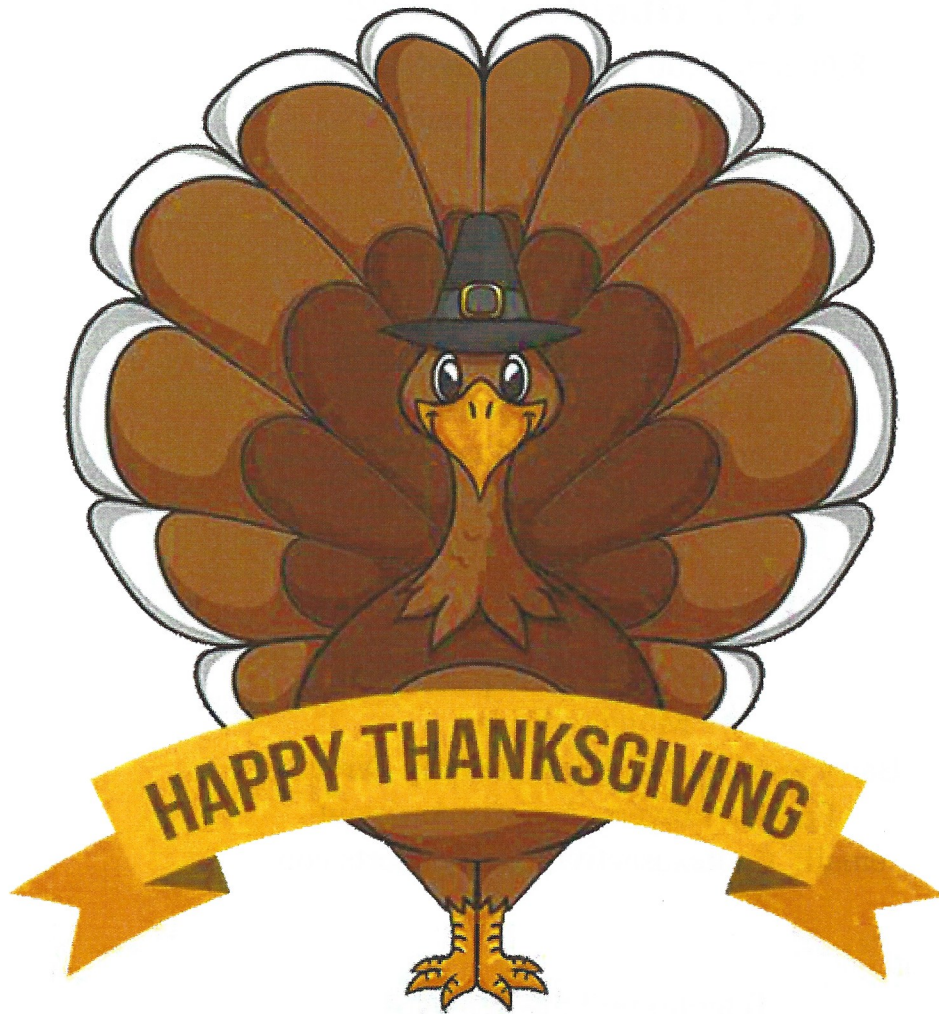




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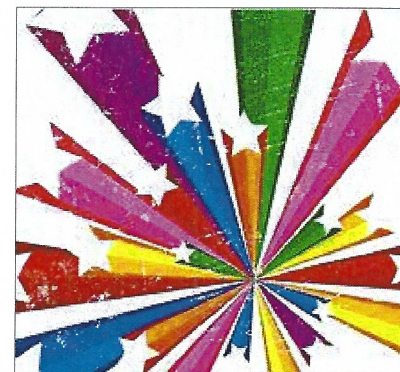
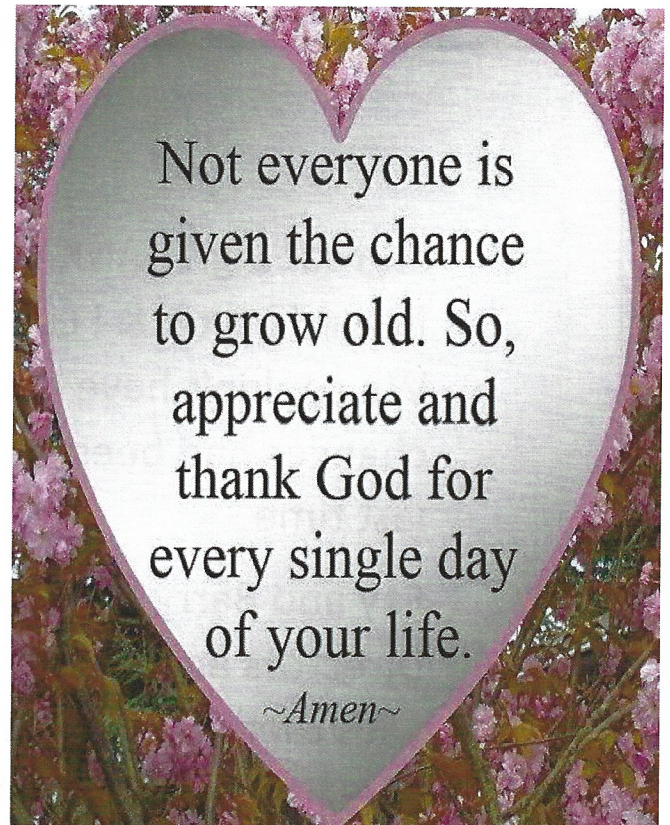
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Barbara Horne

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TIP O' TEXAS RESORT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 60 + ACTIVITIES

For November 1, 2019

to

April 17, 2020

is out for distribution to all residents

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped Lavon & I complete last year's season. We couldn't have done it without you. A lot of changes had been made since we "retired" the last time.

Fay and Barry Wallage are your new Activity Directors and are doing a great job. We worked with them at the end of last season and were very impressed with how quickly they are making the transition.

We would also like to thank Frankie Meyers for revising your Activity Books. Frankie spent a lot of time this summer to make them as complete as possible and so much easier to read.

We enjoyed working with all of you but realized that we should "embrace retirement" (and not do this again.)

Lavon Wallage

Jeanne Wallage



Notes from the Office

Welcome back friends and neighbors, we are happy to have you back. It's so hard to believe how fast the year has gone - here we are into November.

Newcomers please be sure to take the time to stop by our office so we can get a picture of you to put on our new guests' board to allow other guests to recognize who you are. Everyone should be wearing their name tags when in or around the main complex or participating in any activities.

Many projects were completed this past summer to help with the upkeep and maintaining of the Resort. More of our streets were completed this season, facilities' exteriors were all repainted, and some revamping of fixtures and updating to LED lights.

We have some new staffing this season so welcome them, and also remember if you haven't already checked into the office please do so to update your records and receive your 2020 danglers along with your new car pass. Cars without dated stickers will be subject to being stopped at the gate and reminded to update so UPDATE now. Thank you. We are starting to see progress on our entrance gate which has poles installed for the new gates. Eventually Brazos will be closed off to the East, making it a dead end street.

Again we must emphasize the maximum speed of 15 MPH in the Resort.

If you have pets they must be kept on a leash at all times you are walking them and picked up after. As stated in our Resort Rules you can be asked to get rid of the pet or to leave the Resort yourself. Let's please follow the rules and be a good guest and neighbor.

Enjoy your stay while here at the Tip O' Texas and take advantage of our many activities.

Remember the Manager has an open door policy so feel free to stop by.

From the office staff

Al, Sue, Eva, Carolina and Shujen who will be covering the weekends this season

Notes from the Activity Office

Hello Tip O' Texas Winter Texans and year round residents,

We are Barry & Fay Wallage, your new Activity Directors! Lavon & Jeannice Walters have handed the baton over to us, and boy! do we realize that we have huge shoes to fill. Thank you, Lavon and Jeannice, for your faithful service to Tip O' Texas, and your many hours of training us. Now, go enjoy your well deserved and long awaited retirement!

We want to say a HUGE up front thank you to all our awesome volunteers. We saw all of you in action last year, and fully realize this RV park would be rendered helpless without you. We will never take any of you for granted, we have a lot of activities planned, and we know your continued enthusiasm will generate a great season for everyone.

The Activity Booklet is now available, so be sure to get yours so you can be fully aware of what will be going on around here.

Feel free to come by our Activity office located by the stage on the east end of the main hall. The offices will be open M-F 9am to 3pm. All tickets for all events will be sold in the Activity office. Our door is always open and we are anxious to greet you and help you in any way.

We have new cooks this year, John & Aimee Kaduscwicz. They will open the kitchen for lunch on November 4th, with breakfast starting on November 9th.



Village Chapel

PASTOR DAVID LIGHTNER
and his wife Sylvia



Wow time flies when we're having fun. We have had a great summer and now are looking forward to being your pastor again at the Tip O' Texas. You were so kind and encouraging last season. Tip O' Texas is a great place.

I will again seek to preach the Word of God from the Bible. Last year we looked at several Psalms like Psalms 19. It begins saying "The heavens declare the glory of the God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork." On many of our Sundays we worked our way through the book of Philippians. I'm sure you remember the key verse. Philippians 4:4 says "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." You will also remember Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me."

As we desire to live healthy lives we have so many opportunities at the Tip O' Texas. Most people would agree we need to focus on our physical, emotional, social, and spiritual lives.

Physically - we have a lot of activities. To name a few: swimming, volleyball, horse collar, (and by the way you were Olympic champions).

Emotionally - we are free to share joy, sorrow, and our lives together.

Socially - I sense a real community and support of all residents . We need each other!

Spiritually - we come from many different places, denominations, and traditions. We are united by our love of Jesus, His church, and for each other.

Let's make Tip O' Texas a healthy community. We appreciate your prayers and invite you to be a part of worshipping at the Village Chapel.

Let's finish strong!! Peace and Joy
Pastor David and Sylvia



MEMORIAL LIST 2019

Floyd Shepherdson

Ronald J. Bocian

Larry Booth

Beverly J. Mertens

Billie T. Hoggatt

Nancy Bartlett

Phyllis Olstad

Meiapo Fa'avevela Uili Sitaggata (Meia Uili)

Margaret Angelos

Steven Powell

Bethel Muetzel

Richard Fred Yotter

Wallace Adam "Wally" Pensel

Virgie Grace Torok

Charlotte M. Cooper

Donna Scheibel

Merrill Deardorff

Jane Strating

Joe Horak

January 7

January 9

February 20

March 8

March 23

April 4

April 14

April 14

April 29

May 4

May 8

May 26

July 16

July 23

August 3

August 14

October 12

October 14

October 29



Village Chapel

Come See What's New!

Last season the new Yamaha keyboard was purchased to provide more options and variations to the piano/organ accompaniment. This season the change is more visual—a new two-tiered altar that will display five battery-operated candles . In addition to the added enhancement, the candles will be much safer to use over the years.

Pastor David Lightner's inspirational messages will again be projected onto the large television as well as the hymn lyrics that correspond with his sermons. The electronic format has been well received by the congregation as the words are easy to read.

Please sign the volunteer board to be a greeter/usher for at least one service between now and the New Year. There are five Sundays in December in addition to the popular Christmas Eve service, so your help is needed. It is easy! All you have to do is smile and say "Hello!"

You don't have to leave the Tip to hear a good message, good music by Bona and Leland as well as our soloists, and have good fellowship with your friends over a cup of coffee and a pastry. Come before 9:00 a.m. to hear the pre-service music!

Village Chapel President,

Chuck Strandberg

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SALUTE TO VETERANS PARADE & FIREWORKS

HONOR * GLORY * PRIDE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019

D O W N T O W N P H A R R

Parade

4:30 pm

On Cage Blvd. from Polk Ave. S through
Downtown Pharr

Live Fireworks

6:30 pm

From Liberty Middle School

Live Concert

7:00 pm

American Legion Post # 101



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PETEY'S STORY

In case you haven't met Petey, he is the resident Blue and Gold Macaw owned by Pat and Tom Routh

Fourteen years ago, Tom and Pat Routh left their home in Kansas pulling a horse/llama trailer to go to an Exotic animal show in Macon, MO to buy a zebra. They came home with Petey, a Blue and Gold Macaw (no zebra). Petey was a baby whose life span is 80 years. Pat had to syringe feed him 3 times a day because he wasn't able to feed himself yet. Today, Petey is 14 years old and has quite a vocabulary (Hi, Grandpa, Petey's a good boy, popcorn, rock chock, Petey baby, just to name a few). Petey also barks like a dog and every bark is different. Petey usually has a graham cracker dipped in coffee for breakfast but today he had just had French toast with syrup.

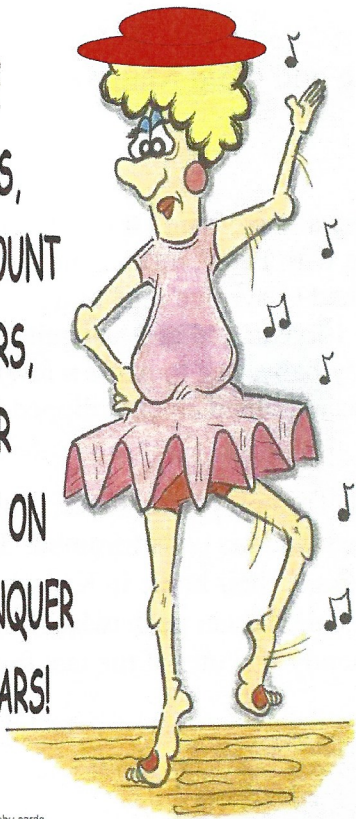
He loves to ride in the golf cart (especially when he's driving) and watch Tom play horseshoes. Petey goes to the vet in Harlingen every 3 months to have his beak ground down and his nails trimmed. His wings are clipped so he is unable to fly. Tom and Pat also raised peacocks at their home in Kansas and when the grandkids came over to play with the baby peacocks, they called them peahawks. Tom said they had peacocks of many colors. They also raised llamas and recently lost one of the last four



This is one of Petey's tail feathers (18-1/2 inches long) Topside blue, underside yellow



LIVE THE
MOMENTS,
DON'T COUNT
THE YEARS,
PUT YOUR
RED HAT ON
AND CONQUER
YOUR FEARS!



red hat greetings/crabby cards

Daylight saving time

Oh, no! Clocks go back on November 3 and I can't remember where I bought mine from.



TOILETRY MINISTRY

Thanks so much to all of you who collected mini-toiletries during the summer and on your trip back to the Tip. It is great to come home and find bags of toiletries on our porch. We fill quart size ziplock bags and deliver them to the shelter for abused women and their children. They appreciate it very much and are so glad to receive these donations. You can leave your toiletries at 904 Trails End. We will be delivering another box of 25 bags very soon. Thank you , Betty Mauck 956.310.8626

TIP O' TEXAS SINGLES GROUP



All Singles are welcome to meet with us every Wednesday!

1st and 3rd Wednesday we go out to dinner

2nd and 4th Wednesday we have a meeting at 4:00 in the Arts and Crafts Room.



THANK YOU, CLARA

Clara McMillian is truly a generous person. She collected hundreds of bar codes from bottle caps and from packs of 12 and 24 of Coke over the summer. Her friends at the Shriner's Club provided her with the majority of them, but friends here at the Tip also contributed. These codes, when entered, will total into hundreds of dollars for my granddaughter's Christian school in California. The money is used to pay for classroom extras.

Clara not only saves these items, but also saves coupons and box tops for various organizations, donates clothes and household items to the poor, and works in the Pharr Food Bank to help distribute meat and groceries to the needy. Clara and Dale also spent many years transporting sick children from the Mexican border to Houston hospitals.

What they do costs them little or nothing, but they do a lot. In the words of Tennessee Ernie Ford, "Bless their pea pickin' hearts!"



FOOD HANDLERS' COURSE

The State of Texas, starting this year, has decided that all the parks serving meals for any occasion have to abide by this ruling. Anyone, whether preparing or serving food (even packaged), will now have to take a course in food handling. This is a two hour course and can be taken online, OR at the Extension Office at 410 N. 13th Ave. in Edinburg on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting at 6:00 p.m. (call in advance), OR the Activity Office will try to get a mass class in our park. Your certificate will be good for two years. The cost of the course is \$20.00 (\$9.99 if taken online at <https://www.foodhandlercardonline.com>) and will be paid for by the Activity Department.

If you are interested in a mass class, there will be a signup sheet on the board - please print your name as this is what the instructor will use to create your certificate.

The 26 letters of the English alphabet are so intelligently arranged...they show you the way of life.... "A"lways "B"e "C"ool. "D"on't have "E"go with "F"riends n Family. "G"iveup "H"urting "I"ndividuals."J"ust "K"eep "L"oving "M"ankind. "N"ever "O"mit "P"rayers. "Q"uiet "R"emember God. "S"peak "T"ruth. "U"se "V"alid "W"ords. "X"press "Y"our "Z"eal. SHARE this Awesome msg

How to read Bar Codes interesting!

This may be useful to know when grocery shopping, if it's a concern to you.
GREAT WAY TO "BUY USA & CANADA " AND NOT FROM CHINA!!

The whole world is concerned about China-made "black hearted goods".
Can you differentiate which one is made in Taiwan or China ?

If the first 3 digits of the barcode are 690 691 or 692, the product is MADE IN CHINA.
471 is Made in Taiwan .

This is our right to know, but the government and related departments never educate the public, therefore we have to research it ourselves.

Nowadays, Chinese businessmen know that consumers do not prefer products "MADE IN CHINA ", so they don't show from which country they are made.

However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

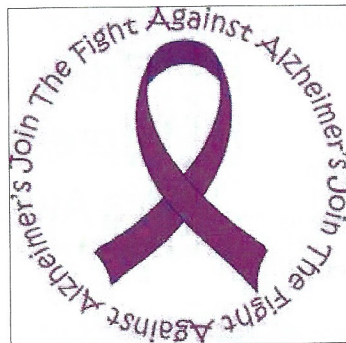
690-692 ... then it is MADE IN CHINA
00 - 09 .. USA & CANADA
30 - 37 FRANCE
40 - 44 GERMANY
471 ... Taiwan
49 ... JAPAN
50 ... UK

ALZHEIMER'S WALK FOR A CURE

The Alzheimer's Walk is once again gearing up. We are signing up team members and accepting donations for the Alzheimer Association. If you want to join the team, please come see me at lot 966 after 1:00 p.m. My mornings are pretty full and I go to see David between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

I am also raffling a quilt to raise money for the walk. I am selling tickets at the MMMs until the Walk, which is November 16. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Joyce Sauter



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TAI CHI

“*Tai Chi’s Benefits Revealed*” is the title of an article in my new TOPS NEWS magazine dated November/December 2019. The following information is one segment of a Q & A article.

The question is: We’ve heard that tai chi is a popular activity with seniors. Can you explain why?

The response: “Seniors are generally drawn to activities that help improve balance, strength, flexibility and cognitive functions, so they can carry out activities of daily living with ease. Tai chi helps develop and maintain all of these things. It’s a slow, gentle exercise that combines relaxed, fluid movement with a calm, alert mental state.

Tai chi teaches you to move with effortless grace, a skill that can be applied to any daily activity. Current research shows that tai chi has significant health benefits for improving aerobic capacity, memory, blood pressure, pain management, balance and falls prevention, coordination and agility and positivity and well-being. Seniors benefit greatly from tai chi.”

Come and join us in the Main Halls on Mondays (after the meeting) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Try it - you’ll like it!



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FIRST RESPONDERS

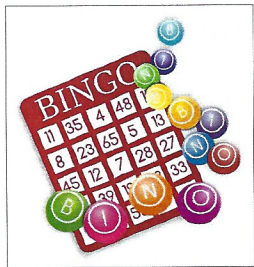
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333	Roger & Nancy Franck	309-737-4161 & 309-737-4288
714	Ken & Barb Hoff	651-429-5426
70	Kay Schaaf	406-853-6781
185	John & Nancy Schmitz	920-960-2050, 608-445-2029
962	Kat Stagdon	956-460-5542

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW



Welcome back everyone to another great season at the Tip of Texas. The Arts and Craft Shows for this season are the third Saturday of each month starting December 21, 2019, January 18, 2020, February 15, 2020 and out last show for the season March 21, 2020. Anyone interested in being a vendor please contact Craft Show Chairman Marilyn Bullington by calling 641-751-4866 or you may call the Activity Office. I am looking forward to seeing you all as buyers or sellers at our December show. Thank you for your support of our efforts to bring you a quality Arts and Craft Show.

Marilyn Bullington



BINGO

Yes, we will have bingo again this year. At this time we plan on having our first bingo of the season on Monday, December 2. Cards are 3 for \$1 with an additional game at the end of the evening with an additional cost of \$1 for 3 cards. Winner takes all on this last game. Come and enjoy an evening of bingo and you might go home with some extra money in your pocket. Betty and Bill Mauck

HORSESHOE SPECTACULAR!!

Tom Routh (owner of Petey, the large macaw) tied for first place in the National Horseshoe Tournament in Dallas. He won second place. Tom is number 51 in the world horseshoe tournaments. **Congratula-**



SEWING ROOM FASHION SHOW

The sewing room wants you to bring your wedding gowns, suits, dresses to model at our February Fashion Show. Contact Jeanine Sather (507-430-0386) if you are willing to

Why I love getting older

A Welcomed Change of Pace

1. My goal for 2019 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.
2. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza.. I ate a pizza, are you happy?
3. How to prepare Tofu:
 - a. Throw it in the trash
 - b. Grill some meat, chicken or fish
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
5. I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
11. I love being almost 66, I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.
12. A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.
13. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.



Book Club has a new time and new meeting day. Our meetings will still be in the Arts & Crafts Room, but this year, we will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 PM. The first meeting will be December 11.

The structure of Book Club has changed slightly, too. The first hour, we will proceed as usual. Members share a book they have read, either encouraging or discouraging others to read it. We trade books, and it is a great way to get new reading ideas. When book sharing is over, members have the option to participate in an in depth discussion of a book, to just stay and listen to the discussion, or to leave.

Vicki Okeson will lead the discussion of the Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas. Why THAT book you ask? Our dear member, Taima Bergman, mentioned that her husband read that book over and over again, and when Taima asked why, he said she'd have to read it herself to find out. So, if you are interested, join Taima and the rest of us who have chosen to do battle with the "Count".

This summer, I purchased the book, all 900 pages of it written in microscopic print. I sat down to read, but was about cross-eyed after two chapters. Then I made a discovery that worked well for me. I went on line to Amazon Books to see if there was an audio version, and there was. The best part was that Amazon had free audio trial for one month. I chose to listen to the full works, 18 hours in all, and as I write, I am 10 1/2 hours into the book I am thoroughly enjoying.

Vicki will lead a discussion of the first 300 pages during the second half of our December 11 meeting. The next 300 pages will be discussed in January, and we'll finish the book in February.

Hope you will give all or part of Book Club a try this year—and it is for guys too.

Christmas Caroling Cookie Party is back again this year. Mark your calendar for Thursday December 19, 7PM. Get your "ugly Christmas apparel" ready to parade. Decide what goodies you'll be sharing.

This year 1 or 2 co-chairs are needed to handle the golf cart decorating/parade and lot decorating contests.

And elves are needed at the party itself.

Potential volunteers you are needed! Contact Linda Beem, Lot 712 or call 816-914-2698. Thank you.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb.

After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives.

They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform.

Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

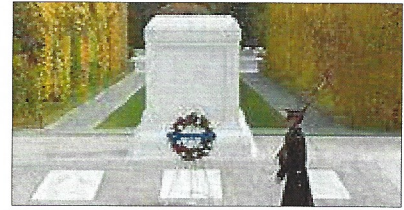
ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.



Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

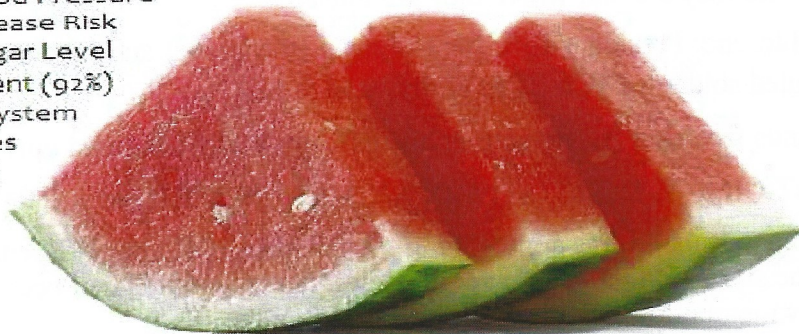
55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

10 Health Benefits of...

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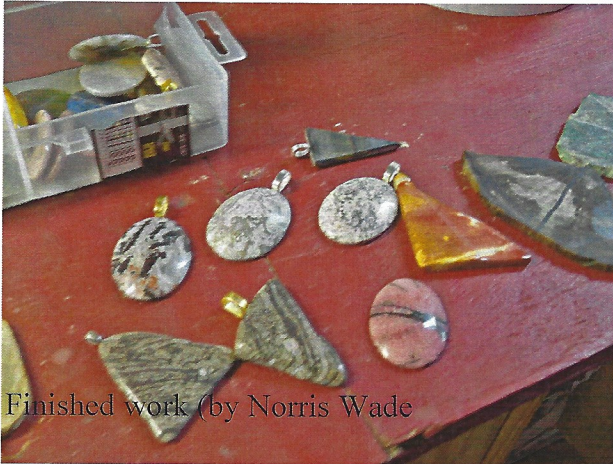
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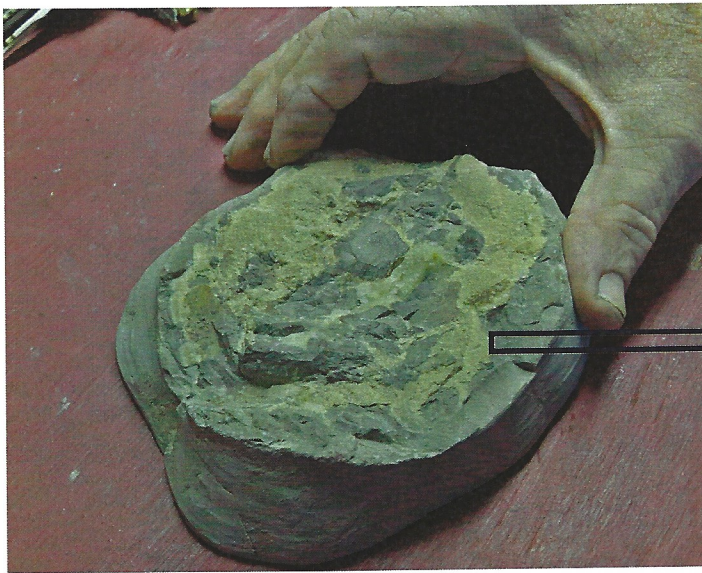
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TV CORNER—GREAT INFORMATION!

The below summary took a lot of time to put together and should save everyone money when it comes to all the new technology available today when it comes to getting the channels you would like to have on your TV.

ALTERNATIVES TO SATELLITE AND CABLE

Here's a look into the brave new world of live TV streaming over the Internet. Two necessary steps are: Have a good Internet connection and get a streaming device that enables you to download applications (apps).

STREAMING DEVICES

ROKU, FIRESTICK, CHROMECAST, APPLE TV, NVIDIA SHIELD. And dozens of other sticks and boxes. A SMART TV will also be ok, the older ones sometimes only come with preinstalled apps and new ones cannot be added. A streaming device will make a regular TV into a smart TV. Next on your list would be a provider, they will stream content to you. Good news is that most will offer a free trial period so you can see if it's right for you. Most will offer a monthly plan. Make a list of the channels you want and then check out their service. Don't cancel your cable or satellite before you try some out. Generally no contracts. Some things you might look for when trying their services:

Selection of channels

Price

Do they carry locals (not to important if you have an antenna)

Some don't have sports

Video quality

How many connections, this determines how many TV's can be hooked up

DVR service (recording) and how many hours are allowed

Sometimes a combination of two services are better.

Cordcuttersnews.com/plays gives a chart that shows channels, devices etc. Also later we will list some of the best free streaming services.

THE DEVICES

ROKU, AMAZON FIRE, APPLE TV, CHROMECAST,

Let's just look at the 2 main streaming devices. ROKU is the number one device for streaming from the Internet in the US it has 41 million devices and 50% of the market. It's good for those new to streaming media. User interface is time tested and content is robust and easy to search. This device allows you to watch free and paid video content on your TV. It comes with pre-installed apps such as Netflix, Amazon, Hulu etc. It has access to thousands of channels. There are 8 streaming devices, 5 boxes and 2 sticks and just added a sound bar with a Roku built in. Also many new TV's now come with Roku installed. Connected by a hdmi cable to the TV. The sticks plug directly into the back of the TV. Priced from \$30 to \$100. Need to have an account with Roku. It always stays in a stand-by mode, only one model can be powered off. Has a voice assistant. No web browser at this time.

AMAZON FIRE

All streaming devices basically do the same thing. It has 30% of the market, where its different is that it can stream 3rd party apps which gives it more options which makes it more cutting edge. These 3rd party apps can be very useful but unreliable, The problem is when an issue arises you have to know how to fix it. But regular apps and Amazon Video work fine. Alexa is included. Priced from \$30 to \$100. An account is also required. It has a web browser.

APPLE TV is favored by people who are in the mac world. Expensive at around \$180.

CHROMECAST from Google is at a disadvantage because it comes with no remote and works with a smart phone. Starts at around \$35.

STREAMING PROVIDERS

Some of the providers that can stream content to you are:

NETFLIX / AMAZON PRIME / HULU TV LIVE / YOUTUBE TV / PHILO / SLING PLAYSTATION VUE / DISNEY PLUS / DIRECTV NOW (they are in the process of splitting up their channel packaging). We will give more details on these later.

If you're in the market for a new TV you might want to consider getting one that has a streaming device built in. Roku and Firestick are in many TVs now. This is a very changing scene with new streaming devices and the providers trying new features. Prices for players range from \$30 to over \$100. Streaming providers' prices depend on their packages, but start from \$20 to \$80. Coming from cable and satellite it's not the most user-friendly experience, a learning curve is necessary.

NETFLIX

Provides ad free movies and TV shows. Has a free 1 month trial.

BASIC PLAN SD Standard Definition 1 stream \$9

STANDARD PLAN HD High Definition 2 streams \$13

PREMIUM PLAN 4K Ultra Definition 4 streams \$16

You can share the account with others. (not with Basic that only has 1 stream)

Data usage is lower with Standard Definition. Can download TV and movies to watch later.

AMAZON PRIME

\$119 annually. Also a monthly plan and a 30 day free trial. You can subscribe to a standalone video membership for \$9 a month. Included in the regular membership is the video streaming, music, fast shipping, free audio books, some Kindle e-books, also you can subscribe to premium pay channels like HBO, STARZ, SPORTS etc.

HULU and HULU LIVE TV from Disney

BASIC PLAN \$6 month, On Demand TV and movies. HULU LIVE TV \$45 month. Includes Basic and 65 live channels. Basic plan without ads \$12 month. Hulu live TV without ads \$51 month. Can subscribe to premium channels, DVR (recording) is available. Music service available for \$5 month Two streams with Hulu Live TV. Locals depend on what city you live in. Free trial is 1 month. Streaming on more than 1 device is extra.

YOUTUBE TV from Google

\$50 month, this gives you a mix of 70 live TV, video on demand, DVR features.

YouTube Premium is a \$12 ad free music service. On both you can have 6 accounts, 3 streams at a time. 7day free trial. Entering your zip code lets you know what channels, locals, sports, news are available in your area. Tells you what devices you can run to watch the service. Unlimited DVR which is kept for 9 months, each account has its own DVR.

PHILO

Affordable live TV, no sports, no locals, 58 channels for \$20. Can sign up for a free 7-day trial without a credit card, just a phone number. Unlimited DVR recording. Saves for 30 days. 3 streams, 3 devices at the same time. Chrome or Firefox can be used to open the app. Search for it with a Firestick. Has a guide. Able to set the resolution for playing, Auto, High, Low. Has search feature. No on demand TV shows, just live TV. Used a lot in combination with other services.

SLING TV from Dish Network

Has 3 plans: SLING ORANGE is \$20 a month, has 30 channels, 1 stream at a time.

SLING BLUE is \$25 has 45 channels with 3 streams. SLING ORANGE AND BLUE is \$40 and has 4 streams. Can get premium chs. like HBO, extra sports. Orange package does not get locals. DVR costs \$5 for 50 hours. Has on-demand content but limited to the past 3 to 5 days. Has a guide. 7 day free trial.

PLAYSTATION VUE from Sony

Packages are: ACCESS \$50 a month has 45 channels. CORE \$55 gets access plus NFL , NBA, MLB, ELITE \$65 gets core plus some movie channels. ULTRA \$85 gets elite plus premium chs. like HBO etc. 90 chs. available. Enter Zip code to see what chs. are available in your area. 5 streams at one time on every plan, watch on 3 devices. All plans provide unlimited DVR recording and storage for 28 days. Can fast forward through commercials on most chs. Limited On-Demand content for TV and movies. Has a guide. 7 day free trial.

DISNEY PLUS

Will be available in Nov. \$7 a month. A package that includes DISNEY + HULU and ESPN is \$13 a month. Can stream on 4 devices at the same time.

FUBO TV

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SOME OF THE BEST FREE STREAMING SERVICES

PLUTO TV, THE ROKU CHANNEL, TUBI TV, XUMO TV, CRACKLE TV, IMDb, STIRR, NEWSON. Some examples of what they offer:

PLUTO TV has 200 channels, can be viewed on over 14 platforms including Roku, Amazon and some smart TV's. Less ads than regular TV. Its organized into categories such as news, sports, comedy, gaming, entertainment, music, radio and more.

THE ROKU CHANNEL on the Roku device has movie and TV channels, news, sports is ad supported, can be viewed on Samsung TV's.

TUBI TV, CRACKLE, XUMO TV, has 160 channels, IMDb is an Amazon service for Fire devices, they all have about the same format.

NEWSON and STIRR are apps that give you local stations throughout the US.

DVR OPTIONS (recording)

For those who like to record there are two categories. One that can record from OTA (over the air) and recording from an Internet streaming service. AMAZON FIRE TV RECAST is a OTA device (\$230) has 2 tuners, 500GB, 75 hours of storage, can add external storage, also comes with a 4 tuners. Works best with other Amazon devices. Not able to record from cable or satellite or streaming apps. Has a guide. TABLO, TIVO, CHANNEL MASTER are other OTA devices. Most streaming providers have DVR included in their service, but each one has their own rules.

SUMMING UP

If you are comfortable with cable and satellite and the price is not a burden then it might be just as well to stick with it. Streaming seems to be the future but it's still going to see lots of changes before it settles down. You also have to take into account the cost of Internet service which varies a lot. If you would like to see more on how these devices work we can probably set up a demonstration.

This article was researched and written by someone who does not want to be identified.

A lot of work went into researching and writing this article. The writer wishes to remain anonymous.

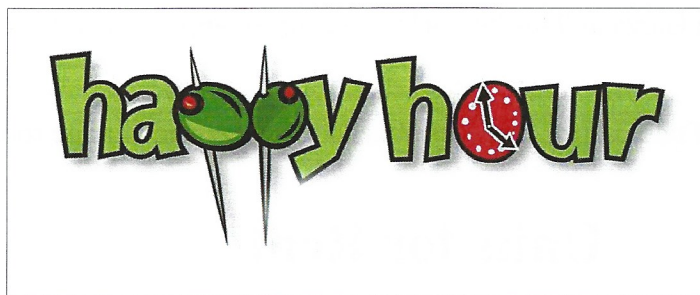


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Variety is the spice of life, and that is true when selecting exercise options, too. If the same activities are repeated over and over, day after day, muscles become lethargic and much of the benefit of exercise is lost. Here at the TIP, there are so many options for stretching, aerobic workouts, and exercise classes using weights, there should be no reason not to mix up the routine a bit. Besides the gym in the Al Barnes Building, there is morning stretch with Julie, Walk Away the Pounds at 8 and 9, Tai Chi, Senior Weights with Mary, Line Dancing, Water Aerobics, and numerous sporting activities, all appropriate for men and women. The day, time, and location of all classes are found in the Activity Book.

Water Aerobics has been going on all summer and will continue, but now is the time for us land lovers to hit the gym as well. One class that will start on Friday, November 1, is Walk Away the Pounds with Sherry in the Main Hall at 8 AM. It meets on M, W, F. On Mondays, Stretch Bands, which are provided, are used to punch up the walk, on Wednesday, participants bring hand weights and exercise to 50/60s music, and Friday, no equipment is needed to participate in a “spirited” two mile walk.

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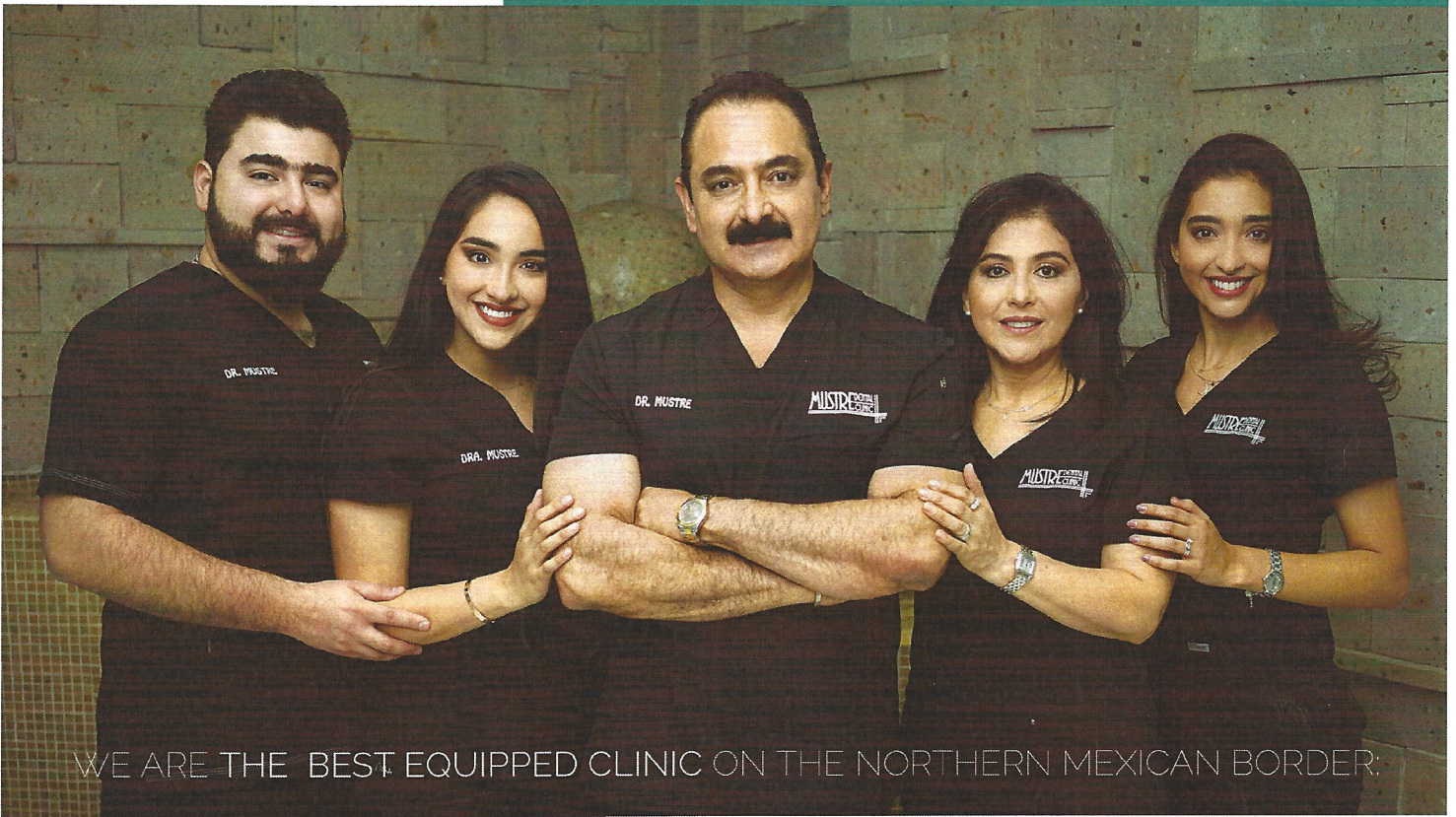



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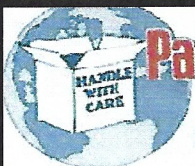
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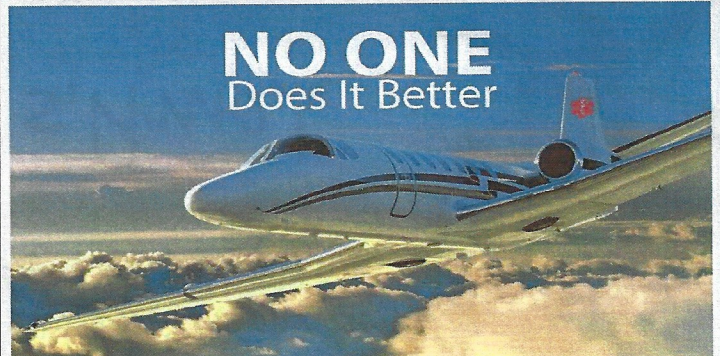
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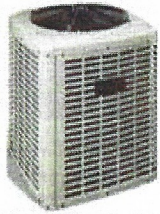
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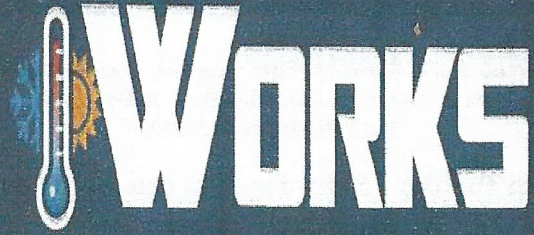
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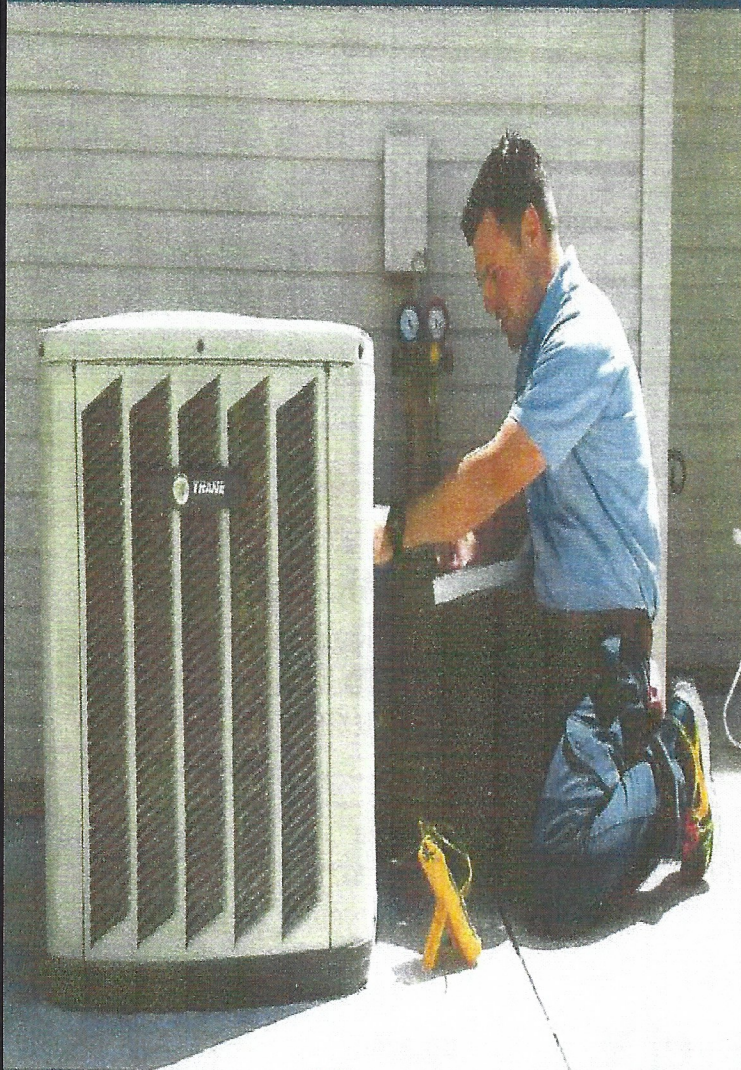
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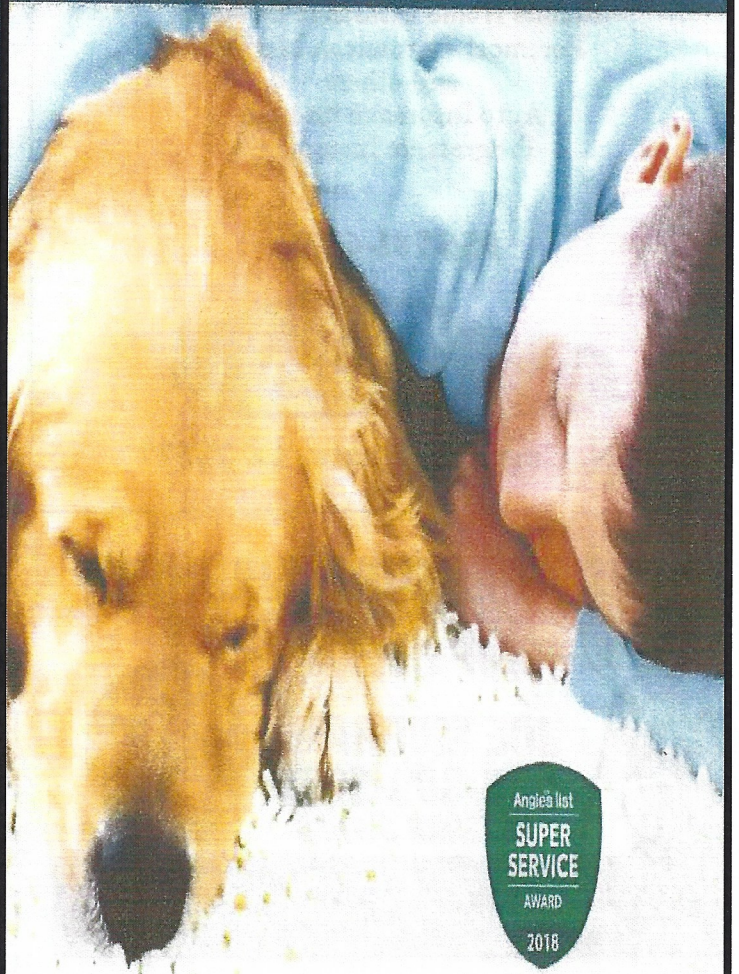
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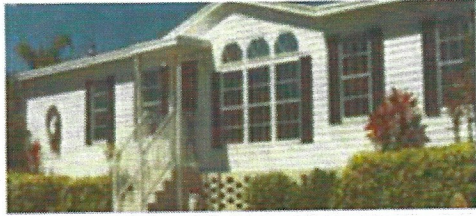
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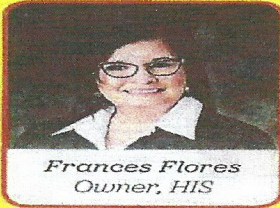
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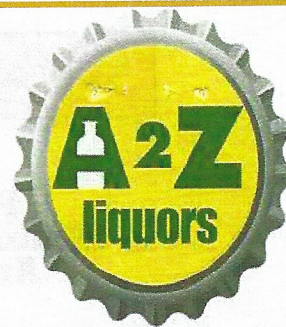
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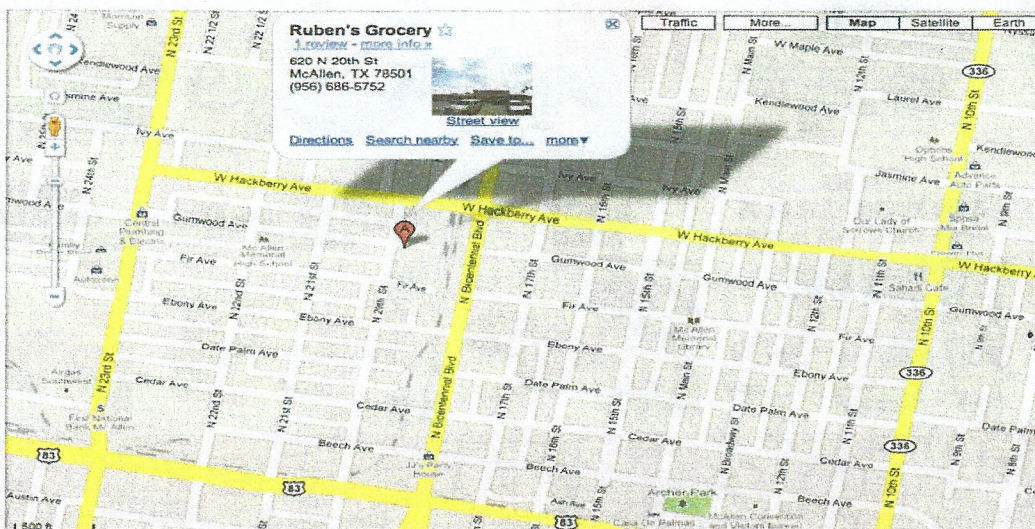
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