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Doesn't Nashville Count?

In "Big and Important" [May 2013], you list Sacramento as the next-biggest capital [to Austin] that isn't the largest city in the state. Nashville, Tennessee, is the capital and has a population of 601,222. Memphis has a population of 672,277. My source is Wikipedia.

MICHAEL WATSON
SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE

Editor's note: *No offense to Music City—the other music city—intended. We do not use Wikipedia as a source (see below), but statistics from quickfacts.census.gov prove we were in error:*

Nashville-Davidson	609,644
Memphis	652,050
Sacramento	472,178

Hill of Trouble

I clearly remembered my history teachers talking about the famous seven hills of Rome but never about those in Athens ["Foreign Accents," March 2013]. Well, after doing some research on this, I discovered that, indeed, Athens also claims to have been built on seven hills (and, according to Wikipedia, so do 65 additional cities around the world—a figure that did not include Athens, Texas. So I submitted an edit, and it is now on the record).

JORGE VIDAL | MAGIC VALLEY EC

Editor's note: *Many websites say Athens was built around seven hills, and we used some of those websites to substantiate that fact in our story. However, further research reveals that those websites used Wikipedia as the source for their information. Wikipedia, while possibly interesting, is not a reliable source for fact-checking because it relies on unverified user-generated*

Hitting Close to Home

Many times I've thought I should write you and thank you for an excellent article. However, I've never carried out my thoughts. This time I feel compelled to.

"The Call That's Coming" [May 2013] ... Wow! It's not a topic we want to face but one we must face sooner or later because it is coming.

Since we are now in our mid-70s and older, it is so much more near "home" than ever before. The article is making us think. Thank you for the information.

M.C. AND E.R. HUDNALL | CHEROKEE COUNTY EC

content, and no reliable source mentions that Athens has seven hills. Our story was in error.

Focus on Texas

Love the black and white pictures [May 2013], especially the one with the storm coming. Also love old buildings like the one shown. See them all the time along the highway and wonder why they have been abandoned.

MARY HULIN | SAM HOUSTON EC



Editor's note: *Be sure to read our October issue for a feature story about ghost towns.*

More on Parenting Your Parents

I enjoyed reading this article as my

late husband and I have gone through this twice—once with my mother and once with his. I know how difficult it was.

At 74, I decided to take control and try to make things easier for those who might have to take care of me toward the end and when I die. I made sure my will was as I wanted it. I named a good friend much younger than I am as executor. I made disposition of what I wanted to provide anyone outside the will. I made sure my living will and medical power of attorney were in order. I even wrote out my obituary, including what I wanted to be sung at my funeral.

We don't like to dwell on death or being incapacitated, but, as I read, 10 out of 10 people are going to die.

JOYCE D. SCHAEFER | PEDERNALES, VICTORIA AND KARNES ECS

This is a long overdue topic for discussion. Been there, done that during a 30-plus-year career as an investment adviser, personal financial planner and estate planner.

I can assure the reader that most people are simply unwilling to face reality—the reality of their pending demise. You can try to be

polite, but ultimately you either force the person to face that reality or you may as well just give up trying. It really is that simple and straightforward. The court system will ultimately do what the individual refused to do while they were still alive, and you won't like the outcome.

TEX NORTON | PEDERNALES EC

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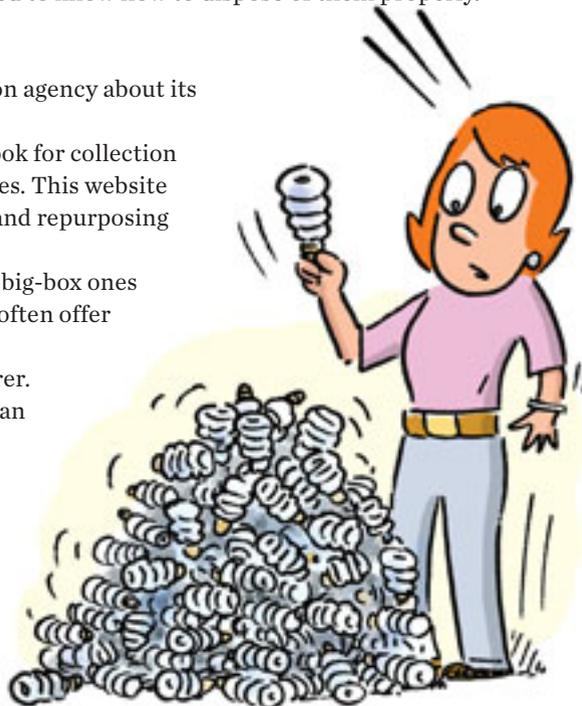
ENERGY NEWS

Bright Ideas for Those Burned-Out CFLs

Priscilla Pearson, a Pedernales Electric Cooperative member, recently wrote to us asking what to do with burned-out compact fluorescent lightbulbs, or CFLs. They contain small amounts of mercury, and she wanted to know how to dispose of them properly.

Here are some ideas:

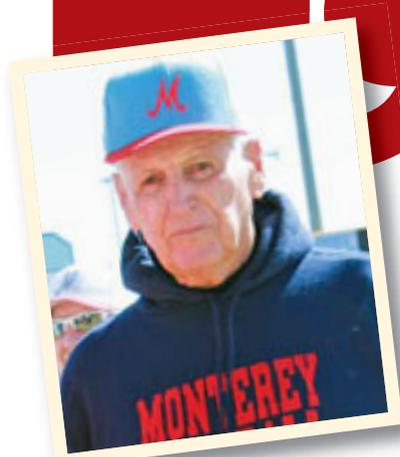
- Contact your local waste collection agency about its policies for recycling the bulbs.
- Earth911.com is a good place to look for collection or drop-off locations and schedules. This website has information about recycling and repurposing all sorts of materials.
- Local hardware stores, especially big-box ones such as Lowe's and Home Depot, often offer in-store recycling.
- Check with your CFL manufacturer. Some sell pre-labeled kits so you can mail back your used lightbulbs.
- As a last resort, the Environmental Protection Agency suggests putting your old CFLs in a plastic bag before putting them in with your regular trash to help prevent the mercury from escaping.



WHO KNEW?

English scientist William Gilbert is widely credited as being the first person to use the word “electricity.” He published *De Magnete* (“On the Magnet”) in 1600, which quickly became the standard work throughout Europe on electrical and magnetic phenomena. “Electricity” comes from the Greek word *elektron*, which means amber. The Greeks discovered that amber rubbed with fur attracted light objects such as feathers. Such effects due to stationary charges, or static electricity, were the first electrical phenomena to be studied.

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Texas' winningest high school baseball coach, Bobby Moegle (pronounced MAY-gul) of Lubbock Monterey was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in February. The legendary coach won 1,115 games and four state championships in his 40 years as head coach for the Plainsmen. Moegle, 80, is the first high school baseball coach to make it to the Hall, which is in Waco. Moegle was known as a tough drill sergeant of a coach, a reputation that was expounded upon in a 1999 *Sports Illustrated* article with the headline “Next to him, Patton was a Wuss.” The article tells of the time in 1973 when a junior varsity player showed up 15 seconds—SECONDS!—late to practice and Moegle ordered him to run. When practice ended three hours later, the kid was still running. Moegle never told him to stop and instead sat in a lawn chair and read a few chapters of *Gone with the Wind*.

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“A Tribute to Courage,” better known as the Sam Houston statue, casually looks out over drivers making their way between Dallas and Houston just outside of Huntsville on Interstate 45. **At 67 feet, the concrete figure is the tallest monument to an American hero in the world,** according to the town’s website.

July 26 marks the 150th anniversary of Houston’s death. The epitome of a career politician, he was a U.S. representative and governor of Tennessee, the first and third president of Texas, and a U.S. senator and governor of Texas—all in his 70-year life.

Houston was born in Virginia in 1793, but he spent most of his life in Tennessee. He came to Texas at 39 and was quickly swept up in the political turmoil of a possible revolution, becoming a commander in the Texas military in the fight for independence from Mexico. After the war, he was elected the first president of the Republic of Texas and served as a politician until just before his death.

HAPPENINGS

Slow Down for a Patriotic Day, Cuero-style



As you consider your options for a July 4 outing, the folks in Cuero are waving their hands and American flags, hoping you’ll join them for “small-town American patriotism at its best.” That’s how Kerry Rhotenberry describes the July Family Carnival. She’s the chairwoman in charge of orchestrating the cake walk, country store, duck pond, face painting and other food, entertainment and activity booths for the festival.

Proceeds will benefit Bluebonnet Youth Ranch, Habitat for Humanity of Cuero, Keep Cuero Beautiful and a project to help with the maintenance of stained-glass windows at Grace Episcopal Church. The carnival runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After dark, the city puts on a fireworks display.

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To the **BAT CAVE**

Believe it or not, that was the directive from the White House as the U.S. tried to develop secret weapons during World War II

E.R. BILLS



As a Texas boy, born and bred, I thought I had a pretty good grip on the interesting, big and weird things that had gone on around these parts, especially regarding critters. I didn't know much about Chupacabras, the legendary bloodsucking cryptids supposedly killing livestock in parts of South Texas, but I have had a beer with the deceased, stuffed Clay Henry III, the former goat mayor of Lajitas (and permanent fixture of the Starlight Theatre in Terlingua), and I saw "Hawmps!" a couple of times as a kid, so I was familiar with the short-lived U.S. Camel Corps out at Camp Verde in the mid-1850s.

Both yarns were fascinating and tough to beat, but Texas is a vast, strange place. And last summer, I unwittingly stumbled onto a story that overshadowed them both.

In early August, I lit out toward Rocksprings in Edwards County, not in search of outlandish critter tales but to take a guided tour to Devil's Sinkhole. Part of Devil's Sinkhole Natural Area, the sinkhole is a collapsed, vertical cavern approximately 40 by 60 feet at its mouth and reaches depths of 350 to 400 feet. From a distance, it's a harrowing black puncture in the hard limestone of the Edwards Plateau. But up close, you see that the immediate vertical drop is around 140 feet and the walls down are dotted with green plant life. It's dramatic during the day, but at night it becomes astounding.

At or around dusk, the sinkhole mouth fills with Mexican free-tailed bats slowly rising from the depths in a spiral. Devil's Sinkhole is home to nearly 4 million of these winged critters, and they soon blot out the waning sunset as they leave to scour the surrounding sky for sustenance.

But that isn't the astonishing part.

A sign near the sinkhole viewing platform mentions a top-secret, World War II weapon called "Project X-Ray." When I asked our guide about the undertaking, he smiled. "It lost out to the Manhattan Project," he said, and then shared the tale.

On December 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, a Pennsylvania dental surgeon named Lytle S. Adams was visiting Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. As the implications of Japan's act began to sink in, Adams' thoughts turned to retaliation.

Adams was amazed by the hundreds of thousands of bats that emerged from and returned to the caverns every night. He wondered if they couldn't be used as weapons—fitted with incendiary devices and dropped from planes. He had heard that many of the buildings in Japanese cities were constructed of wood and realized that if bats could be "weaponized," they could be released to roost before sunup, when built-in timers would ignite the incendiaries, creating thousands of fires simultaneously.



A scene very much like this one at Devil's Sinkhole prompted a Pennsylvania dental surgeon to concoct the idea in 1941 that the U.S. military could create bat bombs to destroy Japanese cities. The wispy red swirls are actually bats, which are reflecting a red-filtered spotlight that the park's tour guide used to highlight the departing bats.

On January 12, 1942, Adams communicated his thoughts to the White House by letter. Adams' idea made it to President Franklin Roosevelt's desk, and within days, Roosevelt had dispatched instructions regarding the plan to an Army colonel. "This man is not a nut," Roosevelt wrote. "It sounds like a perfectly wild idea but is worth looking into."

The "bat bomb" project was soon off the ground, and the effort appeared promising. Bats generally congregated in large numbers, could carry twice their weight in flight, would fly in darkness and roost in secluded places and, perhaps most important, could be manipulated to hibernate and, while dormant, did not require food or maintenance.

Adams himself was recruited to research and acquire a suitable species and sufficient numbers of bats. By March 1943, the Mexican free-tailed bat had been chosen for the operation, and military napalm inventor Louis Fieser was designing miniature incendiary devices for the bombers. The bats were being collected from large caves in Texas, including Devil's Sinkhole and Bracken and Ney caves, and Carlsbad Caverns.

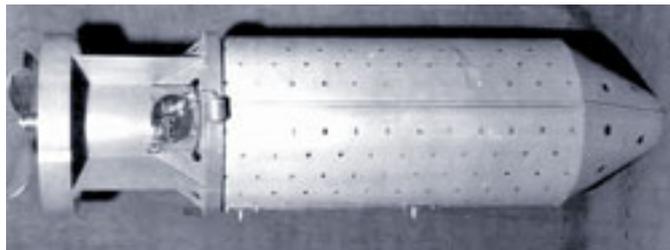
In early May 1943, 3,500 bats were tested at Muroc Dry Lake in California. First they were placed in refrigerators to force them to hibernate. Then on May 21, 1943, a test run involving five large canisters of bats was executed. Each canister held card-

board boxes packed with around 180 bats, which were supposed to exit as they awoke from hibernation. The bats were dropped from 5,000 feet, but the canisters descended too quickly. The bats never took wing because they had not fully recovered from hibernation.

The project was relocated to a new auxiliary airfield under construction at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and the experiments continued. In the next test run, the bats were placed in ice cube trays to facilitate hibernation, then fitted with dummy incendiaries and positioned in cardboard cartons for the drops. Unfortunately, when the next batch of bats descended from a B-25 and a Piper L-4 Cub, many, again, didn't recover from hibernation quickly enough.

Undeterred, project team members gathered more Mexican free-tailed bats and tried again. This time, they allowed the bats more time to recover from hibernation before they were deployed, and many woke up too quickly and escaped from the cardboard cartons.

Testing continued with mixed results. By early June, the Mexican free-tailed bombers had burned down the new Carlsbad Airfield's control tower, a barracks and several other buildings, all while in various stages of construction. A report dated June 8, 1943, indicated that work on the project had concluded



The bat bombs proved effective—though unpredictable. During testing in 1943, bats carrying explosives roosted in structures at Carlsbad Airfield and burned down the air tower, barracks and other buildings under construction, left. Dozens of ‘loaded’ bats were placed in bombs, above, and then dropped from planes. The bats were supposed to fly from the descending bombs, land in targeted villages and leave behind time-delayed explosives that would start fires all over town.

until researchers developed better incendiary device attachment mechanisms, a special time-delay, a parachute-delivered bat container (to allow them more time to shake of the effects of hibernation) and a less complicated time-delay igniter to activate the incendiary payloads.

In August 1943, the project was passed on to the Navy and assigned to the Marine Corps. This is when the program became known as Project X-Ray.

Marines began guarding Devil’s Sinkhole and the other major bat caves in Texas. The experiments recommenced at the Marine Corps Air Station in El Centro, California, on December 13 using improved egg crate bat trays in the bomb canisters. After numerous experiments and operational tweaks, a definitive test mission was executed over a mock-up Japanese village

at the Dugway Proving Grounds test site in Utah.

An incendiary specialist at Dugway reported that the bat bombers were effective because the small units were capable of creating a reasonable number of destructive fires without being detected. A National Defense Research Committee observer concurred, concluding that Project X-Ray had indeed produced an effective weapon.

After some positive results and optimistic accounts, more advanced and effective incendiary devices were ordered and an expanded Project X-Ray test regimen was scheduled for August 1944. But by then, Project X-Ray was racing against the Manhattan Project, and when Navy Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King was informed that the bat bombers would probably not be combat ready until mid-1945, he canceled the project. The bat bomb project had cost an estimated \$2 million.

For Mexican free-tailed bats, the war was over. The Marines left the Texas caves, and normality returned to Devil’s Sinkhole.

Today the descendants and relatives of the former kamikaze bat bombers of Project X-Ray no longer have to worry about being placed in refrigerators or egg crates. Like their mammalian brethren in the U.S. Camel Corps, some bats did their bit and then the rest went about their business. Bat-watching in places like the Sinkhole, the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin and Clarity Tunnel at Caprock Canyons State Park afford bats some level of celebrity—but now as natural wonders instead of weapons.

E.R. Bills is a writer from Aledo.



Mexican free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)
The 100 million free-tailed bats living in Central Texas caves consume approximately 1,000 tons of insects nightly, according to Bat Conservation International.

Today, We Come in Peace To Marvel at Bats

Folks interested in bats are in luck. The Bracken Bat Cave, located on the northeast outskirts of San Antonio, is the summer home to the planet’s biggest bat colony.

“The colony is so large that even the most advanced technology is still unable to give an accurate count, but several of the nation’s most respected bat biologists estimate that there are 8 million to 10 million at the peak in July,” says James Eggers, director of education at Austin-based Bat Conservation International, which owns the cave. “Bracken Cave is a maternity colony, and at peak lactation mother bats can consume up to their weight in insects each night; for 10 million bats that could be up to 100 tons of insects each night.”

Regular viewings of bats’ cave departures for nightly insect hunts are available throughout the summer, though BCI membership is required; annual membership rates start at \$30 and \$35. Non-members may see the bats July 9, July 25 and August 16; that fee is \$25.

To get more information on our winged mammalian allies, check out batcon.org. To watch video of bats emerging from Bracken, see our August 2012 Hit the Road at texascoopower.com.

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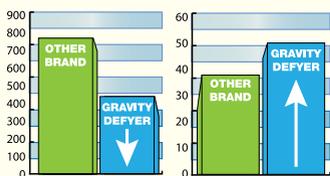
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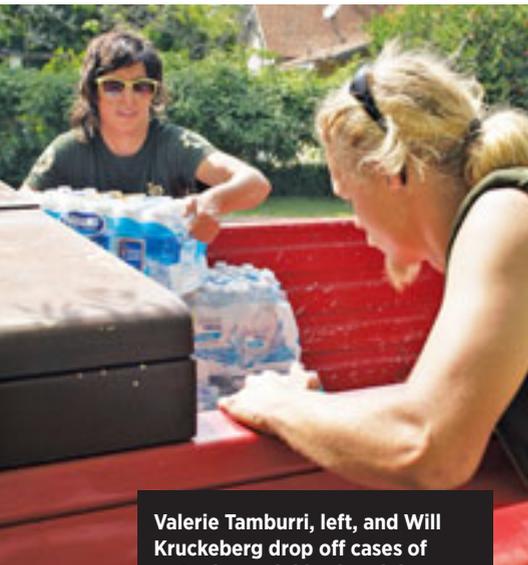
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Improvement Projects

Texas Conservation Corps is on the job: While finding meaning in service, these young adults discover a way to excel



Valerie Tamburri, left, and Will Kruckeberg drop off cases of water in a neighborhood damaged by the April fertilizer plant explosion in West.

Less than 48 hours after the April 17 fertilizer plant explosion in West, Will Kruckeberg and Valerie Tamburri were on the scene, helping organize thousands of volunteers who

seemingly descended on the town en masse to do whatever needed doing. Some estimates put their numbers at close to 5,000, an overwhelming influx for this little community of fewer than 3,000.



When the West Fertilizer Company plant outside West, about 20 miles north of Waco, exploded April 17, the damage extended across a 37-block area, including this home on property adjacent to the plant, above. Within 48 hours, the Texas Conservation Corps disaster response team was on the scene, where Heather Kouros, right, in gray, helped manage American YouthWorks efforts from temporary headquarters.

AS PART OF THE TEXAS CONSERVATION Corps disaster response team, Kruckeberg, 20, and Tamburri, 32, hit the ground running. The Westfest Fairgrounds, where the predominantly Czech community holds an annual Labor Day weekend polka festival, became the staging area for receiving—literally—tons of clothing, food for people and pets, baby supplies, hygiene products, household items and just about every other immediate need of hundreds of displaced residents, some of them members of HILCO Electric Cooperative.

Out of the chaos of pavilions piled high with overstuffed cardboard boxes, household appliances and bulging black,

plastic bags, Kruckeberg had to create order. He directed volunteers as they unpacked, sorted, organized and distributed necessities to long lines of shocked and weary West citizens.

Tamburri took charge of creating a makeshift dining hall with long tables of food—much of it straight from the kitchens of West neighbors and concerned folks in nearby towns—for citizens and volunteers alike. Tamburri was amazed at how the West citizens, even some who'd lost their homes, pitched right in. "I love this town. Everyone's so nice and willing to help," she says.

Kruckeberg and Tamburri landed in

the middle of a maelstrom, and with skills learned in the Texas Conservation Corps, they played a big role in calming the waters.

By April 23, the crowds of volunteers were mostly gone, the warehouses were clearing out, and the TxCC team could take a breather before the next phase of their work: finding long-term replacement volunteers.

Modern-day CCC

THE TEXAS CONSERVATION CORPS, A VOLUNTEER service organization, is open to youths and young adults ages 17 through 32, with programs open to high school-

and college-aged participants. Corps members can volunteer for disaster-response assignments, but more often state and national parks hire them on a fee-for-service basis to perform conservation and trail-building work. Volunteers receive a stipend of about \$900 monthly. For every year of service, up to two years, they receive a college tuition stipend of \$5,550.

Chris Sheffield, program director, explains that TxCC is a modern-day version of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, which built state and national parks around the country, including Bastrop State Park.

“These young men and women are signing on to be a part of something bigger than themselves, just like the CCC boys did in the ‘30s,” he says. “They’re gaining life skills, job training, and furthering their

education, all while working for the public good on conservation and disaster-response projects across the region.”

Sheffield adds, “Just like it did for the CCC boys, the work changes the Corps members as much as the projects they complete leave their mark on the landscape. That’s the beauty of it.

“There are two great products that come out of the program every year. First, the conservation service projects make a big impact. Most of the trails at Bastrop State Park, for example, are open right now thanks to work of these crew members. [The trails were destroyed by wildfires in 2011.] However, the biggest product is the character building that happens in this program. After this kind of experience, you find a young person who better understands herself or himself as well as the landscape they live in.

They’re good citizens who want to keep contributing to their country.”

Life-Changing Experience

KRUCKEBERG JOINED TXCC’S DISASTER Response Team after completing high school in 2012 as valedictorian of his class at American YouthWorks’ Service Learning Academy in Austin, a charter school for at-risk students, many of whom have life challenges so daunting that school often takes a back burner.

Kruckeberg grew up on 170 acres outside Bastrop, where his family belongs to Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. “I grew up in the woods and avoided the inside of a classroom,” he says. As a result, he received no credits for his unconventional education. But he was accepted at the Learning Academy, where classes integrate service with education, and



Chris Sheffield, Texas Conservation Corps program director, considers the agency a modern-day version of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s.

A Network of Service and Job Training Opportunities

American YouthWorks, headquartered in Austin, is the umbrella agency for the Service Learning Academy charter high school as well as a number of job-training and community-service programs, including the Texas Conservation Corp.

The Academy, with a student capacity of 180, is an open-enrollment school that admits Texas residents between the ages of 16 and 21, with or without prior high school credits. Students may choose among various skill areas: sustainable construction work with the Casa Verde Builders program; computer refurbishment with the Media Corps program; or the youth track of the Texas Conservation Corps, where Academy students engage in activities such as habitat restoration, invasive plant species removal and trail building.

Parc Smith, American YouthWorks CEO, says the average Academy student starts the program at age 18 with only 12 of 22 credits needed for high school graduation. Many are referred from public schools for issues such as pregnancy, homelessness or family troubles that contribute to low attendance. “Without other options, these kids stop going to school altogether,” Smith says. “Young people have an incredible willingness to work hard and do high-quality work, but they’ve rarely been asked to play that kind of significant role,” he adds. “I think we’re missing a tremendous resource in our country right now, this incredible desire young people have to be of significance and do something important.

“At TxCC work sites, our students are camping in tents, cooking their own food and living as a family,” Smith says. “Young people get great skills from this kind of intensive engagement.”

Smith points out that 60 percent of the workforce in the Department of the Interior will retire in the next 10 years, taking with it the knowledge and ability for stonework, trail work, forestry work and more. Young people, he says, aren’t coming out of school with those kinds of skills, except at the Service Learning Academy.

“We are graduating young people who weren’t making it before,” says Smith. “They’re going on to college and to jobs. They’ve done significant things, and that makes them better citizens. We take at-risk youth, help them get a high school diploma and engage them in their community. Rather than hopeless young people needing government assistance, you have people with the skills and credentials to be productive citizens for the rest of their lives.”

Young adults between 17 and 32 with at least a high school diploma make up the ranks of the full-time Texas Conservation Corps crews. These crews mix trail and habitat restoration work with periodic disaster-response assignments. Volunteers in both youth and young adult TxCC programs are part of AmeriCorps, a network of volunteer service opportunities nationwide.



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Will Kruckeberg, 20, helping with donations at West, also volunteered to join a crew headed to Joplin, Missouri, to provide relief after a series of deadly tornadoes struck in 2010. The agency has given him 'a sense of fulfillment that makes every aspect of my life better,' he says.

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Sheffield says he selects students from the high school for TxCC's program based largely on motivation. "We aren't looking for experience but a certain attitude, the ability to stick with something."

In his second year with American YouthWorks, Kruckeberg volunteered to join a TxCC crew headed to Joplin, Missouri, to help with relief efforts after a series of deadly tornadoes in 2010. It was a big step for him. "Before that, I was no good at reaching out to people. But being thrust in that situation has really helped me. I was with 10 people I barely knew." Now, he says, he enjoys getting to know people and has a newfound sense of confidence. "I also learned speaking skills, and how to lead volunteers and make

sure they were safe and knew what to do."

Kruckeberg and Tamburri joined the TxCC through different routes but for similar reasons. Tamburri, who joined TxCC when she was 27, grew up in inner-city Houston. "I was finishing school as a photographer and working as an assistant," she says. "But being in an office made me crazy. So I went off on a three-month camping trip, and when I came back I found this posting for a job with Texas Conservation Corps." She signed on and happily spent much of the next year working in state and national parks.

Before coming to West, Tamburri had participated in disaster-relief efforts in New York City after Hurricane Sandy in February and in Baytown after Hurricane Ike in 2008. She had never fully experienced small-town culture and being embraced by its citizens like she did in West. "This has been such a positive experience. All the people of this town are great. We had people who lost everything or were injured from the blast, and they were in there volunteering, handing out food to other people. Some of them said, 'We're used to giving; we're not used to receiving.'"

"I never lived in a small community, and it was really inspiring," says Tamburri. "This is a learning experience for

me. Everybody is so inviting and warm and helpful. They just jump in and do what needs to be done. You don't have to ask them."

For Tamburri, the TxCC experience has been life changing. "I'm more proud of the things I do these days and feel I have a more meaningful place in the world. My jobs before were just jobs."

When Kruckeberg completes his second year with TxCC, he will attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where he received a scholarship. He plans to study forestry and perhaps pursue a career in fire ecology.

"The Texas Conservation Corps is probably one of the greatest things I've been a part of, not only for the job skills, but it showed me where I wanted to go," says Kruckeberg. "It gave me a sense of fulfillment that makes every aspect of my life better. Before, I was aimlessly doing what I had to do to get by, and now I want to go to college."

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For details on enrollment opportunities with **American YouthWorks and the Texas Conservation Corps**, go to americanyouthworks.org.

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Here are five worthwhile energy-saving home improvements:

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When you patronize local farmers markets and produce stands, you forego the food sold in grocery stores, which ship in much of their fare from out of town. The more traveling your bananas, bread and beef have to do before you buy them, the more greenhouse emissions they contribute to the environment.

In fact, some estimate that between 5 and 20 percent of the energy spent in the production of food is for transporting it—sometimes as much as 1,500 miles from where it was grown—to your local grocer.

So do yourself a favor by enjoying fresh, flavorful, locally grown food. Do your neighbors a good turn by buying from the food producers in your own community, or at least those who grow within a 100-mile radius. And do your small part for the environment by choosing your chow from the many locals who can deliver it to you with a far smaller carbon footprint than stores that import it from far away.

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Summer Safety Tips

When the weather gets hot, we head outdoors for sun and fun. Keep in mind some tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International to make sure everyone has a safe summer.

Water and Electricity Don't Mix

Summer is the season for swimming and boating, and awareness of electrical hazards around water can prevent deaths and injuries. Water and electricity don't mix.

▶ Sailboats often have masts of 30 feet or more, which are dangerous when they come into contact with overhead power lines. Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead lines.

▶ Use covers on outdoor power outlets, especially near swimming pools. Keep cords and electrical devices away from the water, and never handle electrical items before you've dried off.

▶ Use a ground-fault circuit interrupter to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. These devices interrupt the flow of power when they sense a surge.



Keep little swimmers safe by keeping anything electrical far away.

Lightning and Storms

Lightning strikes are fatal in 10 percent of victims, and 70 percent suffer serious long-term effects, according to the National Weather Service. If you hear thunder, take cover.

▶ If weather conditions indicate a storm, stay inside—away from doors and windows—or seek shelter in a low-lying area away from trees and any metal, including sheds, clotheslines, poles and fences. If you're near water, stay as far away as possible.

- ▶ If you're in a group, spread out—don't stand close together.
- ▶ Unplug electronics before the storm arrives, and don't use corded phones.
- ▶ Avoid plumbing—sinks, bathtubs, faucets.
- ▶ Don't forget about your pets. Doghouses are not safe from lightning, and chained animals are easy targets.

Working with Large Appliances

If your air conditioner goes out, keep a few things in mind before you start poking around. Large appliances, such as air conditioners, are responsible for almost 20 percent of consumer-product electrocutions each year.

- ▶ Understand your electrical system—know which fuse or circuit breaker controls each switch, light and outlet.
- ▶ Make sure circuits are turned off before starting work and take measures to ensure that they're not turned back on while working.
- ▶ Use a circuit tester—always test before you touch.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



Climb Safely

Whether you're clearing out your gutters, washing a second-story window or changing a light in a vaulted ceiling, a ladder is an invaluable tool. But used improperly, a ladder can cause an injury or even lead to death.

Even if you think climbing a ladder is a no-brainer, check out this safety information from the Consumer Product Safety Commission before you step on the first rung.

- ▶ Whether it's a 5-foot stepladder or a 40-foot extension ladder, always choose the correct ladder for the job. That's one that extends at least 3 feet over the roofline or working surface.
- ▶ When working outdoors, don't use a metal ladder near power lines or electrical equipment. Whatever it's made of, no ladder should ever come within 10 feet of an electric wire. Look up before you set a ladder up to make sure you are not near power lines.
- ▶ If you must place a ladder on uneven or soft ground, use leg levelers, which are devices you can buy at a hardware or home-improvement store.
- ▶ Make sure the ladder can support both your weight and the load you are putting on it by checking its maximum load rating.
- ▶ Have a helper hold the bottom of the ladder.
- ▶ When you're done with the ladder, put it away immediately. Never leave a raised ladder unattended.

The Incredible Boy With X-ray Eyes



Guy Fenley had an uncanny ability to find water deep under arid ranchland around Uvalde

BY E.R. BILLS

LONG BEFORE THERE WAS A SUPERMAN, the man of steel, faster than a speeding bullet and endowed with X-ray vision, there was a legend of the boy with X-ray eyes. Superman hailed from the fictional planet of Krypton. The boy with X-ray eyes was from Uvalde.

On a dark night in the late 1890s, a stockman named Joel C. Fenley walked for a spell through a pasture with his son, Guy, who was around 9. Staring at the ground, the boy said: Look at that stream of water.

Joel Fenley was confused. There was no water in the pasture. Guy told his father the water was in the ground. He said he could see a flowing stream underneath the soil and rock, about 200 feet down.

The elder Fenley decided to sink a well in the spot where Guy claimed there was a subterranean stream. At 187 feet, some accounts of the story say, Fenley tapped an abundant water source.

News of Guy's successful prediction spread, but it seemed far-fetched. Folks were skeptical. In 1900, a Uvalde rancher named Thomas Devine paid the Fenleys a visit. He had spent thousands of dollars trying to locate a water source on his property, to no avail. He remembered the old rumor about Guy and asked Joel Fenley for help.

Devine took Guy out to his ranch one evening and let him look around. After two hours of walking, Guy spotted a large subterranean stream running in a southeasterly direction. Devine marked the spot, but the boy wasn't finished. Guy followed the underground stream for more

than a mile with Devine in tow, making more marks along the way. Every mark where Devine sunk a well yielded a plentiful water source.

News of Guy Fenley's "vision" once again began to spread, but this time folks put more stock in it. He was offered \$500 to locate a well on the F.K. Moore ranch in Edwards County and did so, but he refused compensation.

When Wigfall Van Sickle, a state representative from Alpine, complained to fellow legislator John Nance Garner of water problems on his Big Bend ranch near the Glass Mountains, Garner, the future vice president of the United States who was from Uvalde, recommended Guy Fenley. When Van Sickle invited Guy out to his ranch, Guy walked the property at night and put Van Sickle onto two water sources but, again, accepted no remuneration.

In no time—at age 14—Guy was an international celebrity. His nocturnal water-detecting feats were reported in newspapers around the country, from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer to the Illustrated Buffalo Express, and as far away as The Bruce Herald in New Zealand. Joel Fenley began receiving hundreds of letters from all over the country from folks soliciting Guy's help. Guy continued to find water sources in South and West Texas, still refusing payment, and soon the oil industry came calling.

In a short report on December 14, 1901, The New York Times announced that "The Boy With X-Ray Eyes" had

located a gusher in Beaumont and drastically expanded the boundaries of an existing oil field. Guy could see water and oil—as far down as 1,200 feet, according to Times—and the oil companies were suddenly knocking nonstop at his door.

And then Guy disappeared from the headlines. Over the years, it was rumored that Guy still located water now and again for friends and relatives, but these stories were never substantiated.

By this time Guy had married, taken up ranching in Zavala County and worked as a county clerk. He led a quiet life and kept things that way until he passed away in 1968, just shy of his 80th birthday.

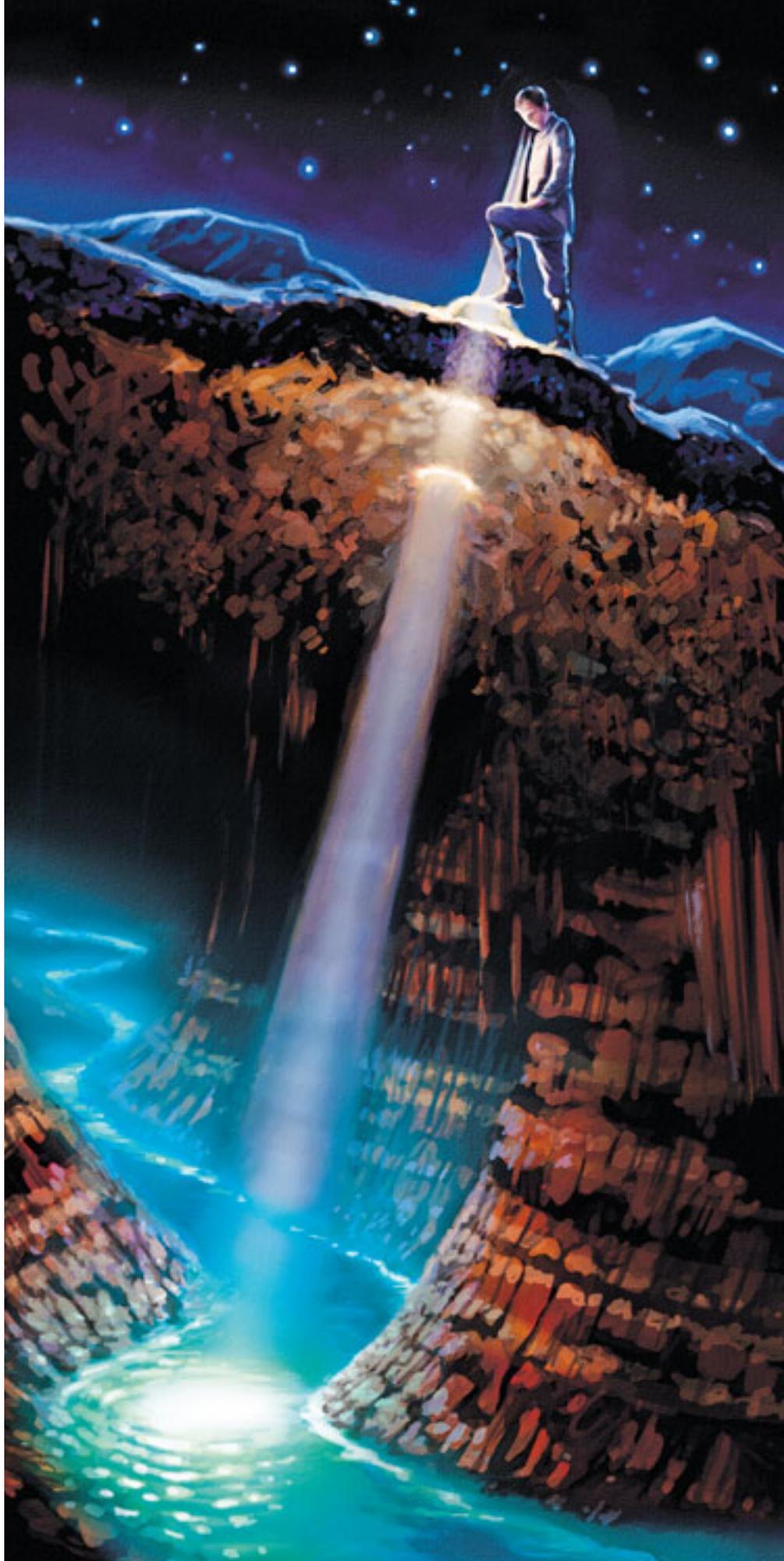
British physicist Sir William Barrett and author Theodore Besterman published *The Divining Rod: An Experimental and Psychological Investigation* 1926 that included an account of Guy's abilities. In it, Van Sickle verified Guy's uncanny faculty and described him as "a modest, handsome blue-eyed boy," little different than other boys his age, and noted that he was unable to explain the "wonderful power" and the "extra sense" that Guy seemed to possess.

In March of 2011, the Terrell County Memorial Museum News published a small piece on Guy, and editor Bill Smith received an unexpected call from Daune Reinier. Her great-grandfather was one of Guy's brothers.

Reinier had stumbled across the museum site while researching her family name. She had heard stories about Guy from her grandmother, Florence Fenley, and in February she shared some of the sad details behind the legend and what apparently ended Guy's water-detecting capacities.

Reinier confirmed family stories that stated Guy never accepted payment for the gifts his vision afforded him but said that, at some point, his father, Joel, had begun accepting fees unbeknownst to the boy. When Guy found out, there was a terrific row—and Guy was never able to divine underground water or oil sources again.

E.R. Bills is a writer from Aledo.



According to a 1901 New York Times article, Guy could see water and oil—as far down as 1,200 feet.

The Lab Who Ate the House

A story of gleeful mayhem, unbridled destruction ... and a bodacious love that knows no bounds

BY CAMILLE WHEELER

IN O. HENRY'S SHORT STORY "THE RANSOM of Red Chief," two hapless crooks pay dearly for kidnapping the 10-year-old, redheaded boy who brings terror to their hideout cave.

Proclaiming he's never had so much fun, the self-anointed "Red Chief" announces that kidnapper Sam will be burned at the stake at dawn. That threat doesn't pan out, but another almost does when kidnapper Bill awakens at day-break with the boy earnestly trying to take his scalp.

As described, the kidnappers' scheme came "during a moment of temporary mental apparition." Which brings me to the unpredictable redhead in my life, a 10-month-old chocolate Labrador retriever named Remy capable of holding the whole house hostage. I suspect some of my long-time acquaintances who know all about my first two Labs, Cody and Carson, think I'm crazy for now raising a third.

I'm not doing so alone. At our South Austin home, my partner and I wrangle a herd of two cats, Shadow and Malachi; and two dogs, Dashiell and Remy, a gift from friends who have her brother Harry, a handsome blond.

Remy, at first blush, looks like the angel that she often is. Her caramel-colored eyes accentuate the frizzy, strawberry-blond hair on her head and ears that practically appeared overnight, as if she'd stolen away to a beauty salon for highlights and a perm. Her chocolate-brown coat, soft as cashmere, ripples in waves across her back.

And she wears a perpetual, devilish

grin, bringing me to three key facts about Labs: 1) If it's not bolted down, they'll triumphantly gallop away with it; 2) regardless of what it is, they'll eat it; and 3) everything is hilariously fun.

Remy's favorite game is carrying objects (rocks, snails, sticks, Dashiell's food bowl) in and out of the house, through the doggie door. Occasionally, she gets a long, forked tree branch stuck in the door, bringing all four-legged traffic to a halt.

But that's the calm before the storm. A Labrador puppy is like a tropical depression in the Gulf, gaining strength before slamming ashore as a full-blown hurricane. To wit, Remy: chewed through my laptop computer's power cord (\$43 to replace); destroyed our telephone land-line power jack (\$99 to repair); and got into a bottle of Carson's arthritis pain-relief tablets, earning her a 2½-day emergency hospital stay (\$1,300).

Cody, my first Lab, entered my life in 1997 as a shy, jet-black, 9-week-old puppy. By the age of 18 months, he had eaten dozens of socks, a windowsill and a love seat.

One afternoon, I left him alone in the house, outside his crate. I returned home to a scene resembling a ticker-tape parade: white paper fluttering in the air and covering the living room floor and Cody dancing in the hundreds of pages he had ripped from books yanked off shelves.

One morning, I was jolted awake by a horrific wrenching sound. Groggy from working my night-shift newspaper job, I stumbled outside to see Cody, all four

feet dug into the ground and a siding board clamped in his jaws, tugging mightily as the nails ripped free from the house. Dog tired, I went back to bed. Hey, with Labs, you choose your battles.

But with the same intensity that Cody ate the house came his appetite for life. Our favorite destination was Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park in far South Austin, where Cody discovered trails and I followed. One day, Cody appeared on a canyon cliff above me, determined to leap into my arms. "STAY!!!" I screamed, successfully, understanding at that moment, with every painful thump of my heart, that a Labrador's love knows no bounds.

When Cody was 2, and not yet neutered, I met a couple seeking a stud dog for their female black Lab. Cody met everyone's approval, and I got the pick of the litter: Carson, a rock 'em, sock 'em blond who treated his dad like a football tackling dummy.

But Cody never growled when Carson played too rough. Instead, he'd wrap his front legs around Carson, wrestling him

down rope-a-dope style. I'd often see Cody lying regally in the backyard, his sleeping son snuggled against his chest. And Carson followed Cody everywhere at the park. Then came the day he outran Cody for the first time, abruptly wheeling around as if to ask, "Is this the right way?"

Old age hits like a hammer. In 2011, the weekend before Thanksgiving, Cody, a frail 14-year-old, fell gravely ill. We set up ICU camp in the living room, holding vigil. Carson, afraid, kept his distance. Unable to find a mobile veterinarian, we scheduled an appointment for Tuesday and waited for the end.

On Monday, with Cody too weak to sit up and not eating or drinking, Carson suddenly walked over to his dad, laid down inches from his muzzle and stared straight into his eyes. They locked gazes for maybe a full minute. Blinded by tears, I felt sure Carson was saying goodbye. But then I saw a light in Cody's eyes. He wolfed down a plate of food. He gulped water. I canceled the vet appointment, and two days later he was walking.

It was a precious gift of time. On May 3,

2012, Cody's body had given out. Moments before our mobile vet administered the sedatives to put Cody to sleep, Carson carefully cleaned his dad's face. After Cody had passed, Carson kissed him one last time.

In O. Henry's story, the kidnapers pay \$250 to the boy's father to take him back. When Remy's got us all scrambling for cover, barking at the cats because they refuse to roughhouse, I question my sanity. But then Dashiell, a 12-pound dynamo, takes charge, biting Remy's cheeks and pinning her down (to her great delight). Order is restored.

Yet there's an emptiness in the house. Our beloved, big-hearted Carson passed away on March 30. He would have turned 14 on September 13, the same day, coincidentally, that Remy and Harry will turn 1. The youngsters can have their birthday cake and eat it, too, in honor of the bodacious Labs who have gone before.

Camille Wheeler is an Austin-based writer.

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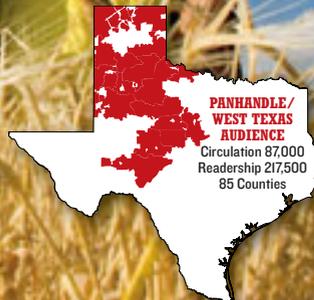
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Roosevelt's Rough Riders

When the Spanish-American War began in 1898, Theodore Roosevelt set out to recruit and train the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, later christened the "Rough Riders," a force with which he planned to conquer the Spanish army in Cuba.

BY MARTHA DEERINGER

ALREADY ANNOYED BY SPAIN'S COLONIAL empire just off American shores, U.S. citizens were outraged by the hunger, disease and rumored atrocities visited upon the oppressed Cuban population under Spanish rule.

When the USS *Maine* battleship exploded in Havana Harbor under mysterious circumstances, Congress voted to go to war. Roosevelt resigned his position as assistant secretary of the Navy and called for recruits to fight in Cuba. He was deluged with applications.

Born in New York City, the second child of wealthy importer and philanthropist Theodore Roosevelt Sr., young Theodore entered politics after graduation from Harvard. In his book, *The Boys of '98: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders* (Forge Books, 1999), Dale L. Walker suggests that Roosevelt's passion for war stemmed from embarrassment that his own father had avoided service in the Civil War by hiring someone to take his place.

Whatever his motivation, the younger Roosevelt had an inexhaustible supply of nervous energy and charged through life at the pace of a stampeding steed. Roosevelt had always loved the outdoors and admired the toughness of the cowboys who accompanied him on buffalo and javelina hunts. Their relentless teasing (the cowboys called him four-eyes because of his wire-rimmed glasses and poked fun at his Harvard language when he shouted, "Hasten forward quickly there") only made him more determined to outride and outshoot these hard-twisted men.

The war raged for 113 days in the spring and summer of 1898. Twenty-three thousand men responded to the call for a volunteer cavalry, among them

cowboys, Native Americans, Ivy League athletes, heirs of Crockett and Tiffany, and New York policemen. "They must be as utterly reckless a set of desperados as ever sat in the saddle," Roosevelt declared, and he chose with great care. An alarming number of inappropriate volunteers were diplomatically weeded out, including Buffalo Bill Cody, prizefighters James J. Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons, Frank James, brother of Jesse James, and 600 Sioux Indians.

"We drew a great many recruits from Texas; and from nowhere did we get a higher average," Roosevelt said, "for many of them had served in that famous body of frontier fighters, the Texas Rangers. Of course, these rangers needed no teaching. They were already trained to obey and to take responsibility."

Volunteers from Arizona, New Mexico and Indian Territory joined the Texans near San Antonio at Camp Wood. Now called Roosevelt Park and located just off Interstate 10 near central San Antonio, the camp was a flat, grassy plain decorated with hoofprints and wedge-shaped tents set up beside a grove of cottonwood trees. Here, Roosevelt would shape the motley crew of ragtag recruits into an unstoppable fighting force.

Daily training began at 5:30 a.m. Roll call, stable call and breakfast preceded morning mounted drills during which close to 1,200 troops thundered across the plains in ragged formation, nearly obscured by clouds of dust. After supper, taps sounded, and a silent exodus began in the darkness as a fair number of the Rough Riders (a name given to the group by admiring newspaper reporters) crept away to the saloons of San Antonio.

On May 29, 1898, the Rough Riders traveled by train to Tampa, Florida.



Theodore Roosevelt, in suspenders, and the Rough Riders atop San Juan Hill

Their leader declared that they were so well prepared they could "whip Caesar's Tenth Legion," but then it was announced that only the horses of senior officers—and about half of the Rough Riders—would be put aboard the transport ships because of lack of space.

Roosevelt's favorite horse, Little Texas, led the charge in Cuba during the Battle of San Juan Hill, but the Rough Riders followed on foot and took heavy casualties. About 25 percent of the regiment fell.

When word of the courageous charge reached U.S. shores and Spain was cast out of Cuba, Roosevelt became a popular hero whose political career charged ahead as well. "Roosevelt is an entertaining performer and a man to watch," the *Boston Globe* reported, "but it would never do to permit such a man to get into the presidency. He would produce national insomnia."

The words were prophetic. As president, Roosevelt would lead the United States more actively into world affairs guided by his favorite proverb, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

Martha Deeringer is a regular contributor.

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Flipping over Burgers

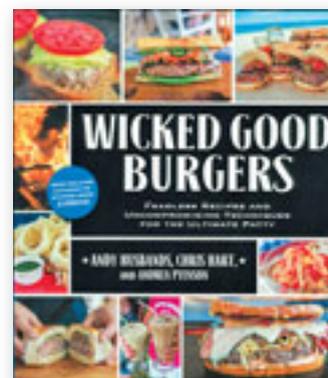
Perhaps no summer fare is as popular as a hamburger grilled outdoors. If you take an evening stroll around just about any neighborhood in just about any city in the country, your nose will likely confirm this supposition.

Although simple burgers are just fine, the sandwich has evolved well beyond a patty of ground beef. There are countless ways to jazz up a hamburger, and a recent cookbook delivers some delicious variations.

Wicked Good Burgers [Fair Winds Press, 2013], written by Andy Husbands, Chris Hart and Andrea Pyenson, features recipes for burgers inspired by regional and global cuisines—including Central Texas barbecue. And there are many recipes for unique toppings and sides that will enhance your burger feast.

These Texas-style burgers are a bit of work for the chef, but the resulting compliments will be worth it. They even elicited an enthusiastic response from my 10-year-old nephew Kris, a picky eater who devoured every bite of this hearty half-pound sandwich.

KEVIN HARGIS



Hill Country Brisket Burgers*

- 1½ pounds beef brisket flat, trimmed
- 1½ pounds beef brisket point, trimmed
- 6 tablespoons Basic BBQ Rub (recipe follows)
- 1 cup Pit Sauce (recipe follows)
- 12 slices sandwich bread
- Garlic Butter (recipe follows)
- 1 batch Quick-Pickled Onions (recipe follows)

- If you have a meat grinder, grind the brisket pieces using a coarse plate or ask a butcher to do it for you. Shape meat into six square-shaped patties, slightly larger than the bread and slightly thicker around the edges than in the center. Don't overwork the meat or pack it too tightly. Sprinkle the side of each patty with ½ tablespoon of Basic BBQ Rub.
- Clean grill grate thoroughly. Build a charcoal fire on one side of a kettle-style grill. When coals have burned down and are covered with a layer of white ash, grill each patty over direct heat, about 2 minutes per side, uncovered. Carefully move patties to the cool side of the grill, baste generously with Pit Sauce and cover the grill. Allow to cook 2 to 3 minutes more for rare or up to 4 to 5 minutes more for medium. Remove burgers from the grill and allow to rest on a platter, loosely tented with foil.
- Lay the bread slices on the grill just long enough to get a light char, about a minute or so. Using tongs, turn the bread over and char the other side. Remove and brush a side of each slice with softened Garlic Butter.
- Place a patty on one buttered piece of toast, heap generously with Quick-Pickled Onions, and lay another piece of toast on top. Repeat for remaining burgers. Serve with lots of napkins.

Servings: 6. Serving size: 1 burger. Per serving: 515 calories, 55.1 g protein, 11.4 g fat, 41.7 g carbohydrates, 3.2 g dietary fiber, 2,830 mg sodium, 10.2 g sugars, 152 mg cholesterol

Basic BBQ Rub

- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

- Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Store remainder in an airtight container.



Hill Country Brisket Burger

* This recipe was tested with one 3-pound piece of flat brisket and Texas toast-style bread. Adjust cooking times to suit your grilling situation.

Recipes

Pit Sauce

- 2 cups ketchup
- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Basic BBQ Rub (see previous page)
- 1 tablespoon chipotle hot sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- Combine all ingredients in a saucepan along with ¼ cup water. Simmer gently, whisking occasionally, for 30 minutes. Refrigerate unused portion for future barbecues.

Garlic Butter

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped lemon zest
- Pinch kosher salt
- Pinch black pepper

- In a medium-sized bowl, mix the ingredients thoroughly with a rubber spatula. Cover and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before using.

Quick-Pickled Onions

- 1 medium onion, sliced very thin
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- ½ teaspoon cumin seeds
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Pinch kosher salt

- Place the onion slices in a medium nonreactive mixing bowl. Toast the coriander and cumin seeds and grind. Add the ground seeds and red pepper flakes to onion and toss to combine.
- In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring the vinegar and 2 tablespoons of water to a boil. Add the sugar and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat and pour over onion. Mix well and season with a generous pinch of salt. Let cool to room temperature.

\$100 Recipe Contest

November's recipe contest topic is **Great Tex-Mex**. The cheese. The sauce. The tortillas. What makes a great Tex-Mex dish? Send us your family favorites. The deadline is July 10.

There are three ways to enter: **ONLINE** at TexasCoopPower.com (under the Submit and Share tab); **MAIL** to 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor, Austin, TX 78701; **FAX** to (512) 763-3401. Include your name, address and phone number, plus your co-op. Also, let us know where you found the recipe or if you created it yourself. The winner gets \$100.

SARA THRASH | WISE EC

Texas can lay claim to being the birthplace of some of the nation's niftiest culinary inventions: fajitas, corn dogs, nachos and the frozen margarita machine. But perhaps the best of all has been traced to the East Texas town of Athens, which is dubbed the "Original Home of the Hamburger," and which sponsored this month's contest, *Your Best Burger*.

We received recipes for all manner of patties on a bun. The tastiest was not made with beef. The combination of tangy fried tomatoes, crisp bacon, creamy guacamole and lean venison made this recipe a hard one to top.

Venison Burgers with Bacon, Guacamole and Fried Green Tomatoes

- 1½ pounds ground venison
- Salt, pepper and garlic powder
- 3 medium-sized firm green tomatoes, cut into ¼-inch slices
- 2 avocados
- 1 small ripe tomato, chopped
- ½ of a small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 large jalapeño pepper, chopped but not seeded
- ½ cup loosely packed cilantro, chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, chopped
- Juice from 2 limes
- ½ cup buttermilk
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 4 good quality hamburger buns
- ¼ cup garlic-herb mayonnaise
- 4 slices pepper jack cheese
- 1 small sweet onion, sliced thin
- 2 lettuce leaves, washed and torn
- 1 pound bacon, cut in half crossways and cooked



- Break up venison and season generously with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Form 4 patties, making them thinner in the middle than on the edges. Cover patties and allow them to rest.
- In the meantime, lay the sliced green tomatoes in a shallow baking dish lined with paper towels. Sprinkle them with salt to pull out the moisture. Let them sit for about 30 minutes, turning them mid-way through.
- As tomatoes are resting, remove the skins and pits from the avocados and mash. Add the chopped tomato, red onion, jalapeño, cilantro, garlic and lime juice. Cover and chill until ready to use.
- Grill the venison patties until they reach the desired level of doneness. Put on clean platter and keep warm.
- Pour the buttermilk into a shallow dish. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the flour, cornmeal,

pepper, garlic powder and salt.

- › Dip the tomato slices into the buttermilk, then dredge them in the seasoned flour-cornmeal mixture. Set aside on a large platter.
- › In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat to about 375 degrees. Deep-fry the tomatoes in batches (being careful not to crowd them in the pan) until golden brown. Transfer to a paper towel-lined rack and let the excess oil drain off.
- › Spread each bun with 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise. Lay a slice of cheese on the bottom half of each bun. Top with a burger, a slice of sweet onion, some lettuce and bacon. Top with a spoonful of guacamole and some of the fried green tomatoes.

Servings: 4. Serving size: 1 sandwich. Per serving: 855 calories, 58 g protein, 35 g fat, 71.9 g carbohydrates, 9.4 g dietary fiber, 859 mg sodium, 14.8 g sugars, 171 mg cholesterol

- ½ cup finely shredded cheddar
- ½ cup finely shredded mozzarella
- 1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion

- › Mix meat, garlic, dressing mix and pepper, and divide into 8 equal-sized balls.
- › In a separate bowl, mix the remaining ingredients together to form a stuffing. Flatten 4 of the meat balls into thin patties and center a quarter of the stuffing on each. Flatten the remaining 4 balls into patties and place them atop the first 4 to cover filling. Seal the edges together with your fingers.
- › Grill or fry the patties until cooked (about 6 minutes per side on medium heat).
- › Serve on your favorite buns with fixings and spreads of your choice.

Servings: 4. Serving size: 1 sandwich. Per serving: 509 calories, 42.8 g protein, 21.9 g fat, 28.7 g carbohydrates, 1.8 g dietary fiber, 712 mg sodium, 5.4 g sugars, 120 mg cholesterol

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▲ **Liz Fesczenko**, Guadalupe Valley EC, rescued this 1920s Underwood typewriter from a San Antonio thrift store.

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▲ **Michael Tussy**, Farmers EC, shared this photo, taken around 1915 of **Karl Hooten**, his wife's grandfather, filling up a water wagon to be used for irrigation in the Cooper area. "Horsepower was measured different back then," he says.



▲ Texas native **William Greenlee** (1918-2008) served in World War II in the 3rd Army, 455th Battalion and is pictured here in 1944, possibly in France. Daughter **Janis Greenlee Hayes**, South Plains EC, says he was so close to the action that from his foxhole he saw bombs drop through bombers' bay doors. Greenlee was awarded five Bronze Stars.

"The best part of tootling around town in this 1939 pickup is all the smiles and waves," says **Jackie Hatfield**, Central Texas EC, of the operating Ford her sweetie **Rick Westmoreland** restored. ▼



▲ Fort Belknap EC's **Shanda Hope** snapped this photo of a 1948 Minneapolis-Moline U tractor, the next project for her grandfather, who enjoys rebuilding old tractors.



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Gatesville [19-20] Coryell Creek Critters BBQ Cook-Off, (254) 865-7163, coryellcreekcritters.org

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Friona Texas Cheeseburger Festival, (806) 250-3491, frionachamber.com

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Mobeetie [26-28] Mobeetie Music Festival, (806) 845-2028, mobeetie.com

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Bandera National Day of the American Cowboy, (830) 796-3864, frontiertimesmuseum.org



July 13
Weatherford
Parker County
Peach Festival



July 27
Bandera
National Day of the
American Cowboy

August

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Galveston Movie Nite on the Strand featuring 'The Muppets,' (409) 762-0062

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Discover Sheldon Lake State Park, an oasis in the shadow of Houston's concrete jungle

BY ROB McCORKLE

THE FEATURES THAT MAKE DOWNTOWN Houston so captivating—the magnificent architecture of its glassy skyline and the convergence of culture and commerce—can conspire to leave people feeling captive. And the knotted tangle of freeways often offers scant escape.

Yet, barely beyond Beltway 8 is a verdant oasis of water, woods and prairie that teems with wildlife, offering visitors a wondrous portal into the great outdoors. Sheldon Lake State Park, just 15 miles northeast of downtown Houston, might be the least heralded natural asset of the nation's fourth-largest metropolitan area.

"Sheldon Lake State Park is all about environmental education and getting people outdoors," explains Kelley Morris, park superintendent. "This is a place where folks can fish, bird-watch, hike woodland trails, gaze upon miles of open prairie and learn about ongoing wetlands restoration efforts."

For a bird's-eye view of how this natural refuge—formally called Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center—fits into Houston's industrial sprawl of highways, railroad tracks, refineries and oil field service companies, head for the top deck of the 82-foot John

Jacob Observation Tower. Take the solar-powered elevator or climb the metal stairs. Don't forget to bring binoculars and a camera.

Here, seemingly suspended six stories above the surrounding flapjack-flat coastal prairie, park visitors can gaze west at the hazy outline of downtown skyscrapers, peer north to see where Carpenter's Bayou enters Sheldon Lake and look south beyond the refineries to spot the San Jacinto Monument. It's a priceless view, but it won't cost you a dime.

The 2,800-acre state park and reservoir comprise a biological island in an urban environment that features one of the few inland, freshwater marshes along the upper Texas coast. More than 20 wooded islands in the 1,200-acre reservoir provide nesting sites for heron and snowy egret rookeries. The former state fish hatchery and migratory waterfowl refuge was redeveloped as a state park in the early 1980s.

Morris says about 5,000 schoolchildren, many of them from Houston neighborhoods, visit annually. She says most have never caught a fish, seen a live alligator, netted a tadpole or spotted "cool" birds such as a great blue heron, marsh

hawk or wood duck commonly found here.

The park's conservation message actually takes top billing at Sheldon Lake—ahead of fishing and wildlife viewing. Visitors learn, for example, that recycled oilfield pipe and coal fly ash were used in the Pond Center's construction, a ground-coupled geothermal system provides heating and cooling for its lab and classroom, and the roof captures rain to water flower beds. An 80-foot tall wind turbine whirs just outside the center, generating electricity. Two arrays of six and eight solar panels convert the sun's rays into energy for park facilities, as well.

Rob McCorkle is a Kerrville-based writer.

PARK FACTS

Hours: Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closes 7 p.m. on weekends April through October

Getting there: 15315 Beaumont Highway, located just off U.S. 90 approximately 2 miles from Beltway 8 and Interstate 10

Access: Park guests can access only 42 developed acres, but a new boardwalk and access road in the park's northern reaches slated for completion in the fall will open additional acreage to visitors.

Info: (281) 456-2800, tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/sheldon-lake



SHELDON LAKE STATE PARK, 15 miles northeast of downtown Houston, is a former state fish hatchery and migratory waterfowl refuge. It's still a popular nesting site for herons and snowy egrets. Visitors can get a bird's-eye view of the 2,800-acre park from the John Jacob Observation Tower.



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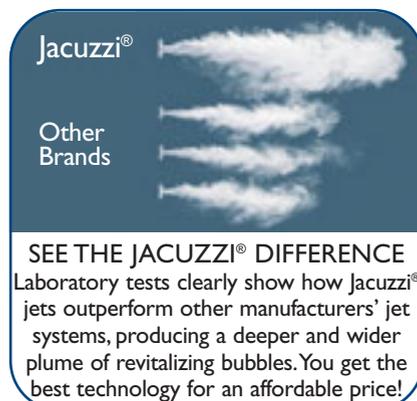
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