchildren.

Bandera's city inspector quits in tiff over building permits

By Nick Johnson
Editor

City inspector Don Murrell resigned Monday after he failed to get a city council majority to remove the planning and zoning commission from the list of those that must approve building permits, charging councilmen Joe Fox and Carl Adamietz with not working on behalf of the people.

The council decided accepting his resignation, however, at the suggestion of Mayor Raymond Adamietz, who said he hoped Murrell will change his mind.

The council also took steps to save the city \$200 per month by asking three city employees to take unpaid furloughs and raising residential garbage rates to generate an additional \$400 per month.

Murrell asked for and received new, higher building permit fees to pay for a 100 percent raise, from \$10 to \$10 per hour, before being rebuffed in his effort to remove the necessity for a representative of the P&Z Commission to approve building permit applications.

The mayor's signature and the building inspector's approval are also required.

When the council refused to act on his recommendation, Murrell permitted Mayor Adamietz to read his letter of resignation to the council and about 25 members of the audience.

In it he urged the council to abolish the planning and zoning commission "or at least leave Linda Stein from her position," but he was also rebuffed on that suggestion a little later when the council re-appointed Stein to a new three-year term on the panel.

The council ignored the suggestion of Mayor Adamietz to consider Geneva Dowell and Euna Wagner for two vacancies on the planning and zoning commission and re-appointed Stein to a new three-year term and named surveyor Bill Baggett to serve the two years remaining on the term of Sally Rodriguez, who resigned.

Rose Bailey voted against Stein's appointment and abstained from voting on Baggett, but the other four councilmen voted for the pair.

Murrell's resignation also contained an endorsement of Mayor Adamietz ("he's doing a fine job"), Melvin King and city office personnel and a strong recommendation that all building contractors operating in the city limits be licensed.

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County dads eye disk for computer, grader

Bandera County commissioners found Monday, Dec. 12, they could be facing expenses for new computer equipment in an inventory study, and a new motor grader in the coming months. Unfortunately, there is little leeway in the \$2.4 million county budget to handle these new expenses.

In other action, commissioners did not receive cancellation of the Altamira Hills Subdivision, approved EMT class for Bandera, and sought a defibrillator heart monitor for the Pipe Creek ambulance.

Richard H. Garza, vice-president for Asset Valuation, Inc. presented commissioners with a proposal to inventory and value all county property and fixed assets. His proposal would cost \$14,000 to develop the report and cost \$1,400 annually to maintain the inventory list.

The company will 1) develop a list of land and land-related items currently in the name of Bandera County, 2) prepare a current valuation report covering each building that the county owns, and 3) prepare a current listing of all other fixed assets belonging to Bandera County.

The company is in the process of developing an asset survey for the Bandera County sheriff's department. The sheriff's survey cost \$1,650 and includes all the sheriff's department furnishings, equipment, and vehicles, but no buildings.

Because there are no spare funds in the budget, the proposal was deferred to the next budget year.

In related budget matters, commissioners will advertise for bids for a new 420-megabyte hard-disk drive for the county's IBM System 36 Model 5363.

The county presently has file storage space on its computer system of 210 megabytes. However, that space is almost full and the lack of room is keeping the county from putting the tax office license plate program and the law enforcement programs on the computer, advises Mac Vion Meyer, computer department head.

The disk drive is anticipated to

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School board won't fill Linda Emmons' board seat

Bandera school board members Tuesday night decided after executive session not to fill the vacancy left on the board by the recent death of trustee Linda Emmons, saying they felt voters should appoint Emmons' successor.

School board member Charles Graves also reported that Bandera students showed improvement on TEAMS tests administered in October.

"I move that we do not fill the vacancy at this time, and that we allow the seat - be on the ballot at the next election," said board member H. Campbell when the trustees returned from their executive session.

The vacancy will be filled in May for a one-year unexpired term. Three other trustee positions will also be on the ballot.

The board also heard a report of the results of student TEAMS tests.

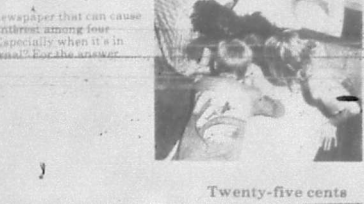
In October, all of the 11th grade students in Bandera High School took the exit-level TEAMS test which is necessary to pass in order to graduate from high school, said Graves. "Ninety-five percent of the students mastered the language arts section and 85 percent mastered mathematics."

Last year, some 92 percent demonstrated mastery on the language arts portion of the test, while only 73 percent showed mastery on the mathematics portion.

Don Cormie with Grant Thornton Company of San Antonio presented a report to the board on their yearly audit. He reported that the school district's finances were "in reasonably good shape," and he advised them to maintain a healthy \$1.2 million fund balance, so that if there are a couple of "lean years," they can better weather them.

The board voted unanimously to employ Grant Thornton for another year.

The board also voted to advertise six surplus school buses for sale, and voted to have roof repairs made at the junior high.



Low unemployment here may eliminate grants

By James Henry Frazier
Staff Writer

Bandera County's hopes of obtaining a grant to cover the Mansfield Park Rodeo Arena suffered one setback last week, but other avenues are still open.

Initially, the thinking by the Bandera County Economic Development Committee, chaired by Joe McMullan, was to apply to the Texas Department of Commerce for a Community Development block grant to pay for the covering of the arena. This grant could approach a \$1 million and at least be well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In a meeting with the Texas Department of Commerce in Austin Dec. 5, a delegation headed by County Judge Ray Maurer and McMullan found that Bandera does not fit into the criteria the state uses for awarding such grants.

A county must have an unemployment rate lower than the state's average to meet the criteria used by the state, said Maurer after their meeting in Austin. The county's unemployment rate has been averaging between 2.5 and 3.5 percent, while the state has been in the 6 to 7 percent range.

The county's average income per family is also above the statewide average, reducing still further the possibility that Bandera County will qualify, says Maurer.

"The funds we thought were available are available, but were for high unemployment areas. We must create direct jobs and the number of those jobs is used in deciding to whom to award a grant," says Ruth Sedillo, director of community development, in the Texas Department of Commerce.

Other requirements for awarding these economic development grants is that jobs created must impact low-to-middle income people. The awarding of the grant does not consider the indirect jobs the project may create, she says.

There are other grants with different criteria. "We're looking to stimulate our economy as a whole, not just to get out of unemployment," says Maurer.

The next grant source is the same program the county's low-income grant proposal will be funded by. "Now we're looking for funds under another community development funds grant program regulated by the Alamo

Area Council of Governments which has a broader spectrum of funding," says Maurer.

The two \$4,000 grants the county and city have applied for to study the rodeo arena cover and ways of promoting the county's economy "will let us know whether we're eligible or not" for other grant sources, says Maurer. These grants can also show what types of jobs can be created by the rodeo arena project and other potential projects.

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Maurer and County Commissioner Dan Alams are members of the AACOG advisory board, and as such can keep up with grant money availability and how to apply for them.

Convicted Sherwood murderer asks for new trial

James Michael Clark, who recently pleaded guilty to the murder of Randy Sherwood in 21st District Court in Bandera, has asked for a new trial in a petition filed in the Bandera County District Clerk's office Dec. 9.

In his motion, filed by his court-appointed attorney Bill Palmer of Burnin, Clark claims Texas Rangers forced Clark to confess and said Judge Robert Barton should not have admitted the confession.

"The trial court has committed an error material to the defense and injurious to the rights of the defendant," said attorney Palmer in Clark's motion.

"The written confession of the defendant was improperly ruled to be voluntary, with said ruling being contrary to the evidence introduced and applicable law," says Palmer in Clark's motion.

Clark's sister, Sharon Sherwood, had a similar statement thrown out when the judge ruled that her statement was not voluntary. Her attorney, Roy Barrera Jr. argued that proper procedure had not been followed, and succeeded in having her earlier statement removed from evidence at the case.

No new trial date has been set for Clark, but the next scheduled appearance of Barton in Bandera's district court is Dec. 22 when he may hear the motion or set the date for the hearing, according to the clerk's office.

The county has spent \$10,000 for the two court-appointed attorneys, county treasurer Elizabeth James told county commissioners Monday, Dec. 12. Some \$6,000 was paid to Palmer and \$4,000 to Jack Robinson. Some additional \$2,000 plus was paid for investigation and psychiatric evaluation on Clark, she adds. This almost depletes the county's budget for court-appointed attorneys and this budget year. There are two other cases they are likely to require court appointed attorneys.

West Texan appointed extension agent here

Jan Bryson was approved as the new county home economics extension agent by Bandera County Commissioners at their meeting Dec. 12.

Bryson will begin her duties in Bandera County Jan. 16, says Gloria Swatlow, the extension district director from Uvalde.

Bryson comes from Crane, Tex., 30 miles west of Odessa, where she was Crane county's extension agent for seven years. She served Reagan and Upton counties for a year previously.

Bryson has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University with majors in home economics education and clothing.

Bryson's specialty is in family money management and nutrition and health. "I want to bring my expertise in money management to the county and help homeowners and ranchers with their financial management needs."

Bryson is a former 4-H from Glascock County. "I want to help make the 4-H program here the best it can be," says Bryson.

Bryson anticipates moving into the county Jan. 11.

Jan Bryson

B.J. Malone queen of Bandera trail ride

Bobbie Jane Malone will reign as queen of the 28th annual Cowboy Capital Trail Ride and will be crowned at San Antonio on February 7, the first night of camp.

Bobbie Jane, 16-year-old daughter of Bob and Jane Malone of Lakelille, has become well known for her rodeo ability and is very active in the Bandera County Youth Rodeo. She has won trophies and recognition in events such as calf roping, pole bending, barrel racing and was named all-around cowgirl for 1988 for the Bandera County Youth Rodeo season.

B.J. is a student of Bandera High School and is active in many school activities. She served two years as a junior high cheerleader.

SA's livestock show to drug test animals

San Antonio Livestock Show officials said this week they would test animals for illegal drugs and disqualify exhibitors whose animals show signs of substances banned by their rules.

Exhibitors will be required to sign a form certifying their animal is free of substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. will disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, or any exhibitor in violation of the 1989 Premium List or regulation of the San Antonio Livestock, Inc., the group said in a news release issued this week.

A primary target of their tests apparently is the strict enforcement of a ban on sulfamethazine residues in pork. Show officials said Rogenlein Company has informed them that all hogs sold to the Rogenlein Company must be ear-tagged and the value of animals condemned for drug reasons will be deducted from the company's payment for the animals.

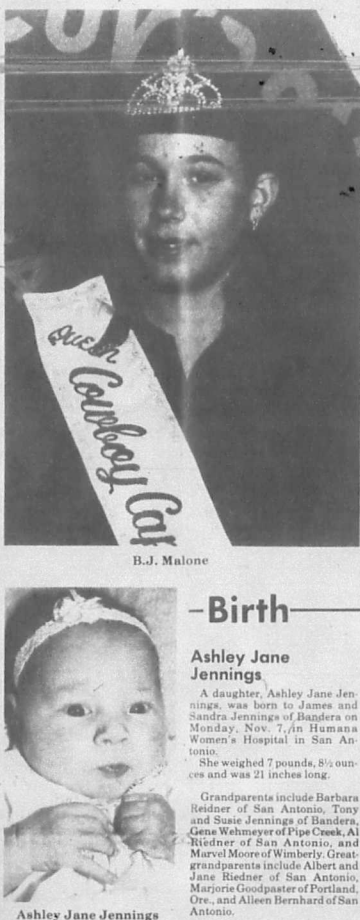
"If this carcass is condemned for any drug-related reason, the tag information will be included with the check and the value of that carcass deducted from the check to the show," said Ralph Grinde, a Rogenlein vice president.

The livestock show officials said the enforcement of a strong anti-drug policy reinforces of the

"We are proud to have B.J. Malone as queen of the 28th annual Cowboy Capital Trail Ride," says Frank R. Anderwald, long-time trail ride promoter. "She and her family will be great representatives for Bandera County."

The 28th annual Cowboy Capital Trail Ride will leave Twin Elm Ranch on Feb. 4 and will join the eleven other official rides in the big Western parade in San Antonio, Feb. 9. The Western parade opens the 30th annual San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The warm-up ride for the Cowboy Capital Riders will start at 2 p.m. Jan. 29, from Twin Elm Ranch. Trail ride applications will be mailed soon. Trail horses are available for lease. For more information call Anderwald at 796-3628.



B.J. Malone

Birth

Ashley Jane Jennings

A daughter, Ashley Jane Jennings, was born to James and Sandra Jennings of Bandera on Monday, Nov. 7, in Humana Women's Hospital in San Antonio.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8½ ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents include Barbara Reinder of San Antonio, Tony and Susie Jennings of Bandera, Gene Wehmeyer of Pipe Creek, Al Riedner of San Antonio, and Marvel Moore of Wimberly. Great-grandparents include Albert and Jane Riedner of San Antonio, Marjorie Goodpastor of Portland, Ore., and Alleen Bernhard of San Antonio.

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EMT class planned to begin next month

Bandera Emergency Medical Service will see in the new year with a training class starting the first week in January, according to spokeswoman Virginia Bland.

"Our greatest need is for more EMS personnel in Bandera," said Bland. "Right now Bandera has two paramedics."

She said there are only about five active technicians currently working in Bandera. Bland and course coordinator Lloyd Hickman are both certified instructors and coordinators, and both will assist in the training program.

Bandera County Commissioners Monday approved the expenditure of \$3,886.05 to fund an EMT class in Bandera. The funds will be turned over to Lloyd Hickman, Bandera EMS paramedic, who will arrange the class and return any unused funds to the county.

Hickman estimates the class could have as many as 15 students.

"I expect that many or more from the inquiries we've had," Hickman told commissioners.

There will be a modest tuition, that will be fully refunded after six months satisfactory service with the Bandera County EMS," said Bland. "Registration will be Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. in room 21 at Bandera High School. State certification exam will be April 18."

Students can certify for Basic EMT level or ECA, Bland said. "ECA, or emergency care

attendees are allowed to do virtually everything a basic EMT is required to do, but less (training) is required," said Bland.

Basic EMT class provides 50½ hours of lecture, she said.

The class will require 504 man-hours of teaching, evaluating, and coordinating from as many as three skilled instructors, seven area physicians, seven area paramedics, and one pastor, said Hickman.

Of the 504 hours, 40 hours will be spent in pre-course coordination, 40 hours to grade examinations, and 136 hours to evaluate instructors, explained Hickman in documentation he gave the commissioners.

The students will be involved in 59 hours of class lecture, 192 hours of medical skills instruction, 30 hours of state skills examination, and eight hours of retraining and retesting.

"The cost of the course would be less if there were fewer than 10 students, said Hickman.

Besides Bland and Hickman, instructors will include Drs. McAnally, Merritt, Allen, Montgomery, Smith, Davis, Rowe and Marx; Carolyn Dice, formerly of Leon Valley and now from Pipe Creek; Frederickburg paramedic Virginia Clark; Utopia Special Skills EMT Marianne Coffman; and paramedic from Medina and San Antonio Clay Walker.

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He charged that Fox and Adamietz "are not working for the betterment of the citizens of Bandera."

The council also referred only to "two councilmen," but he confirmed that he had, Fox said, Adamietz in mind when he wrote the letter.

He also charged that Fox and Adamietz depended on the advice and guidance of an ex-councilman, who he later identified as Gilbert Scheele.

The council approved Murrell's suggestions, which included his \$6-per-hour salary hike and his plea to license building contractors. The new fee schedule calls for an application fee of \$10, a permit fee of \$35 plus \$3 per \$1,000 of the structure's cost (not counting the first \$2,000).

Current fees are on a complicated sliding scale in which structures that cost in excess of \$100,000 pay only \$1.25 per \$1,000 while modest structures must pay up to \$3 per \$1,000.

The cost of a permit for a \$50,000 home under the new rates will be \$189 compared to \$136.50 under current rates.

The council took four steps to reduce city costs, including requiring one of three street crew members to take an unpaid, one-day furlough each week. The furloughs would be rotated weekly among the three crew members so that each will be required to take one day off without pay every three weeks.

That would save about \$50 per week, Mayor Adamietz said, and it was estimated that a 6.4 percent hike in residential garbage rates, from \$8 monthly to \$9.31, would bring in an additional \$400 per month.

The council also voted to transfer garbage collection fees into the general fund on a monthly basis instead of leaving them to accumulate in the water department. That move will free up some \$800 per month to pay city bills, says city treasurer Margaret Callahan.

They also voted to transfer to the general fund fees out-of-city

residents pay to have water service. The water rate payments will remain in the water department's account. The move will move an additional \$2,000 per month available to meet the city's current expenses.

The four moves will increase the city's revenue by \$615 per month and make an additional \$2,800 per month available to meet current expenses.

The council assured the audience that it had not done anything to get the city on a firmer financial standing. They voted to notify their law firm of the new fee schedule, and they will be interested in negotiating the firm's contract and seeking proposals from other attorneys.

They also voted to notify Garbage Gobbler that the city will advertise for new garbage collection bids in January 1990 and authorized the mayor to approach Garbage Gobbler with the possibility of reducing residential collection to one time weekly.

In other action the council continued the city's participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System at last year's level, authorized Bandera Downs to make a feasibility study of tying into the city's wastewater system, granted a variance to Bandera Junior High to erect an over-sized sign on school property near Building Stadium, and resolved to stop out-of-the-city water users to extend lines to mobile home pads in defiance of the city's policy.

Appreciation Party

A reception honoring Sheriff Guy V. Pickett and four other outgoing Bandera County officials will be held at the Bandera County Courthouse on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Honorees include the sheriff, County Commissioners Jimmy Russell and Pete Reed, and Constable Gene Ott and John K. Lowe Jr.

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Bands to play concerts at high school Thursday

Bands from Bandera schools grades 5 to 12 will perform a Pop, Christmas concert, Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

The approximately one-and-a-half hour concert for the community will feature separate performances of Christmas and popular music by the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school bands.

The concert will feature strictly entertainment music, says Bandera High School band director Milton Fox.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. with the fifth grade band playing selections "Good King Wenceslas," "Jingle Bells," "Holiday in Paris," and "Merry Little Lamb," says assistant band director Toni Batto. The sixth

grade will play "Christmas Suite," "Suite of Carols," and "Merry Christmas Polka."

The high school jazz band will play jazz and rock tunes including "Snap, Crackle, Rock," "Loner," and "Discover the Blues."

The junior high band will play "Many, Many," "Oh, Christmas Tree," "Christmas Fantasy," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," says Batto.

The concert will finish with selections by the high school band is guaranteed to end by 8:30 p.m., says Fox.

Admission to the concert is free. Refreshments will be served afterward in the band hall by the Bandera Band Boosters. The band boosters will also sell poinsettias after the concert to raise funds for band activities.

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cost \$9.545, which will consume almost all of the budget for new computer equipment. This upgrade will bring the county's computer system up to its maximum capacity.

The county's computer needs were not correctly estimated, said the original computer software supplier, Hart Graphics, says Meyer. "The equipment is working fine, we just need more of it," he said.

Business Records Corporation, the county's present software supplier, is recommending that the county purchase a second computer system to place the tax office, auditor, and treasurer on one computer and the courts, law enforcement, and other users on the second machine. The estimate on a second computer will cost \$25,796, which is not programmed into the 1988-89 budget.

In another budget matter, commissioners offered five bids for a motor grader for use by precinct four. The bids ranged from \$104,031 to \$65,000, but commissioners took no action on the bids until the equipment was demonstrated.

Precinct four currently has three motor graders, but two are in the shop with serious mechanical failures and the third is all but worn out, says commissioner N.P. (Bud) Thompson.

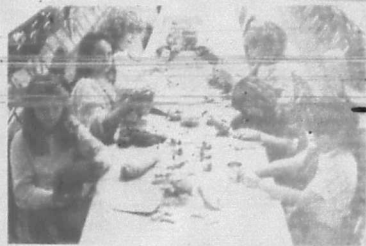
A decision on the grader will be made at the January meeting. In confronting the need to spend as much as \$140,000, commissioners discussed options, but took no action, other than leaving the purchases to the future.

"As long as we try to maintain a low tax rate and continue to get low tax income, we will be faced with a tight budget," says County Judge Ray Mauer.

"We should consider general obligation bonds to pay for these purchases and thereby extend these purchases into the next several budgets," suggests Commissioner Dan Alanis. Commissioner A.A. (Pete) Reed agreed with Alanis.

Another alternative suggested by Alanis was a sinking fund for each precinct.

In other action, commissioners do not plan to reconsider their Oct. 24 action cancelling the Altamira Hills Subdivision. The



Staff Photo by James Young

It takes many crafts to put on a bazaar, and these 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade girl scouts are doing their part. The first annual Girl Scout Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Bandera Bank Community Room beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Featured items will include arts and crafts and home baked items as well as pictures with Santa Claus.

(Continued from Page 1)

subdivision owned by Albert Aikek had only a few lots sold and currently has only two families as permanent residents.

Gary Whitfield and his wife appeared before commissioners to protest the cancellation, as they feel they were not adequately notified and commissioners' action sets a precedent allowing other subdividers to drop their commitment to land purchasers.

Whitfield quoted his subdivision restrictions requiring 90 percent of the people in the subdivision to be notified of property restriction changes as the reason he and his wife should have been directly contacted. "We would like to have been asked about our opinion on abandonment of the subdivision," he says.

Whitfield says he is afraid Aikek will sell off a few acres, and the purchaser can put anything they want on the property, such as a mobile home, in the possible detriment of their property values now that the property restrictions have been lost in the abandonment.

Whitfield asked commissioners to reinstate the subdivision, so they "can be in a position to bargain with Mr. Aikek." Otherwise, they will have to hire an attorney. "We are willing to work with Mr. Aikek so he can get his agricultural (tax exemption) use, but yet protect our property," says Whitfield.

The county has the power to accept or reject a subdivision plat, says Mauer, but the County does not have authority to enforce deed restrictions.

The proper notices were posted at the courthouse and published in the newspaper, says Mauer. "It does not specify in the law that each person must be notified

individually," says Mauer. "The subdivision abandonment was scheduled for the commissioners Oct. 11 meeting, but was delayed to give time to notify the residents." Wright said he made two calls to the county to get the subdivision plat to call him. Wright said he never got the new plat.

There was no meeting on the part not to notify, and Mauer's commissioners reacted their cancellation. The county could legal action from the subdivision, he says. The county should not change its position, he said.

County attorney Neil Darden has assured the county that nothing illegal was done by the county in the cancellation, said Mauer. A written notice to Darden will be sent to the county, he says.

Commissioners were given a Hewlett-Packard defibrillator heart monitor for the Pipe Creek ambulance for a \$2,000. The unit has been used in the Pipe Creek ambulance for at least two weeks on a demonstrative basis and they have experienced no problems, says Mauer.

The unit to be used by paramedics for heart patients has a five-year guarantee on the maintenance, but not the batteries. The county can pay a \$44 per month hardware support fee to maintain the unit after the five years have past. Fees for the purchase came from the county budget's EMS fund.

Final approval was given by Ernest H. Allen to combine two lots in Avalon Ranch subdivision on Elmwood Drive into a single lot of 0.7 acres. The property is located in Lakelille.

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Area Christmas programs set for this weekend and next

Las Posadas, hayride caroling Sunday at Bandera UMC

Traditional "Las Posadas," the walk in search of roscas de Reyes and Joseph, will highlight a service Sunday, Dec. 18 at Bandera United Methodist Church starting at 7 p.m.

Carols will include "How a Rose Ere Blowing," "Coventry Carol," "Pure Nobis," "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "He Born, Away in a Manger," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "As With Gladness Men of Old," and "Silent Night."

"We will meet in the fellowship hall, then go from room to room searching, ending up in the sanctuary," said the Rev. Jarrell Sharp. "The service will include a series of 10 readings and carols."

After the service, there will be refreshments and a visit from St. Nick in the fellowship hall.

"Afterwards, we will be caroling on a hayride," said Sharp.

Medina Methodist march to the manger Saturday evening

March to the Manger worship service will be held at Medina United Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m., according to the Rev. Ann Locasio.

The traditional Christmas program will include luminarias along the pathway, and many children and adults will be included. After the service, there will be refreshments, gifts and a visit from Santa Claus in the fellowship hall.

This annual celebration in Medina has been going on for at least 30 years, said Locasio. "We invite members of the community to come celebrate with us."

Combined Bandera and Boerne choirs at Grace Lutheran

The combined choirs of Grace Lutheran Church of Bandera and St. John's Lutheran Church of Boerne will celebrate Christmas in song with a presentation of a John Peterson cantata, "Love Transcending," at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera.

Visitors are welcome to join the congregation for this musical worship service, says the Rev. Sheldon Hermanson.

Soloists in the cantata include Jerry Neuschwander, Claire Roberts and Linda Balson.

Grace Lutheran will celebrate a candlelight family worship service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Christmas Day worship will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25.

PC First Baptist schedules Christmas program Sunday

The Pipe Creek First Baptist Church will hold its Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 18, tentatively scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The Christmas play will be presented by children of all ages, says the Rev. Ted Bosworth. A fellowship will follow.

For more information, call the church at 535-4057 or Neil Lundrum at 535-4750.

Living Christmas scenes at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church

Living Christmas Scenes will be presented by the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

There will be three scenes portrayed by church members on the grounds of the Little Rock Church where the Presbyterians hold their services. The backdrop will be lighted with candles.

The scenes will consist of the shepherds, the manger scene of Mary and Joseph, and a traditional family Christmas showing how Christmas is celebrated today.

Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate will be served. "Please join us for refreshments at the picnic tables," says Mary Carpenter, spokeswoman for the church.

The community is invited to come see the Living Christmas Scenes on the grounds of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church," says Carpenter.

The Little Rock Church is located on State Highway 16 west of Pipe Creek.

Hill Country Chapel schedules Sunday Christmas program

The "Becoming Children" music and drama team of Hill Country Chapel will present their Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Pipe Creek church with a covered dish meal.

The group of six-to-twelve year-olds will perform a singing and drama of a story of the angels becoming aware of why God sent his Son, says Darlene Marks, spokeswoman for the church.

The activities begin at 6 p.m. with a covered-dish dinner and followed by the program at 7 p.m. "The community is welcomed," says Marks.

The church is located on a side road left of State Highway 46.

Christmas story, singing Sunday at Faith Chapel

Faith Chapel of Lakehills will supplement its regular evening praise service with a Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 18, beginning at 6 p.m.

The one hour program of reading the Christmas story and singing appropriate carols to that part of the story will be held in the church's sanctuary, says the Rev. Adrian Rains. The Christmas story will be told "Both in scripture and song."

A fellowship will follow with finger snacks, cake, and punch in the church's social hall.

The church is located on Park Road 37, past the EMS building.

Lakehills Methodist Christmas program Sunday night

The Lakehills United Methodist Church will present its annual Sunday School Christmas program titled, "A Journey to Bethlehem" Sunday, Dec. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The program will begin in the

Look for the "Manger" in the Christian Mission—sign and stay to the left.

Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate will be served. "Please join us for refreshments at the picnic tables," says Mary Carpenter, spokeswoman for the church.

Junior High youth plan caroling Dec. 23 via hay wagon

Area youth will meet at the Bandera Youth Center Friday, Dec. 23 to go caroling. The event is sponsored by Bandera Optimist Club.

All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to meet at 5:30 p.m. sharp at the Youth Center on Cedar Street," said Gail Stone, spokeswoman for the group.

"Carolers will begin with a brief rehearsal, then head out on the hay wagon to sing through the streets of Bandera."

Caroling will continue until about 8:15 p.m., then the group will return to the Youth Center for refreshments. The youth center will close at 9 p.m.

In Last Historian?

Bandera Pass battle depicted

A copy of a watercolor by Edgar S. Paxson depicting the Battle of Bandera Pass in 1841 appears on the front page of what may be the last issue of The Bandera County Historian, a publication of the county's Historical Commission.

The present whereabouts of the original painting is unknown, the Historian says.

The watercolor is in the style of early Western painting popularized by Remington and Russell. It was offered for sale to the late Foster B. Doane by Kennedy Galleries of New York "a number of years ago," says the Historian. Doane did not purchase the work.

Doane once owned the Frontier Times Museum and donated it to the people of Bandera County. It is now operated by a self-appointed board of directors who say they operate on behalf of the people of the county.

The painting of the Bandera Pass ambush of Texas Rangers by Comanches depicts grass-covered slopes with no trees or brush in site, a setting questionable for its accuracy by The Historian.

"The publication notes, 'Did artist Paxson actually visit Bandera Pass at the turn of the century?' the publication asks. 'Were the slopes of the pass, now covered with trees and brush, then so devoid of vegetation as the painting indicates?'"

The historical publication notes that pioneers have pointed out that "the brush" done to this country fairly recently, but it wonders whether it had been so recently enough to enable artist Paxson to paint such a treeless scene. Paxson was born in 1852 and died in 1919.

"Perhaps the Indians did hide behind rocks, not trees, waiting to attack the (Capt. Jack) Hays company (of Texas Rangers)," the publication notes.

The only issue of The Historian printed in 1988 also contains a poem by physician Ferdinand P. Herff, who lived in Kendall and Bexar counties; a history of the Episcopal church in Bandera County by Dottie Hevener; and copies of the memoranda of agreement that led to the establishment of Bandera in 1852 and 1856.

Faded photographs of the area are included in the Bandera County Museum, the Historian said. They were signed by John James, Charles de Montel and J.H. Herndon and call for the purchase of land, laying off the town, sending settlers, and establishing a saw mill and shingle machine.

The first Episcopal church service in Bandera was conducted in 1880 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Guthrie and their nine children. Hevener writes. Fifty-three years later they began being conducted again in Jan. 8, 1947, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Vann with six communicants.

The current St. Christopher's Episcopal Church was constructed in 1951.

Peggy Tobin, editor of The Historian and chairwoman of the Bandera County Historical Commission, writes in the current issue that this may be the last "unless large donations are forthcoming from all readers."

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BANDERA First Baptist Church Pastor: Franklin Pullin Worship: Sunday 10:55 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Prayer meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m. 796-4171	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Pastor: James Hawley Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Prayer meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m. 796-4331 or 796-3510	Grace Lutheran Church Pastor: Sheldon Hermanson Worship: Sunday 10:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Day Care: Mon.-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. 796-3091	United Methodist Church Pastor: Ann Locasio Worship: Sunday 11:10 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Healing Service: Last Sunday of the Month 7 p.m. 589-2646	LAKEHILLS St. Victor's Catholic Church Pastor: Ralph Smith Worship: Saturday 7 p.m.	UTOPIA Church of Christ Minister: David MacDonald Worship: Sunday 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 966-3629
Church of Christ Minister: Martin Smith Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. 796-4752	St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Pastor: Ralph J. Smith Worship: Sat. 5 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Catechism: (fall/spring) Sunday 9:30 a.m. 796-4712	Camino Nuevo Pastor: Rev. Joel Garcia Corner of 13th and Hackberry Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible Study: Sunday 5:30 p.m. 796-2174	PIPE CREEK First Baptist Church Pastor: Ted Bosworth Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 535-4057	United Methodist Church Pastor: B.J. Rogers Worship: Sunday 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. UMYF: Sunday 11:15 a.m. Prayer Group Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. 751-2404	Baptist Church Pastor: Homer Stephens Worship: Sunday 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 966-3688
United Methodist Church Pastor: Jarrell V. Sharp Worship: Sunday 10:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. 796-3849	Walker Mem. Bapt. Chapel Pastor: Rev. Paul Flanders Worship: Sat. 5 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Services 7 p.m. 796-3171	God's House Pastors: Rev. Jerry & Kaye Van Winkle Worship: Sunday 10 a.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Polly Peak Storage Hwy. 16 & Polly Peak Dr. 796-4712	Hill Country Chapel Pastor: Albert Marks Sunday School: All Ages 9:45 a.m. Worship: Sunday 10:45 a.m. Senior Youth Activities: 1st & 3rd Sunday 4-6 p.m. Family Activities: Every Sunday 6 p.m. Bible Study: Wed. 8 p.m. Adult's & Children's: Thurs. 8 p.m. 535-4266	Faith Chapel Pastor: Rev. Adrian C. Rains Jr. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Praise & Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Hour of Power: 7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study: Call for information 251-2030 or 751-2481	Utopia United Methodist Church Pastor: Rev. Gordon Miller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Tuesday morning Prayer Meeting at 10 a.m. Church Parlor UMYF meets 2:30 P.M. Third Wednesday
Community Assembly Of God 1209 Cottonwood St. Pastor: Rev. Jim Price Sunday School (all ages): 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer & Praise: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. 796-7180 or 796-4245	Bahai Faith For Information James Ploum 751-3399	MEDINA First Baptist Church Pastor: Tommy Curtis Worship: Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Prayer meeting: Wed. 7 p.m. 589-2850 or 589-2395	Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church Little Rock Church, Hwy. 16 Pastor: Rev. Dale Hines Worship Service: Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 535-4009 or 535-4253	TARPLEY Baptist Church Pastor: Vernon Andrews Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. 562-3470	Living Waters Church Pastor: Randy Needham Praise & Worship: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Meeting in Community Building
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Pastor: Canon A. Nelson Dunt Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. 796-4387 or 796-4656	Church of Christ At Camp Bandera Minister: Lawrence Roy Smith Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Church of Christ Minister: Derrell McGlothery Worship: Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m. 589-2468	PIPE CREEK Presbyterian Church Little Rock Church, Hwy. 16 Pastor: Rev. Dale Hines Worship Service: Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 535-4009 or 535-4253	St. Mary's Catholic Church Pastor: Rev. Jose Luis Sandoval Mass: Sunday, 12:00 noon	VANDERPOOL Community Church Pastor: Jim Boyd Worship: Sunday 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. 966-3420

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Tarpley

By Nettie Dean — 562-3464

Rather cold showers came in from the North last Thursday changing the temperatures considerably and continuing through Saturday night.

Probably no more than 1/2-inch fell in our area, and there was beautiful sunshine on Sunday.

Saturday night was a festive time at the old Tarpley school house, when once more the rooms were filled with joy, laughter and the singing of Christmas carols, after a delicious supper.

Myrtle Andrews was the pianist for the singing. Thirty guests were present to partake of the party. The tables were decorated with Christmas favors that were napkin holders of red and green made by Marilyn Hauer. There was also a Christmas tree beautifully decorated by the front door.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. (Skeet) Singleton last Friday were Skeet's sister, Madge Chambers of San Antonio, and her niece, Billie Brossman of Frisco City, Ala.

Madge has returned from a 5-week trip through Alabama and Florida where she visited her relatives.

In Key Largo, Fla., she enjoyed visiting with relatives. Her niece Billie drove her back from Alabama and to visit Billie's uncle and aunt, the A.B. Singletons.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Dean visited Lewis Dean in the Medina Community Hospital Sunday and their neighbor, H.E. Haner.

They had dinner in Honda with Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Dean.

Program to aid rural areas

The Texas Agricultural Extension service in partnership with the Texas Bankers Association is launching a three-year economic "self-help" project to help revitalize rural communities.

The project is supported by a \$300,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. It is aimed at helping rural communities with policy options and strategies for adjusting to poor economic conditions brought on by the depressed energy and agricultural industries.

Many of our Texas communities have undergone severe economic stress in recent years, and there is major concern about their long-term growth and, in some cases, survival," said Dr. Ron Knutson, an economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Yet these communities can offer economic opportunity and an attractive quality of life for Texans.

"That's why we want to look at various government policies and programs that can play a key role in helping rural communities adjust to their future role and realize their potential," said Knutson, who is coordinating the project.



Katherine and Jack

Celebrates 50th

Jack and Katherine Williams celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Silver Spur Guest Ranch in Bandera, Texas.

They were married Dec. 24, 1938, in San Antonio, in a home ceremony with Dr. Perry Webb officiating.

They lived in San Antonio until 1978 when they moved to Lakehills after Jack's retirement from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Dan (Perry) Judy from Clopton, Ala., and three grandchildren, James and Susan from Clopton, and Daniel from Winter Park, Fla.

Official lake, river fish records contain 2 locally-caught lunkers

The fish that was once the state record largemouth bass, a 13.9-pounder caught in 1974, appears in the official water body fish records now being maintained by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The former state record that was landed by H. R. Matlock on Jan. 10, 1943, is listed as the Medina Lake record for largemouth bass and Keesee's 8.5-pounder is listed as the Medina River record.

No other fish from the lake or river have qualified for listing in the new list of water body records.

To facilitate certification of record fish, the wildlife department has created a single application form that can be used by an angler to apply for either a state record or a water body record, or various other big fish programs of the wildlife department.

Fish record application forms may be obtained from Parks and Wildlife Department offices across the state or by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112. Most fishing-related businesses will also have them on hand.

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The fish must be weighed on a scale certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the scale number must be included. The application must be signed by a weighmaster and two disinterested witnesses.

Qualifying fish must be equal to or greater than the existing record for the water body in question. Species include 18 of the more popular sport fish, and additional species may be included by the Fish Records Committee.

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Bandera Junior High and Senior High School artists show off some of the decorated windows at Bandera Inn that the group painted over three days last week.



Aikek Elementary School coach Lynn White and assistant Joanne Mansfield join some of the students who constructed the Christmas tree decoration in the school gym. "Every student from kindergarten through fifth grade traced their hands on green paper and cut them out," said White. The paper hands were then composed on the wall as tree branches by the fourth and fifth grades, he said.

CHRISTMAS BANDERA STYLE!!

Staff Photos by Larry T. Williams

They throw darts for Christmas benefit

The December dart marathon and tournament to benefit The Spirits of Christmas Presents will take place at the Fiddlin' Around Lounge in Lake Hills.

The marathon begins Friday at 6 p.m. and continues to midnight with participants competing in singles, doubles, hi-low, cricket, 301, and 901 games.

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Signs, lights, and Nativity scenes of Christmas are going up all over Lakehills and Pipe Creek. Here Michael O'Dell, 1, inspects his father, Bobbie's, work on Faith Chapel's display. Also pictured are Brian Martin, 9, behind the Mary figure, Katie Kirskey adding the final touches to the manger, and Melissa Kret doing what kids do best.

Chris Hines elected in Pipe Creek

Chris Hines was elected to the Pipe Creek Community Center governing board by a three-to-one margin.

A total of 101 votes by Pipe Creek residents were counted at the community center meeting Dec. 7. Hines received 68 votes.

Robert (Bob) Woodall, current board president, received 23, and 10 votes were dissipated, reports Virginia Stricker, board secretary-treasurer.

Chris will take office Jan. 1 for a term of three years, says Stricker.

"The community would like to extend its appreciation to Bob Woodall for overseeing the needs of the center during his three-year term," says Stricker.

At the next general meeting, Jan. 11 beginning at 7 p.m., the three trustees on the board will select one of their number as primary trustee to maintain the center's calendar of scheduled events and rentals, says Stricker.

Also at the January meeting, the annual scholarship child

cook-off date will be set and the initial plans will be made.

The Pipe Creek Community Center exists for the community and public use. The rental fee that is collected for weddings, parties, meetings, and special events is used to maintain and improve the facilities, says Stricker.

"Interest has dropped and we need people to attend the general meetings to give views and opinions, for the center belongs to the community," says Stricker.

Call 751-2000 for reservations. Cost is \$15 per couple and \$7.50 per person.

Caroling and a Live Nativity scene will be featured at the Lakehills Civic Center Dec. 22, starting at 4 p.m.

The Medina Lake Betterment Association at the Lakehills United Methodist Church will jointly sponsor the Christmas program complete with caroling and a Nativity scene. The program will be presented three times, beginning at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each program.

"This will be the first year for the Lakehills United Methodist Church and the Medina Lake Civic Center to jointly present a Christmas program," says spokeswoman Carol Lobert. Other organizations will also participate.

An appearance by Santa Claus is expected at 6:46 p.m.

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Chris Hines was elected to the Pipe Creek Community Center governing board by a three-to-one margin.

A total of 101 votes by Pipe Creek residents were counted at the community center meeting Dec. 7. Hines received 68 votes.

Robert (Bob) Woodall, current board president, received 23, and 10 votes were dissipated, reports Virginia Stricker, board secretary-treasurer.

Chris will take office Jan. 1 for a term of three years, says Stricker.</

Entertainment

SA Christmas pageant planned by Castle Hills Baptist Church

The eighth annual San Antonio Christmas pageant will be presented in the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum Friday and Saturday by Castle Hills Baptist Church.

The under two-and-a-half hour pageant will consist of two acts, one of entertaining "Search for Santa under the Sea" and the second act portraying the life of Christ from Bethlehem to the resurrection.

The first act will present a family entertainment segment which will consist of a search for Santa Claus. A wheel show of skiboards and bikes will act out the first part of this act, says Malcolm Grainger, the show's producer. The actors will receive word that Santa Claus has been sighted under the sea.

Using black lights and a 60-foot wide by 35-foot high stage, the program will be complete with King Neptune, the Night Before Christmas poem, and penguin-costumed singers.

Following an intermission, the second act will portray the life of Christ from the prophecies, through the story of Mary and Joseph, village scenes in Galilee, miracles, the trial before Pilate, the crucifixion, and end with the resurrection, says Grainger.

The program will be complete with live animals including camels, laser lights, and indoor fireworks, and a concert by a 250-member choir and orchestra.

All the actors are volunteer with the exception of the narrator and the facility workers. The program involves 800 people either in the show, behind the scenes, or working in committees.

Piano recital set

Christmas tunes including traditional favorites and some new arrangements will be featured in a piano student recital Sunday, Dec. 18 at Bandera United Methodist Church.

The recital will begin at 4 p.m. and refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall immediately afterwards. Performers are all students of Janna Sandage.

to make the program come off. The cost of the tickets is used to recover some of the cost of the program and rental on the coliseum, says Grainger.

Performances will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4, \$6, and \$8 and are available from Rainbow Ticket Masters outlets and the Castle Hills Baptist Church. Call 377-8491 for more information.

Garden club party

An old-fashioned Christmas party and gift exchange was enjoyed by members and guests of the Madrona Garden Club Friday at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Thelma Davenport Hall.

Helen Ahr, program chairman, introduced Olga Holdue, local artist, who presented a program that included painting a colorful floral design on a blouse.

Forest of trees

River Hills Mall in Kerrville is the site of a "forest of Christmas trees" that will be displayed Dec. 13-23. The trees are judged and prizes are awarded.

Jam session set

A jam session sanctioned by the United Fiddler's Association will be held at the American Legion Hall in Bandera Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. All musicians and the general public are invited. Legion Hall officials said.



Jodi Bergland-Holen played a complete piano rendition of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite at the Fine Arts Christmas party Dec. 6.

Holen plays 'Nutcracker'

Piano renditions of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Robert Schumann's Trauermusik were among the highlights of the Bandera Fine Arts Christmas party Dec. 6 at the Pipe Creek home of local pianist Jodi Holen. Holen, an accomplished musician who teaches piano and violin privately, played the selections during the entertainment portion of the program.

"A delightful report of the organization of the Bandera Fine Arts Club was given by Mrs. D.W. (Carmen) Hicks, charter club member and first president," said Dorothy Ann Roberts. "Mrs. R.M. Lehman, club member and Mrs. Hicks were honored with corsages."

Mico author also a civic worker

By Carol Smith
Special Correspondent

Marilyn Schlitz is known around the Mico area for her involvement with the Mico Volunteer Fire Department and the Medina Lake Preservation Society, but she is known by a wider audience for her book, "Reflections on Medina Lake."

However, it is for her work as a parapsychologist that she has received national attention and her work in non-medical healing may soon gain her international recognition.

Schlitz became interested in writing a book on Medina Lake when she moved into an old rock house near the lake in 1980. While walking around on the property, she discovered the ruins of a previous home and found herself contemplating the people who had lived, worked and played around the lake over the years.

As a cultural anthropologist, Schlitz started looking at Mico as a sort of "case study" for her masters' thesis in ethnohistory. The paper was accepted by the department of Anthropology of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Marilyn conducted hundreds of interviews with local residents, especially those who had seen the Medina Dam being built and were still around to tell about it. Panchita Thomson of Lakehills, the late John (Pappy) Sinemier of Mico, and Archie Jagge of Rio Medina are a few of the older

people who are quoted and/or pictured.

Her book, "Reflections on Medina Lake," is a cultural look at the makings of a rural resort community, the inter-relationships of power, politics, people and water. Schlitz maintains an active interest in water issues. "So much has happened since my book came out 1 1/2 years ago," Schlitz says. "The hydroelectric plant, the Applewhite Reservoir being approved, the Edwards Underground Water District plan to buy Medina Lake, the San Antonio regional water plan, and now talk of Medina County pulling out of the Edwards Underground Water District all together."

Schlitz' book is available at the Bandera Bulletin, Lakehills Ice House, Lakehills Variety Store, and the Twig Bookstore in San Antonio. It is a limited edition and no second printing is planned.

Beyond being an author, Schlitz is a research associate and project director at the Mind Science Foundation in San Antonio. The MSF is a research foundation devoted to the study of the mind, and Schlitz is one of the few documented parapsychologists in the world.

She has appeared on the informational science program "Nova" and has been interviewed by "OMNI" magazine several times. Schlitz is featured in an informational video now available

Marily Schlitz known locally as author and president of the Medina Lake Preservation Society, has received national recognition by appearing on public television's "Nova" program and with interviews in "OMNI" magazine for her work in parapsychology.

on the subject of psychic healing research entitled, "Thinking Aloud."

She plans to spend a year in Saint Lucia, West Indies, an independent country in the eastern Caribbean, to complete her Ph.D. dissertation on non-medical healing practices.

Schlitz spends a lot of time lecturing in the United States and Europe and has been invited to speak at the United Nations.

Her community involvement includes being a qualified driver for the Mico VFD and the president of the Medina Lake Preservation Society.

With her office in the MLPS, she frequently speaks out on population and economic growth as it effects limited water resources. "As we move rapidly into the 21st century, it's really important to stay on top of the water issues," Marilyn reflects.

"We are dependent on this highly limited natural resource that has and will continue to become more and more valuable. We need to respect the balance of nature," she warns.



Marilyn Schlitz stands near what made her book, "Reflections on Medina Lake" possible. While the book deals mainly with the community and the politics of water, without Medina Dam, there'd be little to write about.

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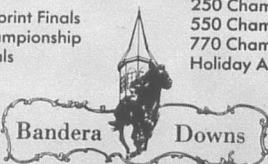
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Bandera High School All-A Honor Roll students from the second six weeks include Eva Dice, upper left, Eric Grenet, Jeff Hensley, DeLeene Wilkerson, lower left, Eric Schimandle, Jennifer Craven, and Jeanie Paradee. Not pictured are Joe Craven, Brad Floyd, Jesse Gaspar, Michelle Glenn, Camdi Grimes, Ruth Mazurek, Tiffany Moseley, Carlyn Pearson, and Eric Wylie.



These BHS students are part of the 82 on the second six weeks A and B honor roll.

Front row from the left, Carrie Fellows, Rachel Bosworth, Claudia Rivera, Crystal Waddell, Janet Trawick, and Jeannette Meyer. Second row, Stacy Pearson, Heather Small, Vicki Hearn, Gloria Obe-

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Seven BJHS students qualify for Duke search

Seven students from Bandera Junior High School have qualified and applied for participation in this year's Talent Search for mathematically and verbally outstanding students sponsored by Duke University's Talent Identification Program. The program identifies bright, seventh graders from a 16-state region in the south, southwest, and midwest.

Terry D'Spain, Elizabeth Edmondson, J.R. Forsythe, Gabe Johnson, Brad Pfeiffer, Julie Trawick, and Oadi Wyman, all of Bandera Junior High School are applicants for the 1988 Talent Search.

To be eligible, students must have scored at the 97th percentile or better on an in-school achievement or ability measure. They will sit for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ACT Assessment (ACT), normally taken by college-bound juniors and seniors, in December, January, or February. Many of these students score as well or better than the average college-bound senior on these measures. All participants receive Certificates of Merit and some become eligible for state-wide

recognition ceremonies or a variety of educational programs. TIP, established in 1980, has provided thousands of students with information about their abilities and educational options. The purposes of the program are to help academically able students develop their special abilities, to assist schools in working with their brightest students, and to understand the nature of exceptional mathematical and verbal ability.

Plans set for '89 prom

Theme, site and date have all been finalized for the 1989 Junior-Senior Prom.

The BHS Junior class met earlier in the year to decide on the date and site of the Prom. The majority voted for April 15 at Tapatio Springs, and it was approved by the school board.

The theme was voted on at a class meeting. Four choices were given, which included Golden Nights, A Night to Remember, On the Edge of a Dream, and Enchantment Under the Stars. The majority of the class selected On the Edge of a Dream.

The music has not been selected. The class will now organize decorations for the prom using the Senior class colors midnight blue and gold.

— Lauri Reagan

Honor roll

Second six weeks

All As

Fourth grade — Ivan Cromwell, Heidi Hicks, Shannon Hubbard, Sara Loney, Monica Pickett, Cheryl Pineda, Lisa Wadsworth, Rusty Zentgraf, Jeff Bunn, Anna Hensworth, Anna Comins, Jennifer Jackson, Marsha Knowles, Julie Johnson and Alexia Trimble.

Eighth grade — Karl Rex, Christine Cooper, Shana Miley, Ben Van Wormer, Kelly Voss and Kyle Woodland.

Seventh grade — Brian Pickett, Natalie Kowler, Matt Landrum, Brian Mosley, Brad Pfeiffer, Melissa Schneider, Michael Ward and Windy Wagner.

Ninth grade — Hans Hen, Holly Combs, Heather Gardner, Lee Jenkins, Connor Mansfield and Christi Wilson.

10th grade — Michelle Glenn, Jeanie Paradee and Jay Schimandle.

11th grade — Jennifer Craven, Eric Grenet, Camdi Grimes, Jeff Hensley, Tim Gatz, Maesley, and Carlyn Pearson.

12th grade — Jesse Gaspar, Ruth Mazurek, DeLeene Wilkerson, and Eric Wylie.

All As and Bs

Fourth grade — Allen Beavers, Elzaba Boushous, Quint Calles, Lucy Campbell, Tracy Celencki, Chris Davis, Travis D'Spain, Sara Effert, David Gibson, Samantha Hen, Heather Howell, Ryan Krause, Wendy Kummerle, Opey Mayfield, Arlene McCloud, Paul Meeker, Lorenzo Meador, Chris Metz, Regina Montague, Jenny Phillips, Stephen Rodriguez, Sara Rowen, Colleen Roberts, Raymond Short, Justin Blaise, Christine Stricker, April Terry, B.J. Thomas, Maureen Wilkins, Andy Wilkerson, Adriana Alamo, Kristy Anderson, Tamara Andrialski, Adriana Blaw, Melissa Boren, Sonya Callaway, Sean Clark, Angela Calver, Gae Dussell, Lisa Evans, Sara Flores, Matthew Frazier, Christine Hendrix, Stacy Kinney, Julie Landrum, Lisa Loney, Jennifer Moore, Abby Nightingale, Courtney Ogard, Derek Pfeiffer, Kelly Raguly, Ruth Roberts, Jennifer Schaeffer, Reed Sereby, Jessica Sheld, Scott Small, Tomika Stricker, David Townsend and Kathy Zickler.

Sixth grade — Ty Billings, Dustin Brown, Bart Byrley, Greg Calloway, Chad Davis, Billy Elliott, Heather Ellinger, Jackie Edwards, Jennifer Fuentes, Shannon Gray, Eric Griffiths, Jason Hearn, Domingo Hinson, George Huber, Holly Howell, Shane Hubbard, Justin Johnson, Kim Lakachik, Brent Mansfield, R.T. Moore, Lynette Morrow, Jane Neuenhauer, Christi Osterman, Lisa Rodgers, Johnny Stroud, Angela Taker, Cindy Wagner, Minnie Whitehead, Heather Willis and Willyon Zickler.

Seventh grade — Courtney Cota, Penny Cudd, Elizabeth Edmondson, Kyle Everett, J.R. Forsythe, Sandra Grest, Jarrod Harmon, Teri Harrison, Robert Knutson, T.J. Lakachik, Dale Martin, Jason Powers, Matt Sandridge and Julie Trawick.

Eighth grade — Sheryl Brown, Marla Cook, Troy D'Spain, Tanya Ellis, Jean Flores, Rickie Gerd, Seymour Harguel, Juan Lopez, Donald Mayers, Arthur Medina, Kelly Reiser, Gah, Obiedo, Allen Rodgers, Stephanie Rodriguez, Satya Rossmore, Nick Roach, Joyce Seert and Kimber Voss.

Ninth grade — Colby Anderson, Amy Calder, Brandon Casburn, Julie Cherry, James Clifford, Lisa Ferris, Chris Hensley, Rachel Hofer, Bobby Hopper, Denise Johnson, Melissa Kinney, Paul Mangold, Michael Mazurek, Carrie McFarland, Stacy Pearson, Claudia Rivera, Ben Samuel, Heather Small, Janet Treweek and Les Wharton.

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Mr. and Miss Santa Julie Hearn and Jeff Bachman.

Bachman, Hearn named Mr. and Miss Santa

Jeff Bachman and Julie Hearn were named Mr. and Miss Santa at the senior-sponsored Christmas dance.

Bachman and Hearn are both active in school. Bachman played football and was named honorable mention all-district defensive lineman. Hearn is in band and was a co-captain for the 1988 Flag Corps.

To complete "A Winter Wonderland," the theme for the dance, Santa was present for people to have their pictures taken with him. The dance was reportedly a great success with 70 people attending, raising \$100 for the Senior Class. Clint Schantz was the disc jockey and kept the night rolling.

— Carlyn Pearson

Journalism staff bake sale nets \$66 profit

"It's the season to munch, munch," was a theme at BHS Dec. 6 when the journalism newspaper staff had their first Christmas bake sale.

Teddybear cookies, Rice Krispie bars, fudge, peanut brittle, and holiday cake filled with candy and cookies were some of the items sold to BHS students and teachers during break and lunch.

The profit from the sale was \$66. This money will be used to help pay the cost of printing the high school newspaper.

The First Annual and Probably the Last Newspaper Bake Sale was so successful that the newspaper staff is considering having another one," said Mr. Margie Keese, the newspaper advisor.

— DeLeene Wilkerson

Theater arts class entertains with comedy skits Friday

High school students were entertained Friday morning when the theater arts class presented several comedy skits.

Among the skits was the all-time classic Abbott and Costello argument of "Who's On First," presented by Belinda Sanchez and Mari Elliott. Sanchez and Elliott kept the audience laughing with their fast-talking and quick comebacks.

The Psychiatrist," presented by Allan Anderson and Kerry York showed how the double-talk of doctors will make you think about taking a dictionary with you to your next doctor's appointment.

"The Newlyweds," presented by Brett Emmons and Stacy Skloss showed how the romance can fade away from a relationship after the vows have been said.

"They'll Be Sorry," presented by Fatti Kindla showed the remarkable way a child thinks after his/her feelings have been hurt and they want to get even, but ends up learning a lesson by mistake. Haven't we all felt that way before?

— Shelley Cujko

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Silver Sage Corral

By Glenn Wehmer

The Melodiers, the center's musical ambassadors, gave four performances of their Christmas-tide recital in just one week. They appeared at the local Shopper's Jubilee festivities on Friday, the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Kerrville on Saturday, for some 500 persons at the annual Volunteers Awards Tea at Kerrville State Hospital on Tuesday, and had a major triumph at the Kristinville Market in Fredericksburg on Saturday.

After a performance at the Jelyatone RV camp here in Bandera on Dec. 16, the 25 member group plans a little time off, unless of course someone calls in a request for them to play just one more time before Christmas.

The Volunteers Awards Tea Dec. 6 in Kerrville was practically a celebration of "Bandera" with our community being involved in almost every aspect of the day's program.

The tea used a Western motif for this year, and so natural Bandera was on hand to lend its expertise in those areas where one just has to know what's Cowboy correct.

The buffet tables featured centerpieces of cedar fence posts, barbed wire, horseshoes, long-necks, sixshooters and bandanas topped with true gift cowboy hats and boots, all arranged on a Texas-shaped base and wired with twinkling lights and dyed cedar branches.

Joan Broomall, the center's Santa elf who volunteered to open the Corral for Christmas Day and decorate accordingly, is in need of some additional elves to help. Anyone who can help with decorating for the covered-dish luncheon Christmas Day may come by the center on Friday, Dec. 23. Those who can help

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A Thought For The Week

By John M. Grimes

How often do you have doubts about your abilities or doubts about other people? It is healthy and wise to have doubts at times about certain things, but when doubts become chronic and cloud simple reasoning, then doubting has deteriorated to a sickness of skepticism.

We see men of peace and serenity, we see them with all the trappings of faith and dignity and we doubt whether these men ever have a doubt about anything. They seem so sure of themselves.

But they too, have doubts at times because to doubt is only human. This was true from the days of the Palmists to and through the days of Thomas and is true today. When we find ourselves gripped with uncertainty, we are bound to have doubts. But promiscuous doubting should not be.

Doubts torment us only because we have too little faith. This is true whether it applies to people, science, religion or anything else. Obviously then, the best way to reduce doubts is to increase faith. Sounds simple? It is.

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Senior citizens

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Staff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Purple Hills Manor

By Mada Wedgworth — 796-4736

The Rev. Jim Price of the Assembly of God Church used for District Sunday Lake 5-114, "The Christmas Message." Guests included Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick, Meleese Rugh and Marley Johnson.

Judi Johnson from Kansas City, Kan., and Connie Taylor of Bandera visited Winnie Chadwick and other friends last Monday.

Ola Bell Allsup of Medina visited her brother-in-law, Louie Allsup.

Residents Ada Sehon, Martha Fitzpatrick, Mildred Waltersdorf, Christine Kalka, Josephine Chapman, and Evelyn Hostetter joined Fannie Caffall, Aggie Batto, and Annette Kalka, Schutte in the living room Monday evening for Rosary, prayers and singing.

Martin Smith from the Church of Christ had Bible reading for eight residents Wednesday morning.

Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick visited friends in the home Sunday and Wednesday evening and took Jack Holloway to services at the Church of Christ.

Dottie Davis visited her cousin, Winnie Chadwick. Mr. and Mrs. McGee also visited Winnie.

Luther and June Mathis guests last week were Oleta Davis and Bill and Irene Smith.

Ette Autry is new to the Purple Hills family.

Habert and Tay Lewis of Ingleside visited her sister, Mary Koehler.

Oleta Davis visited Edith Edwards.

Mary Webb visited her sister, Lois King.

C.C. Rankin is in the hospital.

Clare and Ashley Rugh visited Aunt Helen and Uncle Charles Rugh.

The women from Hill Country Chapel came last Wednesday afternoon for their regular monthly

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Results

Results for December 11:
First race: 550 yards in 28.41.
 1. Doctor Bright; 2. Master Bid; 3. Cash; 4. Annie.
Second race: 550 yards in 28.00.
 1. Fast Sam; 2. Backward Glance; 3. Let's Boogie; 4. Darlin'.
Third race: 400 yards in 21.14.
 1. Shawnee Revenge; 2. Proud Woman; 3. See Spot.
Fourth race: 400 yards in 21.14.
 1. Lovin' Leavin'; 2. Biddab-lades; 3. Key Signature.
Fifth race: 350 yards in 18.24.
 1. Totally Amazing; 2. Jet Ten; 3. Sally O'Malley.
Sixth race: 350 yards in 18.46.
 1. La Beduna; 2. Flash Lane; 3. Mowat.
Seventh race: 350 yards in 18.31.
 1. Roulin Cash; 2. Deal Em; 3. Sucha Go Chick.
Eighth race: 350 yards in 18.24.
 1. Kitahara; 2. Ms. Fire Ants; 3. Brenda Harrah.
Ninth race: 350 yards in 18.29.
 1. Time to Dash; 2. Mi Flashy Arrow; 3. Cash Report.
Tenth race: 350 yards in 18.25.
 1. Lights of Austin; 2. Kermit Wrangler; 3. Godfather's Taint.
Eleventh race: 330 yards in 17.57.
 1. Always Cassie; 2. Some Kind of Thing; 3. Impression Promise.
Twelfth race: 330 yards in 17.86.
 1. Upe Boy; 2. Miss Dos Kings; 3. Kims Wizard.
Thirteenth race: 300 yards in 16.07.
 1. Dupliquat; 2. Go Peace River; 3. Ms. Crimson Tide.
Fourteenth race: 300 yards in 16.15.
 1. Texas Scoop; 2. Flashy Smash; 3. Raffles Twice.
Fifteenth race: 300 yards in 16.03.
 1. Oh Shee A Sugar; 2. Bubba Little Man; 3. Saguro Lad.
Sixteenth race: 4 1/2 furlongs in 37.97.
 1. Doctor J; 2. Backward Glance; 3. Tautous Pledge.
Seventeenth race: 4 1/2 furlongs in 36.70.
 1. Street Which; 2. Back Door Don; 3. Ballygore.
Eighteenth race: 770 yards in 42.71.
 1. Scratch and Win; 2. Blushin Maiden; 3. Hemptens Easy Victor.
Nineteenth race: 770 yards in 42.46.
 1. Littleberry Patch; 2. Mostly Dark; 3. Lady Bye Bye.
Twentieth race: 660 yards in 36.60.
 1. Best Tex; 2. Dr. Stat; 3. Ole Pro.

Bandera Downs plans 35 days non-pari-mutuel races

Bandera Downs officials have announced a schedule of 35 days of non-pari-mutuel racing at the local track during 1989, with racing to begin Jan. 14 and race days scheduled in every month of the year.

Biggest months for non-pari-mutuel racing will be September and October when the nags will be running on eight days and when featured Miller Lite Allowance, The Texas Derby and the JAL Ranch series will be held. Racing is scheduled on Sept. 2, 3, 10 and 30 and Oct. 1, 7, 8 and 15.

Time will be three days of racing in each of the months of January, February, March, April, June, August and November.

The schedule:

Jan. 14, 22 and 29	July 23 and 30
Feb. 5, 12, 19	Aug. 12, 13 and 20
March 18, 19 and 29	Sept. 2, 3, 10 and 30
April 15, 16 and 23	Oct. 1, 7, 8 and 15
May 7 and 14	Nov. 4, 5 and 12
June 17, 18 and 25	Dec. 10 and 17

Junior high girls win two

Bandera's seventh grade girls defeated Medina Valley, 23-17, Monday, Dec. 12, and the BJJ eighth grade girls stopped Medina Valley, 33-10.

Leading scorers for the seventh graders were Natalie Koshler with nine points and Stacy Barra with eight. Leading the eighth graders were Niki Rouch with 14 points and Jennifer Schindler with seven. Rouch also had six steals and a pair of rebounds.

The seventh grade B team won, 8-6, and the eighth grade B lost, 6-4.



Staff Photo by James Frasier

Bandera High School Lady Bulldogs won their second consecutive tournament for the season in Hondo. Front row, left to right, Galy Kluna, Kim Lukachik; middle row, Christi Schindler, Carrie Fellows, Ruth Mazurek, Ann Chafin; back row, Marel McGoldrick, Lisa Wharton, Christy Parker and Peggy Whitehead.

Girls lose district opener; boys win seventh of the year

Bandera's Lady Bulldogs dropped their district opener Tuesday, losing to 7-4 by defeating Center Point, 64-48, in the Pirates gym.

The Lady Bulldogs will play a non-district game Friday in Bulldog Gym while the boys open in the Picket Invitational Tournament Thursday with Antonian.

Bandera girl cagers win second tournament

For the second consecutive week, Bandera girls won a tournament championship and the boys were runners-up.

The Lady Bulldogs won the Hondo Invitational Tournament Saturday by repeating their Bandera tournament victory over Medina Valley, but this time it took a 3-minute overtime period.

The Bandera girls won, 43-42, and three of their stars were named to the all-tournament team, seniors Ruth Mazurek and Ann Chafin and freshman Lisa Wharton.

The boys avenged a pair of defeats by Pearisall, including one in the Bandera Tournament last week to spoil the Mavericks' own tournament this week, but lost to Class AAAA Pleasanton, 78-69, in the finals Saturday night to

win their second runners-up trophy.

Epi Cardenas scored 36 points in the tournament opener against Crystal City and 26 in the finals Saturday and he was joined by senior Walt Stricker on the all-tournament team.

The Lady Bulldogs beat Cole's Lady Panthers, 56-42, in the opening round at Hondo as Lisa Wharton scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

The Bandera girls advanced to the tournament finals by defeating host Hondo Friday, 55-44. Wharton poured in 22 points again Saturday as the Lady Bulldogs outlasted Medina Valley in overtime for the title.

The boys advanced to the Pearisall tourney title game by defeating Crystal City Thursday, 58-61, and Pearisall Friday, 78-69.



Joel Sides Josh Turpin

Bobcat gridders named to all-district teams

Medina High School coach Jerry Dodson announced that six Bobcat gridders were selected to the All-District Teams.

Senior Joel Sides won first team honors as both offensive linemen and defensive linebacker. Junior Josh Turpin was selected for the first team defensive sec-

ondary and second team receiver.

Dean Kott and Tim Wells made the second team defensive line while David Pickle was honored as second team linebacker and offensive lineman. Tim Green was selected second team quarterback and defensive secondary.

Bobcat cagers improving say Medina coaches

The Medina Bobcats have an even season going so far, according to coaches Ray Young and Richard Mims.

The boys are now 5-4 with wins against Harper, Cherokee, Castle Hills, San Antonio Christian and Utopia and losses to out-of-district Ingram, Keystone and

twice to class A Leakey.

"The boys are continuing to improve every game," says Young. "We've defeated two of our district opponents, so I feel good about our chances," he said.

Medina's girls have wins against Cherokee, Harper, San Antonio Christian and Center Point and close losses to Ingram and Fredericksburg's J.V. and to

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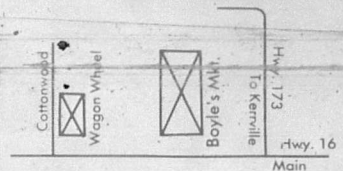
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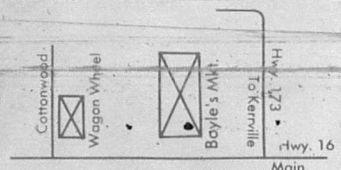
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County population up 33% since 1980

By Nick Johnson

Bandera County's population increased by fully 33.4 percent between 1980 and 1987 to reach 9,450 persons, according to the latest figures from the Texas Department of Commerce.

The growth rate in Bandera County during the first seven years of the decade was almost twice the statewide rate of 18.0 percent and was higher than all area counties except Kendall (Boerne) and Comal (New Braunfels), the new population estimates show.

Population in the county increased from 7,084 in 1980 to 9,450 on July 1, 1987, the Commerce Department said. It includes 4,855 females, or 51.4 percent of the total, which is a slight increase over the 51.0 percent females in 1980.

Fastest-growing groups in Bandera County during the past seven years have been Hispanics, whose numbers increased by more than seven times, and persons between the ages of 18 and 25 years, whose numbers more than doubled.

The number of persons over 75 years of age rose from 456 to 718, a 57.5 percent increase, but the number of senior citizens between the ages of 65 and 74 years increased by only 27.1 percent, from 833 to 1,069.

The number of younger persons between the ages of 18 and 24 more than doubled during the first seven years of the decade, from 541 to 1,086 (100.7 percent).

The estimated population for 1987 includes 1,008 Hispanics, or 10.7 percent of the total. A total of only 136 Hispanics was counted in 1980 by the U.S. Census Bureau, or 1.9 percent of the total.

The estimated county population a year earlier (July 1, 1986) was 8,763, the Commerce Department said. The county added 687 persons in the year between July 1, 1986 and July 1, 1987, a one-year increase of 7.8 percent.

The figures were developed by the Department of Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University and are the averages of estimates using ratio-correlation and component-method II procedures, the

Bandera County population

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Department of Commerce said. They have been reviewed by a network of reviewers from across the state.

The population of the city of Bandera increased from 947 to 1,309 during the seven-year period, a growth rate of 38.2 percent. Only Boerne (50.7 percent) and New Braunfels (43.0 percent) among area cities showed a greater rate of growth. Boerne's 1987 population was estimated at 4,467 and New Braunfels' at 32,041.

Plano and Austin have been the fastest-growing of Texas cities with more than 100,000 popu-

lation in the first seven years of the decade. The number of Plano residents increased by 59.3 percent, to 115,198, while Austin grew to 508,185, an increase of 47.1 percent.

The 10 largest cities in Texas, according to the 1987 population estimates, are Houston (1,898,337), Dallas (1,061,850), San Antonio (989,591), Austin, El Paso (502,884), Fort Worth (472,608), Corpus Christi (256,362), Arlington (231,985), Lubbock (197,863) and Garland (175,457).

Austin has moved from sixth (See POPULATION, Page 5A.)



Staff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Jim Evans and Kathy Gardner are ready to start delivery of "at least 150 bags" of holiday happiness from the Spirits of

Christmas Presents. The local Santas will begin delivering their gifts on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24.

When the Santas and Elves deliver toys and food to families this Christmas Eve, they'll encounter letters to Santa on the door, children that run to hug, and faces lined up in a window, Norman Rockwell-style. But the story teller of a visit is the glow on the faces of the children. "You hear about faces lighting up, but their faces light up like a spotlight," says Santa Evans.

It's The Spirits of Christmas Presents annual odyssey of goodwill. Please see Page 1B.

Bandera woman recalls Christmas in old Mexico

By Janna Sandigge
Staff Writer

Christmas in Mexico is a traditional celebration that is a cross between our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, according to Alicia Romo, who grew up in the country south of the border.

"In Mexico, there is no Thanksgiving holiday. On Dec. 24, families get together and thank God for their many blessings," said Romo. "People go from house to house, singing, and there is the midnight Mass celebration."

In a country where there are many poor people, most gifts are lovingly made by hand, says Romo, and traditional foods and family get-togethers are the norm. Tamales, bunuelos, empanadas and wedding cookies are a few of the "goodies" traditionally eaten at Christmas time.

"Grandparents make a pinata," said Romo, "and on the 25th they fill it with candies and fruits and all kinds of treats and give it to their grandchildren."

"We used to look forward to the pinata," she said. "My favorite part (of the celebration) was the dinner. We would get to see grandparents, uncles and aunts. Christmas and Easter are the main two holidays celebrated in Mexico, and Romo said because there are fewer holidays, celebrations are even more special.

Romo grew up in the state of Coahuila, and went to teachers' college in Saltillo, Mexico. She vividly remembers the day 25

Alicia's recipes for traditional Mexican tamales and cookies appear on Page 12A.

years ago she and her husband Jose and their children moved to Texas.

"We moved to Texas the day president Kennedy was killed," she said.

"We first moved to Albany, then 23 years ago we came to Bandera."

The Romos have three children. Joe plays professional basketball and lives in Mexico. Veronica is a professional model, and Daynira, the youngest, is a television news anchorwoman in Laredo.

"All my children speak English and Spanish very well," she said proudly. "They all went to college."

"None of them smoke or drink, and they speak to groups of young people about not drinking or using drugs."

About 5 years ago, Romo became a U.S. citizen, but she still likes to celebrate Christmas with the traditions of her girlhood in Mexico. She shares family recipes for Mexican wedding cookies and tamales.



Staff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Alicia Romo

Youthful caroling due Friday on the streets of Bandera

Christmas carols will ring up and down Bandera streets Friday, Dec. 23, when area youths go caroling. The event is sponsored by Bandera Optimist Club.

"All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to meet at 5:30 (p.m.) at the Youth Center on Cedar Street," said Gail Stone, spokeswoman for the group. "We will begin with a brief rehearsal, then head out on the hay wagon to sing through the streets of Bandera."

Stone said there will be one or two hay wagons, and they will leave shortly after 6 p.m. The planned route begins down Cedar Street, then comes back up towards Main on Hackberry.

Caroling will continue until around 8 p.m., then the group will return to the youth center for refreshments. The youth center will close at 9 p.m.

"Non-singers are invited to come along and direct traffic and ring doorbells," said Stone. "Bring your flashlights and your Christmas spirit."

Adults who wish to chaperone or help, may call Stone at 796-3517 or 796-3193, or call Diane Mullins at 796-8191.

Garbage rate hike defeated by Bandera council, not passed

Bandera City Council last week defeated a proposal to raise residential garbage collection rates on Monday, Dec. 12. The Bulletin reported last week that the proposal was passed.

Council members Ross Bailey, Robert Skinner and Chuck Haver voted against a proposal to raise rates from \$5.75 to \$9.31. Members Joe Fox, who made the motion to raise rates, and Carl Adamietz, who seconded it, voted for the higher rates.

Bailey led the opposition to a rate increase, and he suggested instead money taken in for garbage collection be transferred immediately to the city's general fund, an idea that was unanimously approved.

The council considered the garbage rate hike as one of several steps to deal with the current fiscal crisis in which obligations exceed in come.

They also voted to ask members of the city's three-man street crew to take an unpaid furlough every three weeks and to transfer fees charged out-of-city water users to the general fund, and promised additional belt-tightening steps in the future.

They also voted to notify their attorneys, Holon, Martin and Richards of Boerne, that it wants to renegotiate the city's contract

from the hill

By Tom Denyer

America's rivers have been dammed and the use shaped according to man's needs. In 1825 and 1826, a Maine sawmill. Earlier, if you count the irrigation canals dug around 300 B.C. by Hohokam Indians in what was to be Arizona. Yet most of the damage — improve — great, depending on your point of view — has been done in this century, especially since federal funds began flowing into river projects in the 1930s.

A poorly constructed dam failed infamously in 1889 and killed 2,000 people in Johnstown, Pa. Yet few Americans questioned the idea that rivers could not be allowed to flow as they pleased.

As has often been the case, weird ideas came first from California.

In 1901, San Francisco wanted Yosemite Park's Tuolumne River for water and hydroelectricity. After the 1906 earthquake, San Francisco's needs gained humanitarian appeal.

The fight that followed involved two characters who represented sides that continue to be represented in fights over America's rivers.

John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club, was a leader of those who forced the government to preserve Yosemite. He believed that some places had spiritual values that should be preserved for future generations.

Gifford Pinchot, the man who popularized the word "conservation," believed that natural resources should be used, but managed. The material values of the living counted for more, but they should have some for those to come.

Teddy Roosevelt, with doubts, approved the dam in 1908. Muir and others went to work, calling San Francisco "the Prince of the Powers of Darkness." The San Francisco Chronicle called Muir and the environmentalists "Hogwash and mushy esthetes."

After an intense, national fight, Congress overwhelmingly passed the dam bill and President Woodrow Wilson signed it.

Another two square miles of Eden were flooded, but for the first time many Americans had decided their land was worth more than urban development.

A year before his death John Muir — who at the age of 74 had taken time from the fight to explore the Amazon — said, "The conscience of the whole country has been aroused from sleep."

letters

Voters, you decide

Dear editor:

In a few weeks, the citizens of Bandera will have a chance again to vote for three hopefuls, NEW councilmen or councilwomen.

It is unfortunate that everyone who is eligible to vote, either chooses not to vote, or votes because "My friend wants me to vote for so and so."

Whatever your reason, please remember! Your vote counts! Make your vote "YOURS," not someone else's.

In the past few years we have watched our governments ignore the wants and needs of the very people who elected them. And who is to blame? We are! We voted for these people and then we sat back and didn't bother or didn't care or wouldn't get involved, so now we are gradually losing control of our own country, state and city.

Have you ever attended a commissioners meeting? A city council meeting? A school board meeting? Any meeting? No? You say they won't listen to you? Well, they certainly won't if you don't attend and they certainly won't if you are intimidated by them. Why be intimidated? YOU elected them. Ask your questions and demand your answers.

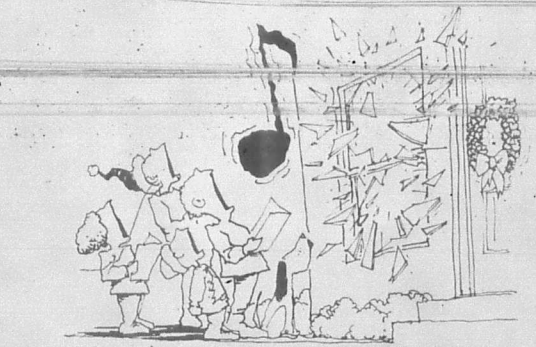
You put these people in office so it is your responsibility to hold them accountable for their actions and decisions!

Please! Look around, because we have been apathetic, our laws no longer protect us, they protect the criminal and COST US!

Don't ridicule people who speak out, that is a "right," you have that same right. If you choose not to use it, then continue to pay for everything your elected officials in all areas of government, put before you.

So VOTERS, you decide. Do you want to continue like we are going, or are we going to stand up and make our lawmakers and elected officials accountable? Every time you get a new law or tax, it is your fault. You let it happen. You were afraid to say "NO."

In closing let me add: The majority of the people we elect mean well and try to do a good job, but they should be more open to suggestions and certainly unbiased in their opinions. When they take these offices, they realize that everyone will not be happy, but their decisions should be well thought out. These people can't possibly know the feelings of the voters, if the voters never show up at a



OPTIMIST'S JR. HIGH CHRISTMAS CAROL-A-RAMA
FRI, DEC. 23rd 5:30 PM RYAN YOUTH BUILDING

School funding issue defused by state appeals court ruling

Days before the Legislature is to convene, the explosive issue of equitable school funding has been defused by a state appeals court.

Legislators are still determined to address fair funding this session while the lawsuit is appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

But the specter of expensive court-ordered reforms will not interfere with lawmakers while they work on the problem.

Ever since State District Judge Harley Clark of Austin ruled the present funding system unconstitutional, the issue has loomed like a dark cloud, promising to absorb surplus dollars and force a tax hike, hastening the advent of the dreaded state income tax.

In overturning that ruling, the appeals court said the current system is not fair, but that lawmakers and voters should make the changes, not judges.

The suit was brought by 12 school districts claiming the state does not provide enough money to fund quality programs.

No constitutional guarantee

Appeals court judges ruled 2-1 there is no constitutional guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all public school students, and until there is, the matter is one for the Legislature, not the courts.

Gov. Bill Clements leads a legislative team determined to propose a constitutional amendment which will render court-ordered reform unnecessary.

But another faction, believing in the judicial branch, believes in the judiciary.

meeting. And Officials-if and when we do show up, please do not ridicule nor ignore us. If you disagree, please explain it to us.

Rilla Stephens
Bandera

Satisfied greeting

Dear editor:

Season's greetings to a wonderful paper, the Bandera Bulletin, from a satisfied customer.

Lillie Stufflebean
Lakehills

Missing Santa report

Dear editor:

The Arliss Schotts, who live on the corner of Park Road 37 and FM Road 1283 (in Lakehills) had their Santa Claus stolen from the back end of their pickup which is decorated with Christmas lights Sunday night. This is the first time in 30 years anything has been stolen from us, and it has to be a Santa Claus!

We are offering a \$100 cash reward to anyone who may know the thief or thieves. The Santa Claus is not expensive, but the reward is given just to know who could steal something like this at a Christmas time. The Santa Claus is a stuffed, heavy plastic that stands about 4 feet tall. If anyone has just recently put one on display (since this last Sunday), the Schotts would like to know.

Arliss and Roseann Schott
Lakehills

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Bandera County potpourri

By Nick Johnson

At first I thought I'd write here some special Christmas thoughts that make this season the most meaningful of the year. It is special, you know, though not always favorably so. For those who are lonely, it is especially desolate, for example. And for those who are hungry, there is a singular emptiness.

But instead of filling this space with my holiday thoughts, I thought I'd go to you, gentle reader, for your observations. The gems of wisdom(?) that follow were gleaned from a variety of persons and places. Only the names have been withheld to protect the guilty.

• "Nothing destroys the Christmas spirit faster than looking for a place to park," one harried refugee from the mall wars remarked. "My Christmas complaint is one of long standing."

I told him to shop in Bandera.

• "Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace when we give our kids rockets, machine guns, atom-bomb kits, and tanks," said another.

• "Christmas is a race to see which gives out first — your money, your feet or your patience."

• "Christmas means anticipation, preparation, recreation, prostration, and recuperation."

• "Christmas is a new kind of club that helps you save money, make your year's gifts. It's the time of year when Santa comes down the chimney and your savings go down the drain. Anyone who thinks Christmas doesn't last all year doesn't have a charge account."

• "This Christmas, Santa's not the only guy in red."

• "Christmas is as meaningful as you make it."

• Christmas is when the best kind of decoration is your neighbor wreathed in smiles.

• "Christmas is when the best kind of gift is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another."

I hope that yours is the best kind of Christmas.

Clayton named regent

Adding a footnote to a Texas Capitol legend, former House Speaker Billy Clayton, the only man to wield that gavel four terms, has been named to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

This makes the second time Clayton has been appointed to the job by Clements. His first appointment was in 1982 at the end of the Republican governor's first term, but he never served a single day.

The Legislature had just ended a bloody reappointment war which saw Clayton, then, a conservative Democrat, stand by a minority band of GOP lawmakers, against a new wave of liberalism.

By the time Clayton faced Senate approval, the Democrats had swept the '82 elections and Gov. Mark White had taken office.

The highly partisan White convinced several Democratic senators to pull down 102 of Clements' pending appointments in favor of his own. Clayton's redistricting plan had angered the wave of liberals who swept into office with White, and he fell victim to the partisan feuding frenzy.

Six-year wait ends

Clayton took it all in stride. Shortly thereafter, he quietly switched parties and remained a force.

His redistricting plan positioned Texas Republicans and rural conservatives to survive during White's anti-conservative term, and it anchored the '80s voter realignment which saw Texas emerge as a two-party state.

Clayton's loyalty to friends, conservatives and liberals, is steadfast, and it's fitting that now, six years later, Clements would come full circle with a new honor.

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Police report	Nov. 87	Nov. 88	Oct. 88
Sheriff's Department	181	149	192
Total calls	11	10	15
Burglaries	9	7	6
Thefts	161	132	153
Other	49	49	48
No. Prisoners	310	382	424
Days served	NA	38	61
City Police	NA	2	N/A
Complaints filed	NA	2	N/A
Public intoxication	NA	17	N/A
Disorderly conduct	NA	17	N/A
Speeding	NA	17	N/A
Other	NA	17	N/A
Municipal Court	94	54	56
Cases concluded	11	1	1
Public intoxication	1	2	0
Disorderly conduct	37	25	25
Speeding	42	26	30
Other			

Obituaries

Daisy K. Rhoades, 76, of Ingram died Sunday, Dec. 18, at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville.

She had lived in Ingram for 21 years after moving from Medina where she was born June 21, 1912. She once owned and operated a restaurant in Medina. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Survivors include a daughter Betty Maudie of Ingram; two sisters Fannie Caffall and Annie Anderwald, both of Bandera; one brother John Henry Zumwalt of Helotes; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Rhoades in 1975 and a daughter, Elva Lorain Cocker in 1974.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 21, in Grimes Funeral Chapel of Kerrville with Mr. Bill Love officiating.

Burial was in Sabinal Cemetery.

Hobson Dewey Mims Jr.

Hobson Dewey Mims Jr., 61, of Bandera died Thursday, Dec. 15 at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

He was born in Camden, S.C. and lived the past 15 years in San Antonio. He was a member of the Windcrest United Methodist Church.

Graveside services were Sunday, Dec. 18, at Pipe Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating.

Margaret Ruth Castle

Margaret R. Castle, 82, of Bandera died Wednesday, Dec. 14, in Purple Hills Nursing Home in Bandera.

She was born in Lake Benton, Minn. on Aug. 2, 1906. She married William Castle II in 1925 in San Antonio and moved to Bandera where she lived until her death. She was a pediatrician and a member of the American Medical Association. She was a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her stepson, William Castle III of Bandera, and two nieces, Kathy Korkell of Austin, and Mary Lamm of Fort Worth.

Graveside services were Friday, Dec. 16, at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio with the Rev. Canon Nelson Daunt officiating.

Biederman charged for possession only

Bandera Justice of the Peace Biederman was already under arrest Sept. 9 when she gave narcotics agents illegal methamphetamine, a narcotics task force officer said this week, and therefore she was charged only with possession of the drug, not for distributing it.

"She just gave us the dope voluntarily," said task force chief Jim Harvey, who said he thought it "strange" for Biederman to do this after the officers had identified themselves.

District attorney E. Bruce Curry said Biederman was not charged with delivery because she was knowingly gave the drugs to officers after she was already under arrest.

He said the difference between a charge for possession of an illegal drug and one for delivery can be slight, but significant in some cases. "Since she was already under arrest (at the time), it was possession rather than delivery," said Curry. "Possession was the illegal activity."

Biederman's attorney, Jody S. Tinsley, said the week-long complaint by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's Tommy Hall quoted in the Nov. 24 issue of the Bulletin in which the liquor control officer appeared to imply Biederman sold drugs.

Sunday, Dec. 18, Ramos Segundo, 29, of Mexico and Elizabeth Hernandez, 39, of San Antonio were arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. Saturday, Dec. 17, Catlan Lee Ryan, 42, of Bandera was arrested and charged with DWI.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, W.B. Abbott reported fishing equipment and tools valued at \$750 stolen from his place in Bandera, and Maurice LeVine of Lakehills reported a burglary of numerous items reportedly valued at over \$12,000.

Friday, Dec. 16, Frank Martin of Pipe Creek reported a burglary at his business. Chain saws valued at \$867 were reported stolen.

Saturday, Dec. 17, Chris Harrison of Pipe Creek reported household goods valued at \$860 stolen.

Drug bust

About 30 officers of the Alamo Area Narcotics Task Force and local agencies with sealed indictments and search warrants conducted a two-night three-county roundup of 16 persons named by a Guadalupe County grand jury on drug-related charges.

The arrests and searches took place in Comal, Hays and Guadalupe counties.

"We hope this will take some of the suppliers off the streets," said Guadalupe County Sheriff Melvin Harborth. "The indictments are mostly for heroin dealers here. There is no marijuana. It's all hard stuff."

Hall said the action he took last month against Biederman's bar, the Brass Rail on Main Street in Bandera, was taken because of her possession of drugs, not for dealing. He actually suspended her license because of the drug possession that took place in the bar," Hall said this week.

Hall said the TABC gave Biederman the choice of a 30-day permit suspension or a \$4,500 civil penalty. He said this week he thought Biederman would choose to close for 30 days.

The Gingerbread House Gifts & Flowers Christmas Sale

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Wax Potpourri 20% Off
Candles 20% Off
Dry Potpourri 20% Off
Southwest Chicks & Dips 20% Off
Collector Middleton Dolls 25% Off
Stuffed Toys 25% Off
Wooden Kitchen Gifts 25% Off

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Hope, Margaret, Ann, Karen & Jackie

Monday Only
25% Off Entire Stock
50% Off Christmas Cards
Wrapping Paper, Christmas Tins, Candles, Towels
Until Quantities Are Gone.
Hallmark Ornaments 25% Off
FTD Florist — Delivery
796-3616 1104 Cedar St., Bandera, Texas 796-7400

Calendar

Last Quarter Dec. 31

Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s; lows in the 40s and near 40 on Christmas Day.

Weekend weather

Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s; lows in the 40s and near 40 on Christmas Day.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 5:40 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Non-Smoking, Hill Country Sound Machine, 12th and Mulberry, 9:15 p.m.

Pipe Creek VFD Training Meeting, Firehouse, 7 p.m.

Lakehills American Legion Post 410 and Auxiliary, Lakehills, 7 p.m.

Bandera County Fair Association, Community Room, First State Bank, 7 p.m.

Table Games, 9:30 a.m.: Cards, Dominoes, 1 p.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Friday, Dec. 23

Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 5:41 p.m.

Bingo, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, Bandera, 8 p.m.

Medina Jolly Elders, Medina Baptist Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bandera Youth Center, 1101 Cedar, 7:10 p.m.

Medina Lake Shriners Club, American Legion Hall, Lakehills, 7 p.m.

Table Games, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Sunrise 7:26 a.m. Sunset 5:41 p.m.

Bandera Youth Center, 1101 Cedar, 7:10 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Sunrise 7:26 a.m. Sunset 5:42 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26

Sunrise 7:27 a.m. Sunset 5:42 p.m.

Weight Watchers Meeting, Pipe Creek Community Center, 6:30-8 p.m.

Weight-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, 8 p.m.

Bandera Optimist Club, Cabaret, 7:30 p.m.

AARP Medina Lake Chapter, American Legion Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Medina PTO, School Cafeteria, Medina, 7:30 p.m.

Bandera Masonic Lodge #1123, AF&AM, Masonic Lodge, 8 p.m.

Cowboy Capital Squares, Bandera Bank Community Room, 8 p.m.

Weaving, 9 a.m.: Table Games, Cards, Etc., 1 p.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Sunrise 7:27 a.m. Sunset 5:43 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons, Non-Smoking, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, 9:15 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 146, Mansfield Park, 7 p.m.

Medina Rotary Club, Youth Center, 7:30 p.m.

Medina Lake Players, Lake Medina Properties Office, 7 p.m.

Quilting, Card Games, 9 a.m.: Birthday Luncheon, noon: Table Games, 1 p.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:43 p.m.

Bingo, Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department, Wharton's Dock, 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, 8 p.m.

CCD Classes, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bible Study, 7:30-9 p.m.: St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills.

Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.

Disabled American Veterans #69, General Meeting, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7:30 p.m.

Table Games, 9 a.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Thursday, Dec. 29

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:44 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons, Non-Smoking, 12th and Mulberry, Hill Country Sound Machine, 9:15 p.m.

St. Victor's Altar Society, St. Victor's Chapel, Lakehills, 7 p.m.

Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers, 2 p.m.

Disabled American Veterans #69, General Meeting, American Legion Hall, Bandera, 7:30 p.m.

Table Games, 9 a.m.: Silver Sage Corral.

Temperatures

Dates	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Dec 14	68	42	50	35	52	48
Dec 15	57	38	50	30	58	50
Dec 16	50	34	54	24	56	52
Dec 17	60	29	44	30	60	52
Dec 18	62	30	60	46	56	44
Dec 19	69	52	70	44	56	40
Dec 20	72	56	64	42	54	40

RA: Fall this week NA. Rainfall last week NA. Total rainfall so far for Dec. NA. Average for Dec. 1.53.

Medina Lake water level: 1057.10 feet, 14.90 feet below spillway level of 1072 feet, down 40 feet from last week.

Medina River water level: 4.7 feet.

Temperatures furnished by Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc. Lake level by BMA Water Improvement District No. 1. Medina River water level by Bandera Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Christmas shopping at the Bulletin

New books just in:

Wild West Bartender's Bible

Ace Reid, Cowpoke

Insider's Guide to Skiing in Colorado

Eagle: Autobiography of Santa Anna and just in time for Christmas...

Reindeer's Shoe and Other Stories

Santa Claus Bank Robbery

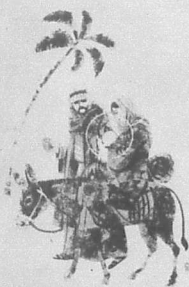


After watching Dad cut down their Christmas tree, the children help take it home from the Brockett-Tyree Farms choose-and-cut operation in Winnsboro.

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Many thanks for your kind support.

Super S Pharmacy

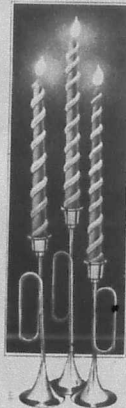


PEACE on EARTH



Born the King of Angels, we celebrate His holy birth, God's most precious blessing to us all. Rejoice.
Community Assembly of God

Merry Christmas - Feliz Navidad - Joyeux Noel



There are many ways to say merry Christmas, but there's just one word that says it all... "thanks."

Hair-Ways
Rosa, Sue, Robin, Rosella & Carol

Yule tree business growing in Texas

Although there aren't any commercial Christmas tree farms in Bandera (yet), over 650,000 Christmas trees will be marketed this year.

The industry is growing steadily in Texas according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.

The Eldorado and Afghan pine grows well in our climate, and a few hopeful locals have been experimenting with the tree varieties, according to Bandera County agriculture extension agent John Allen.

"The industry is expanding across the state, and especially the Afghan pines do very well in this area," said Allen.

There are several reasons to buy trees grown in Texas, according to Hightower.

"Buying a Texas tree not only helps diversify the Texas agricultural economy, it also assures the consumer is getting the prettiest, freshest, and longest-lasting Christmas tree possible," he said.

"Texas trees are literally harvested a few days before Christmas. Out of state trees on the other hand, are cut as early as Halloween and hauled 2,000 miles to a climate which they are not used to and probably don't like."

When Texas producers eventually capture the market for the three million Christmas trees that are imported into the state annually, gross returns could reach \$30 million a year, Hightower said.

"It's easy to see what the better deal is — for both the Texas economy and the Texas consumer."

Texas Christmas tree farmers market two varieties: the Virginia pine, grown primarily in East and Southeast Texas, and the blue spruce, grown in the southern and western regions.

of the state.

"It takes about 10 years of growth before Texas trees are ready to be harvested, compared to seven years for most imported trees," said Hightower.

The shorter-growing cycle means a faster return on a farmer's investment: a potential \$2,500 to \$3,000 per acre at harvest.

Behold, The Savior Is Born



Peace be with you.

Janett's
Janett & Jane

Holiday Wish



May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

Dan & Margaret Callahan



"For it is in giving that we receive"

St. Francis of Assisi

Our loyal friends have given us their very best. We thank you.

Adamson's Exxon
Rodney, Patty and Family



Wilson General Repair

Owners: Mike & Betsy Wilson
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Electrical Plumbing Air Conditioning

Christmas — Already?
You ready for it? Not me, haven't paid for all of last year's impulses, and, the greeting card list hasn't near been satisfied yet. I'm trying.
There are so many within the reach of this newspaper that are deserving of my personal attentions, so, rather than be stricken by a guilty conscience and fearful of not applying a layer of Seasons Greetings on so many I admire and respect, this message:
Merry Christmas to you, and to all that bless your home with expressions of goodwill and affection. Let there be a flowering of cheerfulness, fun, and feasting at the table in your home. May those friends and family members gathering with you; or, offering you hospitality during the holidays be pleased and comforted by your gracious overtures. And, hopefully, prayerfully, good health, many satisfactions, and blissful happiness will be yours to enjoy this Christmas. Put a ribbon on that sentiment and hang it on your front door.
Tom Grant

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

The Bandera Bulletin

Stress impacts on all students, but it can be managed

By Michele Herman
Pen in Paw Editor

With Christmas a few days away, final exams right around the corner, and juggling a job along with going to school, many people become "stressed out."

Stress is not "all in your head," according to a study by McNeil Consumer Products Company. The human body whether adolescent or adult undergoes a complex cascade of hormonal metabolic change when under stress.

This reaction can affect a person's physical and psychological well-being. High levels of continued stress can seriously alter the body's intricate biochemical balance and have been associated with such ailments as high blood pressure, heart disease, and ulcers.

When adolescents experience stress, they often lack the knowledge or experience needed to manage it. Consequently, they may find it hard to cope and may begin to develop stress-related health problems, the study says.

Although most adolescents experience stress, boys and girls show the effects differently. Studies show that in seventh grade boys complain of stress-related symptoms just about as often as girls do. By twelfth grade, however, girls complain of symptoms almost twice as often as boys.

Common symptoms of adolescent stress are difficulty sleeping, headaches, cramps and stomach woes.

It may be that girls are able to admit to stress more than boys and get help. Girls tend to worry more about their bodies and appearance than boys do, and girls worried about weight may develop eating disorders or depression. Although boys may not mention many stress-related problems they may actually experience more psychological and physical symptoms of stress than girls do. In fact, stress in boys produces proportionately greater changes in blood pressure and adrenaline than in girls.

Physical symptoms of stress that begin in adolescence tend to continue into adulthood. This means women may have a higher number of stress related problems than men. According to some research, it may also mean there is a relation to stress and the higher incidence of heart disease in men.

Common physical symptoms of adolescent stress can include difficulty sleeping, headaches, muscle cramps, and stomach aches or other upsets like nausea, constipation, or diarrhea. In many cases these symptoms can be helped by over the counter medications. Persons experiencing prolonged stress or physical symptoms that could be side effects of stress should seek professional help, according to the study.

Over time most adolescents can learn to cope with the mild symptoms they experience. Coping techniques developed in the teen years can help people manage and even avoid stress-induced symptoms in adulthood.



Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that your Christmas be blessed with joy.

It has been our joy getting to know you this past year.

From Bill & Betty
Video Outlet

603 1/2 Main

Bandera, Texas

December, month of holly,
pine, and balsam
Of berries red of candles
mellow light,
Of home and fireside laughter,
happy faces,
Of peace that comes upon
the holy night

We're thanking you for being here this Christmas time and throughout the year.

Bandera Downs



SHARE THE WARMTH OF Christmas

Yule-Tide In My Hometown

Have a down home, old-fashioned Christmas... complete with fun, friends and festivities.

We thank you for the pleasure of your business.

JR Aggregates
Jim & Jo Russell



Greetings

May your winter be bundled in warmth and your holiday be wrapped in joy.

Our fondest wishes to all our friends this Christmas.

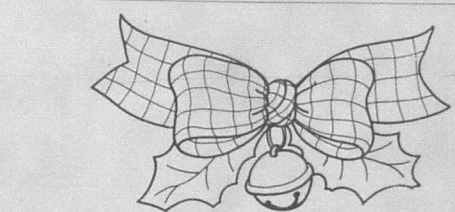
O.S.T. Restaurant & Catering



Dashing Through The Snow!

Have a holiday to remember. It's been a joy to serve you.

Quality Welding
Artie, Bunny, Sara & Lauryn Erfurt



The Bandera County Republican Party



extends warm wishes for a joyous Holiday Season

and a Happy and Healthy

New Year.

Lida MacMillan Ward
County Chairman

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Texas-grown plants make good gifts

"Consumers looking for quality plants should look for the Texas Grown label," says Irene Elizondo with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Texas Grown program, a marketing program initiated in 1987 by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to help identify and promote nursery products grown in Texas, was designed to help capture a bigger share of the annual \$350 million of the wholesale market. Texas only produces about \$88 million

of that plant material, just about 25 percent of total sales. The state's nursery industry produces about \$264 million, according to Elizondo.

According to Ery Sandlin, TDA's Texas Grown program coordinator, there are nearly 600 businesses in the Texas Grown program. Wholesale growers, retail garden centers, landscape contractors, supermarket chains, home improvement centers and general merchandisers are among the nearly 600 businesses that participate in the Texas Grown

program, says Ery Sandlin, coordinator for the TDA program. Sandlin says the program encourages the use of more Texas Grown plants in the landscaping and interior decorating of their projects.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Our hope is for a world filled with peace and joy, now and forever.

D'Spain Sales & Service

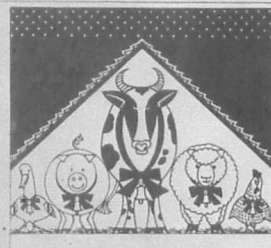


Home For The Holidays

The spirit of Christmas is all around.

We thank you for your valued support.

Evans Auto Supply



Quick...oink...moos...baa...cluck... Merry Christmas.

Bandera Ranch Store

From
Cowboy Capitol

Rodeo Association



Happy Holiday, Partner!



Happiness, joy and good will for you and yours. Many thanks.

Armadigger



Peace Be With You

The richness and radiance of this season of cheer will be forever close to our hearts.

Thank you for your kind and friendly support this past year.

Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc.



We wish to all, a warm, Joyous Holiday Season. Your friendship means a lot.

Mayan Dude Ranch



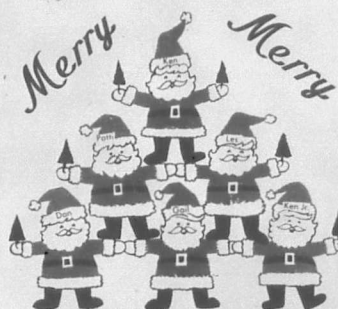
Santa Prescribes Love!

To all our dear customers go our wishes for a very healthy, happy season.

Braun Drug

796-7701

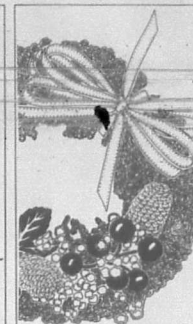
Diana Braun, RPh



Our entire staff would like to wish you a merry, magical Christmas.

Ken's Propane

On Hwy. 16 West, Next to Hevenor Lumber. We will be closed the day after Christmas.



BEST WISHES

In joyous appreciation of your friendship and good will, we offer our deepest thanks, along with glad tidings of the season.

Walker Precast Concrete Products Co.

Donnie & Marcia Walker
Tim & Cindy Fritsche
Chris Hines
Wayne Cummings



We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

May the love of home and family be a special gift to treasure throughout the season.

Arthur & Georgia Mae Erfurt



Let your gladness have no end.

We're so very glad to know and serve you. Many thanks.

Roger Stevens Contractor



May you and yours rekindle the spirit of Christmas past.

Hevenor Lumber Company

To All Our Friends And Customers



U.S. Post Office

Viking Liquor Store
Dottie Saunders & Jeanette Gaines

Flower Patch
Gwenda & Les Tschirhart

Heisler Square Lakehills
Gladys & Adren Heisler

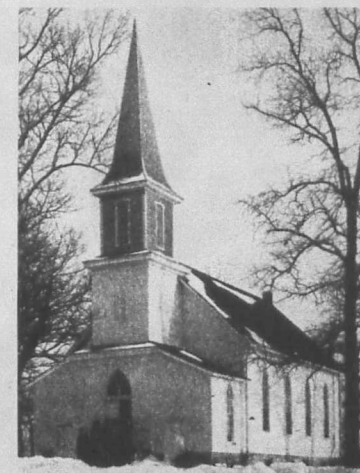
Viking Satellite & TV Shop
Johnnie & Gordon Nordlund

Viking Laundromat
Rose Lockwood

Variety Store & More
Mary & Rudy Biedermann

A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Peace On Earth



Joy abounds in everything we do. At this time we wish you all the very best the season has to offer.

We appreciate the friendship you've shown us.



BANDERA BANK

P.O. Box 1596
Bandera, Texas 78003
512 - 796-3711



Alicia's traditional Christmas recipes

Along with gifts and good cheer at Christmas time goes food. Mexican tamales and cookies are traditional and two recipes by Bandera school kindergarten teacher, Alicia Romero, are well known.

Tamales

A Christmas tradition—served by Mexican and South Texas families on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve.

Tamales are enjoyed though, from the time the first Norther blows in. Prepared a hundred ways by a hundred cooks, many of whom still use the old fashioned method of cooking a hog's head, scraping out the meat for the inside mixture and using the lard of the head for the outside masa mixture. Tamales are usually prepared in large quantities by several women who get together for tamale making.

In this recipe the masa used is Instant Masa Harina, available in many grocery stores and Mexican Specialty shelves and is very good.

Ingredients:
Corn Shucks
Meat (inside) 1 pound pork roast (or 4 pounds of beef, chicken or venison)
2 pounds of beef roast

2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. chili powder
1 C. broth from meat
Masa (outside) 4 C. Masa Harina
1/2 C. oil
3 Tbsp. chili powder
2 Tbsp. cumin seed ground
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 1/2 C. cups broth from cooked meat
2 cups lard

To Prepare:
Corn Shucks: wash carefully, remove corn silks. Soak, completely covered, in warm water for at least 30 minutes so they will be soft.

Meat: barely cover roast in heavy pot with water. Simmer until done, covered with lid. Remove from fire and cool. Grind or chop into small pieces. Mix 1/2 cup broth and spices to make the meat a little juicy. Simmer for 15 minutes. More broth may be added if necessary. Let cook down.

Masa: make a paste of the crushed garlic and ground spices with 2 or 3 tablespoons of broth. Mix it well with the 4 cups of masa, work in the lard, then add the rest of the broth slowly, kneading it with the hands. Set aside for 20 minutes.

Now the tamales are ready to put together.
1. Remove a shuck from the water. It will become a large and small end. Hold it in the hand with the small end toward the fingers. If it is unusually wide, tear off a portion from the top to bottom.
2. With spoon, spread masa out on the shuck thinly. Leave the upper third (small end) of the shuck bare. It will be folded later in the process. Moisten the masa slightly with broth, if necessary. It should not be juicy, however it will take a few minutes to learn to spread it smoothly.

3. Place approximately 2 table-spoons meat mixture in the center of the masa, from top to bottom.
4. Roll shuck, beginning at the right edge, like a jelly roll.
5. Fold unused portion (small end) over the tamale, thus sealing one end.

6. Place the tamales in a heavy, tall pot with rack on the bottom, or cover bottom with corn shucks. The tamales must be upright, sealed end down. Add water to steam. Steam for 45 minutes. Tamales are done when the masa peels easily from the corn shuck. Makes 3 dozen.

—Alicia Romero

Mexican Wedding Cookies

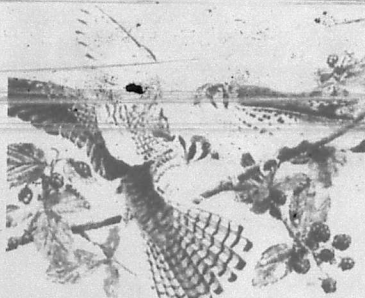
These cookies are the only ones that are called "wedding" but also for other holidays. For Christmas, red food coloring can be added to half the dough and green to the other half.

Ingredients:
1 C. margarine
1/2 C. sugar
1 tsp. almond or vanilla flavoring
2 1/2 tsp. salt
1 C. pecans, finely chopped

Work oleo and sugar in a bowl until creamy. Stir in flavoring. Stir in flour, salt, and nuts (last). Mix thoroughly with hands. Chill about 2 hours. Form into 1 inch balls. Place on greased baking sheet. Cover the bottom of a glass with damp cheesecloth and use it to flatten each ball to 1/2 inch thickness.

Place in 325 degree oven about 12 minutes, or until cookies begin to brown around the edges.
If desired, you may sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over the cookies before you bake them, or you may roll the baked cookies in powdered sugar.

Makes 3 dozen cookies.
—Alicia Romero



Nongame stamp a good gift

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds last-minute shoppers they can give an economical Christmas gift to a friend or relative by purchasing a 1988-89 nongame stamp or decal. The \$5 stamps and decals feature a reproduction of Charles Beckendorf's painting of two kestrels (sparrow hawks). Funds derived from sales will help support the department's nongame and endangered species fund. They are available from most TPWD offices across the state.

The Christmas spirit moves them

By James Henry Foster

The scene in Mansfield Park's recreation hall Friday night could have been chaotic, but rather the operation of selecting, wrapping, and collecting presents for Bandera County's children that need Christmas gifts was humming along like a well-tuned Santa's workshop.

That's what ten years will do for an organization like The Spirits of Christmas Presents.

The gifts for the children of 150 families have been selected, wrapped, and tucked away into sacks as the result of the activity Dec. 16. During this week, boxes of food for Christmas dinners are being assembled. Saturday, the Santas and their Elves will go out starting at 9 a.m. on routes that cover the county. Tick, tick, tick, like a toy, wooden clock a child might find under the Christmas tree, expiring off the seconds.

Today the Bandera County organization can be used as a model for similar organizations in other similar counties. But just like a child, the "Christmas project" as it was originally known, had to be born and grow up.

One evening in 1978 after a meeting, Karen Jackson, Kathy Gardner, and others were talking about driving into San Antonio to help with the Elf Louise project that brings Christmas presents to children in Bexar County. "I bet there are people in this county that need an Elf Louise project," said Jackson.

"I think I know some of the children that need it," said Gardner. With 18 children referred by school contacts, and some used, donated toys, the project was off.

With goodwill in their souls and the spirit of the season in their hearts, they set off to try Elf Louise in Bandera County. "We appeared on their doorstep with the presents" the first year, says Jackson. That was a learning year and the project grew from that.

The first lesson learned was to maintain anonymity. "That's why we have the Santas," says Jackson. The presents are given out by a person, but the Santas

Where to send donations

The Spirits of Christmas Presents is carried off each year by dedicated people who collect, sort, select, wrap, and distribute. But there are also other dedicated people whom the Bandera County Christmas project wouldn't work without: those that donate.

While the gifts have been bought and most the food collected and bought, funds are always needed to keep the project running into its eleventh year. Toys are bought year-round on

sale and when discounts can be arranged, so the Christmas project is continually active and continually in need of funds. Tax deductible donations can be sent to The Spirits of Christmas Presents, P.O. Box 282, Bandera, TX 78003.

Also, the decorated, glass collection jars may still be in your neighborhood. So if you can't do anything else, put your spare change in the jar found at many of Bandera County's stores and restaurants.

show that the presents are not from any one person or persons in particular.

"They are gifts from the spirit and love of Christmas, to keep the spirit of Christmas alive," says Gardner.

Santas are sent on routes to areas where they do not live to maintain that mutual respect between giver and receiver. Santa Claus knows children and knows where they are.

The second year, there were some monetary donations, some new gifts, but still a lot of used gifts. But there were to be two routes, one in Bandera, and one in the country. Each route would take all day. Two Santas and two Elves were needed this time Jackson and Gardner would play elves, but Santas were needed.

The Rev. David Doerflinger and Jim Evans were asked. Doerflinger accepted, but Evans' reaction wasn't quite as positive, at first. "I told them (Jackson and Gardner) that I didn't know anything about being a Santa," said Evans. But I went out and did it and couldn't quit after that."

In the third year, area businesses got behind the project, thanks in part to promotion of the Elf Louise project in San Antonio, says Gardner.

By the fourth year, there were four Santas. "One for each corner of the county," says Jackson. "We thought that would be the most we'd need." But the project



Jean Heep, left, finishes one family's shopping. "It's as hard to shop here as when I do it for my family. But it's fun."

Cecelia Schmidtke makes a decision as she shops for someone on The Spirits of Christmas Presents' list Dec. 16.

Her selection skills honed by experience

By Kay Ochoa

Special Correspondent

The Spirits of Christmas Presents takes more than elves and Santas. It also takes wrappers, boxes, papers, and shoppers.

Shoppers are those that pick out the purchased gifts for the recipients at the Mansfield Park recreational hall. It takes someone special, like Jackie Morrow.

Before she and the other shoppers get there, most of the toys and clothes have been separated into groups according to toy quality, age appropriateness, and if necessary, by sex.

Morrow is given an envelope containing the first names of the children in a family to receive a visit from a Spirit of Christmas Presents Santa, and the envelope shows the children's ages, sizes and any special needs. From that information only, Morrow constructs a picture of who this child is and what he/she might like for Christmas.

Morrow goes along the tables searching among the items for just the right present.

She selects three gifts for each child ranging from one very good, large toy down to a small gift. Another toy or item is added later that is small enough to be considered a "stocking stuffer."

When the selection process is done, she closes the bag and passes it on to be wrapped. Each gift is individually wrapped and labeled with the child's first name, and then put back into the

family's sack.

Morrow has two grown children and one 12-year-old at home and that experience helps her select toys for children she doesn't know. She says she is also close to several nieces and nephews and they have helped her stay in touch with what children like.

She says that older girls, age 10 or 11, who are outgrowing "baby dolls" still like to play quietly and often like to color in coloring books. High school boys, on the other hand, like tape players, footballs and clothes. High school girls like clothes and jewelry.

"You just have to know children and what a child at a certain age would like to have," says Morrow.

Sometimes she is told of special needs, too. "Sometimes I'll get a special request from a family. If there's no heat in the home they might ask for sleeping bags for the children. If there's a handicapped child, then I need to be sure I don't select a toy that would be frustrating to that child."

Morrow likes the "behind-the-scenes" work. "I prefer to stay in the background of the program. I prefer not to go out as a Santa's helper. My satisfaction comes from knowing I've selected the proper gifts for the children whose names I'm given," she says.

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Spirits

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"You hear about faces lighting up at night? It's like a spotlight," says Evans.

"This is what I thought I would have to do," says Evans, but when he and the other men play the role on the costume, their attitude changes. "You become Santa, caught up in the season, just like the kids."

When they get their presents, some tear into the packages right then, says Evans. "Some stack the presents in a pile under the tree and open them later."

Most memories are touching, but some are humorous. Once Elf Gaudier and Santa Dierker were driving in an old truck, loaded with presents which rattled around with each goat trail and corner.

They were going up a hill over the bridge on Bandera Creek, when a Barbie doll in her toy



Staff Photo by James Proctor

JoAnn Peterson ponders, "Is this the right gift?" With a first name, age, and sex of a child she doesn't know, she and many other shoppers at Dec. 16's Spirits of Christmas Presents gift selection and wrapping day must pick out three toys from among the many presented.

Catholics plan a living gift to the community

As a Christmas gift to the parish and all the community and to bring greater realism to the Christmas story, students of St. Stanislaus religion classes will depict events of that cold, starry night nearly 2000 years ago in a living nativity pageant beginning at 11:30 p.m. on the church lawn.

Spectators will join in singing carols during the portrayal of the story then afterward join in procession into the church at the ringing of the Christmas bells for midnight Mass.

A special section near the convent will be reserved for those arriving by horseback, buggy, and wagon as parishioners did long ago.

"What could be more serene than riding home on horseback after Midnight Mass?" asks Annette Kalka-Schulte.

Bandera Girl Scouts to give trees to residents of Purple Hills Manor

Bandera Brownie Troop #930 will present over 80 trees to the staff and residents of Purple Hills Manor this week as their Operation Joy gift.

The twelve girls in the newly established troop will prepare decorated half-foot tall Norfolk pines. The living pine trees will be decorated with Christmas wrap, ribbons and bows, says Brownie troop leader Cathy Clamon.

The troop has been in existence for a month and meets every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Clamon's home on Oak Street. However, no meeting is planned until Jan. 3 because of the holidays.

Silver Sage Corral

By Glenn Wehmeyer

Last minute gift-giving can be risky business, and when it comes an older person it can be even more complicated. Frequently, we don't consider the fact that grandpa hasn't worn a tie in 15 years, and grandma doesn't really want to add to her collection of dusting powder and cologne.

Abigail Van Buren listed some well-giving ideas in her column recently, and we'd like to pass along some of those suggestions.

• Older people tend to be more practical in their habits, and the idea therefore is to give a gift that is practical and yet provides some of the morale boost that older persons need too.

Senior citizens

Retirement Eden abroad still possible

Increasing numbers of older Americans are discovering that they can live comfortably abroad on their Social Security checks — in "retirement Edens" from Mexico to Europe.

Author Peter A. Dickinson estimates that for \$1,000 a month a couple can afford a "stylish villa with a sea view, relax with household help and a gardener, entertain grandly, and travel comfortably" within a number of countries around the world.

Dickinson should know because for years he has investigated bargain Utopias the world over.

Purple Hills Manor

By Mada Wedgworth — 796-4738

The Rev. Jarrell Sharp from the First United Methodist Church of Bandera discussed the meaning of Christmas at church services Sunday. Pianist was Judy Goodenough. Several Christmas carols were sung by Rev. Sharp, Mary Worley, Lois Hayes, Maureen Sharp and Carrie Sandage. Other guests were Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick and Marley Johnson.

Ladies from the First Baptist Church in Bandera brought lots of pretty things for the residents to choose Christmas gifts for their families.

Residents Stella Waraska, Josephine Chapman, Martha Fitzpatrick, Ada Sehn, Christine Kalka, and Evelyn Hostetter joined Doris Callahan, Aggie Batts, Fannie Caffall and Annette Kalka-Schulte in the living room for Rosary, prayers, and singing Monday evening.

ant visited Nell Miller.

• Last Wednesday Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick visited friends and took Jack Holloway to services at the Church of Christ.

• Janna Sandage came by Wednesday evening to play Christmas carols for us. We enjoyed singing along.

• Dr. Margaret Castle passed away last week.

• The Gay Notes from Boerne came by and livened the place up with their singing, piano and fiddle playing last Thursday.

• Lois Dunn and Ann Edge visited Winnie Chaddock.

• The Rev. and Mrs. Oates from the First Baptist Church of Pipe Creek came for the regular monthly meeting last Friday evening. The text was from Luke 21:10. Christmas carols were sung by all.

• French Glascock of Camp Koeberl celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday. French made his home with us at one time. Attending were Jack Holloway, Mary Koehler and employees.

• Residents were invited to the Fine Arts show at the Junior High School last week. Delicious refreshments were served. Making the trip was Mary Koehler, Edith Edwards, Nola Baldock, Jack Holloway, Mada Hatley, Juan Bosques and Activity Director, Mada Wedgworth. Two of Edith Edwards' grandchildren were in one of the plans.

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Pastor: Franklin Pullin
Worship: Sunday 10:55 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Prayer meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m.
796-4171

Church of Christ
Minister: Martin Smith
Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
796-4752

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
796-3849

Community Assembly of God
1209 Cantonwood St.
Pastor: Rev. Jim Price
Sunday School (all ages): 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
796-7180 or 796-4245

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Pastor: Canon A. Nelson Dault
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Pastor: Rev. J. Smith
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796-4712

Walker Mem. Bapt. Chapel
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Grace Lutheran Church
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796-7174

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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Tommy Curba
Worship: Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting: Wed. 7 p.m.
589-2850 or 589-2395

Church of Christ
Minister: Dorel McClothery
Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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Prayer meeting: Wed. 7:30 p.m.
589-2468

United Methodist Church
Pastor: Ann Lucasio
Worship: Sunday, 11:10 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Healing Service: Last Sunday of the Month 7 p.m.
589-2646

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Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.
562-3470

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Pastor: Rev. Jose Luis Sandoval
Mass: Sundays, 12:00 noon

UTOPIA Church of Christ
Minister: David MacDonald
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
966-3629

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Pastor: Homer Stephens
Worship: Sunday 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
966-3688

Utopia United Methodist Church
Pastor: Rev. Gordon Miller
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday morning Prayer Meeting at 10 a.m. Church Parlor
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Living Waters Church
Pastor: Randy Needham
Praise & Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Newly scene comes alive at Civic Center Thursday

A Live Nativity scene with carolers describing the scenes in song will be featured at the Lakehills Civic Center Thursday, Dec. 22, starting at 4 p.m. 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The program will begin each hour with Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and wise men coming into the Nativity scene on cue from the carols sung. Once the scene is complete, there will be an additional 15 minutes of caroling, says spokeswoman Carol Lebert.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each program, on the half hour.

An appearance by Santa Claus is expected at 6:45 p.m. coming atop a Medina Lake Volunteer

Visitor from Seattle

Visitor in the home of Daisey B. Lewis of Center Point this past week was Edward Ray Clark of Seattle. He has several aunts, uncles and cousins living in the Bandera area.



Staff Photo by James Fraser

Their Christmas tree is for the birds, literally. Cub Scout Pack 146, Den 4 of Pipe Creek decorated a cedar tree outside Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church with ice cream cones of popcorn, cardboard tubes coated with peanut butter and bird seed, and bread cutouts at their Christmas party Dec. 14. This is the third year for their tradition. Merry Christmas, birds!

Lakehills dart marathon earns \$200 to benefit Spirits of Christmas Presents

Fiddlin' Around's dart marathon and tournament netted \$200 for The Spirits of Christmas Presents Dec. 16-18.

The three-day event held at the Lakehills lounge sold and auctioned donated cakes, pies, fudge, and candy, says Millie Harrison, owner of Fiddlin' Around, that "brought in a little over \$200."

Shirley Jones took first place and Harrison took second place in the tournament.

A total of \$138 was collected at the club's Nov. 18-20 dart event.

Lake Area

Ronnie Hall elected clown group's president

Ronnie Hall of Kerrville was installed president of the Kerr Klowns at Alzafer Temple and the group's Mayan Ranch dinner Sunday, Dec. 18.

Chief Rabbi George Labinski installed the new officers for 1989 including Hall, first vice-president Pete Mead, second vice-president Ted Osborne, and secretary-treasurer Harold Bowman, says spokesman William Angell.

Labinski will be the next Potentate of Alzafer Temple in San Antonio. Oriental Guide Robert Jett of Alzafer Temple was also present.

The Kerr Klowns participate in Bandera County community activities, such as parades in Bandera and Alzafer Temple, the nursing home, and working the grand opening of the Mini-Mart in Bandera, says Angell.

The Klowns also participate in the Shriners "Can Day" event to raise money for the public for their crippled children's hospital.

There are two clown units from the San Antonio Temple, one based in San Antonio and one in Kerrville.

Wharton's Dock

By John Ciarlo — 796-3225

Betty and Bud Ciarlo left Friday, Dec. 16 for a five-day all-expenses paid tour to Las Vegas. They returned on Wednesday and only they and the IRS know how they did on their investment at Vegas.

John Hines, grandson of Betty and Bud Ciarlo, is attending a three-month advanced medical training program at the Health Science Center at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. After completing the course he will return to his parent unit, the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

While here, John's wife Dawn visited for a weekend and came up to the Ciarlo's home at Cameron, N.C.

John Overholser has returned to the hospital for treatment of a slight infection, but he is hopeful that he and Marietta will be able to spend the holidays with the family.

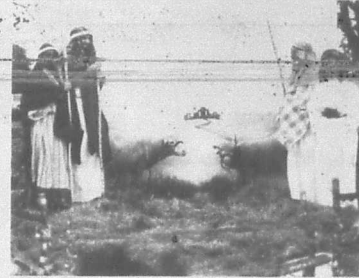
The Warren Lee's took some time off from their remodeling projects to visit their daughter Eva in Austin. Word has it that she was really trying to outrun her birthday on Dec. 17.

Patricia Daniels will be discharged from M.D. Anderson Hospital before the holidays. Sister reports that she is doing fine and will be spending the holidays with her.

The Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department will kick off the weekend by hosting two parties back-to-back on Friday, Dec. 23, at the fire hall.

The first party is for local children who will get refreshments and gifts from Santa Claus from 5 to 7 p.m.

An adult party will be held from 7 p.m. until the community punch bowl runs dry. Everyone is urged to stop by for refreshments and fun.



Staff Photo by James Fraser

The "Angels announce the birth to the Shepherds" living Christmas scene at the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church was one of three scenes portrayed Dec. 17.

Lake area Christmas services

Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year and for most churches, services will be held as usual, but with a Christmas emphasis. Many churches will alter their Sunday morning service and most will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday.

Faith Chapel of Lakehills

Faith Chapel will hold a watch-night style service Christmas Eve beginning at 11 p.m. The service will close at midnight with communion.

Christmas Day service will begin one hour early at 9:30 a.m. and with a prayer time beforehand at 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Lakehills

Lakehills United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. Special music.

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Grass fire threatens Alamo Beach yards

Grass fire threatening Alamo Beach yards reached into one yard and threatened to expand into three others at Alamo Beach in Pipe Creek.

A burning wood pile along Alamo Beach in dry, short grass in front of Tom Biediger's home apparently started the grass fire that spread rapidly along the water front.

The fire spread into George and Shirley McMullen's yard and threatened two others south of Biediger's. The fire also spread south along the waterfront, reaching the fence at Liebold's ranch.

The fire threatened, but did not damage, three docks in the path of the grass fire. Since the river level is down, the docks are well above the water level.

Neighbors used garden hoses and garden tools to slow the spread of the fire until the fire department arrived.

Al Whicker and family from Wharton's Dock saw the fire and came across in their boat and helped to put out the fire with shovels and buckets of water. "It restored my faith in humanity when the Whickers came across from Wharton's Dock to put out the fire," said Shirley McMullen.

The Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department responded within 10 minutes with four trucks and extinguished the fire. "The Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department responded quickly and kept the fire from damaging our homes," said McMullen.

With the dry grass, brush and grass fires can spread easily, says Pipe Creek fire chief Jack Tenenbach. "It's awful dry and with just a little wind, off it goes."



A grass fire at Pipe Creek's Alamo Beach gave residents a reason to appreciate their fire department Saturday. A wind whipped a burning brush pile into the dry, short grass along the water front. The fire entered one yard and threatened three docks left high and dry by the low river level.

Lakehills Legion to serve Christmas dinner Saturday

The Lakehills American Legion will serve a Christmas dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. at their hall Saturday, Dec. 24.

The meal of turkey, dressing, and all the usual condiments will be available for anyone that doesn't have a place to go for Christmas, says spokesman Tony Kruse. "The main objective of the meal is for those that are by themselves to share Christmas with us," says Kruse.

Last year's event brought in 84 people that would have been by themselves otherwise and served a total of 276 people, including shut-ins, says Kruse.

If someone cannot get out to the hall, legion members will pack a dinner for them and spend some time visiting, says Kruse. "We delivered 62 packed dinners in 1987," he says.

A visit by Santa Claus for the children is anticipated at 5 p.m., says Kruse.

The event began over 10 years ago with about 25 people. "When we started we used one-half gallon of egg nog. Now we use eight gallons," says Kruse.

Many Lakehills businesses support the dinner, including D&H Automotive, Avalon Print & Data, First State Bank of Lakehills, Lakehills Variety Store & More, Viking Enterprises, Lakehills Ice House, and the Medina Lake AARP, says Kruse. Area churches will be supplying pastries. "The legion sponsors the event, but the community puts it on," he says.

The meal is open to the public and while the meal is free, there will be a can for donations for those that can afford to contribute.

Market report

Gillespie Livestock Co., Inc. Dec. 14, 1988

CATTLE — 1,154

Prime cows and heifers: 2.90-4.10 higher; Hfrs: Strong, Sire: Strong, Butte: 3.10-6.00; Cows: 2.90-5.20.

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Sports

Results

Results for December 18
First race: 500 yards in 17.75.
1. Fast Smash; 2. Backward
Glance; 3. Doctor Bright.

Second race: 400 yards in
21.91. 1. Toast Your Glass; 2.
Mighty J. Bag; 3. Control the Bid.

Third race: 400 yards in 20.84.
1. Lovin' Leavin'; 2. Dugrains Ego;
3. Azare No Tell.

Fourth race: 400 yards in
21.07. 1. Texas Scooper; 2. Pre-
cious Victory; 3. Movac.

Fifth race: 350 yards in 18.37.
1. By Crackie; 2. Passing Again;
3. Love to Do.

Sixth race: 350 yards in 18.17.
1. Godfathers Taint; 2. Kermit
Wrangler; 3. Time To Dash.

Seventh race: 350 yards in
18.47. 1. Flashy Smash; 2. Sucha
Go Chick; 3. Miss Dos Kings.

Eighth race: 350 yards in
18.05. 1. Totally Amazing; 2.
Kitahara; 3. Le Beduina.

Ninth race: 330 yards in 17.34.
1. Distinctively Dash; 2. Ma Lv
Tex; 3. Thate Mammie Baby.

Tenth race: 330 yards in 17.57.
1. Gingera Game; 2. Go Sweep Go;
3. Me Lucky Left.

Eleventh race: 300 yards in 16.13.
1. Cashaflovin'; 2. Cash Ohs; 3.
On A Friday.

Twelfth race: 300 yards in 16.18.
1. Ima Bomerang; 2. Proud
Woman; 3. Windy N Stormy.

Thirteenth race: 300 yards in 16.13.
1. Challe Now; 2. Double Niner;
3. Miss Rocking Sunny.

Fourteenth race: 300 yards in 16.16.
1. Dixie Pie; 2. Smooth Saint;
3. Streakin and Sinner.

Fifteenth race: 300 yards in 16.10.
1. Struttin Easy; 2. Spy Flyer;
3. Perfect in Everyway.

Sixteenth race: 4 furlongs in 46.84.
1. Run Away Johnny; 2. Dr. Stat;
3. Cite Call.

Seventeenth race: 4 furlongs in 47.58.
1. Raise A governor; 2. Ryde A
Native; 3. Bulligator.

Eighteenth race: 770 yards in 40.81.
1. Littleberry Patch; 2. Mostly
Dark; 3. Scratch and Win.

Nineteenth race: 350 yards in 13.82.
1. Miss Hilo Johnny; 2. Vonnies
Lear; 3. Miss Gottaletta Go.

Twentieth race: 250 yards in 13.47.
1. Touchit Easy; 2. Dream of Col-
leen; 3. Dolls Glory.



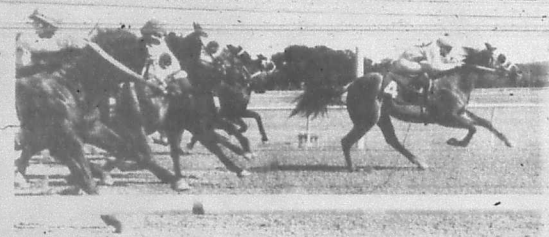
Bandera race horse trainer David Latham, shown above with Windy 'N Stormy, is at the top of the heap at Bandera Downs. Jockey Jesse Saucedo, who is the high-point pony-pilot at the Downs

1988 Leading Trainers and Jockeys

David Latham	277	34	22	25
Todd Taylor	221	28	21	9
Paul Doyle	191	16	24	19
David Bustamante	145	13	14	19
Carlos Barber	143	13	18	12
Allen Moshir	140	18	9	12
Walter Smith	140	14	16	18
Donnie Crow	103	8	13	12
Joe Faulkner	93	10	8	7
Frank Mendez	89	7	9	9
Jesse Saucedo	82	62	44	39
Tim Workman	414	48	36	34
Joe Quintanilla	284	30	19	39
Ricky Walker	276	30	31	18
Tim Williams	270	24	31	30
Nicky Wilson	238	29	19	18
Raul Ramirez	179	23	12	14
Jerry Lee Voskum	177	19	16	17
Jonnie Longoria	172	20	13	18
Ignacio Bustamante	173	17	19	17



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It's amazing! Totally Amazing, that is, with Jeff Williams aboard, is out front in the Whitetail Sprint Finals Sunday, Dec. 18, at Bandera Downs. The two-year-old

Totally Amazing wins Whitetail Sprint

Totally Amazing, a 2-year-old chestnut mare owned by Ellen Kennedy and trained by R.C. Howell, won the featured White Tail Sprint at Bandera Downs Sunday, covering the 350-yard distance in 18.08 seconds.

Jeff Williams piloted Totally Amazing to victory over Kitahara, ridden by Bandera Downs' top jockey of 1988, Jesse Saucedo. La Beduina, with Nicky Wilson aboard, finished third.

Totally Amazing won \$5,608. Kitahara took home \$2,804, another featured race Sunday. Fast Smash took home \$2,110 by winning the Wrangler's 550 Championship. By Crackie won \$1,695 and the Holiday Allowance for 3-year-olds. Godfather's Taint won the Bandera Feed and Garden's Juvenile Championship and \$2,322, favorite Littleberry Patch won \$1,606 and the OST's 770 Championship.

Touchit Easy, with Gary Billings in the irons, won \$2,354 and the Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar 250 Championship.

Cole state-ranked

San Antonio Cole, which is in the same district with Bandera, was named the fourth-best Class AAA basketball team in the state in the first in-season statewide poll of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Leakey was ranked 14th among Class A teams.

Cole is led by 7-foot Shaquille O'Neal who has been called the best college prospect among Texas high school basketball players. He has already signed a letter of intent to attend Louisiana State University.

Leakey is led by Troy House, formerly of Medina, who is among the most prolific scorers in Texas.

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that the percentage of spikes taken by hunters may triple or quadruple following lengthy drought." A total of 324 mule deer were trapped for the West Texas study during the three years from 1986 through 1988, including 102 fawns and yearlings. The animals were marked with ear tags and freeze brands for subsequent identification, and then released at the trap site.

"Of the 39 known-age yearling bucks we marked, 34 have been sighted or re-trapped," said Russ. "A total of 28, or 82 percent, of these bucks were spikes."

On the other hand, 12 of the 18 known-age 2.5-year-old bucks were documented, and only one was a spike. A 3.5-year-old eight-pointer was a spike when trapped as a yearling, Russ said.

"There has been a great deal of misinformation and misinterpretation of information concerning spike bucks," said Bob West, wildlife regional director in San Angelo. "The kill all spikes attitude is now being applied to

desert mule deer. The department has never recommended culling spike mule deer."

West believes deer management is a complex situation with virtually no easy answers. "Poor range conditions almost always produce low quality animals with smaller antlers," he said. "Spike bucks have become scapegoats, animals to be blamed for mismanagement of Texas deer herds."

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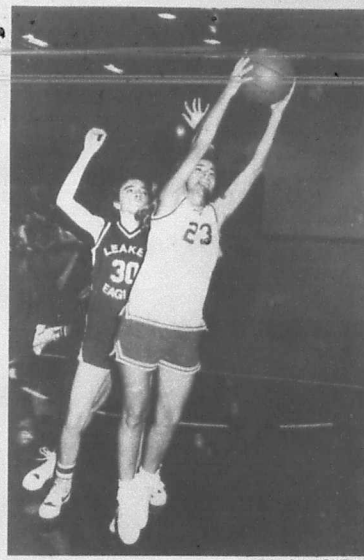
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Medina's Cloe Sill (23), gets a steal from a Leakey player during the Lady Bobcat's 52-27 loss to the Eagles Friday, Dec. 16. The 'Cats also lost to Lago Vista 36-28 during the Center Point tournament and are 5-7 for the season.

Slight decline seen in furbearer populations

Fur-bearing animal populations are about 11 percent below last year, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department surveys in 1988.

Biologist Sylvester Sorola of Del Rio said furbearers were counted along with white-tailed deer during spotlight counts conducted during August and September. The 357 survey routes totaled 4,944 miles.

Sorola said indexes to furbearer abundance fluctuate rather widely from year to year. "The 1988 indexes were within long-term limits observed since the early 1980s," he said.

"Raccoons and skunks remain the most abundant furbearers in Texas with very widespread distribution. Gray fox are usually seen in higher numbers in the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau, Rolling Plains and Cross-Timbers

and Prairies.

Bobcats are seen sparingly on surveys throughout the state but are observed most often in the South Texas region. Ringtails are usually seen only in the rocky central area of the state and in the Trans-Pecos.

During 1988-89, Texas fur takers can expect harvest opportunities similar to those of the past several years. Fur prices remain variable as they are dictated by international markets. Sorola said, adding that local fur buyers are the best source of day-to-day fur price quotations.

Fur prices hit a peak in 1979-80, but have been at lower levels since that time. Sorola said the 1979 price for raccoon pelts averaged \$20, but last year averaged only \$10. The only furbearer showing an increase was mink, last year worth \$15 compared to

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Robert Allen Simons (14), can't quite reach the ball during Medina's loss to Leakey Friday, Dec. 16 at the Center Point tournament. The 'Cats won against Wimberly but lost again to Johnson City. Bobcat basketball will return on Friday, Jan. 6 when Medina hosts Knippa.

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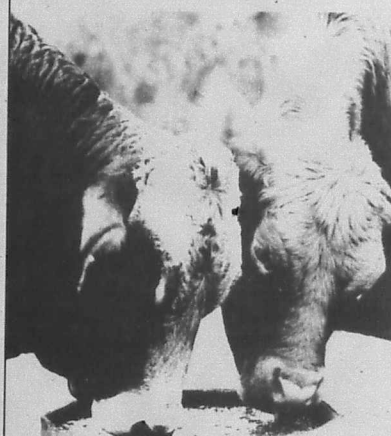
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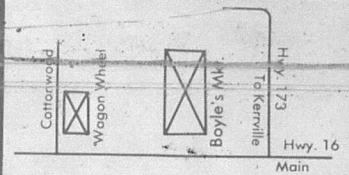
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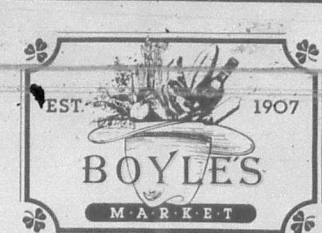
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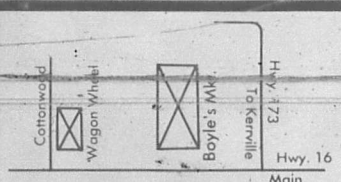
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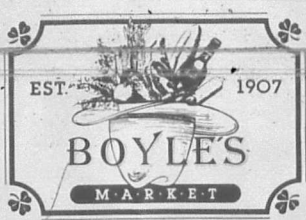
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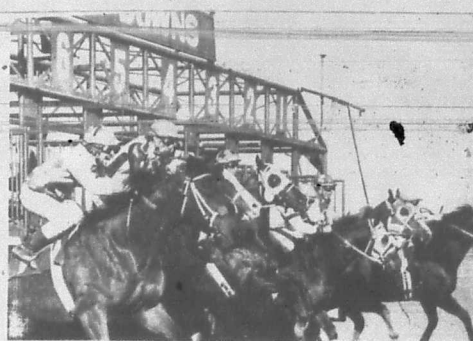
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The old and the new

Symbolic of the changing years, almost-98-year-old Judd Clark and his great-granddaughter six-month-old Kelly Campbell look forward to the coming of

1989. Clark will be 98 on Jan. 1, 1989, and says he expects to celebrate "several more" New Year's birthdays. Kelly looks forward to her first.

Alexander fires attorney, Barton orders mental exam

By Janne Sandidge
Staff Writer

Kenneth Alexander's court-appointed attorney withdrew from his case, and Alexander expressed his support for prisoners' rights by wearing a banner across his forehead Thursday when district court met in Bandera.

"Judge, my client wishes to fire me," said Jeffrey Scott, a San Antonio attorney appointed to Alexander's case in November. "I don't truly believe he has a true understanding of these proceedings."

Scott said he didn't believe Alexander understood the "nature of the motion to revoke his probation," and he questioned Alexander's mental competency.

The attorney's statement was periodically interrupted by Alexander saying "I object."

Alexander said he was being assisted by the FBI, and his attorney called the notion a "delusion" on Alexander's part, who also maintained he was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment by a conspiracy within the sheriff's department.

In a handwritten document delivered to the court and dated Nov. 29, Alexander said he advised Scott he was fired, and he asked him to file a motion for withdrawal.

"I advised Jeffrey Scott to file a motion for withdrawal as my appointed attorney," said Alexander. "Mr. Scott said f--- you, then said he could help me."

"I don't want Mr. Scott to be my attorney after he condemned me, then said he could help me. It is obvious Mr. Scott is confused as to who he is. He condemned me as a prosecutor, then said he could help me as a defense attorney," Alexander said.

"Your honor, I am more than willing to represent the man," said Scott, who said a complete physical and psychiatric examination by an independent expert would make the court "better able to determine competency."

"It puts all attorneys in a precarious position," he said.

Alexander was originally defended for a February 1986 burglary by attorney Clarence Williams, who withdrew in February of 1987. Williams cited Alexander's inability to pay his legal fees

when his parents withdrew their support as the reason for his withdrawal.

After signing a statement of confession in June of 1987, Alexander was placed on probation. According to the probation officer's report, Alexander failed to report regularly for probation, failed to pay required fees, and generally did not uphold his probation agreement. In February of

this year, he reportedly fled from DPS trooper Nolan Metz, who was trying to arrest him for marijuana possession.

In June, the judge approved a motion to revoke Alexander's probation. In a handwritten motion to quash state's petition statement dated Nov. 19, Alexander called the motion to revoke

(See COURT, Page 3A.)

Elected officials will take oaths Sunday, Jan. 1 at courthouse

Nine newly-elected and re-elected county officials will be sworn in at courthouse ceremonies Sunday, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. Sheriff-elect Steve Forest; County Commissioners-elect Cotton Fitzgerald and Roger Raser; Justice of the Peace Preston Boggs; elected and re-elected constables Ernest Reich, Donnie Walker, Tom Fielder and Bill Ellis; and re-elected county attorney Sam L. Darden will be sworn into office at the courthouse Sunday to begin their terms.

Sheriff Guy Pickett's term will end at midnight, Dec. 31, so Bandera County will be without a sheriff until early Sunday morning. However, the deputy sheriffs will continue to function, thus insuring county law enforcement, says county judge Ray Maurer.

Marguerite Stevens was sworn in as county tax assessor-collector at commissioners' meeting Dec. 12.



Staff Photo by Larry T. Williams

Bandera EMTs Lynda Cook, Ginny Brient and Marianne Sandidge are three-fifths of the total number of their group available in the city. For information on a new training class please see Page 4A.

DECEMBER 29, 1988

A view from the hill

By Tom Penyer

In 1890 the U.S. Census Bureau made its famous announcement: the frontier was closed. No one had shut the gate. The Bureau meant to say that there were enough people living close enough together, there was no longer a continuous expanse of territory inhabited only by wildlife and natives.

Some Americans gradually began to realize that the wilderness would not be there forever, unless deliberate efforts were undertaken to preserve it.

In the case of rivers, the first fights against dams were directed at projects that would destroy the river canyons in the national parks of the West.

A dam was stopped in a national park for the first time in 1920 — actually, three dams, on the Falls River basin in Yellowstone Park.

In 1928, T. Coleman du Pont's \$400,000 saved Kentucky's Cumberland Falls, the East's largest after Niagara and the one with the world's only consistent "moon-bow" on clear nights.

By the 1930s and 1940s, new reasons and new groups for defending wild rivers began to be heard. Hunters and especially fishermen realized that dams did much more than change water flows, and much more than reduce or eliminate wildlife populations.

By the late 1940s, the Tennessee Valley Authority reported that it had moved 13,638 families in order to flood 593,651 acres.

By the early 1950s popular and professional magazines began to challenge the Corps of Engineers' "American Forester" reported in 1952 that the Corps dam on Texas' Angelina River cost 200,000 acres of forest.

Eisenhower even vetoed two rivers and harbors bills, and Congress sustained his vetoes. (Eventually, of course, the worst pork barrel projects were slipped into later bills.)

The first substantial victory, however, was that which saved Echo Park, below the confluence of the Green and Yampa Rivers in northern Colorado. The usual benefits — hydroelectricity, irrigation, recreation — were promised, and the usual attacks on conservationists — "long-haired punks" guilty of "romantic tripe" — were made.

Yet the dam was defeated in 1956 by a nationwide coalition of 30 environmental groups and the defections of an Oregon senator and Colorado governor from the usual Western pro-dam bloc of politicians.

In the 1960s, U.S. treaty obligations stopped some dams on Indian lands. More spectacular successes came in 1968, when the Central Arizona Project's attempt to dam the Grand Canyon was stopped, as was the Rampart dam on the Yukon.

In 1972 a new group surfaced. The "river people" — canoeists and rafters — had led the fight to preserve the Buffalo River in northern Arkansas.

These victories had their costs, their downsides, which always seem to accompany any temporary reversal of the American doctrine of development and mastery over nature.

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Comptroller Bullock vs. Clements for public school funding reform

In endorsing legislative intent to reform public school funding last week, Comptroller Bob Bullock described his differences with opposition forces led by Gov. Bill Clements.

"I really disagree with those (lawmakers) who would cause and condemn our judicial system, our judges, because of their own failure to do what should be done."

Bullock also retold a story Clements told him about how Clements' father moved from a rural town to Dallas to give his son a better education.

That's what this is all about. To keep people like Bill Clements' father from having to do that."

Clements still has room for rebuttal in the preliminary jockeying on this issue, the most crucial before the Legislature.

His opposition has been against court-ordered reforms and in favor of legislative reforms.

No financial Santa
Republicans have yet to submit their reform plan and the estimated increased spending that goes with it, though it is expected to be far leaner than plans by Democrats.

Proposals to reform public school financing will likely use up the estimated \$1.6 billion surplus available to this Legislature.

Bullock hinted it will not be enough to fund the reforms. "There's a (legal) priority for mental health. Whether schools will be a priority, I don't know. There's no financial Santa Claus."

Concentration camp scenario
A recent influx of 5,000 Central Americans has legislators, church and legal-aid attorneys worried over concentration camp scenarios in South Texas.

The aliens, most of them from Nicaragua, live in squalor while their immigration agency processes them, but since most are here illegally, the agency does not fund their wait. They are here to claim asylum, but may just be fleeing poor economies.

Private charities support them in the interim, and those groups worry the Rio Grande Valley will become a "concentration camp" for refugees.

Local officials don't like the burden, and claim many aliens are criminals, diseased and competing for scarce jobs.

Ranchers, environmentalists
Environmentalists and ranchers from West Texas clashed last week at a public hearing on how to run the expensive Big Bend Ranch as a state park.

Ranchers say pumas and other predators will kill livestock and deer on ranches for miles around unless park officials implement a predator control system in harmony with theirs.

Sierra Club members want a moratorium on killing predators for two years while a study is made.

Meanwhile, city lawmakers seeking parks for their areas are eyeing the new purchase to see how much budget it will eat up.

West Texas lawmakers, who say the Parks and Wildlife board made environmentalists happy when they bought the ranch, want commissioners to protect the local economy.

Lewis poised for four
Speaker Gib Lewis is poised to match Clayton's record of serving four terms. He is basically unchallenged for the post and his reelection opening week is unquestioned.

Ironically, Lewis will name a committee this session to lay the groundwork for redistricting the state following the '90 census, and Republicans have played key roles on his team.

Whether Lewis will be as helpful as Clayton remains to be seen. It's no secret that House Republicans would like to win enough

Bandera County potpourri

By Nick Johnson

Editor Nick Johnson is on vacation, so James Fraxar, staff writer, will offer his words this last week of the year.

We've just begun through one of the most joyous, jubilant, and probably most important holiday seasons we have. A time of goodwill, giving, charity, and generally, just being nice. Unfortunately, after New Year's Day, most will take off their mask and the wonderfulness we've experienced will come to an end.

The Christmas season brings out that good side of everyone. Oh, yes, there are a few Scrooges that will never change, but their feelings are honest, and you really have to appreciate them for that, just as there are those that are nice year-around. They're easy to appreciate. But what about the rest (probably the majority)?

During the Christmas season, people that normally don't get along, make an effort to be nice to each other. People that normally fuss and fight actually coexist in a semblance of harmony. Suddenly, there are more people in church. Giving to churches and other charities goes up. The season catches up to us all.

The biggest problem, though, is that starting Jan. 2 or 3, all that happiness wears off. Grumps return, groups of people that fight go back to trying to "stab each other in the back," and that cooperative and charitable spirit that was building is put back on the shelf like Christmas ornaments.

The loss of cooperation is what I miss the most when the holiday season departs. Bandera is a small county and we know that if we're going to make it a better place to live, we'd all better pitch in and work together. But the problem is, too many groups of people or individuals want to cooperate only as long as it's done "my way." So much for working together.

Many residents are quick to point to people in and around the city of Bandera for conflict, cliques, and people that don't get along. But, it's out there in the county, too. Medina, Pipe Creek, Lakehills, Wharton's Dock, and all the other communities have their factions that don't like each other. Dumb, dumb, dumb.

I'd think we had enough obstacles to climb over to make Bandera County a better place to live, but we keep insisting on throwing any and all ridiculous prejudices, personal preferences, and self-glorifying opinions in the way.

Of course, there is another holiday coming up that could make a difference. New Year's, the season of resolutions and fresh starts. How about a resolution to keep Christmas in our hearts all year long and learn to live and love, yes, love, our neighbor?

Sounds like an unreal expectation, a not "of the world as it is" goal? Good, that garbage that's been dishied out to us about how the world should operate is what got us in this mess to begin with. There's no easy way to love everyone and no one said cooperation was easy. But it's worth more than a try, it's absolutely the only way out.

We're all in this county together. Let's not keep those walls up that keep us from being united. Cooperate and be friends.

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Alexander said in court Thursday he had been hospitalized for mental observation twice, and he said that at the time, when he was found for his mental observation, he was "taking the mental status."

Do you feel you are mentally ill? The judge asked Alexander. "Yes, your honor," was Alexander's reply.

Judge Barrios ordered a complete series of mental and physical examinations for Alexander to determine his competency.

Area break-ins reported by sheriff's department

Burglary at Bandera High School was among several break-ins reported by the Bandera County sheriff's department this week.

Bandera High School Monday, Dec. 26 reported a burglary that occurred sometime between Dec. 16 and 26. Two printers, valued at \$1,080 were reported taken.

Also Monday, Thomas Mormon of San Antonio reported a burglary at his Lakehills place. Missing is a heater valued at \$100.

Charles McCloskey of Pipe Creek Monday reported theft of a handgun, valued at a \$250, during the Christmas holidays.

Sunday, Dec. 25 Eugene Niles of Houston reported a burglary at his Pipe Creek place. Numerous items valued at over \$9,000 were reported taken.

Friday, Dec. 23, Jerry Acord reported someone tried to break in at Pop's Place at Pipe Creek, but he said no entry was gained.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, Leroy Rogers of Pipe Creek reported a burglary. Missing are a color TV and microwave, valued at \$350. Debbie Prewaki of Lakehills Wednesday reported video games and over \$400 missing in a burglary.

Beltron Littlefield of San Antonio reported Tuesday, Dec. 20, the judge asked Alexander. "Yes, your honor," was Alexander's reply.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company employee Rick Fay reported Tuesday, Dec. 20 the theft of a flexible harrow and log chain from a highway work site. Value of the items is \$250.

Annual Christmas and New Year's fireworks season is upon us, but so far no reports of fireworks-related fires. Because of the drought, Bandera's grass and brush fields are like a tinderbox, ready to go off.

There weren't many fireworks-related fires last year, recalls Bandera VFD Fire Chief Tom Adams, but he adds, "It's a lot drier this year."

New Year's celebrations that set off fireworks should stay away from tall grass and weeds, says Adams. Since it's been dry, the "least little spark will set off a grass fire." People should keep water around just in case a fire starts, to put out any fire immediately, he advises.

• Bottle rockets are not recommended by Pipe Creek VFD Fire Chief Jack Trenkelbach. Bottle rockets pose a definite threat with all of the dry grass in the area because, "You can't control where they go."

For those that will set off fireworks, here are some suggestions:

• Fireworks, as much fun as some believe they are, can cause burns, blindness, and bodily and property damage if handled incorrectly.

• What's in the target path? Then look around further.

• Is the fuse too short? Try another, don't chance it.

• What is the wind speed and direction? If there are high winds, don't do it.

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Youth Center to open New Year's Eve

The youth center on Cedar Street will open Saturday at 7 p.m. and offer games, recorded movies, music, play-acting in skits and other activities. Those participating will go for the midnight calendar change. Prizes as they can stay awake.

The evening will be limited to those from junior high to high school age. Those in sixth grade and under will need to be accompanied by a parent. The evening will be chaperoned.

Parents or businesses wishing to help sponsor the event should call Janna Sandig at 796-0718 or Nancy Hayes at 796-1153.

The youth center will be closed Friday.

Fireplace's heat causes wall studs to burn

Bandera's fire department extinguished a wall fire behind the fireplace at the Hector Moreno home, Monday, Dec. 26. Damage was not extensive according to firefighters, but the fire would have been more destructive if it had been reported later in the day.

Bandera Volunteer Fire Department trucks 4 and 5 responded to the 10 a.m. report of smoke at the Moreno home in Bandera Ranch Acres with twelve firemen. The firemen found heat behind the fireplace wall. Part of the wall had to be torn out and water was used to extinguish the fire.

Apparently, mortar and rocks in the fireplace got too hot and wood bracing behind the fireplace caught fire, says Bandera VFD Fire Chief Tom Adams.

When fireplace rocks get extremely hot, the mortar can separate and a pin-hole forms. Flames and heat or hot smoke can get out

behind the fireplace, he says. The heat from the fireplace reached a wood stud and slowly spread to other nearby wall studs.

There was enough air to keep the fire smoldering and "right next to flaming," says Adams. "Fireplaces need a 4-inch air space between the fireplace and the wall for dead air to insulate."

Firemen found the smoldering time by feeling the walls for heat. Then the firemen had to break out the wall about a foot and a-half on each side to get to the fire, says Adams.

The home was of recent construction, within approximately the last five years, estimates Adams.

The Morenos said it had been two days since they had a fire in the fireplace, but had been smiling something burning. They could not find any fire or see any smoke, Adams reports.

Survivors include her mother, Ethel J. (Jo) Highsmith of Bandera; father, Claude J. Highsmith of Houston; grandparents, Milton and Evelyn Highsmith of D'Hanis and Etta Johnson of Bandera; great-grandparents, Nettie Koch of Houston and Delcie Baker of Bandera, and sisters, Melanie and Christi Highsmith of Bandera.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 28 in Grimes Chapel with Martin Smith officiating.

Burial was in Bandera Cemetery.

Obituary
Karla R. Highsmith

Karla R. Highsmith, 3, of Bandera died Saturday, Dec. 24, at Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio.

She was born in Hondo and lived the past 1½ years in Bandera.

She was a member of the Catholic Church.

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Utopia Sports
Guns
1. Winchester Model 70 Lightweight 243 New \$330
2. Rossi Pump .22 New \$140
3. Savage 20 gauge single shot New \$50
4. Remington model 700 BDL with 3-9 scope \$380
5. Winchester model 1200 pump 20 gauge, used \$150

Ammo
UMC .223 FMJ 20/Box \$5
UMC 30 calibre MC 50/Box \$10.50
UMC 308 150gr MC 20/Box \$7.50
CCI 22 Mag HP 50/Box \$5
Hansen 22 LR 50/Box \$11.15

I stock a complete line of Hornady Ammo. Guns needed to be sold

Benefit planned for Highsmiths

A dance and musical show to benefit the family of Karla Highsmith is being planned for Sunday, Jan. 8 at Arkey Blue's Silver Dollar Saloon starting at 3 p.m. A donation of \$1 per person will be requested.

Karla, the three-year-old daughter of Jo Highsmith of Bandera died Christmas Eve in a San Antonio hospital after a series of illnesses.

Bandera's Dusty Britches and a new band, the Outriders are scheduled to appear at the benefit.

Byron Boyd, one of the benefit's organizers, says that other professional musicians interested in donating their time to the event can call Boyle's Market at 796-4393.

Boyd also said an account is set up at San Antonio Savings Association for folks who would like to contribute.

'Tie One On For Safety,' says Bandera County EMS

"Tie One On For Safety," a holiday awareness campaign against drunk driving, will be evident in Bandera this holiday weekend, according to Bandera County EMS secretary Anna Faye Busch.

"Bandera County EMS agrees with the concept of MADD's Project Red Ribbon and plans to 'Tie One On For Safety' by placing red ribbons on EMS vehicles during the holiday season," said Busch. "A significant reduction in the number of calls due to DWI would make this season a much happier one for all concerned."

Gene Weatherall, Bureau Chief for Texas Department of Health's emergency management is urging EMS organizations statewide to participate in MADD's Project Red Ribbon.

"MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) is asking everyone to tie a red ribbon to the driver's door of the vehicle as a reminder not to drive while drunk," said Weatherall. "It also serves as a public statement that the vehicle owner chooses a sober holiday season."

The bureau is asking ambulance organizations to tie red ribbons to the driver's door of their ambulances to show support for this MADD project.

"EMS is closely involved with the end result of the drunk driving tragedies," Weatherall said. "Last year in Texas alone 1,250 persons were killed in alcohol-related crashes."

African art featured at Frontier Times Museum

Frontier Times Museum during the month of January will feature a group of African artwork and artifacts collected by Dr. E.N. Wilson during his service overseas.

Dr. Wilson, a practicing physician in Texas for 23 years, entered the Foreign Service, Department of State, in the 1970s, and retired in 1986. He has been a resident of Bandera County since then.

During Dr. Wilson's tenure overseas, he was posted in areas of North and West Africa for five years. While on duty in these areas, he was able to collect a variety of objects of African artwork and other memorabilia, which will constitute his exhibit at the museum in January.

Frontier Times Museum, 506 13th St. in Bandera, is open from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and from 1 until 4:30 p.m. Sundays. Admission fee effective January 1st is \$1.50 for adults and 25 cents for children ages 6 through 18.

Members of the Friends of Frontier Times Museum are admitted free. For further information, contact the museum at 796-3864.

Entertainment

Bandera County baby wins River City crown

Stephanie Lynn Acheson of Bandera won the title of Baby Miss River City in a pageant in San Antonio Sunday, Dec. 11.

The 11-month-old daughter of Larry and Melinda Acheson competed against little girls up to two years of age, said her mother.

It was the child's first venture into the glittery world of pageantry, she said.

"A friend's child was entering the contest and when she asked if we had entered, I thought we'd try it once," said Acheson. "I don't know if we'll do it again or not," she said.

Stephanie, who was sponsored by Super S Foods of Bandera won first in Party Dress, Sportswear and Photogenic categories and also did well in her personal interview, said her mother.

The tot received four trophies for her wins and her queen crown as well as a prepaid \$75 entry in next year's contest if she chooses to compete, she said.

The contest was put on by Texas Pageant Productions and was open to children up to 16 years old, said Acheson.

Stephanie Lynn Acheson

Tom Moore High School of Ingram is among 29 Texas junior high and high schools nominated by the Texas Education Agency for national recognition as outstanding secondary schools, the TEC announced this week.

The league was made up of eight teams of six players each. The teams played at different establishments in Bandera, Lakehills, Mico, and San Gerónimo.

The association completed its fall-winter league in November and presented trophies at its banquet Dec. 3 at the Pipe Creek Community Center.

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Ingram school cited

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Your basic

Bandera

By Peggy Tobin

On graduation night each May at Bandera High School, smiling college-bound seniors step up to the podium to receive Doane scholarships. These generous awards carry with them the right to minimum-interest loans from the Doane Foundation of Chicago.

Recipients have found that their Doane scholarships have often made the difference between dropping out or achieving that important college degree.

It has been twenty-five years since Foster B. "Bic" Doane and his wife, Sandra lived in the sprawling stone house atop the hill from which they enjoyed a full-circle view of most of eastern Bandera County.

Bic died in 1963. Sandra later married Colonel Hugh Turk. The vast ranch, stretching up hill and down dale on both sides of Highway 16, was sold and then divided. From it have been carved Lost Valley Estates, Lazy Oaks, and Bandera Downs, which the Doanes sold off early on.

Bandera Ranch Acres, Polly's Peak, Bandera River Ranch, and the Wagon Creek subdivision were all part of the Doane Ranch as well.

While the Doane name now lives on as a name on a valuable piece of paper in the hands of a graduate, the other good things the Doanes did for Bandera are also highly visible.

A major contribution was the purchase of Frontier Times Museum from the heirs of founder J. Marvin Hunter, thereby preserving intact a unique institution.

Doane was interested in western art, cowboy lore, and Indian artifacts. He repaired and refurbished the museum building and set up Doane Foundation support which continues to aid the non-profit corporation to which his widow presented title in 1972.

And then Bic Doane went to work on the Bandera County Library which originally consisted of a few shelves of donated books in the basement of the Library Auditorium. The WPA built depression auditorium was modified so that no-needed backstage areas were converted into an airy and accessible new library.

Harvey Hulise, retired Baptist minister who moved from Bandera to Lakey to take up taxidermy, has restored a massive Longhorn mount and a collection of deer antlers. Now these critters are spiffy!

Sandra Turk said she liked what she saw in Bandera the other day. "I came to see too."

Bandera High School, has made the Dean's List (Honor Roll) at the University of Southern Mississippi where she is a freshman majoring in financial management.

Selena is the daughter of Lynda and Van Cook of Bandera.

Labcock Christian University's 1988 December graduation ceremonies.

Wilson graduated with a degree in communication.

Cook makes honors Selena Cook, a 1988 graduate

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It's New Year's, so it must be black-eyed peas

Eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck is a southern tradition. Although there are many different versions about the origin of this tradition, one thing is certain — folks in the North don't share the custom, says Irene Elizondo with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Among the best stories is one about a farmer who after eating a large helping of black-eyed peas on New Year's just happened to dig up a pot of Spanish gold while laying fence posts," she says.

Another story tells of Gen. Sam Houston who ate peas on the day before the battle of San Jacinto.

"There are those who believe that a person will earn a dollar for every pea he eats on New Year's Day," Elizondo explains.

"Perhaps the real truth is that the luck of the peas come from eating a really nutritious food at a really economical price," she says.

Classified as a cowpea, black-eyed peas are an excellent source of carbohydrates. They also contain B vitamins, iron, and calcium. When combined with meats, cheese and eggs, black-eyed peas are an especially good source of protein, she says.

"This time of year, peas are available frozen, dried or canned," Elizondo says. "If you purchase dried black-eyed peas, soak before cooking in order to replace the water which was removed in the dehydration process."

Belinda Boshell, Texas Department of Agriculture Marketing Specialist in Tyler makes some suggestions to help speed the cooking process.

"Wash and clean peas; place in a large Dutch oven or pan. Cover with 2 inches water above peas and soak overnight. Brown sausage in a heavy skillet, stirring to crumble. Add onion and cook until tender. Drain off excess grease. Drain peas well; stir in sausage and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat and simmer 1½ hours. Add additional water if necessary. Makes 10 servings."

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Over 100 reservations received for New Year's

The annual New Year's Eve dance and party at the Lakehills Civic Center has at least 100 people planning to attend. "We are a little over half full on reservations and seats are going fast," says Marie Pickett. There are 200 seats available for the dance.

There is no cut-off for reservations for small groups, couples, or singles, but a large party of people need to reserve as early as possible, she says. If there are seats left over, people can get in that night without a reservation. "People can call New Year's Eve

Day and I'll tell them if there's room or not," says Pickett. The party starts at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 and continues until 1 a.m. with music by Dusty Britches and the Rhythm Ranch Hands of Bandera. "We furnish the party favors and have black-eyed peas and cornbread at midnight," says PERRY Ashmore, president of the association.

Call 751-2000 for reservations. Cost is \$15 per couple and \$7.50 per person. The Medina Lake Betterment Association is sponsoring the annual event.

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Visitors of Rev. and Mrs. Ted Bosworth were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hare, brother Mike Hare, and daughter Sara and her husband Bryan, all of Bryan. Sunday guests of Don and Pat Rastetter included their son, Eddie and Cindy Rastetter and daughter, (Dandy) Angie of Anniston, Alabama; daughter Carla Hewitt, Matthew and Tyler of Boerne; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Jones and Will Bridges. Visiting Sonja Crook have been her husband's parents, Bill and Marcy Crook of Myrtle Point, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Howell of San Antonio were Sunday guests of her son and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Neal Howell and children. Joelyn Edwards of Marble Falls visited during Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Edwards. Luther Jr. and Quita Mathis of Corpus Christi spent a couple of days at the Mathis Ranch. They attended the Christmas celebration with his parents, Luther and June Mathis at Purple Hills.

Henry and Oleta Davis had their children and grandchildren visit them from Temple, London, and Hondo. David Edwards from Baylor University is spending the holidays with his family, Jay and Jill Edwards and Jess.

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Santa Claus, having parked his reindeer at D & H Automotive, gets some last minute gift wishes from children at Lakehills American Legion, Dec. 24. Some 239 people were served at the legion's annual Christmas Eve dinner and 28 children visited with Santa.

Misfits team takes first place in Lakehills dart league

The Misfits team took first place in the Lakehills dart league. Other winning teams were second-place Frigates and third-place T-Birds. Captain Shirley Jones, V.C. Jones Jr., Randall Oliver, and Ralph Griffin made up the first place team.

There were five teams with four players each in the league. Dart games are played at the Fiddlin' Around Lounge in Lakehills. A new league will be formed in January and a sixth team is expected to join the league, says lounge owner Millie Harrison.

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Wharton's Dock

By John Ciarlo — 796-3225

Holiday visitors at the Hiddenburgs included their daughter Vicki Jones, her husband Jon and grandsons Joshua, Aaron and Dustin all from San Antonio; and John and Roseanne Clapp and their son Justin all from Lubbock.

The three grandsons asked to spend the week with grandma and grandpa. Grandma said "why not, a few more grey hairs won't matter."

Christmas Day was Fran and Wayne Hiddenburg's 40th wedding anniversary. They celebrated the day by attending a movie and a candlelight dinner in San Antonio.

Phil and Nola Biedose's Christmas guests included Theresa and Al Ventura and grandson Kevin all from Austin; Mike Avallone from San Antonio; and Tim Avallone and Tammy Wheatley from Indiana.

Dick and Deane Newman spent Christmas weekend with their daughter Merline and her husband Bruce Talley and their children Pace and Lana. They drove with their daughter Andrea and her husband Ronnie Tondre and their children Dustin and Shay; and Floyd and Mary Portman to Austin to spend Christmas Eve with their son Ron and his wife Betty and their children Bryan and Laura.

The Newman family Christmas dinner with daughter Andrea and her family, and brought granddaughter Laura back with them for a few days.

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Will Lee will celebrate his 67th birthday New Year's Eve. To celebrate, the Lees will have an open house at the Wharton's Dock home with a buffet, and

later in the evening a party at Wharton's Dock Lounge.

The Duquettes have returned home after a four-day trip to Fort Worth visiting with children and grandchildren over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Marian Trout and the Birchies welcomed their sister-in-law, Alice Trout, for the holiday season. Mrs. Charles Trout (Alice) arrived by Amtrak from Santa Barbara on the Dec. 20 laden with Christmas gifts. News about her husband in Africa and a few excursion trips infused additional interest in her stay. Alice returns home on Dec. 29.

The sanctuary's decorations by Mrs. Nell King could not have been more attractive. Choir and congregation alternated during the music program, climaxed with a piano solo by Betty Lagani.

The Rev. Paul Flanders brought a meaningful meditation on the motives of giving.

A majority of the congregation shared fellowship over delicious goodies in the fellowship hall with Mrs. Lora.

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Tarpley

By Nettie Dean — 562-3464

The weather was beautiful for the Christmas weekend — warm sunshine. Strong south winds blew Monday, with promises of rain and much colder weather for the next few days.

Tarpley Baptist Church had only the preaching service and no Sunday school because many families expected guests for Christmas Day. Visitors included Linda Karr of Dallas and Dr. and Mrs. Larry M. Dean and children Sara and Michael, all of Abilene.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Singleton and granddaughter Harla drove to Temple where they had an early Christmas visit with their son and his family, Rick and Donna Singleton and their daughters Kaci and Genni. Christmas Sunday the Singletons and their daughter Jeri and her three-year-old daughter Harla went to San Antonio for a traditional Christmas breakfast at Bobby's sister Dorothy Maness' home.

The weekend visitors of Elzie and Nettie Dean included Dr. and Mrs. Larry Dean and children Sara and Mike of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Newcomb and children Molly and Jonathan, and on Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Dean of P'hanis.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Steve and Judy Johnson and children Corey and Willie were Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haner, Mrs. Herman Haner, Mr. and Mrs. James Holditch of South Carolina and Stephanie Johnson of

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Evansville, Inc. Mrs. Holditch is Steve's mother and they were here several days visiting with them. Steve's daughter Stephanie is also spending the holidays with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Holt and son Perry and their daughter Delanie of Austin are visiting Lou Etta's parents Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Perry of Ft. Worth. Delanie will be spending the holidays with her family Lynn and Lou Etta Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hood left Sunday to visit their daughter and her family, Edna and Ray Chatham and his parents at Kingland for a few days.

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Christmas Day dinner guests of Steve and Judy Johnson and children Corey and Willie were Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haner, Mrs. Herman Haner, Mr. and Mrs. James Holditch of South Carolina and Stephanie Johnson of

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Polish new year celebration, or Nowy Rok, begins this week

By Janna Sandidge Staff Writer

January (Styczen) in Poland, begins with Nowy Rok, or New Year's Day. As in the U.S., it is a national holiday and this year it falls on Sunday, or Niedziela. It was also Polish Relief Day in 1916.

These are just a few of the facts found on the 1989 Polish American calendar researched and published by Donald F. Samul of Detroit.

The days from Christmas to Epiphany is a period of general merriment in Poland, with the kulg or night sleigh party being especially popular, says Samul.

The first families came to Bandera in the 1850s, and several Polish colonists traveled from Panna Maria, the spot they originally settled in, to Bandera. Bandera's Polish Catholic community was strong from the beginnings of the town. In 1876, the colonists built a rock church, and they knew they were here to stay.

Monday (Poniedzialek), Jan. 2, is the 1928 birthdate of Congressman Dan Rostenkowski of Chicago, the deputy majority whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Tuesday (Wtorek), Jan. 3, was the 1899 birthdate of Pola Negri (Apollonia Charell), Polish-American film star of the "Roaring 20's." She lived in retirement in San Antonio until her death in 1986.

Wednesday (Sroda), Jan. 4, marks the 1925 birthdate of All-American, Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Lujack, who starred for the Notre Dame football team in the 1940s.

Friday (Piątek), Jan. 6 is the traditional day of the three kings. It is also the anniversary of the 1785 death of Haym Salomon, the Polish-born financier of the American Revolution.

Saturday (Sobota), Jan. 7, commemorates the death of Ignacy Jan Paderewski (1878-1941), "The Polish scientist was known for his work with petroleum and credited with the invention of the kerosene lamp," says Samul.

Sunday (Niedziela), Jan. 8 is Trzech Krolu, the Sunday of the three kings. "Use chalk to mark an important doorway in your house with the initials of the wise men and the year (19-C-M).

at room temperature before starting. Combine all ingredients thoroughly and press into a 13 X 9 X 2-inch greased pan. Filling: 1 lb. cream cheese 4 eggs 1 C. sugar 3 rounded Tb. flour 1 tsp. vanilla 1 C. milk sprinkle of cinnamon Combine and mix all ingredients except cinnamon. Sprinkle top of filling with cinnamon before in oven. Cook in preheated 350 degree oven for one hour. Cool and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled before serving.



Staff Photo by James Frazier

"Fidi" is a long-haired Saluki (also known as an Egyptian Greyhound) with some Border-Collie mix who is available for adoption from the St. Francis Animal Sanctuary. This hunting dog can reach speeds of 45 miles-per-hour. Salukis tend to be very slender animals, emotionally sensitive to praise or punishment, and are easy to train, says shelter manager Katy Niska. The adoption fee is \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats to cover cost of spay and neutering, veterinarian worming, and immunization shots. The Pipe Creek animal sanctuary for homeless and abused animals currently has 90 dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens and needs \$400/month to feed the animals.

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"This means many more Texans can afford to buy a house than the average price suggests," said Dr. Arthur L. Wright, research economist for the Real

Nearly 72 percent of Texas homes sold from January to May were \$89,000 or less, according to Multiple Listing Service data supplied to the Real Estate Center. Less than 9 percent were priced at \$160,000 or more.

"The Texas residential market and the general economy should continue to improve," said Wright. "No one expects a quick rebound to the level of economic frenzy of the recent past, but there are signs the economy is improving."

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Silver Sage Corral

By Glenn Wehmeyer

First Pancake Breakfast of 1989 will begin at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 3. "Aunt Jemima" time rolls around the first Tuesday of each month at The Silver Sage Corral. Moving into its fourth year, the breakfast is one of our participants' general fund raisers and also one of our most popular activities. Folks who haven't made it down yet for the pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee repeat need to mark their new calendar in advance for this event. A suggested minimum donation of \$2.50 for adult plates and \$2 for folks under 12 is all that's required as the fellowship and conversation is thrown in gratis.

• Many thanks to the ladies of Bandera's Eastern Star Chapter for thoughtfully organizing the Christmas Day meals-on-wheels delivery for the center. Frances Hayes, Minnie Hayes, and worthy matron Dorine Wheel deserve a hug and a smile for their involvement. A list of members who contributed either funds or foods was unavailable at press time but we want each individual to know how much their contribution is appreciated.

Also, a big hug goes to Joan Bromm for her hostess work at the center's Christmas Day covered dish luncheon. Joan worked very hard to make the event extra special and judge the comments heard around the center, she succeeded in doing so. Several folks are still sporting the Santa Claus lapel pins Joan designed as name tags and the goodies bags that she sewed for each participant are in big demand. Those bags were filled with fresh fruit contributed by Johnny Boyle, another of our favorite neighbors in Bandera. Margaret Campbell and her girl scout troop provided the home-baked Christmas cookies that went out on meals during the week, and unofficially, this columnist can state that the cookies were scrumptious.

• For those of you who have called to ask, there are no plans to have the Center open on New Years Eve or on New Years Day. We will be closed Jan. 2 for a seasonal holiday.

• We have the option of closing either the Friday following Thanksgiving, the day following Christmas, or the day after New Years. To better meet the needs of participants we stayed open for the first two holidays, but rather than lose the opportunity completely, we have elected to close Jan. 2.

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• Santa Claus, at least that's who he said he was, paid for having our flag pole refurbished and painted the week before Christmas, and one other gentleman, who asked not to be identified, provided five of our participants with Christmas food gift baskets with his \$100 check. Thanks to all of you for caring and sharing.

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Safe driving course offered by AARP Jan. 26 and 27

A safe driving course for citizens 50 and over will be offered by the Medina Lake Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and will begin Jan. 26. The AARP Safe Driving Course will provide a car insurance discount for three years, says instructor June Settlemeyer. "Students must be 50-years-old or over to take the course," says Settlemeyer. The course costs \$7 and will be taught Jan. 26 and 27 at the Lakehills United Methodist Church. The course will start at 8 a.m. and last until noon each day, says Settlemeyer. Call Settlemeyer at 751-2297 to reserve a spot.

Purple Hills Manor

By Mary Wehmeyer 796-4734

Martin Smith from the Church of Christ used for his text Sunday four facts concerning Jesus. Guests included Stephanie Powne, Sherry Powers, Nettie Sani, Ray Marvin Hay, Mary Ann Smith and Marley Johnson.

• Residents Ada Schen, Christina Kaika, Martha Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Hostetter, Josephine Chapman, Mildred Waltersdorf and Stella Waraska joined Joyce Sellberg, Aggie Batten, Fannie Cafferall and Annette Kaika-Schulte for prayers and Rosary Monday evening in the living room.

• Helen Rhodes visited Nola Baldock.

• The VFW Auxiliary Post 9176 brought a case of bananas for Christmas.

• Brother Ted Bosworth from the First Baptist Church in Pipe Creek visited his many friends in the home.

• Mr. and Mrs. Lam Holloway of San Antonio came by and took Jack Holloway to Kerrville where they were met by Hoyt and Laverne Hamrick. After dining out they went to the Hamricks where they enjoyed cake and ice cream before returning home.

• Rev. Sheldon Hermanson from the Grace Lutheran Church visited Mary Koshier, Ruby Hillman and other friends.

• Janna Sandridge brought her piano students Wednesday to play for us. Residents enjoyed singing along with Melissa and Jeff Boren, Carrie Sandridge and Willy, Rusty, Shandra and Geoff Zickler as they played.

• Clara and Ashlynn Rugh came by and took Charlie Rugh to the First State Bank Open House on Wednesday.

• Della Mae Cox visited Ada Schen, Nola Baldock, Winnie Chadcock, Ruby Hill and Lorena Bowman.

• Heather Small, Chance O'Dell, Debbie Falardeau, Nor-

lene Dillon and Kathy Beer from the Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church brought some puppies to play with.

• We have two new residents, Lillie Rodriguez and Lora Haley. We hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

• American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 of Lakehills came Wednesday afternoon for their monthly games party. Delicious refreshments were served by Barbara George and Eloise Stow.

• Lillie Rodriguez was visited by her daughter Ester.

• Shirley Phillips took Jack Holloway to services at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening.

• Children from the Assembly of God Church came by Wednesday evening and sang Christmas carols.

• Mary Jan and Diania came by to visit Nell Miller.

• Bandera Brownie Troop 930 under the Leadership of Cathy L. Clamon brought small Norfolk Island Pine trees for each resident and employee. Brownies getting badges for their project are Jennifer Berry, Candice Clamon, Lisa Beth Flores and Bridget Townsend.

• Glen and Wilma Wendel, Preston, Amber and Eric came by for a visit.

• Glen and Mary O'Bryan visited Nell Miller.

• Frieda Moseley spent Christmas Day at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Bub Keese with family members.

• Sam and Opal Quaid visited Louie Allsup and Artie Astry.

• John and Ernie Mattis visited June and Luther Mattis.

• Those spending Christmas with their families included June Mathis, Dorothy Nicholas, Meta Hay, Lorena Bowman and Jamie Gooderson.

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By Nick Johnson Editor
January

The process of selecting a new sheriff and other officials and expressing our opinion about who should be president began early in 1988 because of the earlier primary elections, which in this year would become part of "Super Tuesday" in March when the southern states conducted primary elections on the same day.

Candidates for some offices found they had no opponents in either party and would apparently be elected without a campaign either in the spring or in the fall. Long time county attorney Sam Darden and veteran tax assessor-collector Marguerite Stevens found themselves in such a happy circumstance in the county.

Area candidates without opponents of any kind included district attorney E. Bruce Curry of Kerrville and U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith of San Antonio, both Republicans.

Former Bandera school superintendent Thomas H. (Bob) Keesee filed the post of member of the state board of education, but he had plenty of opponents in both the Democratic and Republican primary.

Business news became big early in the year when it was announced that Diane Fults had assumed ownership and operation of the county's only new car dealership. The Chevrolet dealership was rechristened Thoroughbred Motors in recognition of pari-mutuel horse racing which the business community and others were awaiting as the year began.

They would continue to be waiting at year's end.

A record-breaking total of 294 livestock entries were received for the 52nd annual Bandera County Junior Livestock Show in mid-month.

The \$79,342 paid by bidders at the annual livestock auction was also a record, show officials said and broke show proceeds of \$5,575, were nearly a record.

Tobey Sandidge's steer calf was grand champion, the third time the youthful Tarpley exhibitor won the show's top prize, and his substitute calf was bought by Arkey Blue for \$1,099.

Tim Wells of Medina won the Larry Basch Agricultural Citizenship Award as well as the senior showmanship award.

While Bandera residents found out about a 29-percent water rate increase in January, Lake Medina residents heard that the Edwards Underground Water District would spend \$700,000

just studying whether it is feasible to buy the rights to water in Medina Lake.

The E.U.W.D.'s study wasn't completed by year's end but the Bandera City Council was continuing to wrestle with a severe fiscal crisis that would cost a couple of employees their jobs and some other steps were taken.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce installed eight new directors during its monthly meeting in January, including chamber president Gary Johnston, Frank Anderwald, Edith Chandler, Ken Finley, Leanne Miller, Fabian Mazurek, Joe McMullen, and Dan Sandidge.

Gay Guillot was elected president of the Bandera County



Intense was an understated description of Kelly Perry as she followed a lamb judge's every move during the Bandera County Junior Livestock Show.

Board of Realtors. Dan Hatfield of Medina was named vice president and Geri Valdez is secretary-treasurer.

Dorothy Duff, who was born in 1969 when the Cowboy Capitol

Trail Ride made its first trek to San Antonio, was named queen of the 1988 ride.

After months of study and debate, the Bandera City Council passed an ordinance requiring a review of building plans in agricultural areas to preserve the traditional appearance of the downtown community and an ordinance severely limiting the signs merchants are permitted to display in commercially-zoned areas.

A mini-furor arose in some quarters when Gov. Bill Clements announced the appointment of Albert Alkek of Bandera to the Public Safety Commission, the panel which operates the Department of Public Safety.



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Critics questioned Alkek's guilty plea to a federal charge of price fixing.

The governor went on television to defend Alkek and the oilman explained that the funds he

agreed to pay the government was a refund, not a fine.

Medical care escalated in late January when Dr. Royce McAnally of San Saba announced he would open a family medicine and emergency care clinic in Bandera with resident physician Dr. Franklin Rivers said a group of local businessmen including John Langford, Sally Woodland and Bill Courtney would build a clinic on Cedar Street.

By year's end, Dr. McAnally's Clear Fork Medical Clinic was treating an unprecedented number of patients while Dr. Franklin was one and the new Cedar Street clinic lay completed but unused.

February

Bandera Downs' officials said they were very happy two persons from small South Texas communities were named by Gov. Clements to the Texas Racing Commission, but Stan Scruby said he feared there would be no pari-mutuel racing in Bandera until fall.

At year's end, however, he was still waiting.

The University Interscholastic League placed Bandera in an athletic district that included West Texas communities of Llano and Sonora, and Bandera officials joined their counterparts in Hondo in appealing the alignment. "We have to appeal because of the increased travel time and the cost of travel," said superintendent Ted Dockery.

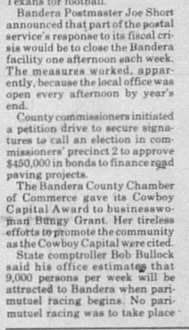
The appeal was only partly successful. The Bulldogs were transferred into a San Antonio-area district for basketball but forced into the league with West Texans for football.

Bandera Postmaster Joe Short announced that part of the postal service's response to its fiscal crisis would be to close the Bandera facility one afternoon each week. The measures worked, apparently, because the local office was open every afternoon by year's end.

County commissioners initiated a petition drive to secure signatures to call an election in commissioners' precinct 2 to approve \$450,000 in bonds to finance road paving projects.

The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce gave its Cowboy Capital Award to businessman Benzy Grant. Her tireless efforts to promote the community as the Cowboy Capital were cited.

State controller Bob Ballack said his office estimates that 9,000 persons per week will be attracted to Bandera when pari-mutuel racing begins. No pari-mutuel racing was to take place



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March

It was the earliest Bandera County voters ever cast their primary election ballots, and they did so in record numbers on "Super Tuesday," March 8, but their actions were not decisive in the biggest local race for sheriff.

A total of 3,205 voted in both primaries and they voted for Democrat Steve Forest of Bandera and James MacMillan of Lakehills and were Sultan of

Auto dealer Diane Fults

Oilman Albert Alkek



In spite of slow progress toward pari-mutuel wagering in Texas, Bandera Downs had an active season. The track plans 35 non-betting dates for 1989.

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Sailing towards the future, we hope that '89 will be filled with great adventure and many happy memories. Thanks for making our last year a success.

First State Bank

Happy New Year 1989!

Seated Left to Right: Elsie Duke, Ann Craddock, Joyce Whitehead, Sally Woodland, Kay Camp, Jay Johnson, Opal Ward, Lillian Harg. Standing Left to Right: Carol Anne Boyle, Lois Buskemper, April Smith, Brenda Smith, Cheryl DuPier, Kathleen Wyman, Jeff Partenheimer, Glenda Adamietz, Debbie Hutcherson.

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Pipe Creek and Gene Ott of Lakehills to set up a pair of runoff systems in April.

There was also a runoff for the Republican nomination for county commissioner between Cotton Fitzgerald of Pipe Creek and Richard W. Thornbush of Bandera. Republicans gave 65.5 percent of their votes to George Bush and Democrats gave 40.1 percent to front runner Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts.

Republicans nominated included Gary Smith of Bandera for commissioner and W. Preston Beggs of Lakehills for justice of the peace. Bandera County Democrats nominated included county attorney Sam L. Harden, tax assessor-collector Marguerite Stevens, Pete Reed and Bennie Barker for county commissioners. Jacques Galvan for justice of the peace, and Dennis Walker, Ernest C. Risch III and Tom Fiedler for constables.

Republican chairwoman Lila MacMillan and Democratic chair Nick Johnson were each re-elected without opposition.

Earl W. Hedman, now 64, was charged with murder 30 years ago after a bar room fight in Bandera. He was returned to Bandera in March to face his accusers after completing a prison sentence in Illinois on an unrelated charge.

Temper flared in mid-month when Bandera school trustees voted 4-3 to cut pay increases to teachers and administrators by eliminating the school district's local contribution to each faculty member's salary.

A representative of the Texas State Teachers Association said the school board illegally dismissed the teacher pay issue in an executive (secret) session. School board president Ron Jackson said the action would be reviewed in July and August and perhaps reversed.



Mayor
Raymond Adamietz

Bandera Mayor Raymond Adamietz, appointed chief executive after the resignation of 16-year Mayor Wilvie Smith, said he would seek a full term in May. Candidates for the city council include incumbent Robert L. Skinner, former councilman Ross Bailey, Leonard Jurczek and Rilla Stephens.

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their New Year's Eve at the 1988 Democratic Convention in Houston.

Bandera Planning and Zoning Commission member Linda Stein was retained after a three-hour behind closed doors discussion of charges she held her position in a private matter. Before the year's end she would be re-appointed to another three-year term on the panel.



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Linda Weichlein Burrow and her daughter Holly Weichlein are injured in one of several severe vehicle accidents during April.

April

Democrats nominated Steve Forest of Bandera and Republicans nominated Marc Sultana of Pipe Creek as their candidates for sheriff in the April 12 primary runoff. Cotton Fitzgerald of Pipe Creek got the nod from Republican voters as county commissioner, Pat 1.

Fully 86.1 percent of Democrats who voted in March returned a month later to give Forest 62.5 percent of the vote over 29-year-old Deputy James MacMillan of Lakehills, and Sultana carried nine of ten Republican precincts to defeat Gene Ott of Lakehills.

Facing opposition from the community as well as from teacher groups and individual faculty members as well as charges they acted illegally in secret, the Bandera school board reversed itself and reinstated teacher pay raises.

The board tied a string to the reinstated raises, however. Superintendent Ted Doherty was charged with finding funds for the pay hikes in the present budget without a tax rate increase. The string was removed at a subsequent meeting, however.

Fiddler Dusty Britches, whose real name is Byron Townley, announced too late to have his name printed on the ballot that he would oppose incumbent Robert L. Skinner, former councilman Ross Bailey, Leonard Jurczek and Rilla Stephens.

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Hearings in the trial of a trio of persons for the throat slashing

of the three students of Lakehills began in early May when 216th District Court Judge Robert Barton ruled the confessions by two of the defendants, James Clark and Lee Cumber, were voluntary and therefore admissible in the trial, scheduled to begin on May 10.

A hearing on the confession of the third defendant, Sherwood's former wife Sharon, resulted in her admission being thrown out.



1988, Bandera EMT Ginny Briant helps prepare the youth for transport to an area hospital.



Kim Ashton

Eve Elkins, daughter of Melanie Elkins and David Elkins, achieved a grade-point average of 3.04 on a 5.0-point scale during her high school career and was named valedictorian of the Bandera High School Class of 1988.

Yvette Pearson was salutatorian and other top graduates included Chris York, Nancy Thompson, Neal Graves, and Michelle Morrison. Medina High School's honor graduates were Charles Anderson, valedictorian, and Sherrie Lanam, salutatorian, and the top grads at Utopia were Jodi Bunk, valedictorian,

and Sherry Every, salutatorian. A total of 83 students received their diploma during BHS graduation exercises. There were graduates in Medina, and seven in Utopia.

The Bandera County committee of the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service voted to ask for disaster assistance after studying reports of drought damage from throughout the county.

It didn't work, but Bandera Mayor Raymond Adamietz tried to veto a measure passed by the city council in June. He was after a provision adding the police chief to the list of persons who serve two-year terms, but the same majority that passed the provision also voted to override the mayor's veto.

A Bandera man, Michael D'Spain, was among 17 persons arrested in a three-county sweep by narcotics task force officers. It was the first of a series of arrests made in Bandera County by the federally funded task force.

A California woman, Billie Edith Pepper, 84, of Banning, was killed and three Bandera County people were injured when two vehicles collided head-on near Pipe Creek on the afternoon of June 16.

Christian Lee Mathews, 19, of Pipe Creek was eventually charged in the mishap that also injured J.B. Edwards and Rowena Delacchi, both also of Pipe Creek.

Bandera County's 4-H wool judging team of Sharon Cowevert, Candi Sasthoff, Tobey Sanchez and Tim Wells won first place at the National Wool Judging Contest in Sonora and Jennifer Evans of Bandera County was named the premier junior

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dist pastors were in the pulpit at the beginning of the month, the Rev. Jarrett V. Sharp succeeded the Rev. Richard Jackson in Bandera and the Rev. B.J. Rogers succeeded the Rev. Joyce Slade in Lakehills.

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Tax man
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Bandera County Republicans



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Chip and Ann Landry harvest Love Creek apples prior to the successful First Annual International Apple Festival in Medina.

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Proper procedure was not followed in making the substitution, however, but County Judge Ray Maser ruled in November that the errors were procedural and did not disqualify Raser from serving.

Lakehills and Pipe Creek voters overwhelmingly rejected issuing road bonds to finance paving of some 14 miles of roads in the east end of the county, 323 to 223.

Two old ladies get new hats.

A new steeple replaced the 80-year-old top on St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Bandera and a new top was placed on the equally historic Polly's Chapel east of Bandera.

A North Carolina man was charged with murder after the body of Gerald C. Wright, 45, of Oklahoma City was discovered lying face down in a Medina area creek by 11-year-old Clifford Watts.

Larry McKee, 50, of North Carolina said Wright attacked him, but he was held in Bandera County jail in lieu of \$150,000. He was awaiting trial at year's end.

A San Antonio man, Allen Charles Anders, 43, drowned while swimming in the Medina River near Wharton's Dock on Aug. 27. His death was ruled accidental after results of an autopsy were reviewed by peace justice Bonnie Towers of Pipe Creek.

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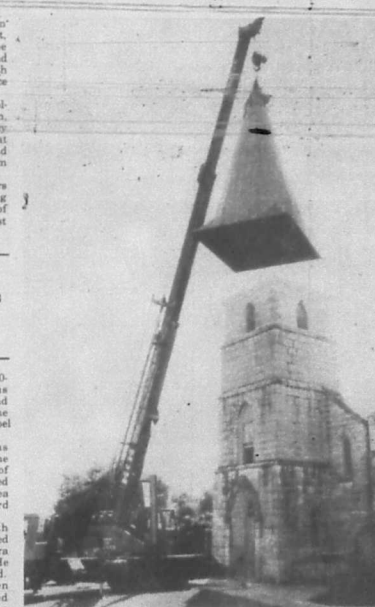
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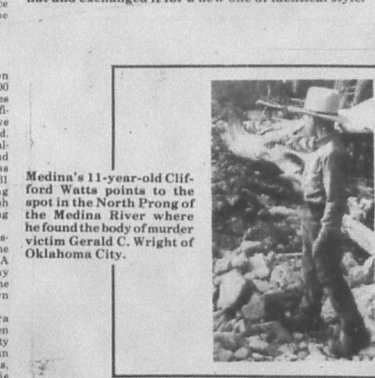
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Medina's 11-year-old Clifford Watts points to the spot in the North Prong of the Medina River where he found the body of murder victim Gerald C. Wright of Oklahoma City.

Hope it's a magical year, full of many happy surprises in store! Our sincere thanks for your support.

1989

Shoe Biz
301 Main
Bandera, Tx.
Peggy Ashmore
Dody Clendenen

Auld Lang Syne

Sounds like 1989 is playing your tune. May it continue on a happy note all through the New Year.

Roger Stevens Contractor

Countdown to a wonderful New Year and a bright new beginning. We hope you shine in '89.

Bandera Downs

Expressing at this time our hopes for a bright future and a peaceful, prosperous year. We especially thank our customers for their support and patronage.

Medina Hardware & Feed

Reflecting on a prosperous past, keep your candles burning bright for the future. We thank you all.

Evans Auto Supply

Let your homes and hearts be warm with the spirit of the New Year.

Hevenor Lumber Company

In Any Direction, It Looks Like A Great Year!

We're looking to this New Year to fulfill our hopes for peace, prosperity, health and happiness throughout the world.

Many thanks for your friendship and support.

Bandera Ranch Store



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Polly's Chapel got a new steeple as part of an ongoing restoration of the historic stone church.

Trego, Samantha Davis, Buck Harshfield, Louise Karr and Norman Mansfield.

An unrelated accidental drowning of nine-month-old Travis Cody Jurecki of Bandera and the death in a traffic accident of a 17-year-old San Antonio youth, Adrian Bueno, the week before the celebration cast a pall over holiday revelry, however.

School enrollment in the three school districts serving Bandera County was relatively unchanged from a year ago. Bandera ISD counted 1,342 students on the first day of school, 266 in Medina, and 157 in Utopia. Bandera's 1987 first-day enrollment was 1,349, Medina's 270.

Despite the city of Bandera's persistent fiscal problems, the city council voted in September to set a tax rate of 19.747 cents per \$100 valuation, just 3.9 percent over the previous year's rate. Bandera's school taxes were actually reduced by 2.8 percent. A group of Bandera County land developers that included county commissioner Dan Alania were rejected in their quest to keep the Bandera County Apprai-



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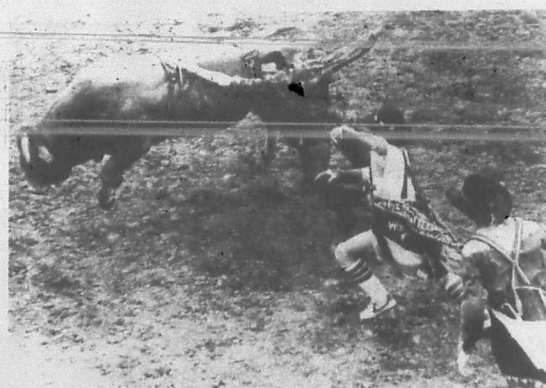
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Two Houston youths, apparently lost while searching for a Kerrville-area restaurant, were killed Sept. 17 when the automobile they were riding in plunged into the Medina River near Medina.

Off-duty firefighter Robert Taylor of Ingram pulled the bodies of Man Pham, 17, and Vinh Duong, 14, from the submerged vehicle. A third youth, Duc Truong, 15, managed to get out of the vehicle and flag down Taylor.

The persistent drought was interrupted for just the second time during 1988 when Hurricane Gilbert brought up to 6 inches of rain to some parts of parched Bandera County. The west end of the county received less than an inch, however.

An apparent standoff existed as the Bandera County Appraisal District governing board refused to alter its \$197,000 budget that had already been rejected by the taxing authorities that must pay for it.



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Bullrider Kent Fulmer was in a bad way for a time during a Bandera bullriding event but he finally got loose from his angry mount unhurt.



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Ernest Mayfield cools off after fighting a fire at a residence near Red Bluff Creek. The blaze was only one of many similar fires that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to Bandera County property during 1988.

Commissioners doubled ambulance rates.

Bandera County commissioners more than doubled the basic rate for ambulance service, from \$60 to \$125. "If we don't raise rates, we will have to raise the taxpayer contribution," said County Judge Ray Mauer.

Three-county drug task force chief Jim Harvey said what the sheriff's deputies have called an increased rate of burglaries in the county was evidence of a growing drug problem in the county. "These people (drug users) have to steal and burglarize to support their habit," said Harvey.

Kenny McMahon, 23, and his 16-year-old half-brother, Jeff Reavis, received severe burns and other injuries when a borrowed dune buggy they were riding in slammed into a tree on Coal Kiln Road west of Medina and burst into flames.

Brace Yourself — Here Comes Another One.

Nationally, state-wide, and locally, 1988 was an interesting year, entertaining and perplexing. Not only did 1988 have ups and downs — it also went sideways. We are advised that we are expected to enter a difficult time of economic adjustment, and there will be numerous reflective changes in social and political structures. Many of us have directly or indirectly endured and survived such influences and impacts in our history with confidence and faith in the courage and stamina of the local citizens whose examples of steadfast self respect gives me a hope to rely on. I look forward to the coming year with much interest and curiosity. Inevitably, it too will pass, and in the contents of it I wish for the population of the world, and specifically Bandera County, an encyclopedia of memorable references that are blessings, compliments, and satisfactions as the territory continues to proceed in all manner of progressive beneficial improvements.

To all of you, may you enjoy good health, may you prosper and have much love and happiness in your lives, and in the reach of your concern and considerations may each family have security and stability with all the blessings of my best wishes.

Happy New Year
Tom Grant

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I wish all my friends and customers a New Year filled with many happy times and special moments. You've been a joy to know and serve.

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Thank you for making our last year so successful. Here's to a grand New Year!

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As time draws near we'd like to say, "thanks" for your business. Enjoy the year to come.

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The Bradfords
Wilbur, Olga, and Brad

October

A Mico man was killed Oct. 9 in a freak water-skiing accident on Medina Lake. David Robert Mangold, 35, became entangled in a rope used to tow the para-sail which he was using. Mangold and his wife had only recently moved to the lake area.

The taxing authorities that have to pay for the Bandera County Appraisal District's budget again rejected the district's \$186,000 budget, as expected, and the ball is back again in the district's court as the saga continued.

Bandera County entertainers and civic workers rushed to San Antonio's Sea World to help that sprawling marine park entertain its visitors during a Sea World salute to Bandera County. The park donated about \$100 to the Bandera County Youth Forum to show its appreciation.

Elizabeth Batto of Bandera Bank was elected vice president of the Hill Country Group of the National Association of Bank Women.

Angie Batto and Clarence Krampitz were named Medina's homecoming queen and king and the Rodeo USA float of Medina School's grades 1-3 took the grand prize in the community's annual homecoming parade.

The Bandera County community got behind a red-ribbon anti-drug campaign in late October that saw red ribbons displayed by businesses and individuals as a symbol that they are involved



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Bandera County librarian Jimmie Hughey checks out a book for Isaac Kenney with a new computer system. The electronic filing cabinet was the result of a \$16,000 grant from the Gnade Trust of Bandera.

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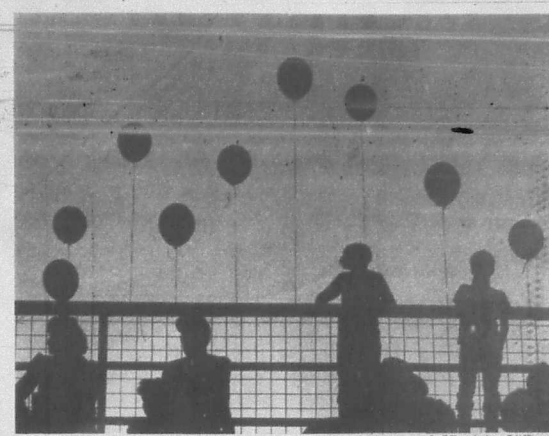
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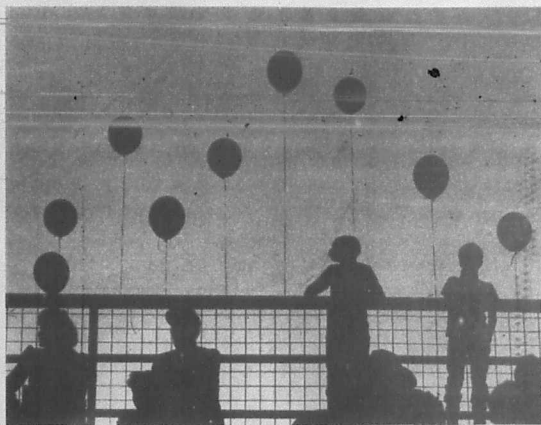
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