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Magazine to feature Gonzales in edition

The City of Gonzales' tourism appeal will get a big shot in the arm, thanks to a national magazine.

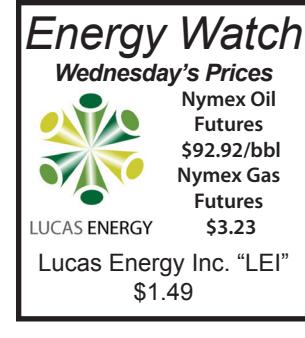
The February 2013 issue of *True West* magazine will feature its annual list of the Top 10 Western Towns, and Gonzales will be featured as a "Town to Watch."

"That is exciting news and a direct result of the advertising we have done for Gonzales," Gonzales Economic Development Corp. executive director Carolyn Gobson Baros said. "Please grab you a copy and put it up as a keepsake!"

The magazine celebrates the culture and history of the American West and retails on newsstands for \$5.99. The February issue will feature its annual list of the "Top Ten Western Towns."

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"Come and Hear It!"
Tune in to radio station KCTI 1450 AM at 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Tuesday for weekly updates from Gonzales Cannon General manager Dave Mundy with KCTI personality Egon Barthels.

2012: The Oil Boom Hits

Eagle Ford impact was biggest story of '12

There were a lot of big stories around the central Texas region in 2012, but one dominated the news more than any other: oil.

The development of the Eagle Ford Shale impacted the region in a number of ways, including economically, to the tune of more than \$1 billion. As of Dec. 31, there were 51 producing oil wells operating in Gonzales, DeWitt and Lavaca counties, and the number of leases being sought and wells being drilled was forecast to continue to skyrocket as 2013 began.

But the other factors associated with the oilfield also brought about a number of problems. Local, county and state officials wrestled with answers to traffic safety following a number of fatal accidents involving oilfield traffic, and also sought answers for deteriorating road conditions as a result of that traffic.

The oilfield also brought an influx of population to the region, pushing up the cost of real estate and placing an added burden on everything from retail sales to law enforcement.

Nonetheless, it was a banner year, in many respects, for residents of Gonzales, Caldwell, Lavaca, DeWitt and Fayette counties.

Here is a summary of the top news stories in the Year in Review for 2012:

January

• Seguin police arrested a man in connection with a traffic accident that killed 19-year old Amber Robbins of Gonzales. Cody Lorenz, 20, ran a red light at the intersection of West Kingsbury and Highway 46



2012 saw as massive impact from the Eagle Ford Shale oil boom across South Texas. Cannon reader Denise Murphy was happy to share this magnificent aerial view of her family's property, which now houses the Reid Well in Gonzales County. (Photo courtesy Eye From the Sky Aerial Photography in Shiner, 361-772-8768, eyefromtheskyphotography.com)



While the economic impact from the Eagle Ford Shale has been a huge benefit for the region, however, the increased traffic, especially from heavy vehicles, has impacted both driver safety and road conditions throughout the region.

his assault case. The case was originally set for a jury trial, but Tovar was offered a deal by District Attorney Heather McMinn, which he accepted in lieu of going to trial.

Under the agreement, Tovar received deferred adjudication probation for the term of one year, was fined \$500, and given 80 hours of community service in return of his guilty plea to a Class A misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury to the alleged victim, Melissa Rodriguez.

Because authorities believed Tovar's alleged actions were a result of him being intoxicated, he also had to undergo drug and alcohol assessments by probation officials.

• Joyce Pemberton retired from Mohrmann's

Drug Store in Gonzales after 35 years of loyal service.

• Singer/songwriter Al Urban, a native of Gonzales, passed away in Seguin at the age of 76 on Jan. 18.

Urban established a name for himself regionally in 1956, but is perhaps best-known for several songs he wrote for another country music legend, Charley Pride.

• Heavy rains around the region on Jan. 25 brought unexpected flooding, primarily along the San Marcos River. The river washed up onto the property at Zedler Mill in Luling and eventually topped the dam. As the flooding moved downriver, several thoroughfares throughout the region were closed as waters swept over the roadway, including FM 2091

west of Ottine, and officials posted warnings about livestock as many pastures were inundated.

The flooding reached Gonzales, where waters crept into Independence Park before cresting at 39 feet just short of the Highway 183 Bridge.

February

• Larry Davis of Gonzales landed a role as a zombie in the horror film, "The Killing Strain." The movie was released in theaters Summer of 2011 and is currently enjoying a revival on the Chiller cable network.

• The Gonzales County Grand Jury, meeting Feb. 10, issued two indictments for tampering with government records against former Gonzales parks and recreation department

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Photo by Dave Mundy



Jane and Fletcher Johnson display an architect's rendering of the proposed new digital mammography suite at Gonzales Healthcare Systems. The suite is now named The Jane Johnson Women's Wellness Center thanks to the family's decision to donate \$350,000 during the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Gala in May. (Photo by Dave Mundy)



The year's high point for St. Paul High School fans came Dec. 7 when the Cardinals defeated Legacy Christian to capture the state football title for the second time in three years. (Photo by Dave Mundy)

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History

January 3, 1884

On this day in 1884, Andrew Jackson Dorn lost his bid to become a congressional assistant doorkeeper.

Dorn had served in a volunteer company in the Mexican War and afterward in the regular army. Although he claimed to have achieved the rank of colonel and to have remained in the U.S. Army until the outbreak of the Civil War, he was in fact mustered out of federal service in 1848. He did serve with the Confederate military, and after the war moved to Bonham, Texas.

In 1873, he was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Texas state treasurer. Dorn was elected on Richard Coke's ticket, but when he appointed his son as chief clerk of the treasury, the Herald attacked him for nepotism, "one of the most odious of all political abuses." Dorn was reelected in 1876 and remained in office until 1879.

In 1883, unemployed, he went to Washington, D.C., seeking Samuel Bell Maxey's aid in finding a government job. "He is the most helpless man I know," wrote Maxey of Dorn, "an honorable, good man but a fearfully and wonderfully made hanger-on for office."

Dorn became one of seven applicants for one of the two assistant-doorkeeper appointments to which the Texas delegation was entitled, but when the appointments were decided by lot on January 3, 1884, he was not chosen.

In 1885, the destitute Dorn, with Maxey's influence, was elected as doorkeeper of the state Senate. After his tenure as doorkeeper, Dorn remained in Austin "filling some minor positions in the state departments" until his death in 1889. He was buried in the State Cemetery.

Thought for the Day

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

—Benjamin Franklin



**"What can
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
teach us today?"**

As part of our commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Cannon is sponsoring an essay contest for area junior high students: "What can Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. teach us today?" Many of the beliefs, values and lessons taught to us by the famed civil rights leader remain pertinent in today's world.

Students should use that premise to write an essay of 200-300 words and mail or e-mail them to The Cannon. We'll assemble a panel of experts to judge the essays and will publish the first, second and third place winning essays in our Jan. 17 edition.

This contest is open to seventh- and eighth-grade students in any of the school districts in The Cannon's coverage area: Gonzales ISD, Nixon-Smiley ISD, Waelder ISD, Shiner ISD, Shiner Catholic Schools, Luling ISD, Flatonia ISD, Moulton ISD, Yoakum ISD, Hallettsville ISD and Hallettsville Catholic Schools. Students should submit the essays by mail to The Gonzales Cannon, 618 St. Paul, Gonzales TX 78629 or by e-mail to manager@gonzalescannon.com. Students should make sure to include their name, school, grade and age, and a means to contact you if you're a winner! Contest deadline is Jan. 10.

Study the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and use it to teach us!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

E-Mail Your local information to: newseditor@gonzalescannon.comAmerican
meet

The Gonzales American Legion Post #40 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 3, 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. All member are urged to attend.

Scholarship meeting

The Gonzales Community African American interface Church Scholarship Fund will conduct its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3 at Union Iea Baptist Church. The public is invited.

Stock show class

Last drug residue avoidance class will be held Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 a.m. at GHS Cafeteria. All exhibitors and a parent/guardian must attend one class to be eligible to show at the Gonzales Livestock Show.

Also project clinics will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5th. Experts will be on hand to discuss project management and to discuss/demonstrate showmanship. It is not necessary to bring animals. Poultry and rabbit clinics will be held at GHS cafeteria. Cattle, sheep, goat and swine clinics will be held at J B Wells Show barn. All clinics will start at 10:00 a.m. Hot dogs will be served at conclusion of clinics.

Free piano lessons

Free piano lessons for students 8-18 are being offered in Gonzales.

There are 10 weekly lessons that take place from 3:45-4:45 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Gonzales Public Library, located at 415 St. Matthew.

Registration must be done at the library by a parent or legal guardian

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and library membership is required. No telephone registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call the library at 830-672-6315.

Head Start

TMC Golden Crescent Head Start offers pre-school services to children ages 3-5 years, including education, nutrition, dental, social, disability, health and mental health. Gonzales Head Start is now accepting applications at the Gonzales Head Start Centers at 1600 Elm Street or 925 Wells Street. For information call 361-582-4441.

To apply for Head Start, you will need a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, proof of income, proof of address and a current immunization record.

Violence shelter

The Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc. (GVFVS) is a non-profit organization providing services to both residents and non-residents that are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the counties of Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes and Wilson.

GVFVS provides survivors with legal advocacy, case management, counseling, assistance with crime victims compensation and other services at no cost. For more information, call 830-372-2780 or 1-800-834-2033.

Toastmasters meet

Come and Speak It Toastmasters Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 12-1 p.m. at the Gonzales County Farm Bureau Community Room, located at 1731 Seydel Street.

The Toastmasters environment is friendly and supportive whether you are a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters can give you the skills and confidence you need to express yourself in any situation.

For more information contact Club President GK Willmann at 830-857-1109 or send email to gwillmann@gvec.org, or Gerri Lawing at 830-857-1207 or glawing@gvec.org.

Parkinson Support Group

This group meets the second Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Narthex of the First United Methodist Church. This meeting is free and open to the public and is facilitated by Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss. Educational and supportive programs are offered. For more information, call 672-1031.

Free Exercise Programs

Flex & Tone is held every Tuesday and Thursday, 11-11:45 in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. These are chair exercises using exercise balls, dowels and hand weights. Come on, join us, and get fit. Exercises are led by an RN with blood pressure assessments available.

Walk-Exercise your way to fitness is an Video exercise available at First United Methodist Church. It is offered every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 3 pm, and every Wednesday at 2 pm. This group meets for 45 minutes in the Fellowship Hall. It consists of low impact aerobic exercises and is facilitated by Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse. Blood pressure assessments are available at each class. Come and have great fun and socialization along with gaining fitness.

Six N-S students earn regional band honors

NIXON — Nixon-Smiley High School had 18 students at the Region 12 ATSSB auditions. There were 25 schools in the region that participated which included over 330 students auditioning for 160 seats in the two Region Bands.

Making the Symphonic Band and advancing

to the Area Auditions Jan. 12 were: Case Samford, 1st chair on Contra Bass Clarinet; Sam Melendez, 2nd chair on Contra Bass Clarinet; Chase Neubauer, 4th chair on French Horn and Shiloh Clifton, 6th chair

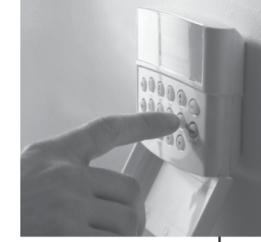
zales, 1st chair on Contra Bass Clarinet; Sam Melendez, 2nd chair on Contra Bass Clarinet; Chase Neubauer, 4th chair on French Horn and Shiloh Clifton, 6th chair

on Tuba.

These students participated in the Region Band Concerts, Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Canyon Lake High School.

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Helping Hands

If you are in need of a meal, Helping Hands, a non-profit, multi-church ministry would like to bless you with a free lunch. Meals will be distributed Saturday, January 5th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the GCAM parking lot located at 708 St. Louis Street. Volunteers and donations are welcome. Contact Linda at 361-275-1216.

Saturn Cemetery

The Saturn Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2013 at Saturn Community Center on Hwy. 97N.

Everyone is encouraged to come. Questions may call 830-540-3858.



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manager Billy Malaer. The move stemmed from the city's months-long investigation into possible financial misappropriation within its Parks & Recreation Department.

The Grand Jury issued a total of 24 indictments against 22 individuals, including returning a murder indictment against Tyron Milton Mitchell, who was accused in the December 12, 2011 shooting death of Dylon James Green.

• Former Lavaca County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Fred Nieto, Jr. was indicted on two charges of felony theft by the Lavaca County Grand Jury. Nieto, 54, of Moulton, was charged with theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 and theft of property less than \$20,000.

• The owner of the Christian Kids Day Care Center in Gonzales said a report of a "poisoning" incident at the school appeared to have been sensationalized by a local newspaper, and the school accepted the resignation of one of the employees involved in the incident.

March

• A judge ruled there was no evidence of wrongdoing or a cover-up on the part of 25th Judicial District Attorney Heather McMinn or Sheriff Arnold Zwicke in connection with Francesco "Frankie" Casseb's 2007 drowning death, adding there was insufficient probable cause to believe the man who put her in the Guadalupe River was reckless or negligent.

• A Nixon man died after he was struck by a tractor-trailer. The Gonzales County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call in reference to an auto versus pedestrian accident near the intersection of Texas Highway 80 and 6th Street in Nixon.

• While a meeting to organize opposition to the proposed Post Oak Clean Green solid waste landfill drew a reported 200 people in Belmont, the company developing the site was launching a campaign of its own to combat public misconceptions.

• The Gonzales County Grand Jury, meeting March 9, issued 13 indictments against former Parks & Recreation Department employee Belinda Walker

for theft of property by a public servant of at least \$1,500 but not more than \$20,000. Each of the state felony charges carries a possible sentence of six months to two years in prison.

• The new Gonzales H-E-B opened for business. The new facility is some 51,000 square feet in size, more than double the company's previous location on St. Joseph St., and adds around 10,000 new shoppable items to the Gonzales regional market.

• The rift between the Waelde City Council and the city's police department seemed to widen after the council approved the elimination of Waelde's four reserve police officers.

• KCTI AM 1450 radio was named a winner of the State of Texas Small Business Award, recognized by The Office Of The Governor and Texas Workforce Commission for "Best Practices: Business Skills 2012" and Model for Business Skills Use... 2012."

April

• The Gonzales Country Music Show series made its debut April 5 at The Lynn Theatre in downtown Gonzales, providing three hours of toe-tapping traditional country fare for an appreciative audience.

• Gonzales ISD reported that tests on suspected "moldy" biscuits served during breakfast at one school in February had proven "conclusive" that no mold was evident.

• City of Gonzales, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Victoria College officials were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Victoria College-Gonzales Center Welding Center.

• Gonzales and surrounding areas were victimized by a group of aggressive panhandlers from the New Life Church of North Dallas. *The Cannon* learned that the "church" holds no services, lists an office in a strip mall as its location and has made no recorded donations of the money it has collected in Gonzales to charity.

• *The Cannon* did very well in the 2012 South Texas as Press Association Newspaper Contest, winning six different awards. It was the paper's first year to be eligible for the contest, and *The Cannon* picked up a num-

ber of awards in Division I (small weeklies).

• The annual Jim Price Clean-Up Event took place in Gonzales with several area residents and businesses teaming up to remove trash and waste from the community. Gonzales city manager Allen Barnes said over 240 cubic-yards of refuse was collected including 25 yards of metal that went to a recycler.

May

• Judge W.C. Kirkendall adjusted a controversial bond for Milton Tyrone Mitchell by increasing it from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Mitchell was accused of murdering Dylon James Green in a December 2011 shooting.

• Gonzales Health-care Systems received a \$350,000 donation from the Fletcher and Jane Johnson family, a donation which will enable the hospital to install state-of-the-art 3-D digital mammography equipment.

• Luling ISD Superintendent Marc Puig was named the lone finalist in the Culberson County-Allamoore ISD's (Van Horn) search for a new superintendent.

• Authorities received quite the early morning wake up call, after a man called in a bomb threat on a train. The train had left San Antonio bound for New Orleans and stopped in Harwood at approximately 2:12 a.m. near the intersection of Lockhart Street and Hwy 90. Upon arrival of deputies, the suspect, Sage L. Hannum of California, was identified and surrendered without incident to Chief Deputy Dennis Richter, was subsequently removed from the train and transported to the Gonzales County Jail.

• Two Hallettsville men were hospitalized following a shooting. Both were shot in the 200 block of West Park Street and flown to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

• The first new housing subdivision in several years for Gonzales was announced. Lou's Gardens will include 45 homes on an 8.7-acre tract between Seydel and Walker streets on Gonzales' east side just behind the Harrell Addition.

• Bobby Logan became the new mayor of the City of Gonzales, defeating challenger Bob Burchard by a 497-393 margin. Clarence Opiela claimed victory in a three-way race with Steve Hendershot and Johnny Ross Hunt to win the District 4 Council seat being vacated by Logan.

• Ruby Ruth Rodriguez, a first-grade teacher at East Avenue Primary in Gonzales, retired at 40 years of teaching.

• The Lavaca County grand jury cleared of any wrongdoing the father who beat to death a man caught raping his five-year-old daughter.

• District Attorney Heather McMinn told a news conference at the Lavaca County Courthouse the grand jury had heard the compiled evidence in the case and returned no indictment against the father, saying that "substantial evidence" supported the

owner of the Mr. Taco restaurant in Luling pleaded guilty May 15 to structuring in connection with a federal case involving his business. Bonisario Magallanes entered his plea in federal court to "smurfing," a term meaning he attempted to persuade his bank to not file the correct reports about deposits with the federal government, according to a news release.

• Gonzales Police, assisted by officers of several other agencies including the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and Department of Public Safety, staged a raid at dawn May 16 and made several arrests in the 600 block of St. John St. in Gonzales. Named in the warrants were John Andrew Garza, Mario Banda and Gilbert Garcia, all of Gonzales. Garza and Garcia were arrested at the scene. George Alvarez of Gonzales was also arrested at the scene on a criminal mischief charge stemming from an incident two weeks prior on Cuero St.

• Flatonia mayor Scott Mica was taken into custody by the Texas Rangers after a warrant for Mica's arrest was issued after he was indicted earlier in the week by the Fayette County Grand Jury. Texas Ranger Brent Barina told *The Cannon* that Mica was indicted on one count of Interference with Public Duties, a Class B misdemeanor.

• A man was killed when two 18-wheel trucks met while crossing a narrow bridge on County Road 211 just off FM 108 near Smiley in southern Gonzales County on May 17. Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Don Setliff pronounced Lee Frizzell, 55, of Bonham, dead at the scene.

• District Attorney Heather McMinn turned back a strong challenge in the primary election to win the Republican renomination for a second term as chief prosecutor for the 25th Judicial District.

June

• Dr. Christopher (Chris) Alan Morrow was named the new Gonzales High School principal. He replaced Joe Martinez, who took over as the GISD Director of Transportation.

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father's story, including the results of a medical examination of the little girl.

July

• An area man was sentenced to life in prison for an assault on an elderly woman. 2nd 25th District Judge W.C. Kirkendall held the sentencing phase for David Lee Allen Jr., 27, of Gonzales, who was charged with aggravated sexual assault of an elderly/disabled person and burglary of a habitation.

• A shootout that took place on Friday, July 13 landed one man in jail and left another fighting for his life.

Upon arrival at the scene, police found a victim who was later identified as Troy Anthony Rosas. He had gunshot wounds and was transported by ambulance to the airport, where he was airlifted to a San Antonio hospital.

• Another individual at the scene, John Andrew Garza, 29, of Gonzales, also had what appeared to be gunshot wounds. Garza was transported to Memorial Hospital and later airlifted to a San Antonio hospital because of the severity of his injuries.

• The office of Gonzales County Election Administrator was terminated during the regular session of the Gonzales County Commissioners Court. The position, which had been held on one count of Interference with Public Duties, a Class B misdemeanor.

• Frederick Lamon Smith, 39, of Gonzales, died at the hospital and was pronounced deceased at approximately 3:24 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt. Taylor Edow Porter, 23, of San Marcos, was later transported to Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, where he eventually succumbed to his injuries.

August

• After roughly 35 minutes of deliberation, a jury sentenced James DuBose to 12 years of incarceration. DuBose was found guilty on two felony counts of assault on a public servant and attempting to take the weapon of a peace officer.

• Tim Glover was named as the lone finalist for the position of district superintendent by the Luling ISD board of trustees.

• A Waelde youth, Courtney Orona, died in a single-vehicle accident in Gonzales County.

• Milton Tyrone Mitchell, 36, of Gonzales, was found guilty of killing Dylon James Green. He was sentenced to serve 80 years in prison and was fined \$10,000.

September

• A 17-year old from Luling died after she was ejected from her car. Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers said Lauren Ashley Longe was traveling east on U.S. Highway 90 Alternate around 8:30

a.m. when the 2000 Ford Explorer she was driving crossed the highway and left the road, rolling over multiple times.

• A family outing went horribly awry, causing a local man to drown in the Guadalupe River. The body of Rogelio Rodriguez, 34, of Gonzales, was pulled from the water after authorities spent numerous hours searching for him following his disappearance underwater.

• The body of a woman was discovered the evening of Sept. 12 in the parking lot of the Gonzales Walmart. The woman, who was identified as 32-year old Sara Pettit, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt. Her death was later ruled as a suicide.

• The Gonzales Economic Development Board of Directors approved a lease agreement with Cliff Anderson, owner of the Raye Theater in Hondo. The four-year agreement will give Anderson the right of first refusal to purchase the theater.

October

• A Hallettsville man was in custody Oct. 7 after an early morning shooting left two people dead and two others injured in the 1400 block of Klein St. in Gonzales.

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Warrants for one count of first degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon were issued for Parris Brown, 24, of Hallettsville. In the following weeks two other men - Rashad Rudolph and Robert Garcia Jr., both of Cuero - were arrested in connection to the incident.

• A Gonzales County woman was indicted on a murder charge stemming from an accident where a teenager died.

The Gonzales County Grand Jury indicted Alice Nonre Ramos, 50, for murder/intoxication assault in connection with a two-vehicle crash last August that killed 18-year old Andrew Chet Hamm of San Marcos.

• A scary incident took place when a school bus overturned on Highway 183.

Authorities say an International Bus owned by St. Joseph's private school in Victoria flipped over while traveling down the roadway, injuring 27 people with five students being taken to area hospitals in Cuero, Gonzales and Yoakum. An additional five students were transported from the scene by family members.

• A Harwood woman was among three victims in a helicopter crash in Kendall County. Authorities said Kaci Fairchild, 29, of Harwood, and Rusty Aaron, 26, of Decatur were passengers in a helicopter being piloted by Chester Monroe,

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They can all go to hell, and we will go, in Texas

How do you know it's the end for the United States?

The New York Times published a piece on its op-ed page Sunday by a Georgetown law professor named Louis Michael Seidman, headlined "Let's Give Up on the Constitution."

Seidman's contention is that those who growl "That's not Constitutional!" are irrational idealists, and that we should instead allow the President to act upon his "considered judgment that a particular course of action is best for the country."

He points out a number of instances in our past where the Founding Fathers and the most notable leaders themselves routinely violated the Constitution — John Adams' support of the Alien and Sedition Acts, Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, almost everything done by Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War, Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal are but a few examples.

"Our sometimes flagrant disregard of the Constitution has not produced chaos or totalitarianism; on the contrary, it has helped us to

Dances with Chihuahuas

Dave Mundy
General Manager



grow and prosper," he writes.

So now we should just give it up entirely, right?

It would be a great idea if Americans were an enlightened people with a shared sense of values and will. But the United States is, after all, merely a federation of supposedly-sovereign States — and many of those States, like Texas, do not share Seidman's belief that those elected to office in Washington have the "common welfare" in mind any more.

By an overwhelming margin, Americans are far more ignorant of their government and politics today than were our forebears. Many of our citizens have been educated over two generations that federal government is supreme,

and that its job is to "take care of people" — a role which any Tennessee farmer in the 1830s could tell you is 180 degrees opposite of the purpose of having a Constitution and a federal government.

Davy Crockett told the tale of being out stumping for votes as a Tennessee congressman when he happened upon a farmer named Horatio Bunce in a field. Crockett introduced himself and Bunce remarked that he held the Congressman in high regard.

"Yes, I know you: you are Colonel Crockett," Bunce related. "I have seen you once before, and voted for you the last time you were elected. I suppose you are out electioneering now, but you had better not waste your time or mine. I shall not vote for you again."

Taken aback, Crockett inquired what had changed the farmer's mind. Bunce responded that Crockett had voted to provide relief to fire victims in Georgetown.

"Well, Colonel, where do you find in the Constitution any authority to give away public money in charity?" Bunce asked. "...the

Constitution, to be worth anything, must be held sacred, and rigidly observed in all its provisions. The man who wields power and misinterprets it is the more dangerous the more honest he is."

Bunce explained:

"It is not the amount, Colonel, that I complain of; it is the principle. In the first place, the government ought to have in the treasury no more than enough for its legitimate purposes... The power of collecting and disbursing money at pleasure is the most dangerous power that can be intrusted to man...So you see, that while you are contributing to relieve one, you are drawing it from thousands who are worse off than he. If you had the right to give anything, the amount was simply a matter of discretion with you,

and you had as much right to give \$20,000,000 as \$20,000... You will easily perceive what a wide door this would open for fraud and corruption and favoritism,

on the one hand, and for robbing the people on the other. No, colonel, Congress has no right to give charity. Individual members may

give as much of their own money as they please, but they have no right to touch a dollar of the public money for that purpose... The people have delegated to Congress, by the Constitution, the power to do certain things. To do these, it is authorized to collect and pay moneys, and for nothing else. Everything beyond this is usurpation, and a violation of the Constitution."

Crockett changed his way of thinking, and related the story in Congress as time after time he went to the mat to oppose policies of a man who'd been his good friend for years, Andrew Jackson. That principled stand led to his election defeat in the 1834 elections.

Following the election, Crockett declared: "You all can go to hell, and I will go to Texas."

The New York Times, Georgetown law professors and the federal government can ignore the Constitution if they want to. If that's the kind of government they want, they're welcome to it.

They can all go to hell ... and we will go, in Texas.

'More money' won't solve our education problems

With the current state budget short fall, liberal state legislators are asking for money to keep education funding at the highest levels or increase it. Their main solution is to raise taxes.

In the middle of this heated discussion, a friend of has asked: "How much money does it take to create and graduate a straight A student?"

Liberals have a lot of anxiety over the loss of educational funding in Texas because they claim it will hurt the economic future of Texas. They claim the funding is for programs such as drop-out prevention programs, to provide the best equipment and educational tools possible, and to keep a low student/teacher ratio. Taxpayer money seems to be the best solution for helping what ails Texas public school.

Or is it?

Over the past two decades, the Texas public education spending has soared. Between the 1990-91 biennium and the 2010-11 biennium, "All Funds" appropriations for public education, grew from \$12.9 billion to \$52.7 billion, an increase of 309 percent. Meanwhile, over the same period, population growth plus inflation increases amounted to just 115.5 percent. On the federal level, the U.S. Department of Education discretionary budget was \$56 billion and the mandatory budget contained \$23.4 billion in 2006. As of 2011, the budget is \$69.9 billion.

The question is what are tax payers getting for all that money?

In the Seguin Independent School District, 46% of total employees are classroom teachers, and the rest are administrative staff. The average teacher's salary is \$46,818, but average salary for administrative staff is \$72,710.

In the Floresville ISD, 48.5% of total employees are classroom teachers and average teacher's salary is \$46,231, while average administrative staff salary is \$71,180. Both Seguin and Floresville ISDs received accountability ratings in 2010 of "recognized"

El Conservador

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which was the second highest rating.

Forty eight percent of the students in Seguin took college admissions tests in 2009, but only 19% of those tested passed. In Floresville, 52% of the students took those tests, and only 23% of that group passed.

Even more dismal are the results for urban school districts like the San Antonio ISD. The drop-out rate for the San Antonio ISD was 38.6% in 2009, and their only 6% of their students who were tested passed the college admission exams. At the same time, only 45% of their employees are classroom teachers.

Liberal state representative Mike Villarreal is demanding more state funding but he never mentions that we need more classroom teachers than administrators. He also ignores the fact that there is a culture of poverty among many Hispanics that places a low value on education. What Villarreal and other liberals want to do is "re-distribute the wealth" instead of educate children.

More public money is NOT the answer. Parents...both of them, regardless if they live together or not, must assume responsibility for encouraging and pushing their children to study AND to behave in school.

The state cannot raise children, nor can it not assume responsibility for educating them when their parents do not care or invest their time and energy.

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BENGHAZI REPORT



The Hagel nomination

Rich Lowry



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talked more and backed Israel less.

There is much to be said for Hagel's warnings prior to the Iraq War that the conflict would have unintended consequences. So it did -- horrifying ones. But, at the end of the day, Hagel voted for the war. Then, he opposed the surge as "the most dangerous foreign-policy blunder in this country since Vietnam."

This combination makes him either a gutless dove or a foolish hawk, or maybe a little of both. If the war is a historic mistake, don't vote to authorize it. If you have voted to authorize it, don't oppose the one way to save it from becoming an utter fiasco.

It's not clear what draws Obama to Hagel. Surely though, the president can find someone more suitable from the ranks of his own party. Please, let's have a partisan appointment for secretary of defense.

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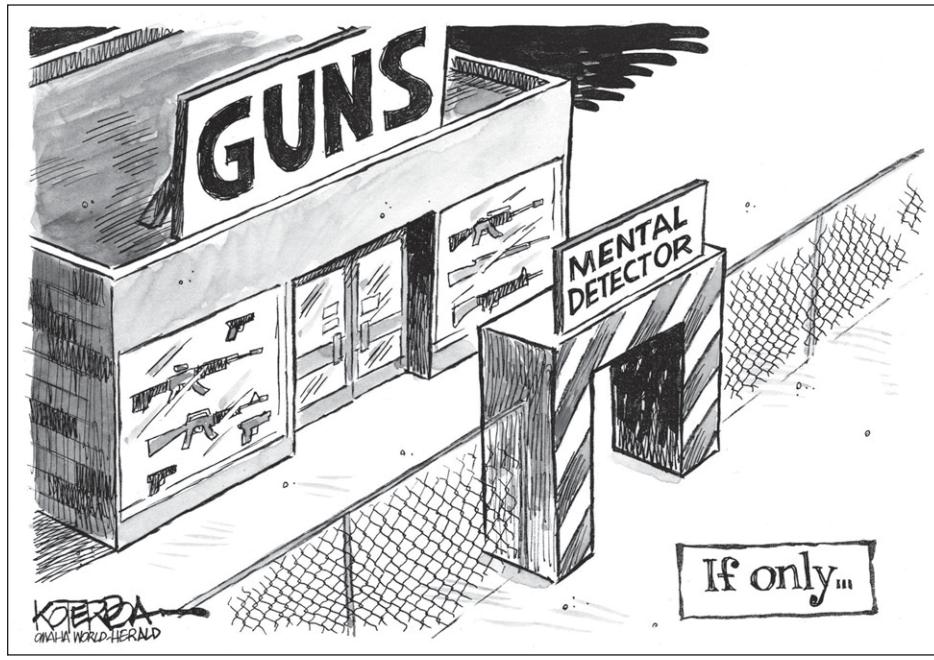
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IN YOUR VIEW



Sandy Hook tragedy was a demonic event

America mourns and buries its dead innocent children, and wonders why this tragedy could happen. Sandy Hook was not a gun control issue. It was a demonic act of spiritual warfare, as mentioned in Ephesians 6:12 of the Bible: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual (hosts) of wickedness in the heavenly (places)."

These demonic spirits, former angels of God, despise Him. For example in the Book of Job, chapter 1, Satan murdered all of Job's sheep, servants and children...just to make his point with God. King Herod ordered all male children under the age of two to be massacred, to prevent the birth of our Lord. He killed innocent children out of anger and without remorse. (Matthew 2:16)

In sheer numbers, Satan's kingdom is many times larger than the Lord's because we chose not to stand firm in our Lord, but to allow atheists to rule over our faith. Anything that keeps us from God is evil.

Satan wants to destroy and kill is before we can make Lord our Savior. In John 10:10, Jesus stated "The thief, Satan, does not come except to steal,

Guest Commentary

Lew McCreary

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and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have (it) more abundantly."

In the beginning, angels and mankind were created with a free will. But unlike fallen angels, God did not create humans with the ability to enjoy mass murder, nor the mutilation of dead bodies. Demon spirits relish such behavior.

Young Adam Lanza was under the complete control of demons. The synoptic gospel writers of the New Testament had much to say about demon possession and behavior, and how unstable people sometimes allow demons to manipulate their thinking and resultant behavior...even the mass murder of innocent children.

The answer for preventing such depraved carnage in these last days of the current age, lies in God's mercy.

Many of his bondservants and prophets have been enabled to call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to cleanse the victims of demon possession, delivering them from

this evil bondage. The problem is to educate people to recognize these symptoms and to bring it to the attention of God's appointed servants that are anointed in correcting this common phenomenon.

Yet America is long overdue in returning to the Bible for divine wisdom and correction.

Public prayer and the Bible have been removed from schools by the ACLU and the courts. Very few Americans consistently attend Bible classes.

Even many pastors are reluctant to mention the troublesome issue of an evil realm of destructive demons at work 24/7 in the world today, for fear of scaring or offending their congregations. To further compound the issue, parents of American children have failed miserably in their responsibility to pass their Judeo-Christian belief system on to their families.

The result of this unconscionable negligence has been a rejection of God's abundant wisdom and mercy, and a pitiful bitter harvest of lost souls.

Wake up America! Satan is winning the battle for the souls of our once great nation that formerly respected, worshipped and obeyed the living, loving and gracious God of the universe.

Make 2013 your year for a change in eating habits

Guest Commentary

Vicki Atkinson

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vegetable oils have been proven to cause irritability in some types of people.

It is daunting to think about these things but, it is never too late to change! You can actually start making small changes that will make a big difference. Here are a few tips to help get you started! At the top of the list remember this rule, 90/10. Ninety percent of the time you are eating good, healthy, home cooked meals, ten percent of the time you can indulge in fast food, or a microwave meal. One of my favorites is "Cook once eat twice", you can pick a favorite recipe and double it, and unless you're feeding a small army you can have it as a meal the second day. Sunday's are good days to shop for fresh veggies, and fruit for the week but, be sure to make time to clean, and prepare those foods that day. If you know you have a hectic day ahead a Crock Pot meal can ensure you have a quality meal with your family.

If we begin feeding our children these kinds of foods when they are toddlers, their bodies become accustomed to it and it can become an addiction. As adults, you may be able to overcome your addiction to convenient food but, children and young adults usually don't have that ability or discipline. In America today, these types of foods consumed on a regular basis are causing many health problems. We all know that obesity is at the top of the list but, did you know that these additives and GMO (genetically modified organism) products can cause hormone imbalances, and genetic interruption. For example, hydrogenated

Leading-Edge Boomers think ahead

Senior Line

Mathilda Charles

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downtowns with a mix of young and old, but with culture, libraries, walk-friendly streets and stores in easy reach.

Both groups might choose from college towns (to live near children and take advantage of on-campus activities), manufactured housing, co-housing and group living (multi-generational), and "affinity" retirement communities (bringing people together based on shared interests).

At some point, however, driving will become an issue. Where do you want to be when that happens?

Before driving becomes a question in anyone's mind, consider taking a seniors' driving class, and maybe a refresher every year. Get a head start on knowing the physical changes that happen to all of us that can impact driver safety.



Is this the year you'll choose to stop driving? Are you prepared for that?

Here are some thoughts, after reading a recent report by the Urban Land Institute, about what we might tend to want as a group. They have us broken down into age groups:

Leading-Edge Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1955, and the Silent Generation, ages 67 to 80 years old.

We Leading-Edge Boomers don't especially want to move to a seniors-only residence where we're surrounded by other seniors. We've been active, and we want to stay active. We'll tend to do more ordering online or having items delivered by UPS and FedEx. Boomers tend to live in the suburbs and want to stay in our own homes. If we do move, it will probably be to a place where cars aren't as necessary but goods and services will be nearby.

The Silent Generation will consider warmer climates and co-housing "village" areas where services are brought to us. There will be those who prefer the hubbub of

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Two arrests in bar brawl

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An altercation that took place last weekend at a local bar resulted in two arrests and one man left seriously injured.

Gonzales Police Captain Allen Taylor said at approximately 9 p.m. on Dec. 29,

officers responded to the Silver Star Saloon in reference to a disturbance.

Alvin Drister III, 36, and Jeremy Kintz, 33, were taken into custody on charges of disorderly conduct. The bar's owner, Kenny Rodgers, was airlifted to an unspecified hospital due to injuries he received during

the fracas.

Taylor said he was unsure of the cause of the disturbance and the case is still under investigation.

"We still need to ascertain if additional charges will be filed and if so, on whom," he said. "Right now I have no idea what happened."

2012 IN REVIEW:

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35, of Seguin. Department of Public Safety spokesmen said all three died in the crash.

• Department of Public Safety officials said a white 2005 Jeep Liberty SUV was stopped for having obscured rear license plate on eastbound Interstate Highway 10 at mile marker 637 in Gonzales County around 9:21 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, and the stop resulted in the seizure of some \$1.6 million in crystal methamphetamine.

• Principal Jayne Iley, along with members of the Gonzales Elementary School faculty and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), presented the school's new Texas Rangers' Computer Lab. The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and small reception.

The project, which cost approximately \$25,000, was funded through a collaboration of the Nolan Ryan Foundation and Kitchen Pride Mushroom Farms.

November

• A new study estimated the economic impact of the Eagle Ford Shale on Gonzales and DeWitt counties was more than \$3.3 billion in 2011 — and within 10 years that number will skyrocket to more than \$14 billion.

• Former Gonzales Parks and Recreation Department manager Billy Malaer received his sentence in 25th District Court. Judge Dwight Peschel handed down a term of five years deferred adjudication to Malaer, which means the case will be dismissed at the end of the probationary period. He did not receive a fine.

• The Shiner City Council embattled police announced their decision to continue Chief Adam Brunkenhoefer's paid administrative leave until the end of the year, after which the chief will tender his resignation.

Brunkenhoefer, who had been chief since August 1985, was suspended a week prior for an unspecified incident unrelated to his job performance. Brian Berkman was named as interim chief.

• More arrests were

made in connection with the double homicide that took place at a Gonzales nightclub. Two warrants were issued for Desmond Lashaun Patton and Larvell Roy, both of Cuero.

• Police made an arrest in connection with the vandalism that was inflicted on several buses housed at the Gonzales Independent School District's Bus Barn.

Pierce Layne Navarro, 17 of Gonzales, was arrested on Nov. 7 and charged with felony criminal mischief due to the damage done. Two juveniles were also detained and charged with felony criminal mischief and burglary of a motor vehicle.

Additionally, a case of burglary of a motor vehicle on Navarro was forwarded to the Gonzales County attorney.

• A three-vehicle accident claimed a life in Gonzales. At approximately 8:48 a.m., Gonzales police officers were dispatched to Highway 183, between the J.B. Wells Arena and County Road 197, in reference to an accident. When emergency crews arrived on the scene, they discovered a trail of debris scattered nearly a quarter of a mile along the roadway and a man who was trapped inside a Ford F-150 pickup.

After extrication the driver was transported to a medical facility, where he was identified as Roger Miller, 70, of Inez.

• The victim who died in a horrific two-vehicle crash was officially identified by authorities. Gonzales Justice of the Peace Precinct One Diedra Voigt received word from the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office, where the body was taken for autopsy and positive identification.

Through circumstantial evidence, the victim was identified as Kenneth Pate

of Yoakum.

December

• The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture named Gonzales native Daisy Scheske as its new assistant executive director. Scheske stepped in to replace Bradley Avant, who announced her retirement.

• A large truck with a trailer carrying lumber crashed into the side of a residence on Highway 97 near County Road 482. The cab of the truck came barreling through the wall of a bedroom where the homeowner and his two-year old son were laying in bed.

Initial reports indicated the driver was transported to a San Antonio hospital as a precaution while the resident and child were treated for minor injuries and released at Gonzales Memorial Hospital.

• Jurors set punishment of life in prison for a 47-year-old Nixon man who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of a woman he lived with in the Kingsbury area.

Larry Lee Dieken of Nixon was arrested on May 15, 2011, one day after the shooting of the woman who was airlifted to University Hospital in San Antonio for treatment of potentially life-threatening injuries.

• Fifty years in state prison was assessed as punishment Dec. 12 for Cody Lorenz, who pleaded guilty to murder while committing a felony in the death of a 19-year-old woman from Gonzales.

The victim, Amber Robbins, died in a collision on Dec. 29, 2011 at the intersection of Highway 46 and West Kingsbury Street.

Police said her vehicle was struck by a pickup truck driven by Lorenz who was westbound on Kingsbury Street and ran a red light.

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Firefighters douse vehicle blaze

Gonzales firefighters reacted quickly to douse a vehicle fire following a minor accident on Sarah DeWitt Dr. in Gonzales Dec. 26. (Photo courtesy John DuBose)

Gonzales Co. Sheriff's Office Report

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Report for Dec. 16-22:

12/17/12 Cedillo, Mario Hernandez, 10/1987, Waelder.

Local Warrant – Possession of Marijuana <2 oz. Requires \$2,000 Bond. Remains in Custody.

12/18/12 Bedner, Bradley Allen, 05/1991, Schertz. Guadalupe County Warrant – Burglary of Habitation.

Requires \$20,000 Bond. Released – Transferred to Guadalupe County.

12/19/12 Chavez, Joseph Isaac, 10/1988, Gonzales. Local Warrant – Tamper Fabricate Physical Evidence with intent to Impair. Dropped by DA. Commitment/Sentence – Possession of Marijuana <2 oz. Released – Time Served.

12/20/12 Ramos, Bianca Guadalupe, 11/1988, Gonzales.

Local Warrant – Theft of Property >\$20 <\$500 by Check. Released on \$300 Bond.

Cray, Kedrick, Jermaine, 10/1992, San Antonio. Local Warrant – Deadly Conduct. Requires \$2,500 Bond. Remains in Custody.

12/21/12

Vasquez, Alfredo Hernandez, 07/1967, Gonzales. Commitment/Sentence – Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Released – Weekender – Work Release.

Jarmon, Ernest, 09/1944, Waelder. Local Warrant – Sexual Assault. Released on \$50,000 Bond.

12/22/12 Garza, Patricie Jr., 05/1961, Gonzales. Driving while License Invalid with Previous Conviction/Suspension without Financial Responsibility. Released on \$1,000 Bond.

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:

GCSO	08
DPS	02
GPD	06
WPD	00
NPD	07
Constable	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAL	00
Total	23

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DeWitt Co. Sheriff's Office Report

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Report from Dec. 20-27

Dec. 20

Arrested Juan Pablo Vela, 33, of Penitas, Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or More, Bond of \$25,000, Cuero PD

Arrested Molly Mashelle McRae, 18, of Areneckeville, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Fine of \$267 (30 Days to Pay), Cuero PD

Arrested Michael Anthony Lagring, 49, of Cuero, Failure to maintain Financial Responsibility- 1st offense, Fine of \$451 (30 Days to Pay), FTA - No Liability insurance -1st offense, Fine of \$367 (30 Days to Pay), DCSO

Arrested William Ewing Williams III, 43, of Cuero, Driving while Intoxicated, Bond of \$4,000, DPS

Dec. 21

Arrested Stephen Michael Prentice, 26, of Sinton, Driving while Intoxicated, Bond of \$4,000, Yorktown PD

Arrested Lisa Catherine Lin-salata, 43, of Cuero, Theft Property >\$50 <\$500 by Check, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Arrested Christopher Lynn Fahrig, 24, of Cuero, Theft of Property >\$50 <\$500 by Check, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Arrested Christina Kay Short, 41, of Dayton, Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2-A <2 oz, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Dec. 22

Arrested Joshua Blaine Broussard, 29, of Charlotte, NC, Criminal Trespass, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Arrested Travis Wayne Hiebner, 22, of Yorktown, Criminal Trespass, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Arrested Jackie Lee Robinson, 33, of Cuero, Driving while Intoxicated, Bond of \$1,000, Cuero PD

Dec. 23

Arrested Jose Reyes, 54, of Yoakum, Assault Family Violence, Bond of \$1,000, DCSO

Assist Cuero PD with a Burglary on Esplanade in Cuero

Dec. 24

Arrested Edwin Thomas Zaiontz, 39, of Yorktown, Bodily

Dec. 25

Fire on Hwy 183 N, Hochheim

Injury to Child /Family Violence, \$10,000, Bodily Injury to Child /Family Violence, \$10,000, DCSO

Dec. 25

Arrested Jose Panfilo Perez, 41, of Cuero, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a child-Confirmed For sexual abuse of a child Continuous Victim under 14, Sexual Assault of a Child 2x's, Indecency with a Child Sexual Contact (Victoria Co), Bond of \$150,000, CPD.

Dec. 26

Arrested Armando Mungia Jr., 37, of Cuero, Criminal Non-Support (Williamson Co), Bond of \$2,000 Cash, DCSO

Arrested Misty Wilson, 30, of Cuero, Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility, Fine of \$438 (30 Days to Pay), No Driver License, Fine of \$212.50 (30 Days to Pay), Contempt of Court Order, Failure to comply (State of Colorado), No Bond, DCSO

Arrested Francisco Naranjo Jr., 25, of Cuero, Capias Pro Fine / Animal at Large, Fine of \$289, Capias Pro Fine / Failure to Appear, Fine of \$442, Capias Pro Fine / Driving while License Invalid, Fine of \$267, DCSO

Arrested John Steven Pritchard, 46, of Cuero, Public Intoxication, Fine of \$414 (30 Days to Pay), Cuero PD

Dec. 27

Fire on Hwy 183 N, Hochheim

Yoakum Police Report

Yoakum Police Department Weekly Incident Report for the week of December 24, 2012 thru December 30, 2012:

12/25/12

Case #12-513, Assault F/V Fel.

3, 806 Baldwin; Disposition, Investigation.

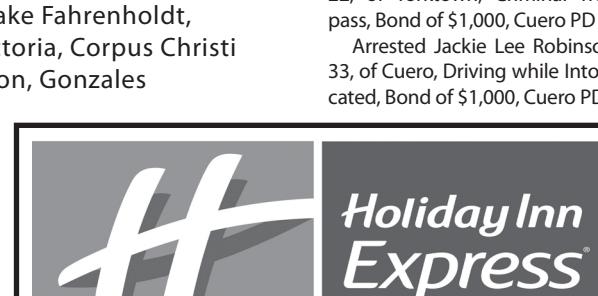
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Baldwin; Disposition, Court Citation.

Case #12-515, Assault-C, 201 W. Gonzales; Disposition, Court Citation.

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Case #12-516, Assault-C, 105 Ellen May; Disposition, Court Citation.



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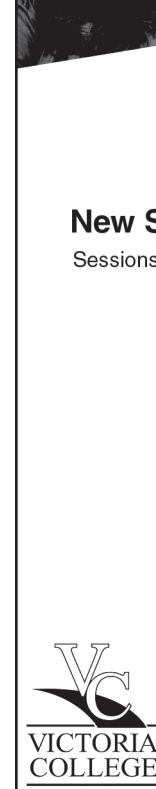
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Combs releases final in 'Your Money' series

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AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has released the final report in the *Texas, It's your Money* series titled, *Your Money and Pension Obligations*. Combs also announced recommendations aimed at improving government transparency for legislative leadership to consider in the upcoming session.

This latest report provides a detailed look at state and local pension programs, while the overall report series offers Texans a clear picture of who is taxing them, how their money is being spent and how public debt is growing. Each one of the reports focuses on financial obligations of taxpayers and provides suggestions on how government should provide more transparency regarding those obligations. Combs is now recommending the Legislature consider these suggestions in the upcoming session.

"What comes through in each of these reports is a set of recommendations which shows where we fall short of talking straight to the taxpayer and providing a more transparent government," Combs said. "I am working with leadership on legislative ideas to embody these recommendations and principles."

The first of these reports, *Your Money and The Taxing Facts*, examines all the local entities that contribute to a taxpayer's bill, such as cities, counties, special-purpose districts and transit authorities, and identifies trends in spending. Combs is calling for these taxing entities to post more information on the Web and for local taxing districts to send that information to

the Comptroller's office so the agency can put all local sales and property tax information on one public website.

The second report, *Your Money and Local Debt*, zeroes in on the debt issued by local governments. Combs suggests ballots for new debt contain information both on current and proposed debt obligations, including the following: the debt's stated purpose, total outstanding debt, total debt per capita and annual debt service requirements.

The third report, *Your Money and Education Debt*, examines the indebtedness of Texas' public schools and higher education institutions. Because most of this debt is used for school construction, Combs wants information on the cost of each facility, cost per square foot and space per student be posted on the Web.

The fourth report, *Your Money and Pension Obligations*, looks at public pension debt, which has made national headlines recently. Combs urges public pension funds in Texas to report on a public website such line items as their actual investment returns for the past 10 years and the plans' assumed rates of return.

"We want to give taxpayers the same kind of information on government debt and spending that they would need to prepare and balance their own budgets, to handle a mortgage or buy a car — a clear knowledge of what we're spending and what we owe," Combs said. "It's your money. If you don't know how it's being used, you need to know. And it's our job to let you know."

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DeWitt County

API No.: 42-123-32990

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Petrohawk Operating Company

Lease Name: S. Witte A

Well No.: 1H

Field Name: DeWitt (Eagle Ford Shale)

Total Depth: 14,000 feet

Direction and Miles: 1.36 miles northeast of Yoakum

Survey Name: R. Sinclair, A-429

Acres: 558.39

API No.: 42-123-32988

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Petrohawk Operating Company

Lease Name: Fisher C

Well No.: 2H

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

Total Depth: 14,000 feet

Direction and Miles: 6.25 miles southwest of Westhoff

Survey Name: W.S. Leyell, A-311

Acres: 504

API No.: 42-123-32986

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Petrohawk Operating Company

Lease Name: Fisher C

Well No.: 4H

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

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API No.: 42-123-32985

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Lease Name: Fisher C

Well No.: 3H

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

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Direction and Miles: 6.25 miles southwest of Westhoff

Survey Name: W.S. Leyell, A-311

Acres: 504

API No.: 42-123-32973

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Petrohawk Operating Company

Lease Name: Zgabay A

Well No.: 10H

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

Total Depth: 14,000 feet

Direction and Miles: 6.85 miles northeast of Yoakum

Survey Name: M. Cogswell, A-109

Acres: 687.92

API No.: 42-123-32992

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Petrohawk Operating Company

Lease Name: Fisher B

Well No.: 2H

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

Total Depth: 14,000 feet

Direction and Miles: 6.25 miles southwest of Westhoff

Survey Name: W.S. Leyell, A-311

Acres: 544

API No.: 42-123-32999

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

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Well No.: 3H

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Acres: 544

API No.: 42-123-32995

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Burlington Resources O and G Co. LP

Lease Name: Gohlike Unit A

Well No.: 2

Field Name: Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2)

Total Depth: 17,000 feet

Direction and Miles: 3.7 miles northwest of Nordheim

Survey Name: F. Leal, A-304

Acres: 642.43

API No.: 42-123-32996

Classification: Fld. Dev. and Horizontal

Operator: Geosouthern Energy Corp.

Lease Name: Oro Negro Unit 1

Well No.: 6H

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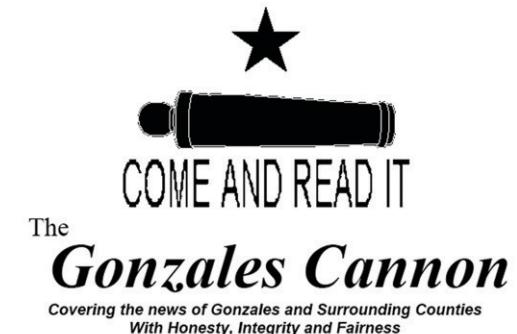
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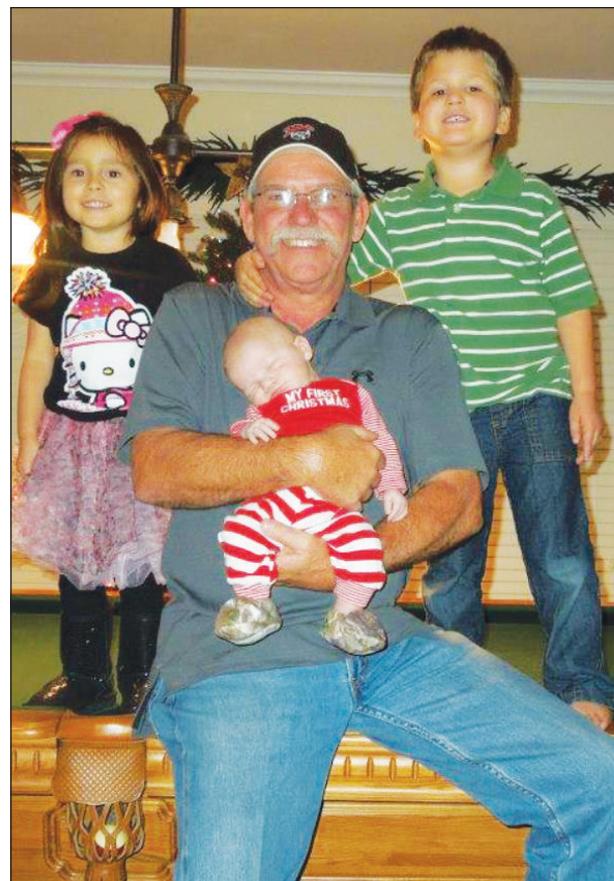
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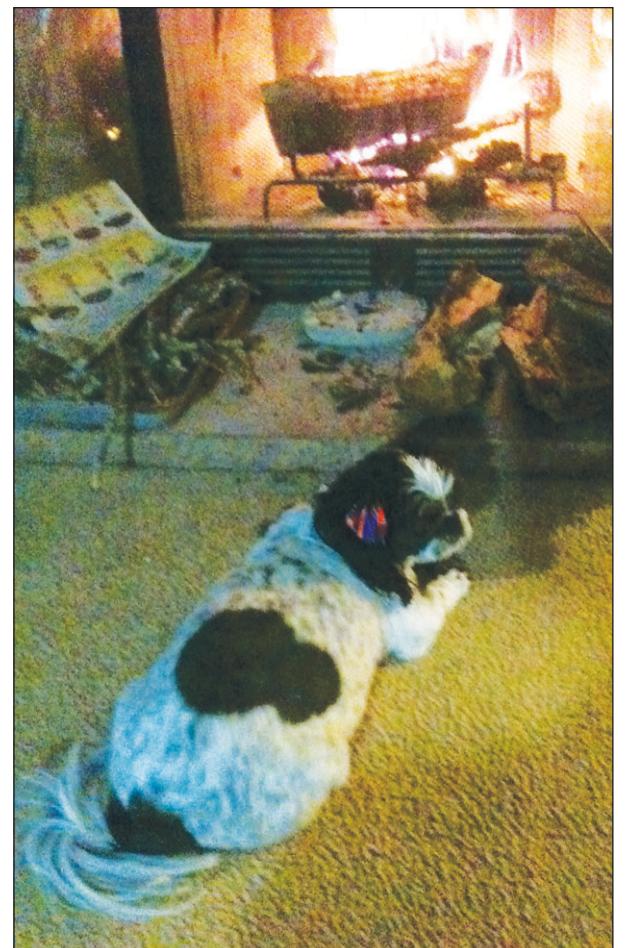
My little one ready for the new year! HAPPY NEW YEAR 2 everybody :) — Posted by Lizzy Hernandez



Hold on "New Year"! Im still trying to hold on to Christmas! (Hazel Rhodes waiting on this New Year to arrive.) — Posted by Maria Navejar



Randy Robinson(Grandy) celebrates the New Year with his grandkids! — Posted by D'Anna Culak Robinson



Missee loves the fireplace with a fire going — Posted by Gayle Akers



Zane Whitehead's 1st buck taken 12-22-12 at Matejcek place. 9 pts. 20 1/4" spread. As you can see, he was extremely excited — Posted by Geralyn Matejcek



Our first family picture , Merry Christmas! — Posted by Lysa Ann-Marie Buchanan



Just me — Posted by Juan Gaytan Jr.



State champs recognized

The TAPPS Division II Six-Man football champions, Lifegate Christian School Falcons, and cheerleaders were honored at the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court by County Judge Larry Jones and Seguin Mayor Don Keil. Lifegate Christian School is a safe, fully-accredited K-12 school serving Christian families who desire a Christian education for their children. For 32 years, Lifegate Christian School has served families in Seguin and communities in Guadalupe, Caldwell, Wilson, and Gonzales counties. The school is a ministry of Lifegate Church and is located three miles southeast of Seguin on FM 466. (Courtesy photo)

OBITUARIES



William John Fink

FINK

William John Fink, 83 of Gonzales, passed away on the 28th day of December, 2012, at his home. William was born in Cost on September 17, 1929, to Albert John and Annette (Nettie) Lindemann Fink.

He attended the Needa School and graduated from Gonzales High School in 1947. He went to Texas A&I in Kingsville for one year and worked on the old naval base dairy there in exchange for room and board. He later attended Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos for three years and paid his way by working on his father's farm during the summer.

On November 11, 1950, William married Norma Jean Billings of Nixon, at the First Methodist Church in Nixon. Their 62 years together were blessed by daughter, Debra Karen Austin and husband, Ryan Feemster; son, Brian William Fink and wife, Janna; and daughter, Donna Jean Knieriem and husband, Dave.

He loved his six grandchildren, Christopher Hyman, Stephanie Fletcher, Zachary Fletcher and wife Jennifer, Joshua Fletcher, Brynnan Fink, and Tyler Fink, and his two great-grandchildren, Eeve and Emma Fletcher. He is also survived by his brother, Allan and wife Betty Fink, a sister, Annette (Lady) and husband Leslie Pfeil and sister-in-law Polly Fink.

William had served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, completing a 14-month tour in Korea. He left with a rank of Staff Sergeant. He later worked for Sinclair Oil Company in San Antonio and Austin. Pallbearers included: Kenneth Fink, George Fink, Mike Kuck, L.A. Lindemann, Byron Lester and Jesus Castillo. Honorary Pallbearers included: David Thiede, Upton Rudock, Billie Polasek and Bonnie Tenberg.

Memorials may be made to the Gonzales First United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society, or the charity of one's choice. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Leroy Gloor, Sr.
GLOOR

Leroy Otto Gloor, Sr., 89, passed away Wednesday, December 26 surrounded by the love of his family. He was born November 14, 1923 in Gonzales County to August and Lena Miller Gloor.

While attending high school in Gonzales, Leroy at age 17 joined the National Guard and continued to assist his father on the family farm. On that fateful day in December of 1941, the National Guard was called to duty and Leroy, now 18 and a junior in high school, departed for the battlefield.

Leroy was a surgical technician with the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, part of General Mark Clark's 5th Army. Leroy saw combat duty in Africa fighting the German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, also known as the "Desert Fox," and his Panzer Division. After the defeat of the German Afrika Korps, Leroy served in Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and finally Austria, having earned and been awarded five Bronze Stars, a Silver Star and a Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster. Leroy was honorably discharged from active duty on July 1, 1946.

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Leroy Gloor was a man that possessed all the characteristics you would dream of and want in a man. He was a Godly man that knew the responsibilities of being the head of the home. He was a gentle and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He took care of the family and the home and made it a safe and warm environment for all.

He was a jack of all trades and could do any and everything from car maintenance to home repair. He worked hard to provide for his family and enjoyed planting pecan trees, caring for cattle, and hunting deer up behind the house. He was an inspiration to all that knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed, but we know that he is in Heaven with the Father and rejoicing with those that have gone on before him.

He was a member of the Luling Foundation representing Gonzales County for 3 years. He was a former trustee and member of the finance committee and administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Gonzales and also served as a faithful usher until his final illness.

In addition to his many achievements, his life was defined by three things: his faith, his family, and his farm. One was hard-pressed to have a conversation with him that didn't involve at least one of these three critical elements. He was known for his conversational abilities, and his interactions with others were very important to him. Christopher recalls living in the only house around Gonzales with a second phone line designated, not for the teenagers, but for William to talk.

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Leroy Otto Gloor, Sr. is survived by his darling wife of 62 years, Perdetha Schultz of Seguin; loving daughter, Teresa Elizabeth Vandegriff of Seguin; sister, Madeline Bird of Gonzales; grandchildren, Elizabeth Robbins and husband Arlie, Jr., Tabitha Titsworth and husband Tim, BJ Vandegriff and wife Stephany, and Samantha Vandegriff; great-grandchildren, Cody, Dylan, and Emily Robbins, and Laiden Vandegriff; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Leroy Otto Gloor Jr.; sisters, Alma Kelley, Hilda Zavadil and Delda Kullin; and brothers, Willie and Paul Gloor.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 30 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Roy officiating. Interment was held in Monthalia Methodist Cemetery. Pallbearers included: Arlie Robbins, Jr., BJ Vandegriff, Tim Titsworth, Judge David Bird, Willie Carroll Gloor and D.A. West. Honorary pallbearers included: John Zavadil, Ray Jackson and George Hartman.

The family had received friends at the funeral home Saturday evening. Memorials may be made to the Monthalia Cemetery Association or the charity of one's choice.

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- In Honor of David Kacir, from Polly and Chuck Norris;
- In Honor of Gonzales County EMS, from the Board of Directors of Gonzales Healthcare Systems.

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St. Paul duo, Johnson headline All-Cannon Team

By MARK LUBE

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At the start of the 2012 season, the Sacred Heart Indians were expecting just one starter on offense from last year and a few back on defense.

The one offensive starter, receiver/running back Scott Stoner, missed the first couple of games because of injury and Sacred Heart had to play with first-time offensive starters.

"At the beginning of the year, it just took a while for us to gel and get our offensive line and two tight ends playing together," Indians head coach Pat Henke said. "We had 11 new kids on offense that were starting for the first time."

The Indians lost their first three games of the season, including two shutouts, to Yorktown, Flatonia and Thorndale. They finally got a win against Louise and won out in the regular season and lost just for the fourth time against St. Paul in the state semifinal round.

Subsequently, Henke has been named the Coach of the Year for the 2012 All-Cannon for his work in turning the Indians around.

The Indians stayed in the first two games with 0-0 ties at halftime because



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of the hard play of the defense. Henke said the loss to Thorndale was especially ugly and the Indians decided to just simplify things.

"We looked out-of-sync and part of that was my fault because I was trying to do too many things because we were struggling and looking for answers to what would work," he said. "After the Thorndale game, I decided that we are going to do what we do best and run the football, work harder with the offensive line and get Jonathan (Vanek) more touches."

The Indians improving at their bread-and-butter paid off.

"Once our offensive line got used to one another, then Jonathan got going," Henke said. "We had a question mark at the beginning of the year about

Jonathan. I could see he had some talent but never had a chance last year because we had an outstanding back in Sterling Hrncir but he started on defense. I knew he was good. I just did not know how good. He turned out to be a good

football player."

Along the way, they ran the table in the district for the championship but fell short, 49-35, to St. Paul in the second straight year the teams have met once in the regular season and once in the playoffs.

"I was proud of our kids for beating St. Paul for that district title," Henke said. "Looking at the bracket, I had a feeling we would have to play them to get to state. Our kids did great."

Henke said winning Coach of the Year award

was an honor for the program, the players and the entire coaching staff.

It is not classified material that the 2012 Gonzales Apaches and Shiner St. Paul Cardinals preferred

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Luling withstands Shiner's long-range bomb attack

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HALLETTSVILLE — The Eagles learned a lesson in defense in the first half of their 51-45 win over the Shiner Comanches Thursday evening in the Hallettsville Holidays Tournament.

"I thought we played better in the second half," Luling head coach Justin White said. "We gave up a lot of open threes in the first half of the game."

For playing just their second game of the season (and the second of the day) with just three practices so far under the belt, the Comanches did pretty well.

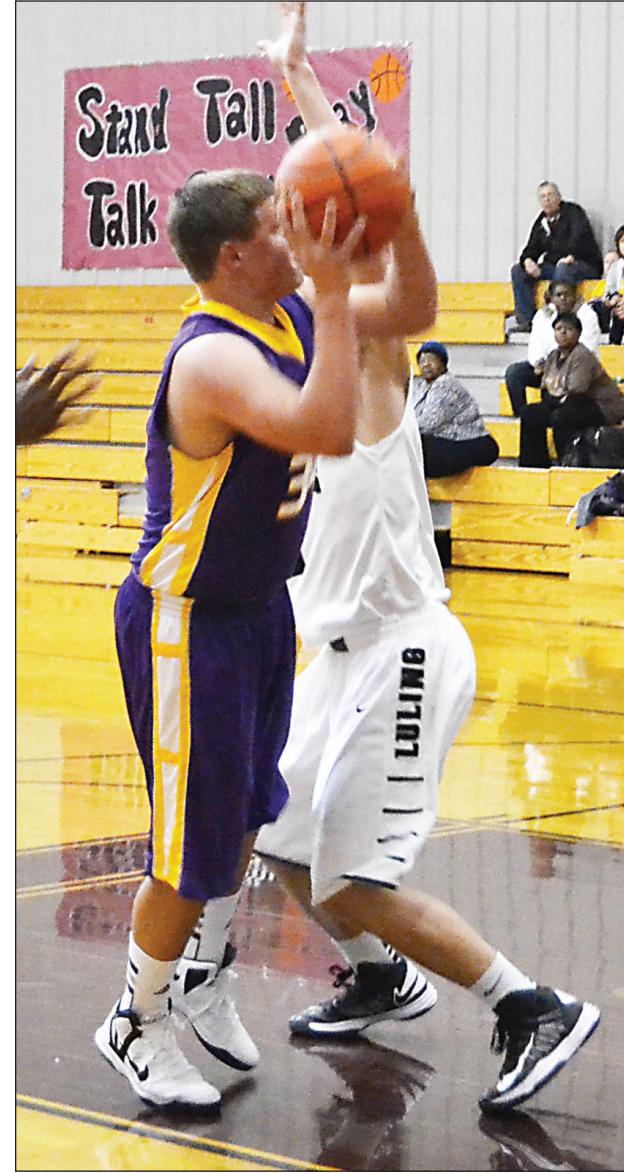
"We have done well on learning on the fly," Shiner head coach Noe McCarthy. "Their attitude and their effort has been great."

Shiner got a late start to basketball due to the success of its football season, which ended in a state semifinal appearance.

"We have 18 players in the program and 14 of them play on the football team," McCarthy said. "So some of those guys had to take a break between football and basketball."

The game started with a 4-2 Luling advantage with baskets from Kelvin Larkin and Ryan Larison. Shiner went ahead with a three-point basket from Justin Stovall.

Four straight points on



Shiner's Caleb Murrile attempts a field goal against Luling Thursday during play in the Hallettsville Holiday Tournament. (Photo by Mark Lube)

a basket each from Keeton Coe and Larison put Luling up 8-5. The Eagles then scored four of the next six points with two baskets from Juan Ordonez. The

Comanches went ahead 13-12 as Stovall hit back-to-back three-point buckets.

The teams traded three-point field goals with Lar-

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State titles by St. Paul, Flatonia highlighted the Year In Sports for 2012

January

- Former Flatonia punter Cote Schacherl was named to the 2011 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III Coaches' All-America Team.

Schacherl, who played at Howard Payne University, led the American Southwest Conference and the nation in punting with an average of 43.9 yards a kick. He had 64 punts for 2,810 total yards in 2011 and finished his career at Howard Payne as both the school's and the ASC's all-time punt yardage leader at 9,679 yards.

February

- Gonzales fullback-linebacker Landon Lock and offensive/defensive linemen Cody Jurek both signed letters of intent with Eastern New Mexico University.

Luling Eagles' utility player Billy Medford and Hallettsville Sacred Heart's Cole Wick also signed letters with Tarleton State and Incarnate Word University respectively.

- Twelve area athletes were selected to the Texas Sports Writers Association Collin Street Bakery All-State teams.

Gonzales had the lion's share of the honored ath-

letes, landing a half-dozen Apaches on the Class 3A team. Landon Lock and Jon Anthony Casares earned First Team honors, chosen at linebacker and defensive back respectively. Cody Jurek was named to the Second Team as an offensive lineman. Zack Lopez earned an Honorable Mention at defensive back as did running back Cecil Johnson and defensive lineman J.T. Miller.

Cuero punter Logan Goebel also received an Honorable Mention and Billy Medford of Luling was selected as a Third Team defensive back on the Class 2A team. Receiving an Honorable Mention on the Class 2A team was the Hallettsville duo of wide receiver Trevor McGee and defensive lineman Troy Murphy. Rounding out of the list of area standouts was Derek Duke and Jacob Stafford of Shiner. Both earned Honorable Mentions on the Class 1A team at offensive lineman and linebacker, respectively.

- As part of its biennial realignment, the UIL shuffled around area district memberships. In Class 1A, Flatonia was grouped with schools to its north in Weimar, Holland, Thorndale

and Thrall in District 13-1A DI, while Shiner went to District 15-1A DI with Ganado, Kenedy, Three Rivers and Yorktown.

Gonzales remained with traditional rivals Cuero and Yoakum, but the trio has moved to District 26-3A in which three schools north of Interstate 10 on the way to Houston joined them. Giddings, La Grange and Smithville moved into the district, replacing the previous arrangement with San Antonio-area programs La Vernia, Poteet, Pleasonton and Sam Houston.

Nixon-Smiley retained Poth, Stockdale and Karnes City in District 15-2A DII, but have a slightly spread out rest of the district with Natalia, Dilley and Cotulla, who are located along the I-35 corridor between San Antonio and Laredo. The Mustangs also gained a new district mate in Bloomington, which is in the Victoria area.

The Luling Eagles also have a distance-challenged composition to the new District 15-2A DI, which includes San Antonio-area schools Jourdanton, Marion, San Antonio Brooks and San Antonio Cole, as well as George West and

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2012: UIL realigns area districts, Wilson leaves for Harlingen South

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Goliad, which dropped down from 3A.

Hallettsville in District 14-2A DI retained its previous district mates (Altair Rice, Edna, Hempstead, Vanderbilt Industrial) with Palacios coming in, but Van Vleck and Hitchcock going out.

• Gonzales assistant head coach and defensive coordinator Lanny Wilson was hired as the head coaching football job at Harlingen South. Wilson, 48, will also serve as the athletic coordinator for the Hawks, who compete in District 32-5A.

During his two seasons as Gonzales' defensive coordinator, the Apaches were known for their aggressive style of play on defense. They went undefeated in district play in 2011 in a season that featured five shutouts.

Wilson guided Harlingen South back to the playoffs in his first year at the helm.

• Yoakum senior Stephanie Kornegay signed a letter of intent to compete on the Tarleton State University track team, where she will run hurdles for the Lady Texans.

• Yoakum assistant football and basketball coach Jasen (Jake) Wachsmuth returned to his old post at Shiner St. Paul.

Wachsmuth led the Cardinals to an undefeated 14-0 season and the TAPPS 2A state title in the 2010 season during his first tenure as head football coach.

March

• The Moulton Bobkittenz came up short in their bid for the state championship, losing to Naches, 64-42, at the state tournament.



Razzle Dazzle

Jonathan Pope goes up and under for a reverse layup during an exhibition game between the Harlem Ambassadors and an "all-star" team from Moulton last January. The Ambassadors brought their brand of family-entertaining basketball at the request of the Moulton Chamber of Commerce. (File photo)

• Every player in the batting order helped out in some way in Gonzales' 7-6 thrilling win over #20 Yoakum in the District 28-3A opener for both schools.

• Travis Reeve was approved as the new athletic director and head football coach at Cuero. Reeve, who is the son of former Gobbler head coach Mark Reeve, coached for six years in Cuero on his father's staff.

• Elea Molina finished in ninth place in the 165-pound class at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Championships meet. Molina had a deadlift of 310 pounds, squatted 300, and bench pressed 135 for a total lift of 745. She is the first Gonzales female to ever qualify for the state

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SHINER: Breaks away in big win



Lady Comanches Julianna Rankin puts up a shot on Friday in the Shiner Tournament. (Photo by Mark Lube)

2012: Sheppard doubles at regionals, President takes over in Waelder

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and deadlifted 590 to total 1,530.

April

- Michael Waldie, the Luling Eagles' athletic director and head football coach, resigned from his post in order to assume his new position as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Class 3A Jacksonville.

- Basketball standout Cody Orona of Waelder made his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy official during a ceremony in the Waelder ISD Gymnasium. Orona will continue playing hoops for four more years while he attends the academy on an academic scholarship worth about \$215,000.

- A Gonzales teen marked a milestone in his fledgling career when he competed at the Shady Oaks Speedway in Goliad. It was the first race 19-year old Scott Adams competed in since losing his rookie status.

- Cuero's Abby Sheppard was heading to the UIL State Meet after winning titles in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles at the Region IV-3A Championships.

- After spending the better part of a decade building his program into a Class 1A powerhouse, Jarvin Hall decided to leave Waelder. The 34-year old agreed to become the next head basketball coach at San Antonio Holmes. Hall had a record of 174- 59 that includes six playoff appearances, four district titles, four trips to the regional tournament and one to the state tournament.

May

- Matt Pohler of Shiner placed tied for fourth place in his Class 1A state golf tournament debut. The Flatonia Bulldogs placed seventh in the team standings. Team members were Karl

Steinhauser, Zane Ponder, Cody Jeter and Larry Vire.

In the Class 2A boys tournament, Nixon-Smiley's Nathan Morris was in 22nd place. In Class 3A action, The Yoakum Lady Bulldogs golf team of Laken Garza, Erin Jirkovsky, Kayli Garber, Beth Moehlman and Katherine Hull combined for seventh place.

- For the second year in a row, the Shiner St. Paul Lady Cardinals are the TAPPS 1A/2A softball state champions.

St. Paul handed Bellville Academy an 8-3 defeat to advance into the final, they downed Victoria Faith Academy.

- Several area athletes brought home medals from the UIL Track and Field Championships. Among the first place winners were Ty Anderson of Luling in the high jump and Abby Sheppard of Cuero in the 300 hurdles.

The Luling duo of Carley Glass and Michael Barnett each took second in their respective 3,200-meter finals, while LaNesha Hunt of Shiner was second in the 100-meter dash.

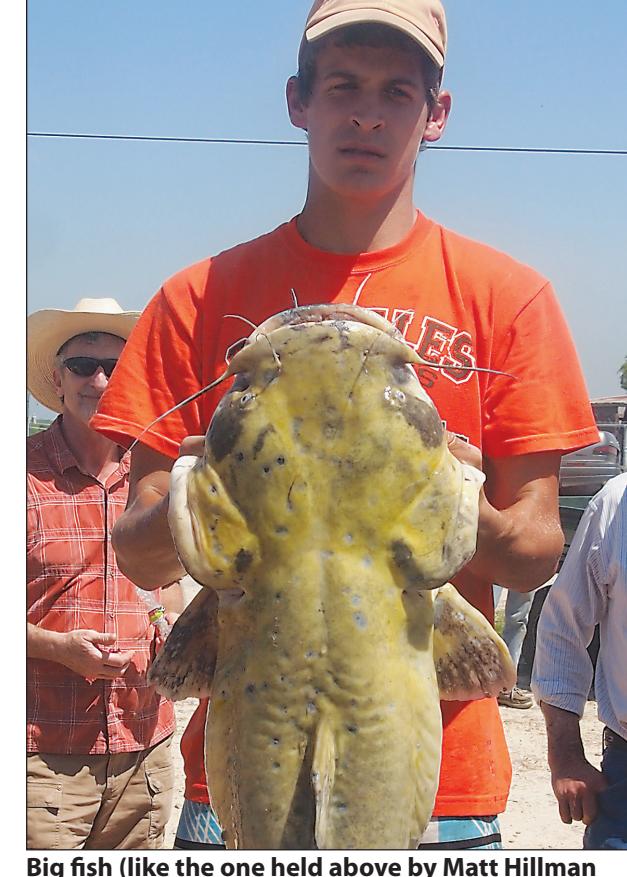
Shiner's 4x200-meter relay team of Evel Jones, Zach Lawrence, Marlon Wallace and Trevion Flowers placed second. Shiner's 4x400-meter relay team consisting of Jones, Lawrence, Wallace and Lucian Blaschke also came in second.

- Robbie Mejia of Nixon-Smiley signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Victoria College.

June

- Flatonia brought home the second state softball title in school history by beating Sam Rayburn Ivanhoe. Taylor Williams blasted two home runs and was named the tournament's MVP.

- David President was selected as the new Waelder athletic director and head boys basketball coach.



Big fish (like the one held above by Matt Hillman of Gonzales) were the order of the day during the 8th Annual Catfish Tournament, held in honor of Alvis Malatek, at Boomer's Sports Bar last April. (File photo)

President came from Marble Falls ISD where he was an assistant boys basketball coach at Marble Falls High School.

gles' pitcher/catcher Ryan Larison earning Coach and Player of the Year honors.

September

- Flatonia junior Katie Steinhauser received her 2011-12 Texas Sports Writer Association Class 1A Softball Player of the Year award.

October

- Gonzales High School sophomore Krisslyn Sexton was chosen to compete in the Down Under International Games in Australia as a member of the Texas State Track and Field team.

November

- Taylor Williams of Flatonia signed a softball letter of intent to play at the University of South Carolina.

December

- The St. Paul Cardinals outscored Frisco Legacy Christian 56-43 to capture the TAPPS Division III state football championship for the second time in three years.

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a break from running our man defense," said Amanise Coleman, who led Shiner with 10 field goals and a total of 25 points.

The Lady Comanches raced out to a 16-0 lead in the blink of an eye in the first quarter. LaNeisha Hunt scored after an offensive board and then scored again. Coleman got a steal and converted it into a bucket and soon after, scored again.

Hunt rebounded a ball and scored again, and had an assist on the next Shiner basket as she passed to Coleman. Points 13-16 were scored by buckets from Meagan Chumchal.

Natalia got on the scoreboard with a basket from Martha Thompson. From there, Shiner concluded the first frame with a 10-0 run as Julianna Rankin, Lauren Oden, Kristin Schacherl made baskets, Rankin hit two free throws and Hunt made a jumper.

To start the second box, Oden made two shots and Coleman converted a three-point play for a 33-2 advantage for Shiner. The Lady Mustangs got two free throws from Raquel Seaton to cut the Shiner lead down

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Natalia: Alyssa Zapata 3 0-0 7,

Catherine Renstew 2 1-1 5, Martha Thompson 1 0-0 2, Raquel Seaton 0 2-2 2, Lupe Heredia 0

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2-6, Shamyra Coleman 0 2-4 2,

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6-8 72.

ALL-CANNON: Area standouts honored on team

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Team All District Linebacker, 95 Tackles, 12 for loss, 5 sacks, 1 block.

Will Bruns, Flatonia, junior. 92 Tackles, 2 hurries, 2 sacks, 1 pass break-up and one caused fumble.

De'Vante Price, Yoakum, senior. 12 solo tackles, 100 tackle assists, 12.4 tackles per game, 4.5 sacks for 38 yards with 12 pressures. 2 caused fumbles. First Team All-District Linebacker.

Damien Airhart, Gonzales, junior. 71 tackles, Second Team All-District: Second Team All-District Offensive Lineman.

Defensive Backs

Zack Lopez, Gonzales, senior. 74 tackles, 5 interceptions, First-Team All State, First Team All-District.

Mitchell McElroy, Shiner St. Paul, senior. 87 tackles, 4 for loss, and 2 sacks, 5 interceptions, 1 touchdown, First-Team All-State, First Team All-District.

Blake McCracken, Yoakum, senior. 8 solo tackles with 46 tackle assists, 1 interception and 6 pass breakups. 2 recovered

fumbles. Second Team All-District.

D'Anthony Hopkins, Cuero, sophomore. Played free safety, 25 tackles, 15 solo tackles, 8 pass break-ups in 6 games, First Team All-District.

Timmy Blakeney, Yoakum, junior, Second Team All-District Safety. 22 solo tackles with 57 tackle assists for 79 tackles, 3 interceptions on year.

Darrance James, Gonzales, sophomore. First Team All-District.

Dalton Herrington, Hallettsville, junior. First Team 14-2A D1 defensive back, 58 tackles, 31 solo tackles, 27 tackle assists, 4 interceptions.

Punter

Hunter Mraz, Shiner, junior. 32 punts for 1,268, 39.625/yards a kick, 0 blocked, long of 62, First Team All District punter, Honorable Mention AP All-State.

Utility

Keith Ratley, Yoakum, senior. Regular season stats — wide receiver: 34 receptions for 951 yards, 27.82 yards /catch, long of 78, 9 touchdown receptions.

Offensive Linemen

tions, 2 2-point conversions; defensive back: 10

tackles, 4 interceptions; punt returner: 6 punt returns for 146 yards, long of 95, 1 touchdown; kickoff returner: 7 kickoff returns for 144 yards, First Team All-District wide receiver; First Team All-District defensive back; Second Team All-District return specialist.

Honorable Mentions

Quarterbacks

Chase Hermes, Yoakum, junior. 61 rushes for 130 yards, 73-159 passing for 1,400 yards, 12 touchdowns with 4 interceptions. Second Team All-District quarterback.

Wide Receivers

Tre'Vontae Hights, Yoakum, sophomore. 6 regular-season games, 62 carries for 457 yards, 19-42 passing for 329 yards with 4 touchdowns and 1 interception, 7 rushing touchdowns, District 26-3A Newcomer of the Year.

Punter

Dakota Kresta, Shiner St. Paul, senior. 47-of-87 for 883 yards and 7 touchdowns, rushed for 313 yards on 49 carries and 4 touchdowns.

Offensive Linemen

Jared Markham, Shiner St. Paul, senior. 17 receptions for 217 yards and 1 touchdown.

Darrance James, Gonzales, sophomore. 18 receptions, 2nd Team All-District.

Defensive Linemen

Cole Easterling, Hallettsville Sacred Heart, senior. Zach Perez-Clack, Gonzales, junior.

Jordan Johnson, Gonzales, junior.

J.T. Miller, Gonzales, junior.

Running Backs

Brendon Cubit, Luling, sophomore. First Team All-District, 132 carries for 562 yards, nine touchdowns, 26 receptions for 298 yards, 3 touchdowns.

Tristan Newman, Nixon-Smiley, sophomore. 107 carries for 768 yards and 7 touchdowns, 7.2 yards/carry.

Wide Receivers

Cade Brewer, Hallettsville Sacred Heart, senior. 18 catches for 319 yards, 3 touchdowns, All-District.

Casey Jirkovsky, Hallettsville Sacred Heart, senior. 13 catches for 257 yards, 4 touchdowns, All-District.

Tyler Gibson, Luling, junior. First Team All-District.

Aaron Bermudez, Luling, senior. First Team All-District.

Ches Elley, Luling, senior. First Team All-District.

Linebackers

Braden Drozd, Yoakum, senior. 13 solo tackles, 84 tackle assists for 9.7 tackles per game. 2 sacks for 15 yards and 12 hurries. 1 interception and 2 recovered fumbles. First Team All-District Linebacker.

Punters

Gus Venegas, Flatonia, sophomore. 18 punts for 632 yards, 35.11 yards/kick.

Matt Hillman, Gonzales, senior. Second Team All-District.

Logan Goebel, Cuero, senior. 45 tackles, 23 solo tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 2 sacks in 5 games, First Team All-District Linebacker.

DJ Gonzales, Gonzales, junior. Second Team All-District.

Cristian Rodriguez, Flatonia, senior. 55 tackles, 9 hurries, 6 sacks, 1 caused fumble and 4 fumble recoveries.

Zach Lawton, Luling, junior. First Team All-District.

Defensive Backs

Evan Butcher, Flatonia, senior. 46 Tackles, 1 interception for TD.

Jared Van Auken, Nixon-Smiley, junior. 24 solo tackles, 22 assisted, 1 sack.

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Here's a tale about a man named Crockett

The early fog thickened into a cold mist. Slowly coming daylight spread through the post oak creek bottom and the wind puffed in wet gusts. The moisture threatened to dampen our moods.

"Boy - you think it's going to rain us out?" The man stood beside a four-wheeler and studied the sky. His countenance and stance were relaxed.

"No, this is going to burn off as soon as the sun comes up," I said.

My answer pleased him and a slight smile turned the corners of his mouth.

"Okay, let's hunt," he said. It was a moot point. The dogs were loose and we were far from the truck. But, maybe for the sake of conversation my hunting partner deemed it necessary to warn me about the likelihood of rain. Whatever the purpose, our quick exchange killed the immediate worries for the weather.

He tugged down his narrow-brimmed hunting hat, pulled up the collar of his jacket, and swung a leg over his transportation. He sat tall and straight, cocked his head back, and listened for the dogs. The morning was growing to life. The first bird of the day warbled nearby and heavy drops of water dripped on the forest floor. The man eased his posture and reached for the ignition switch. But before cranking the engine he glanced back at me.

"Boy - it sure is a good day to be in the woods!"

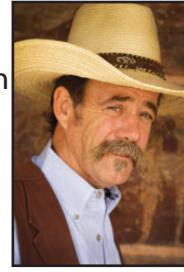
Crockett Leyendecker was born March 30, 1930. His parents were Arthur (Manny) Leyendecker and Annie Brunne Leyendecker. He was one of 10 children and spent the majority of his life in Colorado County. He was 81 when he passed away.

Crockett's legacy includes his natural position as a community leader. He was an activist to many local causes, a Colorado County Commissioner, and a driving force that birthed the Texas Sportsman's Association (TSA). The TSA is largely responsible for lobbying Texas Parks and Wildlife to discover and implement conservation for declining whitetail deer populations. This resulted in the 13-inch antler regulation that has been successful and has become the ground rule for more than a fourth of Texas.

He was an avid historian, particular to German and Texas German history, and was active in the restoration and preservation of the Zimmerscheidt School. Crockett loved his heritage; playing and dancing polka music when opportunity allowed. He was also the leader of the German Society and traveled

Looking Down from the Saddle

Herman
Brune



Herman Brune is a freelance writer, radio personality and author based in Colorado County.

throughout the state attending German gatherings and singing in the old country language.

Crockett also embraced a love for animals. He raised Longhorn cattle, commercial beef cattle, and Plot Hounds. His hunting dogs were honest and didn't chase cattle or deer. This made him welcome on most folks' property and enabled him to hunt hogs throughout Colorado County.

He had an innate knowledge of both flora and fauna. Often, he walked through the landscape naming various plants and trees, as well as, reading sign, and tracks. At the same time, he managed his hayfields, a garden, and a private vineyard.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy and his children David Leyendecker and Bonnie Roesler. He is survived by his grandchildren Roxanne Brown and husband David, Rocky Roesler, Kimberly Johnson and husband Ross, and Kristen Carden and husband Luke. He is also survived by one great grandchild Shelby Johnson.

Crockett will be remembered by many individual accounts. Everyone that knew him will tell of their personal Crockett moment.

The man drove his four-wheeler up to the brush pile and heard the hog dog battle.

"Brune are you in there?"

"Yeah... hurry!"

"Hang on Boy, I'm coming!" he said. And he got on his hands and knees to crawl into the fracas.

The hog was a 250 plus-pounder and my grip was slipping. It was bouncing me off brush and dragging me in tight circles through ankle-deep muck. The dogs were fighting and I was sweated clean through, but turning loose was not an option. Crockett scuttled into the melee and it was nip and tuck for a few minutes but we finally got the beast thrown and tied.

"Boy - you know, you're a pretty good hunting partner."

It was the highest compliment coming from the consummate woodsman.

"Well thanks... and you're right. It sure is a pretty good day to be out in the woods."

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Shiner Big Buck Contest

The following are the Unofficial Weekly Results of the 31st Annual Shiner Businessmen's Club Shiner Area Big Buck Contest As Of December 31, 2012

(Each County has Adult Division County Leaders: A-1, A-2, A-3 AND Youth Division County Leaders: Y-1, Y-2, Y-3)

Colorado County

A-1. Lee Mueller of Weimar, 10-pointer, 16 1/2-inch spread, 10 1/2-inch R1 tine, 9 1/8-inch R2 tine, 11 1/8-inch L1 tine, 8 7/8-inch L2 tine, 66 1/8 total points;

A-2. Elijah Smith of Weimar, 10-pointer, 16 1/4-inch spread, 4 1/2-inch R1 tine, 10 1/4-inch R2 tine, 10 7/8-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 61 5/8 total points;

A-3. Tony Janda of Weimar, 10-pointer, 15 1/2-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch R1 tine, 9 3/4-inch R2 tine, 7 1/2-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 53 total points.

DeWitt County

A-1. Nancy Egger of Westhoff, 8-pointer, 18 5/8-inch spread, 11 1/4-inch R1 tine, 8 5/8-inch R2 tine, 11 1/4-inch L1 tine, 8 5/8-inch L2 tine, 66 3/8 total points;

A-2. Kurt Gaebler of Victoria, 10-pointer, 17 3/4-inch spread, 7 3/4-inch R1 tine, 10 3/8-inch R2 tine, 10 -inch L1 tine, 10 1/4-inch L2 tine, 66 1/8 total points;

A-3. Jeremy Bludau of Hallettsville, 10-pointer, 15 3/8-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 10 3/8-inch L1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 63 3/8 total points.

Y-1. Chase Blackwell of Cuero, 10-pointer, 19 3/4-inch spread, 10 1/4-inch R1 tine, 9 -inch R2 tine, 10 3/4-inch L1 tine, 9 3/8-inch L2 tine, 69 1/8 total points;

Y-2. Mason Nagel of Meyersville, 9-pointer, 15 5/8-inch spread, 9 7/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 10 5/8-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 64 3/8 total points;

Y-3. Kyle Kotara of Lavernia, 8-pointer, 17 -inch spread, 9 3/4-inch R1 tine, 6 3/4-inch R2 tine, 8 5/8-inch L1 tine, 6 7/8-inch L2 tine, 57 total points.

Fayette County

A-1. Kathy Pagans of Katy, 8-pointer, 19 1/4-inch spread, 12 7/8-inch R1 tine, 12 -inch R2 tine, 12 3/4-inch L1 tine, 12 1/8-inch L2 tine, 77 total points;

A-2. Jarrod L. Von Minden of

La Grange, 10-pointer, 17 -inch spread, 9 1/4-inch R1 tine, 10 3/4-inch R2 tine, 11 5/8-inch L1 tine, 11 3/4-inch L2 tine, 70 3/8 total points;

A-3. Bruce Mozisek of La Grange, 8-pointer, 16 1/2-inch spread, 11 7/8-inch R1 tine, 9 3/4-inch R2 tine, 12 1/8-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 68 total points.

Y-1. John N. Blaha of Weimar, 12-pointer, 17 -inch spread, 12 1/8-inch R1 tine, 8 1/8-inch R2 tine, 11 3/4-inch L1 tine, 8 5/8-inch L2 tine, 59 3/4 total points;

Y-2. Dakota Zapalac of La Grange, 12-pointer, 17 7/8-inch spread, 8 3/4-inch R1 tine, 8 3/8-inch R2 tine, 8 7/8-inch L1 tine, 5 -inch L2 tine, 53 3/4 total points;

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Gonzales County

A-1. Daniel J. Gray of Hunt, 10-pointer, 20 1/4-inch spread, 12 1/2-inch R1 tine, 10 -inch R2 tine, 12 3/4-inch L1 tine, 9 -inch L2 tine, 74 1/2 total points;

A-2. Daniel Sullivan III of Waelde, 11-pointer, 21 1/4-inch spread, 11 1/8-inch R1 tine, 10 1/8-inch R2 tine, 9 3/4-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 74 total points;

A-3. Josh Turk of Shiner, 13-pointer, 17 3/4-inch spread, 10 3/8-inch R1 tine, 8 7/8-inch R2 tine, 12 -inch L1 tine, 8 7/8-inch L2 tine, 70 7/8 total points.

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Lavaca County

A-1. Marvin Grahmann of Hallettsville, 8-pointer, 19 3/8-inch spread, 10 -inch R1 tine, 8 3/8-inch R2 tine, 10 1/4-inch L1 tine, 8 5/8-inch L2 tine, 64 5/8 total points;

A-2. Milton Haas Jr of Hallettsville, 8-pointer, 17 7/8-inch spread, 9 1/2-inch R1 tine, 8 1/2-inch R2 tine, 9 1/2-inch L1 tine, 8 7/8-inch L2 tine, 71 total points;

A-3. Michael Bernhausen of Shiner, in Maverick County: 8-pointer, 19 5/8-inch spread, 12 7/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 10 1/8-inch L1 tine, 9 5/8-inch L2 tine, 79 total points;

A-2. Erwin J. Ckodre of Gonzales, in Atascosa County: 12-pointer, 22 1/4-inch spread, 9 3/4-inch R1 tine, 9 5/8-inch R2 tine, 8 1/2-inch L1 tine, 7 1/2-inch L2 tine, 70 total points.

Texas Open - South Zone

A-1. Frank A. Wojtek of Richmond, in Maverick County: 13-pointer, 25 1/8-inch spread, 11 5/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 10 1/8-inch L1 tine, 9 5/8-inch L2 tine, 70 total points;

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Texas Open - North Zone

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A-2. Greg Wagner of Shiner, in Edwards County: 11-pointer, 16 1/8-inch spread, 8 5/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/4-inch L1 tine, 9 3/4-inch L2 tine, 64 3/8 total points;

A-3. Matthew Tucker of Shiner, in Goliad County: 8-pointer, 19 1/8-inch spread, 10 3/8-inch R1 tine, 7 3/8-inch R2 tine, 10 3/8-inch L1 tine, 7 1/8-inch L2 tine, 62 3/8 total points.

Texas Open - South Zone

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A-3. Michael Bernhausen of Shiner, in Maverick County: 8-pointer, 19 5/8-inch spread, 12 7/8-inch R1 tine, 9 1/2-inch R2 tine, 10 1/8-inch L1 tine, 9 5/8-inch L2 tine, 78 total points;

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Make the most of your appearance — inside

It's that time of year again. My birthday is just weeks away and I'm feeling kind of fragile once more. Apparently, my family has noticed this pattern of mine. They have recently brought to my attention that every year, a month or two before my birthday, I begin to manifest strange behavior. Such as, becoming internally focused and imagining every little twinge to be the onset of a fatal problem, and inordinate sighing and mumbling to myself whenever I'm in front of a mirror. There is also a tendency to grab and/or punch my belly after an un-healthy (but scrumptious) meal. Thanks guys. I appreciate our candid relationship and your united commitment to tell it like it is—no matter how much it bruises my ego.

Like most people who are about to add another year to their tally, I struggle with conflicting thoughts. On one side of the proverbial coin I am absolutely grateful for the opportunity to enjoy more quality time with my family and complete the things I've started.

The other side of the coin is not as shiny. After a while, this aging process is too noticeable not to notice. We slowly wear down and it shows. (My husband –Eric

Love, Eloise

Eloise
Estes



says that one of life's cruel jokes is that we start rotting while we are still alive).

To add insult to injury, this is the year my license had to be renewed. We all know that DPS does not send its employees to photography classes; this is not the place to go if you want a Glamour Shot to boost your ego! I have never seen a Drivers License photo good enough to frame. Some of the pictures are downright hideous. Eric has described his picture as something that lives under a bridge, capable of eating small children. I'm pretty sure we found its mate.

I set a day aside to get the unsavory task over with. I even took additional time to fill in the facial creases, working carefully on the puffy, dark circles under the eyes. With my best face on and every stray hair in place, I chose a sassy little outfit with accessories to match. I was feeling pretty good about the results of my time in front of my full-length mirror as I headed out the door. Confidence literally oozed from my pores. I was

joking and laughing with Eric as I walked into the DPS office—until I saw the line. There were about 6 people waiting to be served by the one man behind the counter. I was afraid my smile would fade by the time I got to the head of the line. My first inclination was to leave this for another day. I should have listened to my gut.

Forms filled and questions answered, I was instructed to stand in front of the green screen.

Automatically obeying like some robot, I stood behind the intimidating lens of that camera, in front of the screen as I was told. I've never been able to look natural when I'm told to smile and pose in front of people. So I joked around with the man hoping that levity would overpower the discomfort I felt trying to pose in front of strangers. It didn't.

As soon as I heard "That's it! Hold that smile!"... it vanished. He waited for me to muster another one. I squinched my face so hard that I could feel the tension in my cheeks; my face started to hurt and my lips begin to quiver. The longer he took to snap the shot, the more I had to force a happy face. A sinister smile was all I had left to give. My eyes fluttered. I blinked. He

snapped. The sound of the shutter brought out a pitiful plea from the depths of my very soul... "Do-Overs!" He glanced at me and smiled; assuring me that I had not blinked. Finished product in hand he smiled sheepishly saying, "This one is temporary. Your PERMANENT one will arrive shortly in the mail!"

Words cannot begin to express the dreadful emotions that attacked me in the one horrible second it took to glance at the face staring back at me. I heard it taunting... "O.K. Deny this why don't you?" My first thought was that I should've gone online and used the old picture instead of being tormented by this for 5 years. I've never seen so many laugh lines on such little space. The strained smirk pressed my cheeks up, creating two large squishy balls that hid my eyes. My chin rested on my chest, squeezing my jowls (which I was not aware I had) to the sides. My knees almost buckled as I thought, 'Holy Cow!!! Is this what people have to look at? I'll have to start handing out blinders.'

It is scary when you don't know where you've gone and think you may be lost forever. A feeling of despair settled in my stomach as I

quickly exited the building. By the time we'd driven a block I'd asked Eric to pull over twice. I thought I was going to throw up. He laughed, thinking I was kidding. Thankfully, it was a false alarm.

Moral of this story? Vanity is a tough monster to slay. It gets accustomed to being fed abundantly and often when we are blessed with youthful appearance and sex appeal.

It expects to be fed forever and starts to get really hungry when the diet changes. Aging is a forced crash diet that no one likes. But, if our happiness is anchored to things that wear out and lose their appeal we may as well hang it all up now. Tunes change as time marches on, and we better learn to dance to the changing beat. Denial is a temporary bandage that

loses its stick after a while. Denial does not change the fact that "We are not in Kansas anymore."

Let's resolve this year to a make-over of our inside appearance. This is what matters most to God anyway. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 4 that we are treasures in jars of clay... though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day... so we are to fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen... for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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Getting adjusted to this '2013' idea

Sandi's Country Fried News

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I am having a hard time getting this 2013 fixed in my brain. This is the first year in a long time that I have actually stayed up and ate black eyed peas and cornbread after midnight. I guess I owe this to the Belmont Social Club and their entertainment agenda. Wyatt Arp and his wonderful band played for the New Year's Dance from 9PM until 1AM. We had some beautiful controlled fireworks out back at midnight. I think that there was so much dancing that it shocked Wyatt. He didn't know what to think of all of these dancers. So if you liked his band, he is usually there on the third Saturday of the month.

The following people need your prayers and encouragement: Joe Kotwig, Paul Villareal, Glenn Malatek, Mr. Bill, Jesse Esparza; Bill and Marie Lott, "Sarge" Dunkin; Louise Jones, Aunt Georgie Gandre; Danny and Joyce Schellenberg, Velma and Bobby Bullard; Mildred O'Neal, Pastor Lundy Hooten, Terrence, Aunt Frances Gandre, Glenn Mikesh, Maria Castillo, Selma Vickers, Landis, Gene Robinson, Keith Glass, Timothy and Jack Black, Teresa Wilke, Linda Denker, Sandi

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Thanks to the papers for finding a way to put the live nativity scene from the Belmont UMC in without prior notice. It made a lot of people happy who were not able to come see it otherwise.

A little belated Happy Birthday to Buster Lindemann and L. A. Lindemann. They celebrated their birthdays together at the Parish Hall on December 27th. I was able to make it but I am sure that it was a

grand celebration. Another person whose birthday is on Christmas Day is Clint Martin's. We hope that you all have many more Happy Birthdays.

Then this next week we cannot forget that Will's sister, Hazel Gandre Bassett and our good friend and neighbor, Lola Wilson, both have a birthday on January 3rd. I expect that I am missing someone already. January seems to have been the month for birthdays.

Gene Robinson has a lot to be thankful for and told us so on New Year's Eve. He also sang a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace which somehow almost brings tears to your eyes. I wonder just how many lives that he has touched that otherwise would never have been had he not sang that song. Man will probably never know, but I know that God does.

I wish you blessing in 2013 and all of the critters do also. They do not like fireworks even if they are small ones. So we are hoping for some quieter days ahead. Inside Dililah has decided she is in charge of man and beast since there is no top dog in the house. She has gotten so obstinate that she will not move out

of her cozy sleeping spots thus causing Will to lecture her on the fact that she does not own this house. Lecturing doesn't seem to have much effect on Dililah and she just rolls over in a ball like a porcupine.

Have a good week, and God Bless.



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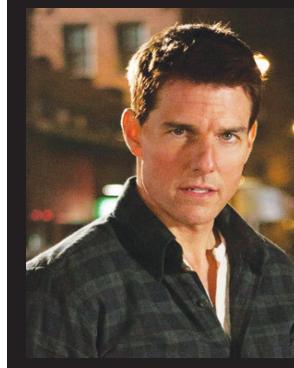
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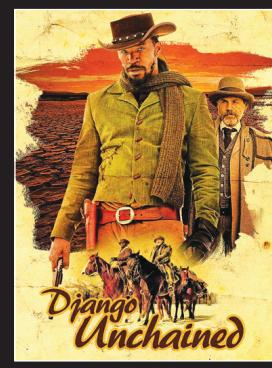
The Sesame Study Club met recently for their annual Christmas Luncheon in Luling at the Francis-Ainsworth House. Mrs. Ralph McGarity welcomed members and their guests. The group were served a delicious lunch consisting of Red Pepper Bisque, Brussels Sprouts, Silver and Gold Mashed Potatoes and Pecan Pie. The luncheon tables were decorated with the Christmas theme. Mrs. Ronnie Menking introduced her nephew, Mr. Martin Dave who entertained the group with his personal piano music composition. The next meeting will



Jack Reacher (PG-13)
 Friday, Jan. 4: 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 5: 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Jan. 6: 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 7: 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 8: Closed
 Wednesday, Jan. 9: 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 7:30 p.m.

Now Playing

Django Unchained (R)
 Friday, Jan. 4: 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 5: 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
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Peach Creek
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Adler Duncan

A small-town Texas mystery

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With Gonzales County oil fields serving as a backdrop, the latest installment in the *Briarcliff Lane* novel series, *Peach Creek*, is a quintessential whodunit that examines the effect of sudden wealth on those who hold mineral rights and on those who do not.

Author Adler Duncan grew up on a small family farm. He lived within spitting distance of an operational oil well. He's crawled on broken pump jacks, toiled on oil and gas equipment and witnessed drilling rigs strike oil. And it's Duncan's personal experience that injects unparalleled realism into this en-

tertaining work of fiction.

"Each story in the Briarcliff Lane series combines Texas history – centered around Gonzales – with a quirky set of characters focused on solving a mystery," said Duncan. "This latest mystery takes place in the oil fields situated along Peach Creek."

"I love the setting of this book," remarked Brenda Ballard, a book reviewer for Reader's Favorites. "It is easy to visualize once bovine-filled pastures now host to steel skeletons drilling into the earth."

Suzanne Gattis of Pacific Book Review agreed. "Both historical references and the vivid descriptions of life in the oil fields show that this book was well re-

searched and the setting well planned out."

Because the story takes place along Peach Creek, an historical focus on the Braches House and the Sam Houston Oak seemed appropriate to the author. Details of the Runaway Scrape and Houston's eventual defeat of Santa Anna's army provide inspiration for the book's protagonist.

Gattis offered, "With disappearances, murder, unmarked graves... and a kidnapping, the reader never knows what twist or turn will happen next. Just when you think the mystery has unfolded, another chapter comes. All along, you navigate these surprises and twists with characters that you love and ones

that you love to hate."

"The author has a gift when it comes to moving the plot along seamlessly, allowing the reader no choice but to read from cover to cover. You will not put this book down; I guarantee it!" said Ballard.

Peach Creek is the third book in the *Briarcliff Lane* series. *Peach Creek* may be purchased from amazon.com in paperback or Kindle format, or in Nook format from barnesandnoble.com. Paperbacks are available for \$15.00 and ebooks for \$4.99.

For more information about *Peach Creek* and the *Briarcliff Lane* series, please visit amazon.com or contact the author at adler-duncan@gmail.com.

Top of the Charts

TOP TEN MOVIES

1. *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* (PG-13) Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen
2. *Jack Reacher* (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike
3. *This Is 40* (R) Leslie Mann, Paul Rudd
4. *Rise of the Guardians* (PG) animated
5. *Lincoln* (PG-13) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field
6. *The Guilt Trip* (PG-13) Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen
7. *Monsters, Inc.* (G) animated
8. *Skyfall* (PG-13) Daniel Craig, Judi Dench
9. *Life of Pi* (PG) Suraj Sharma, Gerard Depardieu
10. *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn -- Part Two* (PG-13) Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. *Men In Black 3* (PG-13) Will Smith
2. *The Expendables 2* (R) Sylvester Stallone
3. *Lawless* (R) Shia LaBeouf

4. *Hope Springs* (PG-13) Meryl Streep
5. *Brave* (PG) animated
6. *The Campaign* (R) Will Ferrell
7. *The Amazing Spider-Man* (PG-13) Andrew Garfield
8. *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* (R) Benjamin Walker
9. *The Odd Life of Timothy Green* (PG) Jennifer Garner
10. *The Dark Knight Rises* (PG-13) Christian Bale

1. *The Dark Knight Rises* (PG-13) (Warner Bros.)
2. *Dark Knight Trilogy* (PG-13) (Warner Bros.)
3. *Brave* (PG) (Disney)
4. *Finding Nemo* (G) (Disney)
5. *Men In Black 3* (PG-13) (Sony)
6. *The Odd Life of Timothy Green* (PG) (Disney)
7. *Marvel's The Avengers* (PG-13) (Walt Disney)
8. *ParaNorman* (PG) (Universal)
9. *The Expendables 2* (R)

(Lions Gate)
 10. *The Amazing Spider-Man* (PG-13) (Sony)
 Source: Rentrak Corp.



Bruno Mars

8. Phillip Phillips No. 7 "Home"
9. fun. No. 8 "Some Nights"
10. Taylor Swift No. 15 "I Knew You Were Trouble"

Top 10 Albums
 1. Taylor Swift No. 1 "Red"
 2. Bruno Mars new entry "Unorthodox Jukebox"
 3. Michael Bublé No. 5 "Christmas"
 4. One Direction No. 4 "Take Me Home"
 5. Rod Stewart No. 3 "Merry Christmas, Baby!"
 6. The Game new entry "Jesus Piece"

Top 10 Pop Singles This Week Last Week

1. Bruno Mars No. 1 "Locked Out of Heaven"
2. Rihanna No. 2 "Diamonds"
3. The Lumineers No. 4 "Ho Hey"
4. Ke\$ha No. 3 "Die Young"
5. Maroon 5 No. 5 "One More Night"
6. Flo Rida No. 6 "I Cry"
7. Justin Bieber feat. Nicki Minaj No. 9 "Beauty and a Beat"

7. Phillip Phillips No. 9 "The World From the Side of the Moon"
8. Blake Shelton No. 8 "Cheers, It's Christmas"
9. Alicia Keys No. 7 "Girl On Fire"
10. Lady Antebellum No. 11 "On This Winter's Night"

Top 10 Hot Country Singles
 1. Florida-Georgia Line No. 1 "Cruise"
 2. Taylor Swift No. 2 "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"
 3. Hunter Hayes No. 3 "Wanted"

4. Cassadee Pope new entry "Stupid Boy"
5. The Band Perry No. 4 "Better Dig Two"
6. Zac Brown Band No. 5 "Goodbye In Her Eyes"
7. Kip Moore No. 9 "Beer Money"
8. Justin Moore No. 7 "Til My Last Day"
9. Gary Allen No. 6 "Every Storm (Runs Out Of Rain)"
10. Eric Church No. 11 "Creepin"

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Cosmopolis" (R) -- In the near-ish future, a 28-year-old billionaire (Robert Pattinson) takes a lime ride through New York in search of a plot. Pattinson plays a slick, detached, financial wiz who says a lot of things that sound cool, even if they don't mean much. As his limo glides through the grim world of future-NYC, we see that the majority of people live in poverty -- and they all want him dead.

It really is a fascinating movie that seems like it has a lot to say about society, the future and nature of desire. Too bad it's all so rushed and awkward. Characters tend to appear and disappear with no explanation. People seem to ignore each other during conversations and just go on saying vague, semi-philosophical lines.

"Red Lights" (R) -- Sigourney Weaver and her assistant go around exposing frauds who pretend to be psychics and faith healers. Robert Di Nero plays a blind psychic who supposedly killed an investigator with his mind powers. The movie tries to make it interesting to watch smart people disproving magic, but it's not. It is kinda fun to see all of the acting talent on screen going head to head. If you can make it to the end, there may be a cool twist.

"Little Birds" (R) -- This movie about the feeling of emptiness puts good visuals to the emotion, but falls flat in terms of keeping you interested. The story follows Lilly (Juno Temple), the worst teenager ever in the most desolate town ever. She's acid-tongued, and smart enough to know that she's always making poor decisions. She gets involved with some local punks who torture animals for fun, among other awful distractions. Sitting through this movie, you want to just get in a car and drive away from the whole experience.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"The Trouble with Bliss" (PG-13) -- The



Kay Panabaker, Juno Temple in "Little Birds"

movie is about a guy named Morris Bliss (Michael C. Hall) who passively wends his way through his quirky life as an unemployed man-child. First off, can we all just agree that movie titles should be forever banned from including the name of the main character in a clever way?

"Good Will Hunting" was a good movie, and not because the protagonist was named Will Hunting.

Get it? The guy's name is Bliss, which also means happiness, and he's troubled, even though his life's not that bad. It's the trouble with Bliss. It's a perfect indicator of how much forced quirkiness is in the film. Don't be fooled into renting this extra-long sitcom episode that calls itself a movie. Perhaps I'm being too harsh because of that irritating title, but for real, you're not missing much if you skip this one.

TV RELEASES

- "Nature: Animal Odd Couples"
- "Being Human: The Complete Second Season"
- "Charlie's Angels: The Complete Fifth Season"
- "Trial & Retribution Set 6"
- "60 Minutes -- The Race to Save the Tortoise"
- "Mardock Scramble: Second Combustion"

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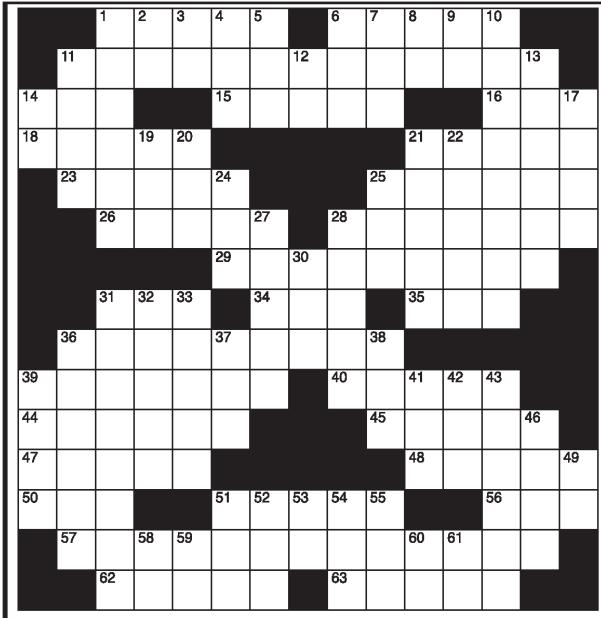
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1. Winter capital of Kashmir
6. So. African Music Awards
11. The Bay State
14. A disorderly crowd
15. Actress Greta
16. Expression of surprise
18. Storybook elephant
21. John Jacob ___, capitalist
23. Mulled wine
25. Membrane around the lungs
26. Shows how something works
28. Canonized
29. Layers bonded together
31. A vessel or duct

34. The fire had been ___
35. Female sibling
36. Israeli capital
39. Blocked in fencing
40. 98942 WA
44. Gasoline hydrocarbon rating
45. Light snacks with drinks
47. Supplementing with difficulty
48. Am. composer & diarist Ned
50. A waterproof raincoat
51. Accumulate a large quantity
52. Am. Newspaper Assoc.
57. Butterfly collector
62. ___, and Venzetti
63. Female servants

CLUES DOWN

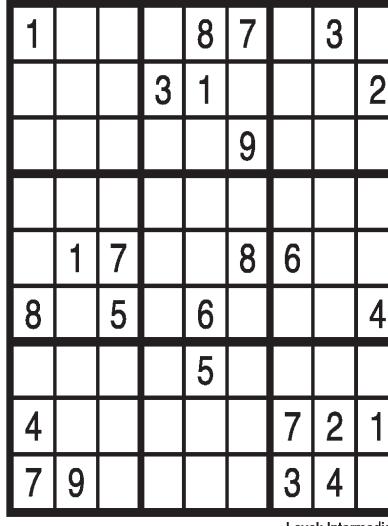
1. Poked at
2. Equally
3. Manuscript (abbr.)
4. Periodical (slang)
5. Fiddler crabs
6. Hero sandwich
7. Volcanic mountain in Japan
8. Of I
9. Indicates position
10. Legislative acts
11. Low sustained cry
12. Human resources (abbr.)
13. Supported by a prop
14. Megabyte
17. 9/11 Memorial designer Michael
19. The years someone has existed
20. Distilled from fermented molasses
21. a.k.a.
22. Estonian kroon = 100
24. The sun
25. Wide metal cooking vessel
27. Caesar or cobb
28. Building lots

30. 1/1000 inch
31. Apexes
32. Firth of Clyde's largest island
33. Bringing suit
36. Forsyth novel "The Day of The ___"
37. Perceive with the eyes
38. Was introduced to
39. Lines of verse
41. Household god (Roman)
42. Military mailbox
43. Challenge aggressively
46. Posted
49. One thousandth of an ampere
51. General's assistant (abbr.)
52. Bovine sound
53. Associated press
54. Opposite of LTM
55. A very large body of water
58. Ma's partner
59. Integrated circuit
60. Rhode Island
61. Potato state

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WORD SCRABBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to money.

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Answer: Change

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ANSWER: ICE SKATING

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SPANISH: Hielo

ITALIAN: Ghiaccio

FRENCH: Glace

GERMAN: Eis

Did You KNOW?

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FINANCIAL WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may have to work a little harder to get what you want, but the results will be worth it. Focus your attention on making a name for yourself in the business sector.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

There is no stopping you when you have a goal in mind, Taurus. Although you may be ambitious, just be mindful of other people in your path as you go.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Be honest with your feelings this week, Gemini. Someone close to you is interested

in learning more about the way you operate. This could strengthen a friendship.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Don't bite off more than you can chew, Cancer. Otherwise you could be left with a long to-do list and not enough energy to get the job done. Consider paring down tasks.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, although you may have rest and recreation on the brain, celestial forces are pushing you in the opposite direction. Busy days are ahead, so rest later.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You have put too much effort into something to abandon your plans now, Virgo. Rethink quitting early on. Maybe a friend can carry you over the finish line.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Surround yourself with lots of friends when you cannot have family near, Libra. This will help keep feelings of loneliness from creeping in during quiet moments.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may need to concede to a difference of opinion this week when you simply cannot resolve something amicably. Redirect attention on a craft or pastime.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, sometimes you tend to be brutally honest with others. While honesty is an admirable trait, this week you may need to censor what you say to avoid hurt feelings.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Taking a circuitous route will land you at the finish a little behind others, Capricorn. But you will get to the end nevertheless. Trust your instincts with this one.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you probably won't be able to rest your mind until you square away all of your finances and make a budget for the new year. Take on the job this week.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Introspection leads you on a mini-quest to find a creative outlet, Pisces. Play to your strengths and some ideas will surface.

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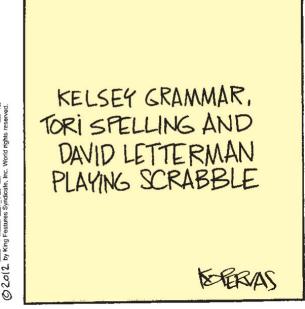


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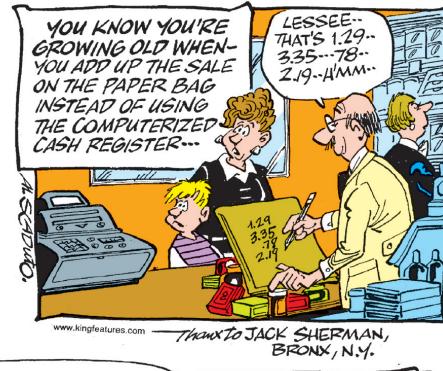


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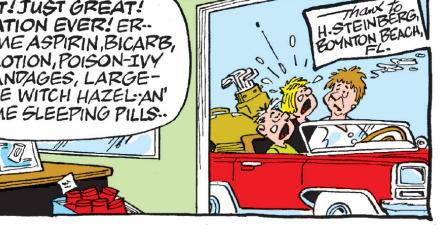
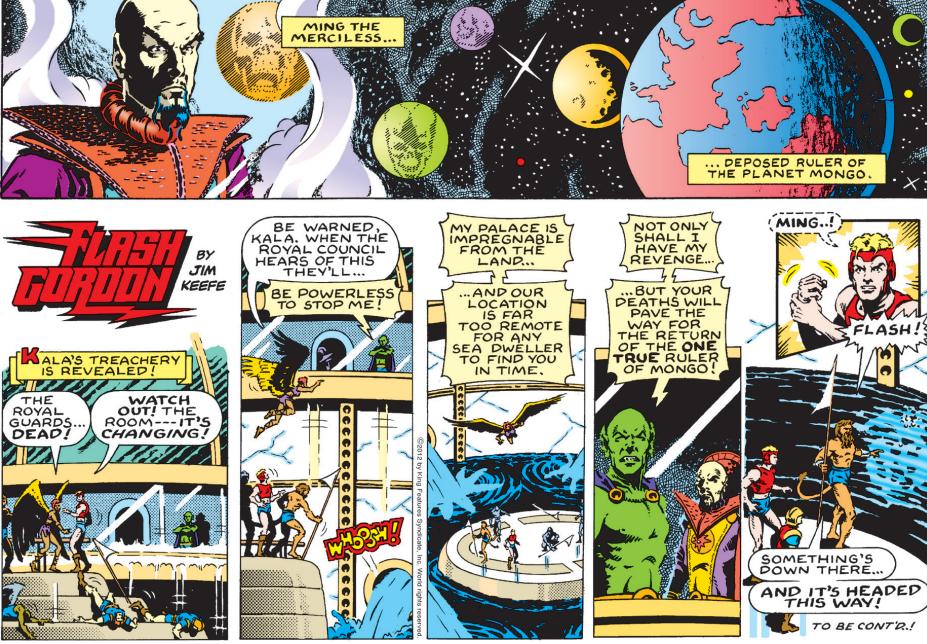
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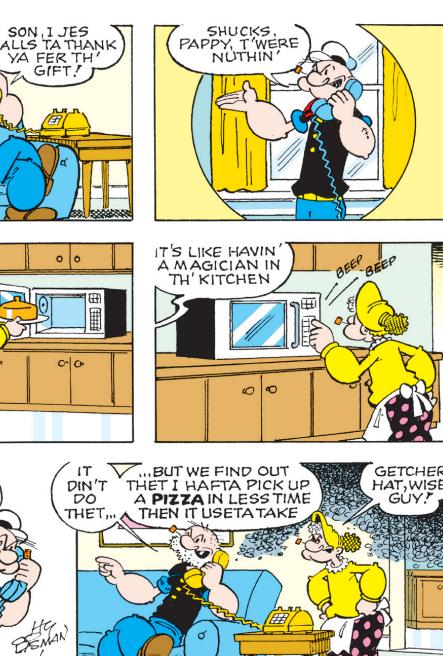
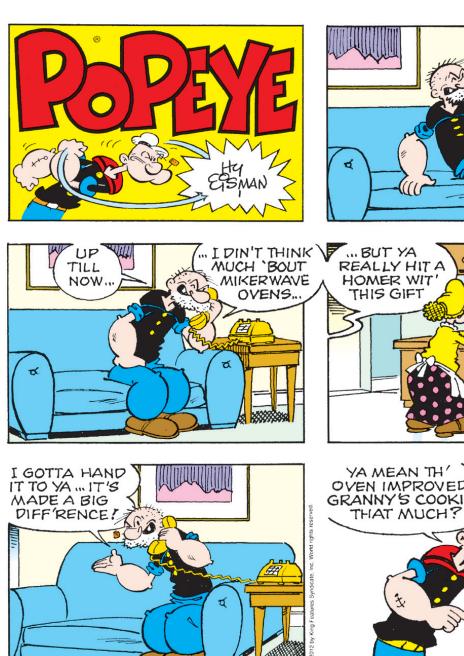
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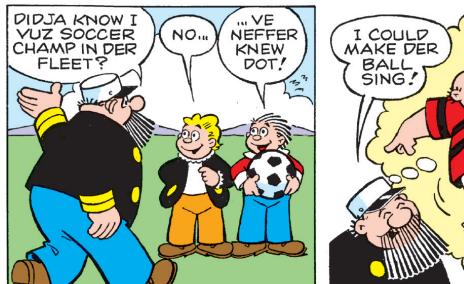
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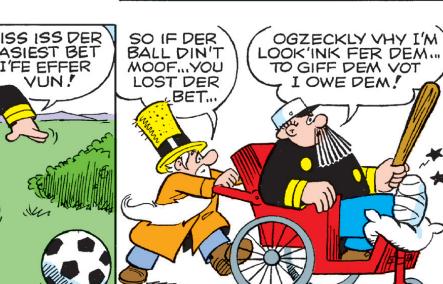
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was iconic pop artist Andy Warhol who made the following observation: "Employees make the best dates. You don't have to pick them up, and they're always tax deductible."

At one time in Alabama, it was illegal to wear a false mustache to church.

The English word "toast" to describe a piece of browned bread comes from the Latin word "tostare," which means "roasted." The word "toast" to mean kind words spoken while sharing wine also comes from the same root, though in a roundabout way. In the

If you're an

arachnophobe, it you probably don't want to know that a tarantula can live for up to two years without eating a thing.

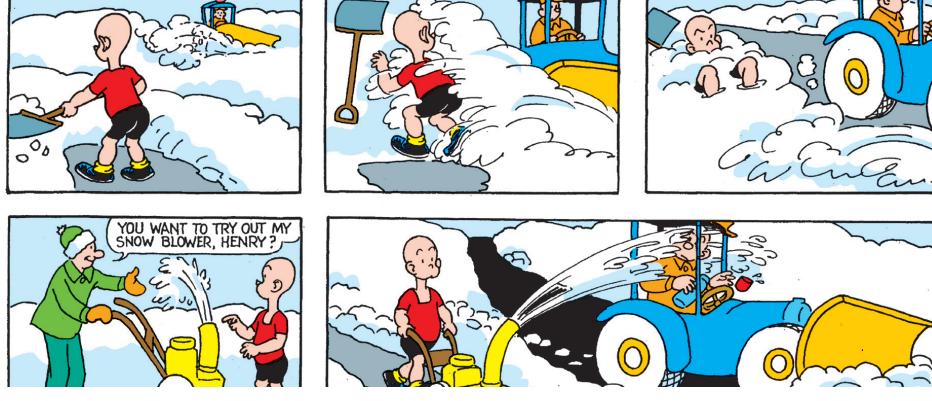
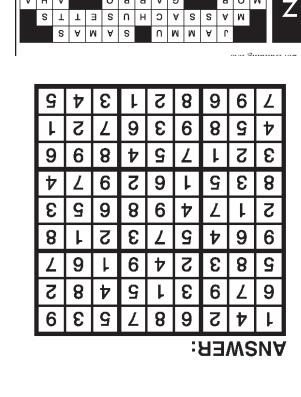
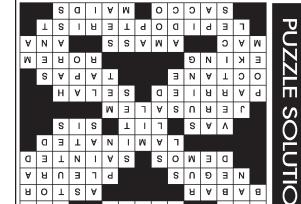
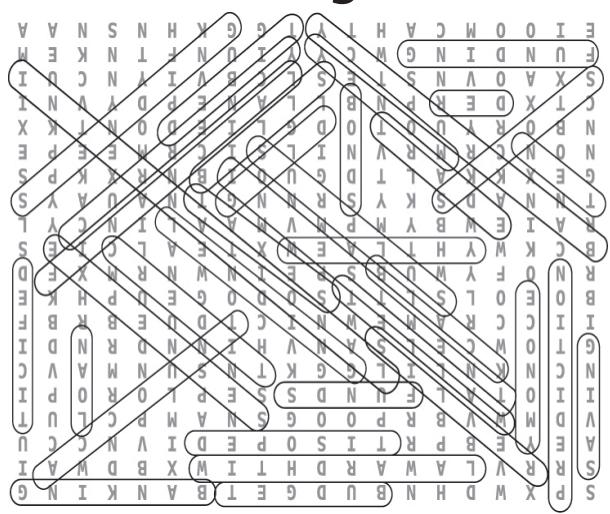
Have you ever noticed the small bumps that seem to cover your tongue? Many people think that these are taste buds. In fact, there are more than 200 taste buds on each of those bumps.

Those who study such things say that the 15 most commonly used words in the English language are, in descending order: I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, them, what, the, a and an.

Thought for the Day: "The greatest accomplishment is not in never failing, but in rising again after you fall." -- Vince Lombardi

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