



Happy 21st Birthday
David Sargeant Jr.
January 20

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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Kinney County Livestock Show January 20 - 21, 1995

PROJECT SHOW, January 20, 1995

Board Extends Contract Of Superintendent

At 6:35 p.m. Monday, January 16, 1995, the BISD Board of Trustees met in regular session with President Jimmy Bader presiding. Present were board members Rose Mary Slubar, Jewel Robinson, Jim McDaniel, and Darlene Shahan. Within the hour board members Stan Conoly and Gloria Garcia arrived.

Minutes of the December 12 meeting were approved as printed. The board then entered into executive session to discuss a discipline problem. At 8:10 p.m., the board again opened the meeting and President Bader announced no action needed to be taken on the discipline matter.

The softball field contract with the city was approved, as was TASB Update 48 concerning providing insurance for all students.

Historical tax exemptions were discussed and action tabled. A contract renewal with Coleman, Horton & Co., auditors, was approved.

Procedures for developing the 1995-96 school calendar were discussed. Superintendent Mills stated he had three requests: (1) first semester to end before the Christmas holidays; (2) two full weeks for Christmas vacation; (3) graduation be on Friday. Board members Darlene Shahan and Gloria Garcia indicated interest in providing input; other board members were prone to leave the development of the calendar to the campus committee.

Financial reports were reviewed.

Jones Elementary Principal Carl Glass reported 309 students enrolled; proudly presented perfect attendance and Honor Roll rosters, and mentioned the Honor Roll breakfast adding that outside his office a chart was posted that showed all students who had perfect attendance marked with a "star".

Middle School Principal Stoney Burks informed the board that UIL activities were being organized and that "we" would host the district meet this year.

High School Principal Don Sims reported 255 students enrolled in grades 6 - 12; the Alternative School had its first graduate (see separate story); certified letters had been mailed to parents of any senior who faced problems in meeting graduation requirements.

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson discussed staff development days and teaching strategies.

Superintendent Steve Mills announced that dedication services for the Hunt Library were scheduled for February 5; the Santa Fe railroad had donated universal gym equipment to the school; and sixteen teachers were enrolled in a computer class.

Mrs. Shahan presented the book, "Guns, Crime and Freedom," donated by Dave Blair Sr. and Dave Blair Jr. to the school library.

At 9:50 p.m. the board again went into executive session to discuss superintendent evaluation, contract, and salary. Back in open session, the board extended Mr. Mills contract for two years (through 1997) with a 4 1/2% salary increase.

Civic Center Contract Revised

With Judge Tommy Sargeant presiding, the Kinney County Commissioners Court met in special session at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 13, 1995. Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Cordelia Mendeke, and Paul O'Rourke were present. Commissioner Joe Montalvo was absent.

Budget changes were made to pay an increase in liability insurance caused by adding task force personnel. All cost will be reimbursed to the county from task force grant funds.

Changes to Civic Center rental contracts were reviewed and approved. Action was tabled on termite control at Filippone Building and an additional estimate will be sought.

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow reported that TAC (Texas Association of Counties) would send a roof inspector to examine roof replacements on county owned buildings thus eliminating the need for the county to hire one.

The court approved plans for Subdivision Plat, Unit 37, Fort Clark Springs.

The court accepted the county auditor's offer to pay, from her budget for extra help, the DPS secretary position for the first two weeks in January, and then stood firm on not funding the position from January 1, 1995, through the end of the budget year.

EMS Secretary Beatriz Kuhns, who also supervises Indigent Health Care, reported that one patient's medical bills was nearing \$25,000 and the county is liable for 70% of it. With only \$29,000 left in the budget, the county is facing a complete deletion of funds.

Judge Sargeant informed the court that commodities would not be distributed from the Civic Center.

On the advice of County Attorney Tully Shahan, the court declined an arrangement to trade road work in exchange for caliche from a Silver Lake pit. Attorney Shahan read the law section that prohibits the county working on privately owned roads.

Monday, January 16, 1995, J. J. Sandoval proved that the BISD Alternative School is indeed a successful educational opportunity providing a valuable service to the community. At 1:00 p.m. he was joined in the district's board room by family, friends, and school personnel as Board President Jimmy Bader and Superintendent Steve Mills presented him his high school diploma, and he became the first graduate through the program.

J. J. is the son of Dora and Ruben Terrazas and grandson of Joe and Bertha Sandoval.

J.J. did not graduate with his class last year because he lacked total credits. He readily admits he lacked credits because regular attendance and completing his class assignments were not always top priorities with him. Suddenly, this young man realized he needed a high school diploma. Encouraged by his family, especially his grandfather, he recognized and seized the opportunity the alternative school offered. But the decision was his as nothing about enrolling in the program is compulsory.

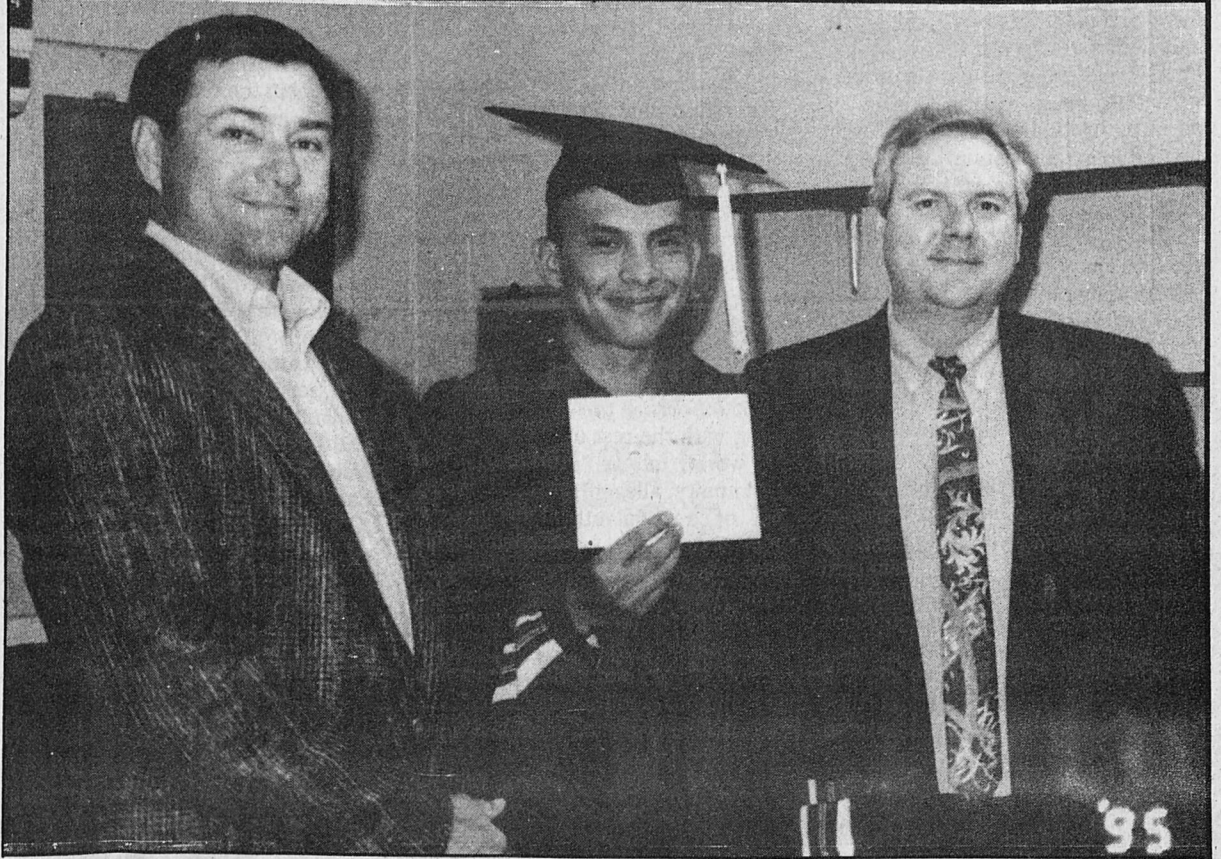
He did enroll in the program on its first day, made completion his goal, became an enthusiastic leader, completed 7 1/2 credits, and qualified for graduation.

J.J.'s comments that he was very proud of being a high school graduate and hoped other young people, who had had attitudes similar to his earlier actions, would seize the opportunity now available and finish school. He added he did not believe he would have come back to a "regular" school to complete his high school education. Very fluently, he emotionally thanked school personnel for helping him reach the goal he set for himself in early September.

High School Principal Don Sims described Sandoval as having been a class leader during the entire semester and that much of the success of the Alternative School, to date, was due to J.J. Sandoval.

Mr. Mills and Mr. Bader echoed Mr. Sims' regard for J.J. and his accomplishment as they presented the diploma. Board secretary Jewel Robinson added her congratulations.

J.J.'s immediate plans include exploring enlistment in a branch of the U.S. military service, an option which would have been denied him without a high school diploma.



J.J. Sandoval, center, is proof that BISD's Alternative School program can change a life as he is presented his high school diploma by BISD

Board President Jimmy Bader, left, and Superintendent Steve Mills, right, Sandoval is the first high school graduate through the program. His diploma was presented to him in front of family and friends Monday afternoon following a luncheon in his honor hosted by Mr. Mills and High School Principal Don Sims.

Sandoval 1st Graduate of Alternative School

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Alternative School is a self-paced program that meets four hours five evenings a week. Students who have failed to meet graduation requirements, in some

cases drop-outs, are eligible to apply for enrollment. Strict attendance and behavior rules are enforced. Certified teachers direct classroom activity under the supervision of ad-

ministrators. One of the least expensive programs of the district, it offers an exciting approach to education, has been well accepted and enrollment has averaged 10.

Though Sandoval is the first graduate through the program, it is expected there will be others before the end of the school year.



After accepting his diploma, J. J. Sandoval is congratulated by his grandparents Bertha and Joe Sandoval, and his mother, Dora Terrazas.

EXIT LEVEL TAAS TEST

During each regular exit level test administration, individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary section(s).

All individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test must also register in advance. This includes students currently enrolled in Texas public high schools as well as individuals who have completed all other high school graduation requirements. The testing dates and times for the TAAS and TEAMS tests are listed in the Test Site Director included in each registration packet.

Registration packets are being distributed to each high school campus, district central office, and regional education service center. If additional packets are needed, please call the Austin Operations Center's toll-free number, 1-800-252-9186.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test, and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office, or education service center. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City no later than 5:00 p.m., February 14, 1995.

The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning the spring exit level test should be directed to BISD Counselor Susan Harrison at 210-563-2491.

Winter In Texas Hypothermia Deaths

Although Texas winters sometimes are "warm," the Texas Department of Health (TDH) warns that deaths resulting from cold weather occur almost yearly in the state.

In 1993, at least nine Texans died of weather-related hypothermia, severe loss of body heat. At least six of them were older than 55.

"While severe or extended cold is dangerous to anyone, some people are more likely to suffer from hypothermia than are others," explained Dr. Diane M. Simpson, TDH Associate Commissioner for Disease Control and Prevention. She said people who are sick, or those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, may lack resistance to low temperatures. Small children are vulnerable because their bodies radiate heat faster than the bodies of adults. The homeless who are unable to find temporary shelter also are at risk.

However, Dr. Simpson said that the elderly are the group most susceptible to hypothermia. A study of death certificates from 1981-1991 showed that 73 of the 111 Texans who died from cold weather conditions during those years were 55 or older.

Several combined factors make cold weather more hazardous as people age. The elderly may not efficiently feel and react to cold, since

the natural reflexes which help us to adapt to cold -- the circulatory system, metabolism rate and the shivering reflex, lessen with age. Also, older low-income people may set their thermostats lower than they should, trying to reduce heating costs. "These tendencies, plus the fact that many of the elderly live alone, have poor mobility or poor health requiring medications, contribute to tragedies every year," Dr. Simpson said.

"We urge everyone to check on their elderly friends and relatives, especially during cold weather. Any symptoms of hypothermia are serious," Dr. Simpson added. Besides confusion and drowsiness, signs of hypothermia may include

intense shivering, slurred speech, falling blood pressure, rigors, shallow breathing, inability to respond to questions, pale skin and irregular heartbeat.

Hypothermia begins when a person's deep body temperature falls below 95 degrees F., less than four degrees below normal. Dr. Simpson warned that even in Texas' temperate climate, people need to pay attention to wind-chill. Wind-chill is a term for the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind-chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, it also can cause frostbite -- actual freezing of tissues. A strong wind, even in moderately cool weather, can cause a wind-chill far below freezing.

LAFB Pilot Howard Stable After T-37 Accident

An Air Force T-37 trainer from Laughlin AFB's 47th Flying Training Wing crashed Tuesday morning (January 17). The pilot, 1st Lt. Christopher Howard, ejected from the aircraft, was spotted about 11 a.m. by a U.S. Border Patrol helicopter approximately 15 miles north of Brackettville.

Howard, assigned to the 85th Flying Training Squadron, was on a routine training mission. He was transported to Laughlin by the Border Patrol and is in stable condition at the Laughlin AFB Hospital. He began specialized undergraduate pilot training in August 1994. He was on his fourth solo in the twin-engine trainer.

A board of officers will investigate the accident. (Release No. 01-04, 47th FTW)

**Don't Miss The
Stock Show
This Week End**

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



This column was a "no-show" last week due to the necessity of this writer to undergo surgery to a damaged left knee. Seems like the older I get the more "parts" have to be repaired or replaced! At any rate my recovery from the surgery has been somewhat uncomfortable (what the heck, it hurts like hell!) but as the old saying goes, "Time heals all injuries." Yea- Believe that and I've got a bridge for sale!

Most of you who read this column with any regularity are aware of my concerns (which have been voiced frequently in this column and elsewhere) related to the continual loss of our basic American rights and freedoms guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and the various state constitutions. Rights and freedoms that are being stripped away and smothered by local, state, and national (federal) laws being passed and enforced by our government(s), often at the urging of various "special interest" groups (environmentalists, animal rights activists, anti-smoking groups, and anti-abortion groups, etc.).

Our basic rights to freedom and to the freedom of choice in the way we conduct and live our private daily lives are being stripped away at an ever increasing rate by the very government(s) which is supposed to protect those rights. The government(s) would have us believe that the loss of those rights and freedoms is in the best interest of the whole, so therefore the individual should not have his or her individual rights and freedoms.

Law enforcement officers are sworn, in short, to serve and protect the citizens and have the duty to further protect their rights under the U.S. and state constitutions.

Honest, compassionate law enforcement officers throughout this country are finding themselves more and more being put into the position of enforcing laws that actually strip away the very rights they are sworn to uphold, and arresting otherwise honest, law-abiding, and hard-working citizens and putting them in jail.

I'm not the only law enforcement officer and American citizen who feels this way and faces that dilemma, there are groups forming throughout this country compiled of free thinking Americans, many of them police officers, who are just as concerned (and actually frightened) as I am about the continued loss of our rights. One such group is comprised totally of police officers and is headquartered in Arizona. They call themselves "Police Against The New World Order," and have published a publication named "Operation Vampire Killer 2000." A close friend of mine and a fellow American who is just as concerned about the current trend of things as I am brought me a copy of the "Vampire Killer" and it is very enlightening and educational (in a frightening way) as to the efforts and reasons of our government and in actuality the governments of the more dominant countries of the world, to bring the United States, along with the rest of the nations of the world, into a "utopian" global community, allegedly under the control of a "philanthropic" United Nations.

That, ladies and gentlemen, means US! We all know that the "people" cannot be "dominated and controlled" so long as they are free and have the right to freedom of

choice in what they say, think, and do.

I am in the process of obtaining permission from the publishers of "Operation Vampire Killer 2000" to reprint excerpts from the publication in the week's to come and will do so if and when that permission has been granted.

In the meantime remember this, "A patriot must always be ready to defend his country from its government."

That's All!

LAFB's Best In 1994

Twelve Laughlin personnel were chosen as best of 1994 at the base's annual awards banquet January 6. The winners were chosen for their contributions to the 47th Flying Training Wing and Laughlin AFB throughout the year.

They are: Airman of the Year - **SrA James Bagley**, 47th Operations Support Squadron; Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - **Ssgt. Kevin Monkman**, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - **MSgt. Robert F. DuFrane**, 47 OSS; Civilian of the Year (Category I) - **Mr. Antonio Saldana**, Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance; Civilian of the Year (Category II) - **Mr. Carlos Perez**, 47th Medical Group; Civilian of the Year (Category III) - **Mr. Thomas J. Marr**, LCSAM; Flight Commander of the Year - **Capt. Thomas O. Morrison**, 47 MDG; Instructor Pilot of the Year - **Capt. Ralph A. DePalma Jr.**, 86th Flying Training Squadron; First Sergeant of the year - **MSgt Dennis J. Miles**, 47th Security Police Squadron; Laughlin Volunteer of the Year - **SrA Stacey A. Fulton**, 87th Flying Training Squadron; and Health and Safety Contributor of the Year - **TSgt. Scott D. Karuse**, 47 CES.



Between Us

By Joe Townsend

Nothing calls forth emotion or compassion like natural disasters. The raging fires in Southern California caused largely by the "Environmentalists" demands for protection for Kangaroo rats was deplorable but pulls forth concern for those who lost their homes and even their lives.

The hurricane that wrought such havoc in Florida and the deep south tugs at our heart strings.

State Sales Tax Report For December

"Strong pre-Christmas sales in November, particularly for consumer electronics, resulted in a 10.1% increase in sales tax rebates over the same period last year," reported State Comptroller John Sharp as he delivered \$135.8 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,075 cities and 111 counties. These payments include taxes collected on November sales and reported to the Comptroller in December. Local sales tax rebates collected on December sales are scheduled to be returned to local cities and counties on February 10.

The pictures was not quite as rosy in Kinney County as the following figures were recorded:

Brackettville, rate 1.000%, \$3,719.91 compared to \$3,727.95 for the same period in 1994 (January) for a decrease of -0.21%.

Kinney County: 0.500% rate, \$2,375.41 compared to \$2,257.27 for an increase of 5.23% over last year.

Kinney County Health Services: 0.500% rate, \$2,381.65 compared to \$2,775.38, a decrease of -14.18%.

U.S. DIAMOND FACTS AND FIGURES

The value of a diamond is not always in its size. In 1987, a .95 carat diamond sold in New York for \$880,000, that's \$926,000 per carat.

Many people think most diamonds in the U.S. were mined in South Africa. Actually, South Africa accounts for less than ten percent of the diamonds mined in the world, while Australia accounts for nearly 40 percent by weight, by far the largest source of diamonds.

The United States imports diamonds from 50 nations. Imports of loose, polished diamonds from Belgium, India and Israel make up 90 percent by value of all U.S. polished diamond imports.

The terrible earthquake in California still brings heart wrenching twinges to our minds over the damage and loss of life.

The recent flood along the Russian River in California and the lower sections produces trauma as we view the devastation on T.V.

And, now, the very terrible earthquake in Japan.

Such events have dotted history from the beginning of time. Until recently people and nations just took it on the chin and dug their way out.

Now, with the shrunken world and enlarged parameters of concern there always comes an outpouring of sympathy and help.

In the floods the rain hardly stops; in earthquakes the ground hardly stops shaking until there are caravans of help on the way. Recently the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and Southern Baptists have

miraculously appeared to feed and assist the victims almost before they realized their loss.

Many organizations and businesses came forth with millions of dollars of help out of the goodness of their hearts. Thousands of people have flocked to disaster areas to assist in the restoration. Millions have poured out their hearts in prayer to our Heavenly Father. If anyone thinks that humanity is decadent and uncaring this all shows they have a problem.

If any group or organization desires to polish its halo and preen its feathers over their actions, it has a real problem.

The fact that so many care so deeply and help so very much shows the compassionate heart of humanity. It's great to be a part of this kind of world.

Big Mama Sez!

Memory tempers prosperity, consoles adversity, cautions youth and delights old age.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Laney Re-Elected As House Speaker

James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, was re-elected as the 71st Speaker of the House of Representatives. Laney pledged to help remove any barriers preventing people from contributing their talents and ideas to the Texas legislative process. "Every person should be able to make their voice heard in this chamber," Laney said.

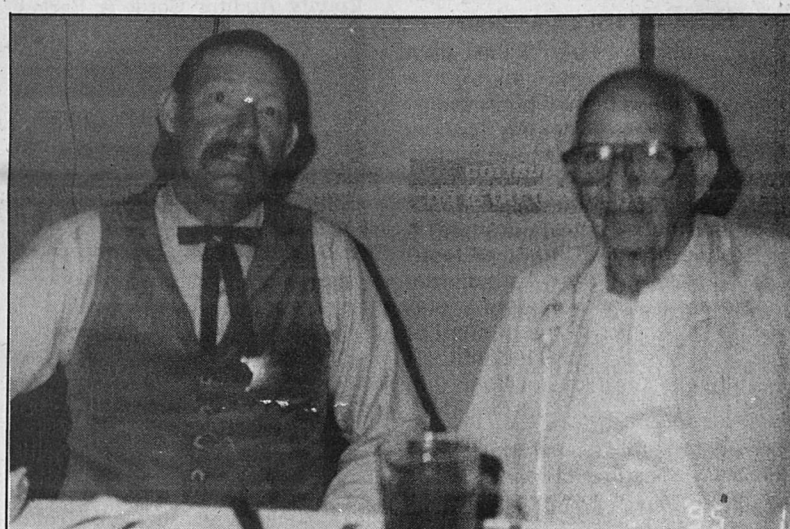
He also noted that any citizen can have computer access to the legislative information systems. From home computers, they will be able to track the progress of legislation. He also plans to request committee hearings on ways to broadcast future House sessions so that all Texans can watch the proceedings of the House.

"I want the people of Texas to be a part of this process more than ever before," Laney said. He also pledged to balance the state budget without increasing state taxes. "We are fortunate to have a strong economy generating state revenues, but the growing demands of education, criminal justice and federally mandated programs will require difficult decisions on all areas of the budget."

Lawmakers also will reassess the entire structure of public education in Texas. "I truly hope this session can be devoted to improving the quality of education in Texas rather than creating yet another school finance plan," Laney said.

He also called for changes in the juvenile justice system. He said we must do a better job of dealing with juvenile offenders and protecting our citizens from violence.

Laney, 51, was first elected speaker in January 1993. A Hale Center farmer, Laney is married to the former Nelda McQuien. They have three children: daughter KaLyn Laney of Austin; daughter Jamey Laney Phillips of Lubbock; and son J. Pete Laney, a Texas Tech University student.



Rotarians Hear Cowboy Poet

Thursday, January 12, Rotarian Joe Townsend, right, program chairman for January, presented Dave Crowe, left, who brought a program of cowboy poetry. Crowe, the "marshall" at Alamo Village relocated

from Waco a couple of years ago. He performs in the "gun-fights," greets visitors, conducts tours, and shares his cowboy poetry most of which is original. He is also available for programs to other community organizations.

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Library Notes



Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we are planning to start a literacy and GED class sometime in March. However, we are ready to begin registrations for anyone who is interested in either one of the classes.

We also want to remind everyone that we have tax forms available for anyone who needs them.

This week we had some wonderful books donated to the library by several individuals. A big thank you to those who donated the books - Margaret Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Garza, and the wonderful couple who donated two boxes of books whose names we did not take down. Some of the authors of these books are Robin Cook, Victoria Holt, Judith Krantz, Barbara Cartland, John Saul, Stephen King and James Clavell.

Mexico Proclaimed Exotic New Book

From beach vendors to folkloric dancers, from snorklers to basket weavers, from sleepy villages to magnificent cities and majestic mountains, the Mexican culture is pulled into a fantastic volume of beauty in the new book *Mexico* by Cliff and Nancy Hollenbeck.

Along with their photography noted author James Michener wrote the foreword and Richard J. Pietschmann added the essay. The 143 pages, with at least one colored picture on each page, tell the story of the vast contrasts of every day life in Mexico. The history, architecture, art, and culture are all featured.

Published by Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company, in Oregon, the book was sent to me complimentary and after marveling at its splendor, I have passed the book on to the Kinney County Public Library hoping many of you will take time to enjoy it.

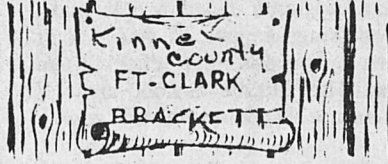
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About 50 percent of the world population is expected to live in cities by the year 2000. In the U.S., that figure will reach 85 percent.

Community Calendar



- Fort Clark Gun Club**, 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
- AI-Anon**: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings.
- Altar Society**: 1st Monday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall.
- BISD School Board**: 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm, School Board Room.
- Beta Sigma Phi**
- R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron** (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 pm
- Preceptor Theta Sigma** (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 pm.
- Laureate Iota Epsilon** (All year) 3rd Monday, 7 pm.
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club**: 2nd Thursday, (Sept-May) 10 am
- Chamber of Commerce**: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cavalry Room.
- City Council, Brackettville**: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6 pm, City Hall.
- City Council, Spofford**: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Spofford City Hall.
- Commissioners Court**: 2nd Monday, 9 am, Court House.
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club**: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, San Felipe Country Club, Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper**: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- Duplicate Bridge**: Tuesday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.
- FCS Art Club**: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 am, meeting 1st Monday, 1 pm, Art Studio.
- FCS Community Council**: 2nd Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors**: 3rd Saturday, 9 am, Board Room.
- FCS Historical Society**: 4th Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall.
- FCS Museum/Sutlers Store**: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 pm.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon**: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservation at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW #8300 & Auxiliary**: 4th Monday, 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7 pm Meetings, Service Club.
- FCS Bingo**: Friday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.
- FCS Old Quarry Society**: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm.
- KC Historical Preservation Society**: 4th Thursday, 7 pm, Court House.
- KC Kickers**: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Service Club.
- Knights of Columbus**: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club**: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Masonic Lodge #444**: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Order of Eastern Star #204**: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.
- Shriners**: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club**: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon**: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations.
- Creative Writing Group**: Fridays, 9:30 am, Golf Club Snack Bar.

Around the Fort



Ladies Exercise
Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Ceramics & Crafts Hours
Monday, 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Mountain Laurel Garden Club

The club held its January meeting at the Adult Center with eighteen members present. After a brief meeting, the by-laws were amended and voted on.

A video was shown by Patsy Callnan on Big Bend flora and fauna. The next meeting will be February 9, 9:45 a.m., at the Adult Center. The program will be "Texas Wild Flowers" by Elizabeth Armijo, Amistad Park and Recreation. Membership is open to anyone interested in garden club activities.

Golf News



Mens League

Wednesday, January 11, 1995

1st, 81.25, Dove, Gaston, Koons, Walker

2nd, 81.50, C.M. Smith, McKelvy, Petaja, Hutton

3rd, tie, 84.75, Ambler, Kurz, Martinez, Hall; J. Garza, McCord, Yates, Herron

Couples League

Thursday, January 12, 1995

1st, 59, Proseus, Ken and Lorna Frost

2nd, 61, Bob and Betty Lee, John and Lorraine Osborn

3rd tie, 62, Charlie Smith-Mary Stephenson, Clem-Pat McKelvy; Roy-Jane Divine, Lee-Eleanor Herron

4th, Tom Beatty-Kelly Dennis, George and Helen Miller

Ladies League

Tuesday, January 10, 1995

Most of any number
1st, Barbara Miller, 10/5s
2nd, Gwen Ladd, 8/4s
3rd, Kay Roberts, Luella Gilliland, Marge Maderich, Teresa Stephens, Norma Reivitt, 8/5s
4th, Jean Petaja, Marian Hamill, 8/6s

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
1994
Betty Lee, 157

Epsilon Iota Chapter

Epsilon Iota, Beta Sigma Phi, met Monday night, January 16, 1995, at the Adult Center with Gloria Boroughs as hostess. After the opening ritual, a short business meeting was held.

Walela Gum was chosen as Valentine Sweetheart and she will be honored at a dinner at Fort Clark Restaurant February 13.

After a discussion on Service Funds, the June convention in San Antonio was discussed.

A breakfast was planned at the church for those clearing the highway on February 4.

The program was brought by Gloria Borough on Wildflowers in Montana.

Following the closing ritual, refreshments were served by the hostess to Mabel Parham, Hawkins Huey, Oleta Townsend, Betty Schlatterer, Orlean Riley, Mildred Borden, and Gloria Borough.

Preceptor Theta

The Preceptor Theta Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met January 16 in the home of Mylo Unrah. After members arrived, Mylo served delicious refreshments of Pecan Torte and a gelatine desert topped with strawberries and whipped topping. Coffee and tea were served.

President Dee Gaston called the business meeting to order and asked Vicki Bell to lead the opening ritual. Committee reports were called for and plans for helping with the Livestock Show were discussed. Volunteers chose the time and day they could help.

Mylo presented the program on "Life, Learning, and Friendship," and invited members to participate in the discussion.

Those present were Bobbie Waddill, Dee Gaston, Pat McKelvy, Nancy Frerich, Betty Gaither, Marge Geeze, Doraline Keller, Vickie Bell, Betty Inman, Jean Land, Jana Ring, Lou Green, Gaye Kurz, and Luella Gilliland. Marge Geeze was the Hostess Gift.

Beta Epsilon Omicron

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had its regular meeting Monday evening, January 9, 1995. President Flo Stafford called the meeting to order and the roll call revealed only one member absent. Dee Curry read the minutes which were approved and Treasurer Evelyn Whitely reported a bank balance of \$594.32.

Vice President Lynn McNew and Ex-president Pat Callnan led the Pledge Ritual. Four new pledges received membership: Cathy Conrey, Hazel Ivey, Marge Maderich, and Helen Peck. Beta Sigma Phi's promise is to be kind, helpful, and friendly to all mankind.

After the closing ritual, President Stafford started the business meeting with the secret balloting of the Sweetheart of the Year. Lynn McNew reported the tentative date for pledge training was February 11.

The Kinney County Livestock and Project Show is January 20. All entries must be available for judging Thursday, January 19.

Pam Melancon is planning the Valentine Party for Tuesday, February 14. The regular meeting of Monday, February 13, will be called off because of the Valentine Party the next day.

Helen Lynch volunteered to host the February 27 meeting as the scheduled hostess, Mary Ellen Jensen, will be leaving Fort Clark before then.

A committee was appointed to plan the Founder's Day Banquet. A tea for the senior girls and their mothers will be held Sunday afternoon, May 21.

Lynn McNew, who is also president of the Lions Club, reported that the Community Christmas Basket Project provided food for 100 families and toys for 110 children. Ester Roller, Lion chairman, sent a thank you note to the club for its participation. Hostess Pam Melancon served a rich, moist pound cake to attending members: Pat Callnan, Ruby Cheaney, Opal Groce, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller, Lynn McNew, Sue Sims, Flo Stafford, Evelyn Whitely, Dee Curry, Cathy Conrey, Hazel Ivey, Marge Maderich, Helen Peck, Francine Collins, Betty Gibbs, Mary Ellen Jensen, and Helen Lynch.

Chamber Soloists Of Austin Scheduled For Paul Poag Theatre

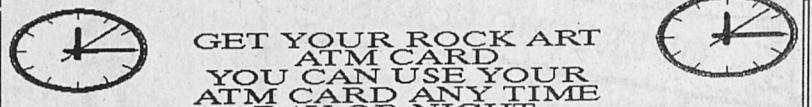
Val Verde Friend of the Arts is presenting the Chamber Soloists of Austin Tuesday, January 24, at the Paul Poag Theatre in a program of 18th, 19th, and 20th century music, scored for violin, viola, cello, flute and piano. The internationally acclaimed performers, most of them from the Austin Symphony, were chosen to perform at Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center during the 1991 Texas Festival Concert and in 1992 they were selected Artistic Ambassadors to South America where they played to full houses in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

1995 represents the 11th year Val Verde Friends of the Arts has been providing the border area with fine, classical music with partial funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Del Rio Community Foundation, and the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District.

As in past years, a student concert will be held in the Paul Poag Theatre, Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. for music students from the 4th grade up. Music teachers are provided with advance instructional material for their students.

The Chamber Soloists' concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with tickets available at As Always Simply Beautiful, Del Tex RV Center, The Emporium and May's Hallmark, or at the box office at 6:30 p.m. the evening of the performance, adults \$6.00, students 18 and under \$3.00. For additional information call 210-774-4315 or 210-774-2296.

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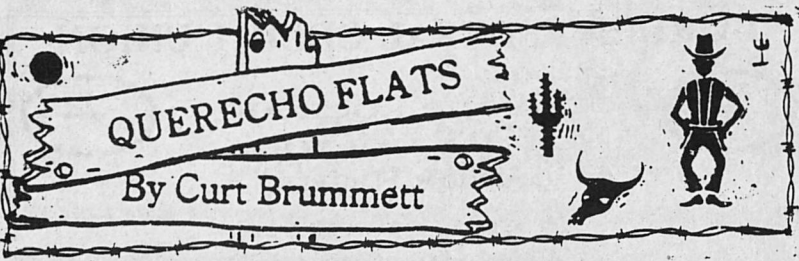
—Plutarch

Answers to Super Crossword

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FLUTE	AVE	TACIT	DELAY
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ESSE	MISTY	LCID	LOATH
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ADORED	SKYE	GAFS	TECH
MITNER	KIMS	OTISE	AUGH

—HORSE

YARD



Independents Are Us

Well, gentle readers, we had our emergency meeting of the "Independents Are Us" political party down at the Bull Barn Bar-B-Que and Dance Palace. Garlan, Karl, Juan, me, and old Arlo was sucking on our 2nd or 8th beer and had just about figured out our next plan of attack against the political machine that seemed to be attacking us, when it happened.

Yep, I was surprised that the ceiling didn't fall in on all of us.

Some of Kortman County's "God Chosen Few" walked in the door.

We figured that things was getting serious simply because the chosen ones never went into a public drinking place that was any closer than Almgordo or Lubbock.

This had to be serious.

B.B., Buckshot, Boo-Boo, Hortense, Virginia Cities, and old A.S.S. (Alice Sara Swifalker) came in, set down, ordered Tequila and got down to some serious discussion.

About the time old A.S.S. started complaining about how the Judge was not a true believer in the rights of women, in came old Marthalean (Karl's not so little woman).

Garlan told Karl that he needed to do something about that traitor of a wife. Karl took it personal.

Juan got 'em shut down before fists started flying by telling 'em that we didn't have time to fight amongst ourselves, we needed to stay together and plot against the "Chosen Ones". Made sense to me.

I was fixing to tell 'em to get another presidential candidate. I mean this all started out as a joke or so I thought. And now I had been arrested for fighting off heat seeking onions and disturbing the peace. But seeing the "Chosen Few" plotting against us just kinda made up my mind for me.

Yep, I'm officially running.

Old Arlo mentioned that we needed to get some kind of plan that we could throw into action in case we needed to defend ourselves again.

Garlan mentioned that we needed to try and raise enough money to get some radio and television time.

Karl mentioned that we needed a lawyer to be on our side.

Juan mentioned that we needed to get Marthalean drunk and find out what the hell they were planning.

I mentioned we was out of beer again.

It was about midnight when the "Chosen Ones" headed out and we coned old Karl into going over and getting Marthalean to come set with us.

Marthalean was blitzed. Something you need to know about Marthalean. Until that night, no one in Kortman County had ever seen Marthalean take a drink.

Several outside of Kortman County had seen her drink horse tanks full of the bubbly. I had personally seen her out drink some airmen from the base at Almgordo and when she gets blitzed, folks it ain't a pretty sight.

Most people have a couple of different personalities when they drink. Depending on the mood they are in when they start drinking.

Old Marthalean only has two, irritable and damn mean.

We convinced her that we were giving up on this political race simply because we were lacking in funds, and voter support.

Marthalean got semi-irritable and told us it was a good thing we had come to our senses because Hortense and Virginia Cities had come up with a plan to make us quit or get thrown in jail every time we tried to hold a campaign rally.

Something else you need to know about Marthalean, she's prone to talk whether she's drinking or not.

Yep, the plan old Virginia Cities and Hortense had come up with was pretty simple. They would dig up any and everything that could be found about our pasts and backmail us into quitting, or Virginia Cities would get an ordinance passed prohibiting any unregistered political parties from holding any kind of meetings without a permit. Of course a permit would take six months to a year and a half to clear. Because of the time it would take to make a background check on the party its self as well as the members.

Juan led the poor old dumb thing on by saying they must really be scared of us.

Marthalean's next statement just made us more committed than we ever thought we would be to our cause.

"You stupid cowboys don't even know how much support you have. If it hadn't 'ave been for Virginia telling everyone the rally was cancelled you would 'ave had about 800 people just from Kortman County alone. She even told that goofy television lady from that big station in Albuquerque that at the last minute you idiots took what little campaign contributions you had and bought booze with it."

Of course, you gentle readers know, this means war!

Moncus' Musings

 Park Ranger, Interpreter
 Bastrop State Park

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POSTMASTER'S COLUMN
 BY **FELIX HERNANDEZ**

Postal Sleuths Are On The Job For You

Did you know the Postal Service has a team of "mail detectives" making sure your mail is delivered?

When a letter is undeliverable as addressed or has an incorrect address, postal "Nixie" clerks go to work to find out where to send it.

Nixie clerks work behind the scenes to determine where a letter or package should go when it is not addressed properly. To effectively perform this task, they need to be handwriting analysts, researchers, memory experts, and above all, have a strong sense of intuition.

The challenges nixie clerks face can be formidable. For instance, a nixie clerk will look at a typewriter keyboard when GOTDY DYTRRY is typed on an envelope and figure out the typist's hands moved one key too far to the right and hit the wrong keys. The correct keys type out FIRST STREET.

Nixie clerks also look up incomplete addresses. There are millions of success stories nixie clerks can tell regarding the delivery of letters with addresses such as "Grandma, on the corner of Lincoln Street, Des Moines."

No one knows for sure how the term "nixie" got started, but it probably came from the slang term "nix" that stems from the German word "nichts," meaning "nothing." Perhaps it originated when an early postal employee labeled a box of undeliverable mail with the word "nixies."

To ensure that your letters avoid the nixie clerks, always type or clearly print the full address, including the name, street number

with box number, apartment or suite number, city, state, and full Zip Code on every envelope you mail.

Don't forget to put your return address in the upper right-hand corner. Then if your letter is undeliverable for any reason, the Postal Service will be able to return it to you.

Another group of postal sleuths, the Claims and Inquiry clerks, tries to determine where items belong that are placed in collection boxes by mistake or tumble out of incorrectly prepared parcels.

Occasionally, people try to mail all kinds of odd objects in regular envelopes: keys, jewelry, pens, and other small objects. These items often are forced out of their envelopes while being processed on automated or mechanized equipment. When this occurs a claims and inquiry clerk tries to reconstruct the envelope and its contents.

To avoid this happening to your mail, always put such objects in proper containers, such as boxes or padded envelopes. Pack them carefully along with a slip of paper with the mailing address, in case the contents get separated from the packaging. Before mailing film canisters off for processing, tape an address label to the canister. If the envelope breaks, the film can be returned to you.

Sleuths and detectives are on the job helping to get your mail delivered, but they would prefer to be out of the secret agent business. You can help by preparing your mail correctly before you mail it, avoiding possible damage and service delays.

Brackett High School Basketball

Tigerettes Top Lady Mustangs

J.J. Guidry
 Brackett used a powerful inside game along with a quick transition game to claim a 65-30 victory over the Natalia Lady Mustangs Tuesday, January 10.

The Tigerettes muscled the ball inside to posts Lolly Hernandez and Amanda Meek who led Brackett with 18 and 15 points respectively.

Brackett took its biggest lead of the contest at 61-22 with 3:29 left on a base-line jumper by Courtney Harrison.

Sophomore guard Sandra Hernandez sank a pair of jumpers in the 1st minute of the period to give Brackett a 50-18 lead going into the final stanza. Hernandez came off the bench to finish with a season-high 14 points, including two three-pointers.

The Tigerettes were up 14-8 after the first period, but broke the game open with an 18-2 run. Chica Garza, who finished with six points, capped the spurt with a three-pointer to give Brackett a 32-10 advantage with 2:38 remaining in the first half. Garza saw extensive playing time at the point guard position for the Tigerettes after starter Jennifer Terrazas fouled out at the 4:16 mark in the third period.

Brackett outscored Natalia 12-8 on points off of turnovers. The Tigerettes had 10 transition points in the first half.

Brackett Beats Lytle 59-51

By J.J. Guidry

The Tigerettes picked up a key District 29-2A victory Friday, January 13, topping conference Lytle 59-51.

The Tigerettes improved to 4-0 in district and 13-7 on the season.

The two teams combined for 71 free throws in the contest. The Tigerettes were 19 of 42 and the Lady Pirates were 14 of 29 from the charity stripe.

Brackett forward Amanda Meek and Lytle guards Kenal Young and Tammie Tillie all fouled out in the final stanza.

The Tigerettes took their biggest lead of the game at 43-30 at the 4:00 mark in the third quarter when Denice Frerich found Lolly Hernandez open down low for an easy bucket. The Tigerettes went up by 13 again, later in the period, at 48-35 with 1:11 left as Frerich dished off to Jennifer Terrazas on a fast break.

Hernandez was Brackett's leading scorer with 17 points while Meek scored 16 and Terrazas had 12. The Tigerettes took an early lead at 7-2 early in the game when Frerich hit a jumper off the glass. Courtney Harrison quickly followed with a base-line jumper which gave the Tigerettes a 15-13 advantage at the end of the first quarter. The Tigerettes went on an 11-4 run in the second quarter to take a 29-21 lead, but the Lady Pirates stayed close and only trailed 34-29 at half-time.

Tigers Hold Off Pirates Rally

J.J. Guidry

The Tigers jumped out to a 21-7 first half lead and never looked back, topping the Lytle Pirates 52-49 Friday night, January 13. With the victory, the Tigers are 2-1 in conference play and 9-6 on the season.

"We didn't play very well from the free-throw line.

Brackett took its biggest lead of the contest at 43-29 on a reverse lay-up by sophomore guard Ramon DeLeon at the 4:48 mark in the fourth quarter. But Lytle refused to let the game get too far out of reach scoring nine straight points to pull within five at 43-38 with 3:27 remaining when they recovered their own rebound and scored two points.

Brackett extended the three-point lead to nine going into the final period as DeLeon scored two lay-ups in a seven-second span.

DeLeon finished with a game-high 18 points. Ruben Terrazas scored 10 and Wil Shahan and Patrick Melancon both had seven.

"The real key to the game were the three guys underneath, Shahan, Hooker, and Terrazas, controlling the boards," said Coach Gary Grubbs.

Lytle made only 6 of 18 free throws in the first half while Brackett sank 11 of 25.

Note from J.J.:

I had the opportunity to cover a few of Brackett's games last week and thought you would enjoy these stories. Feel free to use them if you want to. I hope everything is well in Brackettville. Take care. /s/J.J.

Thanks, J.J., for your fax. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

County Agent News
 by Alan L. McWilliams

The 40th annual Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show is fast approaching. This year's show will be held at the Kinney County Civic Center January 20th and 21st. There will be approximately 265 entries

and 65 exhibitors. The adult and youth project and craft show typically has about 175 entries participating. This year's schedule will be as follows:

Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1995	
8:00 - Noon	Weigh-in of all animals
8:00 a.m.	Project Show
1:00 p.m.	Angora Goat Classes
2:30 p.m.	Meat Goat Classes
4:00 p.m.	Market Steer Class
4:30 p.m.	Rabbit Classes
6:00 p.m.	Market Pig Classes
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1995	
8:30 a.m.	Market Lamb Classes
10:30 a.m.	Commercial Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes
11:30 a.m.	Buyers' Bar-B-Q Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Stock Show Awards Presentations
2:00 p.m.	Junior Stock Show Premium Sale

Everyone in the community is welcome to come out and enjoy the activities. This is the single most important event to some of our 4-H and FFA members.

The noon meal on Friday will be hamburgers served by the BISD coaching staff and Saturday's noon meal will be catered by Haby's Bar-B-Que of Uvalde. You may purchase tickets in advance for the bar-

b-que which will be \$6.00 per plate from 4-H and FFA members.

Proceeds will go towards stock show awards and member's project work.

Making A Difference
 By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
 BISD Curriculum Director

Good People Make Good Things Happen

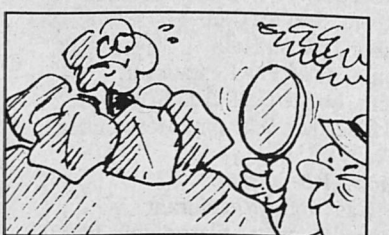
I believe that good people make good things happen! Sounds simple enough. The premise is that good can and will happen if you find the right people. This week, I want to look at some of the positive things that I see happening. While looking at the results, it is inevitable that we look at the folks that made them happen! Here we go.

1. BHS Basketball. Our teams are doing well. Lots of school boys and girls are playing roundball. Nice to see a gym full of participants. The girls were undefeated in district the last time I checked. The boys and girls had a great win this last week over Lytle. The practices are well organized where you can see lots of effort and the players are in shape. You just can't compete in a sport if kids aren't in good physical shape. Good things are happening in basketball. We may not win all the games, but we are competitive. When BHS takes the court, others are going to have to play well in order to compete. That's all that you can ask of public school teams. Our teams give it all that they have. They stay in shape. They play as a team. They serve as a good example for those that are younger. We have a good spirit about the teams. Lots of credit to our head coaches, Nowlin and Grubbs, and to their upbeat assistants. Good people make good things happen. If you haven't seen our teams play, check them out. The Middle School and JV teams are also doing well this year.

2. School custodians and maintenance staff. Buildings at school are clean and well maintained. Rest rooms and water fountains are clean. The yards are picked up and reflect the worker's and community's pride. I like what I see here. These folks are also upbeat and enthusiastic about their work. Credit a great custodial and maintenance staff for a job well done.

3. Cafeteria. The meals are good and the participation in the school lunch and breakfast programs is super. The lunches served to the staff on staff development days in early January were classy meals. This operation is a good one. Food is well prepared, and a computerized accounting system has been implemented. Credit June Kaminski and a fine staff of co-workers here.

4. School secretaries. They try to make things happen. There's too much to do, but it has to be done...SO, THEY DO IT. We have an excellent support staff of secretaries who get in there and do the job. Papers increase about 5 fold every year, but somehow the work



Stone plants of South Africa have leaves that look like the stones among which the plants grow.

gets done. Good people making good things happen.

5. School Board. A really tough job representing our community which is made up of so many diverse views. These folks oversee the school program. They are responsible to the school patrons for providing a quality school system. They're all different; yet, after they have had their say, somehow, they come together and arrive at a decision. They vote as individuals. After the vote, it becomes a board decision. Take a look at the improvement in school facilities in the last three or four years as an example. They're doing a good job for you folks. Lots of hours with no pay. Good people making good things happen.

6. Alternative School Staff and Students. J.J. Sandoval (Jay) became the first graduate that our alternative school EVER HAS HAD this week. In a quiet ceremony in the Board Room, Sandoval in cap and gown, received his diploma to the delight of his family and friends. The teachers and Principal Don Sims deserve much credit for making this happen. It's a good program for our kids in Brackettville. Making things happen right!

7. School Faculty. It's a good one that is working hard to make things happen for our kids. Our curriculum is going to be one of the best in the country when we complete the plans that have been made. Our faculty has developed a view that includes seeing connections beyond the classroom to the classroom across the hall, to the grade level above and below and especially to a real world outside of our school. We're trying. We have a good team of faculty members. Good things are happening.

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE
 Superintendent Steve Mills -- completed the Board's evaluation cycle and will continue to serve in his present capacity for the next two years.

Susan and Sonny Harrison -- always seeking ways to make our school better. Nice job with the weight equipment from Sanderson railroad folks. We need to also thank these railroad folks, many of whom will soon be moving to our community.

Michael Partlow -- recently named as an Eagle Scout. A senior, Michael, credits his dad for helping him reach this plateau. I credit Michael for achieving something that will make a difference in his life. More later.

Do you agree that good people make good things happen? I've stated my case. A corollary to this statement is "When you look for good, you're going to find it!" Let's all continue to work for good things as we team to build community in Brackettville and Kinney County. Have a good week!

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR KIDS IN THE STOCK SHOW THIS WEEKEND!

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Many opportunities are opening up for all of us to add to our knowledge and perhaps add to our incomes. The high school now has evening classes available. If you are interested in computer training and other courses, call 563-2001 for detailed information.

Perhaps you are ready to learn to speak Spanish. It is more fun to eat and shop in Mexico if you can understand even very few Spanish words. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be bi-lingual? Gene Graham is teaching a course in Conversational Spanish at Fort Clark Springs. If you'd like more information for times and days call 563-2024.

Now that Christmas decorations and trees are packed away for another year, do you miss all the greenery. Wouldn't a few potted plants add to the decor in your kitchen and living room? There are many plants that enhance the appearance of your home and even clean the air you breathe. Check with the nursery to make your selections. The Aloe Cactus is handy to have in the kitchen to rub on burns. The corn plants grows happily in very little light. And even someone with a "purple thumb" can grow Pathos. Green plants do add a lot to a home. Try it.

If you don't wish to drive to San Antonio or even to Del Rio (and other places) the Kerrville Bus Line is ready to take you there in safety and comfort. The bus station is located in Pico's on Highway 90 across from the springs at FCS. There is even a discount fare for senior citizens. You arrive in downtown San Antonio within a short stroll to the River Walk, the Alamo, the Menger Hotel and city tour transportation. You will have easy bus access to the missions, the Mercado, Botanical Gardens, Witte Museum, Sunken Gardens, Zoo and on and on.

Just check at the Tourist Center across from the Alamo.

Remember the Junior Livestock Show and Project Fair this coming week end (January 20 and 21). Get your entries in. Get your appetite whetted for the BBQ Saturday noon. The stock show is an integral part of Western life - don't miss it. It is a learning process for all Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members. Do come down to support our young people.

KINNEY COUNTY IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. Airlines: What country serves as home base for Varig Airlines?
2. Music: In what song is someone "calling you-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo"?
3. Quotes: Who said, "He was a very valiant man that first adventured on eating oysters"?
4. Non-Fiction: Who wrote "Helter Skelter," about the Charles Manson murders?
5. Museums: What museum in London features a Chamber of Horrors?
6. Movie History: What fictional police force was created by Mack Sennett?
7. Presidential Races: Who won the Oregon Democratic primary in 1968?
8. Nutritionally Speaking: Which vitamin complex includes thiamine, niacin and riboflavin?

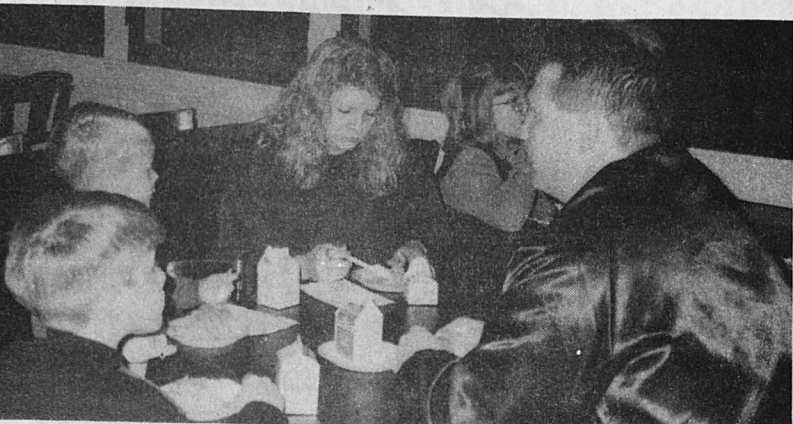
TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

1. Brazil; 2. "Indian Love Call"; 3. King James I of England; 4. King James I of England; 5. Madame Tussaud's; 6. English; 7. Eugene McCarthy; 8. Vitamin B

Honor Roll-Perfect Attendance 3rd 6 Weeks



Mary Petrosky, Don Sims, and Steve Mills pause in their duties as hosts for the Honor Roll Breakfast Tuesday morning. They along with other faculty members honored 186 students who achieved the Honor Roll for the third six weeks reporting period.



One of the many families who breakfasted together at the Service Club recognizing student academic excellence.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
THIRD SIX WEEKS

Ramos, Joaquin Rivas, Amanda Rosas, Priscilla Sanchez, Abel Talamantes, Justin Ward

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Isaac Benites, Kevin Bonner, Marco Duran, Maria Juarez, Janice Partlow, Eduardo Pena

KINDERGARTEN

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Sea World Scheduling Auditions For 1995

Sea World of Texas is searching for talented individuals to fill positions in the San Antonio marine life park's Entertainment Department in 1995.

In preparation for its eighth season which kicks off March 11, Sea World will hold auditions on Saturday, January 28, for costumed character dancers, strolling costumed characters and street performers. Sea World also will interview applicants for "non-performer" positions such as audio operators, studio engineer (audio) and special event/concert productions coordinator.

All auditions and interviews will take place at Sea World on January 28 only, beginning at 9:00 a.m. However, costumed character applicants are to report for auditions at 1 p.m. and will be expected to try on a costume and do some basic movements and dance steps.

All applicants must arrive for registration at Sea World's employee parking lot at least 30 minutes prior to audition time. Those under age 18 must complete a Sea World consent form signed by a parent or guardian before auditioning.

For more information on performer auditions, call 210-523-3312.

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January 1995

20 Friday
5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB LAPRYOR T
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STOCKSHOW
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21 Saturday
5:00pm HSBB JVG/JV BRACKETT JV
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22 Sunday
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23 Monday
5:00pm JHBB B/G ASHERTON T

24 Tuesday
5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB DILLEY H

25 Wednesday
PAYDATE

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1) Printed Menu; 2) Cereal, Toast, Fruit or Juice; 3) Two Toasts, Fruit or Juice.

MONDAY

Cheese Toast

Fruit or Fruit Juice

TUESDAY

Blueberry Flapsticks

Fruit or Fruit Juice

WEDNESDAY

French Toast

Fruit or Fruit Juice

THURSDAY

Banana Nut Muffins

Fruit or Fruit Juice

FRIDAY

Sweet Roll

Fruit or Fruit Juice

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January 23 - 27

MONDAY

Chili Cheese Dog
Potato Rounds - Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Country Fried Steak/White Gravy
Whipped Potatoes - Choice of Veg.

WEDNESDAY

Hamburger - Burger Salad
French Fries

THURSDAY

Tacos/Cheese - Taco Salad
Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans

FRIDAY

Fruit Crisp

FRIDAY

Macaroni w/Ham & Cheese
Choice of Veg.
Fruit Crisp - Roll

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Carriage Dray Race Stake
Cavalry Gaited Riding War
Coach Pack Pole Saddle Work
Draft Pole Saw

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Culmination
5 Request an encore
9 Black, to Browning
13 Smacked, in Scripture
18 Cut short
19 Hawaiian seaport
20 Theater section
21 Col. Hogan's home
22 Mail must
23 Like — of bricks
24 Regarding
25 Matador
26 Start of a quip by Steven Wright
30 When the French fry
31 Genealogy diagram
32 Pack the freight
33 Central American state
37 Mai —
38 Mutton
41 Bait the bully
45 Severe or idle

46 TV host
48 Courgette
50 "6 Rms. — Vu"
51 Fortifies with fleecy
53 Aviator Post
55 Samovar
56 Expiate
58 Permit
59 "Might be!"
61 — Bator
63 Word before bureau or union
64 Novelist
65 Considerate
67 Least typical
68 Part 2 of quip
73 Part 3 of quip
75 Pericles' home
76 Bad bloke
78 Jack or jenny
79 Hunt and gather
80 "East of Eden"
81 Clean a counter
82 Canary or cat
85 Galway's instrument
86 Salute for Caesar

87 Implied
90 Hold up
92 Law deg.
93 Asleep on the job
96 — acid (nutrient)
98 MTV staple
99 Philosopher's existence
101 Johnny Mathis tune
102 Digital watch initials
103 Recoll from trademark
105 Time for a sandwich
107 Bismarck's st. "Für —"
109 Swell place?
110 End of quip
118 Standing
119 Weasel relative
120 Opportunity
121 Pivot
123 Put on a pedestal
124 — terrier
125 Louts
126 Part of M.I.T.
127 He gets down to work

128 Fields and Basinger
129 French river
130 — Breaky Heart

DOWN
1 Pretend
2 He won't speak
3 Wool without caws
4 Piece of a squirrel
5 Talk like a squirrel
6 Willow
7 Burn remedy
8 Billy Ray Cyrus
9 Bothered
12 Require
13 Put up with
14 Scratched the surface
15 Designer Cassini
16 Grocer's measure
17 Identity
21 Moves like Sylvester
27 Pince—
28 Great Eos
29 Discover
33 Class ring?
34 Octavio's neighbor

35 Navel store?
36 Pushcart purchase
37 Relief initials?
39 It's in the doldrums
40 Place for a pot
42 Carved a canyon
43 Wrap up
44 Mrs. Mimieux
47 Adial
49 Stevenson
52 Caulfield's grease creator
54 Actor Brynner
57 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
60 Drift
62 Way to pass the time?
63 Like autumn weather
65 Least affluent
66 Informed
68 Syrup site
69 Coral
70 outcrops
71 Coercion
72 Country singer Randy
74 Hall of Hispaniola
77 Cable TV channel

81 Unrestrained
82 Secret scheme
83 Apiece
84 Little guy
86 Acid type
88 Black piano key
89 Crested parrot
91 Epoch
94 Hammed up
95 Thesaurus
97 Use elbow
100 Guarantee
104 Galley feature
106 Aquatic mammal
108 Fists: slang
109 Hangs ten
110 Champions of the Force
111 Knowledgeable
112 Siberian city
113 Singer Dee
114 — d'Orsay
115 "Later!" in Liverpool
116 Small businessman?
117 Loaded
118 Sheepish fellow?
122 Missing some money

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Private talks relate to business interests. You'll have extra incentive to reach your goals, but be patient if you encounter a few obstacles on your road to success. Your perseverance will pay off in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
New insights will come from a new study you take up now. A talk with friends from afar could lead to you making plans to visit. The weekend is favored for accenting social interests.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You'll gain a fresh perspective toward investment interests this week. Couples will be in agreement when making decisions involving the use of joint funds. Be willing to compromise.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You'll get good advice this week regarding a contractual concern. Partners work well together now as a team. Future plans may include an exciting trip. Emphasize togetherness this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Your powers of concentration are excellent this week, and you'll be applying them to a work project. Once you get started, it will be hard for you to stop and you're likely to put in some long hours. However, progress is assured.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You'll be in an adventurous mood this week and will seek exciting, refreshing ways to spend your time. Couples are happily on the same wavelength, and singles will meet with new attractions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You'll find home a conducive atmosphere in which to get a lot of work accomplished this week. Very few distractions help. Home hunters get valuable leads. Home entertaining is a plus this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
It's an exciting time for those in creative fields and for those who travel. Thinking is razor-sharp this week and new ideas are abundant. Going out and socializing results in fun times this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
It's a good week to meet with real estate agents. A new understanding is reached with a family member who has been craving your attention. New moneymaking

ing ideas are on target. Shopping is favored this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You're especially effective at communicating your ideas this week. A new sense of self-worth is evident in all you do. However, before going off with guns blazing, be sure of your goals and then go after them.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Those who are in the research field will have a very rewarding week. The pieces of a puzzle fall into place nicely. You could visit a shut-in or contribute your time to a worthy humanitarian endeavor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You'll form friendships this week with unusual and talented people who will be of use to you in the future. You could decide to host a party or take a more active role in a group activity this weekend.

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Jan. 20 Juan Reyes
Jan. 20 David Seargeant, Jr.
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Jan. 21 Andy Perez
Jan. 22 Avain Pacheco
Jan. 22 Samantha Smith
Jan. 23 Mary Louise Veltman
Jan. 23 Candy Tyler
Jan. 24 Fern Dyer
Jan. 24 Jimmy Bader



"It is rather unusual. His best man is her ex-husband and her matron of honor is his ex-wife."

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirts are added. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Bird is missing. 4. Handle is longer. 5. Pan is smaller. 6. Cap is removed.

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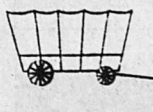
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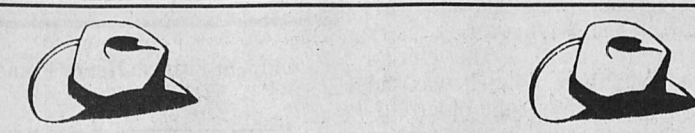
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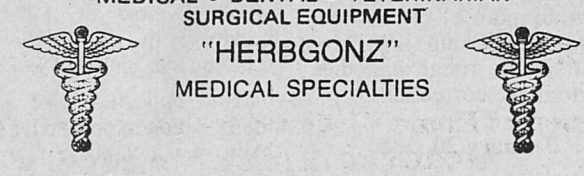


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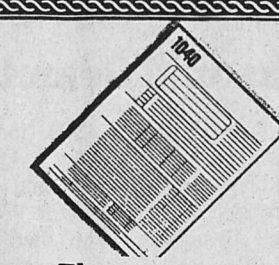


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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years. The Fort Clark period of these diaries and Lt French's letters home from Fort Clark are being shared with the Fort Clark Historical Society by Lt French's granddaughter, Mrs. Lyn Beliveau of Jericho, Vermont, who visited Fort Clark last February with an Elderhostel.

The diaries and letters are an intriguing window to late 19th century Army life at Fort Clark and to the American experience of the Victorian Era. You will find Lt French to be a caring and sensitive man who, like us all, has opinions on people and politics. He is a bachelor and immersed in the "society" of Fort Clark. However, always in the background is his profession of being a soldier and an officer, which he takes quite seriously. This is his diary.

Friday, January 19, 1883

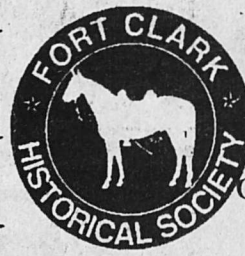
A real cold norther struck camp during the night and made the air decidedly cool by morning. Went out to look at a mound built by Aztecs or ancient Indian tribes near Mayer's Springs. Nason was very much interested and tried to dig a little. But the cold soon chilled our ardor. Saw "sure-enough" ice today in the pools near Mayer's Springs. Wrote a letter to Father, but forgot to send it to the railroad when our guests left at 3 o'clock, and it was too cold to send Luce with it. Am very sorry because it contained the notes for my insurance and these are now overdue. Hope it won't make any trouble. Nason & Simonds left on train up this evening. Sorry to see them go and hope they will return soon. Simonds is a mason, hence all the more welcome to the Doctor & myself. Practiced today and in the evening wrote more of my account of the quarantine Camp. Will try to finish it in the rough and then rewrite it to make corrections.

Saturday, January 20, 1883

Quite cold all day but seemed to grow warmer towards evening. Spent the day in camp writing letters and practicing. I have practiced faithfully all week. If I keep this up, I hope to be able to sing sometime. I wish I could have a good teacher. Wrote a letter home this evening and one to Crowder about those confounded accounts of the Post Fund. Also wrote to Friedlander for a \$5 check on San Antonio and shall send this to Crowder to make good the amount the Post Fund lost.

Sunday, January 21, 1883

Moderated very much, although ice formed during the night. This morning rode Harvey over to the station taking Luce with me. Smith the section boss, said that that poor Chinaman was dead and was to be



FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French Old Fort Clark Guardhouse Museum

Courtesy of Bill Haenn
Curator, Guardhouse Museum

buried that day; so I stayed to see the ceremony. He was laid out on the floor in the tent where he died with each hand full of cooked rice. The coffin was made of rough pieces of board, a regular box and poorly made at that. The grave was dug some distance from the section house. The site was selected by Smith, and the direction of the grave by one of the Chinamen throwing a pick behind him. When the grave was prepared, the body was lifted into the coffin, the four men raising it having cloths over their hands so as to prevent touching the body. After adjusting the lid, the coffin was raised on two blocks, & at the characterfoot on a block were placed bowls of cooked rice & of tea and a piece of cooked pork; and in some cans filled with earth were stuck some "josh-sticks" burning. Some paper was also set on fire. Then several of the men picked up burning "josh-sticks" and bowed several times toward the coffin. Then putting the sticks back into the cans, bowed again two or three times; two of them kneeling and touching the ground with their foreheads. Two cans were then filled with the eatables and chop sticks put into each, and then everything was ready for the burial. The coffin was tied to two cross sticks, and four men raising these sticks on their shoulders carried it to the grave, one man coming behind and scattering pieces of paper, to keep away the Devil I suppose. At the grave nothing occurred except putting the cans with the provisions into the grave. A piece of paper with some of their curious characters was pasted above the door of their sleeping room to drive away the dead man's spirit as one of them told me. Luce noticed one thing which was well worthy of notice but which escaped me. In all the ceremony with the coffin at the house, the men bowed toward the ground as if to drive away some evil spirits which would naturally come from below. There was no looking upward to ask for consolation and protection from on high. The men went through all these ceremonies in a most nonchalant manner, some of them smoking most of the time. In bowing at the coffin, they let down their queues and did not smoke. I

had an opportunity to see one of them smoke opium, a debasing habit in which these men are wont to indulge. What superstition was shown by this burial. Took a good bath after reaching camp and then ate a hearty meal, my ride giving me an appetite. Must exercise out doors daily. A man came in from the Post this evening where he had been on pass. He brought some mail, but no letter from Marie. Wrote to the dear girl tonight and will send the couriers in tomorrow. Received word to look for Paymaster Bash at any time from the 22nd; so will send to Thurston tomorrow to see if he comes.

Monday, January 22, 1883
This morning the Doctor went over to the station and returned with Paymaster Bash and Nephew, his clerk. After dinner the men were paid and I witnessed it. The couriers went in with the mail today.

Tuesday, January 23, 1883
Went to the Springs with the Paymaster & clerk this morning. After returning had a long talk about Ft. Wayne. The Paymaster & clerk used to live there. The clerk's family lives there now. It was sad to note how many of the older citizens with whom the Paymaster was acquainted have died, and how much harm liquor has done in that city. Played cards & read and talked all day. On account of the guests was unable to practice today. Wrote letter home in the evening, and some official letters to the Post. Couriers came with no mail today much to our disappointment.

Wednesday, January 24, 1883
Paymaster & clerk left today for San Antonio. Dr. Harmer left on same train for Clark; hope he will be more successful than before. Rode over to Thurston with them. While there a man asked permission to ride back to Camp with me. As he was a gambler I refused it, and said I would not allow him to play in Camp. But as the ground is not owned nor controlled by the Government if he

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2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA '79)

comes over to Mayer's Springs and chooses to play outside the camp and the men are fools enough to play with him, I cannot help it. After returning to Camp practiced and read and wrote some official letters to go to the Post. Sent out a party to hunt today. Hope that a detachment will come from Post with mail tomorrow.

Thursday, January 25, 1883

Spent the day quietly in camp. Practiced as usual. Detachment came in from Brown bringing mail, but to my disappointment no letters from Marie nor from home, only a bundle of papers. A boil is coming on my hand, which may interfere with the violin practice. Read the papers after dinner.

(To be continued next week)



Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 Worshipful Master Tom Faulkenberry is shown at the grave marker in the Masonic Cemetery of Oscar F.

Masonic Cemetery History

On November 24, 1964, former Kinney County Judge Oscar Franklin Seargeant died and was laid to rest beside his wife, Susie Cornell Seargeant, who died October 29, 1952. Their graves are near the center of the Masonic Cemetery.

Seargeant was born in Fayette County August 27, 1864, and arrived in Spofford in 1890. According to history, he worked on the Anacacho Ranch, was a deputy

sheriff under H.C. Hunt, served as county/district clerk, purchased and operated 10 sections of ranch land part of which is now Kickapoo Park, and also served as county judge in Kinney County.

He was married to Susie Cornell and they raised their family in Kinney County.

He was raised a Master Mason in Las Moras Lodge #444 in 1902 and a few months later he went before the Grand Lodge and was granted a Certificate of Proficiency which authorized him to teach the work. He is remembered for the efficient way in which he conducted Masonic Funeral Rites many, many times.

He served his lodge as Worshipful Master from 1905 through 1908; 1930-31; and again in 1960-61.

Tourism Workshops

Communities and individuals interested in learning ways to develop tourism opportunities in their area are invited to attend the Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division Community Workshops for Tourism Development. The first workshop will be held on January 25, 1995, in Gainesville. The second location will be the Richmond/Rosenberg area on February 7, 1995. Uvalde will be the host city for the third workshop on February 24, 1995. The final workshop will be held on March 13, 1995, in Plainview.

The day long event will teach regional and community leaders how to assist the potential for implementation and finance tourism development. The workshop is open to anyone interested in developing tourism in their community.

The cost of early registration for the full day workshop is \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. The fee includes lunch. To attend the workshop or for more information, call the Texas Department of Commerce Research and Product Development Division at 512-936-0220.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Congress Should Eliminate Unfunded Mandates

The phrase "unfunded mandate" sounds like something only a bureaucrat could love. And it is. But say those words to a mayor, county judge or state governor and you'll get a pained look, followed by a recital of woe.

Unfunded mandates, decrees from the federal government to establish new programs which end up raising local taxes, are universally loathed. Some municipalities in Texas spend more than 20 percent of their entire budgets meeting such requirements. Texas towns and cities are being forced to spend more than \$25 billion complying with federal environmental mandates, alone, during the 1990s. Dallas spent \$20 million on unfunded mandates in 1993; El Paso spent \$26 million and Amarillo spent \$27 million.

Just as irksome is the reasoning behind many of these mandates. Often, they are imposed to address what is an assumed — rather than actual — problem. Why should Abilene be forced to spend \$1 million on a clay liner for its landfill when the landfill is built on clay soil, and has no leaching problems? Why should Plano have to test its water for a chemical which has been banned for 20 years, and which has never been found any closer than 2,000 miles from Plano's municipal water supply?

As a result of unfunded mandates, state and local governments face painful alternatives. Unlike the federal government, they don't enjoy the luxury of deficit spending — they must balance their budgets. So they can short-change funding for their own responsibilities such as education, highways, health care, law enforcement, or they can increase state and local taxes.

Governors and mayors alike have raised a litany of complaint that the costs of complying with the federal government's environmental and social initiatives are distorting their spending priorities and straining their budgets. No wonder local elected officials are fed up with Congress for imposing unfunded mandates, and resent the federal bureaucracies which enforce them.

But all this is about to change. The Senate is scheduled to vote on a bill that would require a majority vote in both houses before Congress could impose an unfunded mandate. A similar bill is making its way through the House.

The measure would, for the first time, establish a presumption that Congress will not place requirements on state and local governments unless it also pays for them.

Specifically, it stipulates that any bill or amendment imposing a federal mandate of more than \$50 million, nationally, on state or local governments must include a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate of its cost; the bill must also include funding or identify tax revenues to pay for the mandate. Any legislation imposing mandates of more than \$200 million on the private sector would have to carry a CBO cost estimate as well.

When this measure becomes law, it will fundamentally alter the relationship between federal, state and local governments. And it will enforce a kind of truth-in-lawmaking we haven't seen in Washington for decades, putting easy-to-read price tags on new programs before they are foisted on the states.

This correction in our country's course is long overdue.



WEEKLY REPORT

Congressman
Henry Bonilla

23rd District, Texas

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Continuing The Defense Of Private Property Rights

This week I will re-introduce the Endangered Species Moratorium Amendments, legislation designed to protect the rights of private property owners throughout the country. As you may remember, my fellow Texan, Rep. Chet Edwards and I introduced this bill in the last Congress.

For far too long, private property owners have been threatened by Endangered Species Act (ESA) legislation that gives the federal bureaucrats a heavy-handed say over our land rights. My bipartisan effort, introduced along with nearly 40 co-sponsors from across the country, has a good chance of passing in the new Congress where more members than ever are lending a sympathetic ear to the plight of hard working, tax paying private property owners.

The ESA, although well-intentioned in its origins, has been abused by extremists inside and outside the Beltway. It was designed to protect endangered species. However, instead of balancing the wish to protect endangered species with human needs, what we have instead is infringement after infringement upon our rights as private property owners and this has halted.

I think of the rancher that was fined by the federal government simply for clearing his land of brush. The government interpreted this as a threat to the ESA and fined him thousands of dollars. This same act, whose intention it was to protect, is instead being used against citizens in favor of beetles, worms, mice and birds.

My legislation on the other hand, seeks to protect the farmer, the rancher or the home-owner who have worked all their life to take care of their property and maintain their lifestyle. In the cloud of rhetoric surrounding ESA legislation, what has been forgotten is the rights of hard working families and individuals who have strived all their lives to provide for and protect their families and their land — land that may have been in their families for generations, long before the federal government started legislating property rights.

We must seek solutions which preserve truly endangered species

while respecting the rights of property owners. The narrow-sighted bureaucrats inside the Washington Beltway need to learn to balance these goals and stop current abuses of the ESA. If they would simply work with property owners, instead of against them, they might find the goals of the ESA easier to reach.

Wagon Train To Commemorate Texas Statehood

Organizers of the Texas U.S.A. Statehood Wagon Train today unveiled plans for a five month, 2400 mile commemorative journey honoring the 150th anniversary of Texas Statehood.

Sanctioned by the Texas Legislature as the major event of the 1995 Celebration, the wagon train will depart Labor Day weekend from Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. The event will conclude with the January 20, 1996, opening parade of the 100th edition of the Fort Worth Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. During the trip around the state, the wagon train will visit over 100 cities, town and campsites. Highlights will include stops at historic ranches, forts, the Hill Country and State Capitol. As a special feature, the United States Postal Service will equip a wagon as a travelling post office, introducing the new Texas Statehood stamp.

The Wagon Train is coordinated by a team headed by Charles M. Oliver, producer of the successful Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train which circled the state during a six month trip in 1986. According to Oliver, the 1995 Statehood Wagon Train is a uniquely Texan event which will link together towns and counties in celebration of the admission of Texas as the 28th state.

The Train is tentatively scheduled to be in Brackettville December 14 and 15.

Registration and scheduling information is available by contacting the Texas U.S.A. Statehood Wagon Train at P.O. Box 4450, Fort Worth TX 76164-0450.

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"Low-back pain is extremely common in our society," said Dr. Richard Harper. "For the majority of people, low-back pain will eventually go away."

Harper says many backaches are related to poor posture, excess weight, lack of physical condition, and nearly all are preventable. "The only treatments needed are occasional medication and moderate exercise such as walking," he adds.

When a back problem does require surgery, there's more good news: micro-neurosurgical techniques offer the best relief of symptoms, the shortest period of recuperation, and quickest return to work.

Micro-neurosurgery is a special surgery with very small incisions and minimal blood loss. This technique uses magnifying devices and special instruments which allows most patients to walk within hours of surgery.

Most of the low-back problems requiring surgery are a ruptured disc or sciatica - a "pinched nerve." Discs are the cushioning pads located between the bones (vertebrae) of the back. When a disc ruptures, a portion of the jelly-like interior can be displaced. The result can be a loss of the cushioning effect, allowing pressure on nearby nerves, which causes pain, weakness, or numbness in one or both legs.

But when should one seek medical help? Each person has a different pain threshold, however if pain in the back radiates down toward the buttocks or legs; or if you experience weakness, or numbness in your legs, see your physician.

"The first and most important step in diagnosing back problems is a physical examination and medical history," says Harper. "Then, after a careful examination, we can pinpoint the exact location of the problem through a myelogram followed by a CT scan." A myelogram is an X-ray of the space around the spinal cord.

"With today's technology, we are having great success in relieving pain and weakness from pinched nerves," said Harper. "If the patient and physician feel it's appropriate, many patients can go home the same day of surgery."

After surgery, all patients are encouraged to walk routinely. Harper recommends starting out slowly and working up to 45 minutes per day. Those with desk jobs are usually back in the office within one to three weeks, and people with strenuous jobs take a more gradual course back to work.

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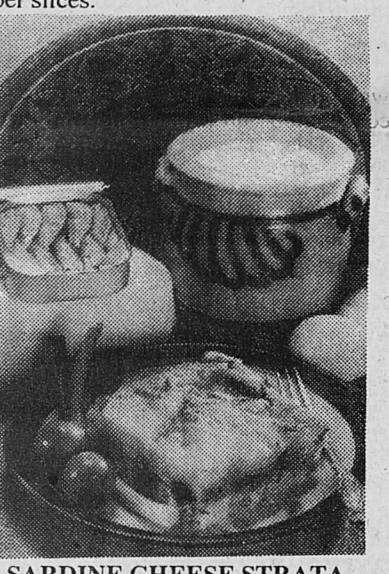
The Chopping Block

by Philomena Corradeno

After the holiday splurge, we all need food ideas that offer a way out of the budget blues. Yet we want meals nutritious, substantial — meals that are easy on the holiday-weary cook. Sandwiches and casseroles meet those needs very well because they allow for blending small amounts of protein with less expensive ingredients such as potatoes, pasta, rice or bread.

Today we have a strata which, in a way, is a fancy-looking casserole, and a sandwich. The strata is a perfect marriage of cheese, Norway sardines and bread bound together by eggs and milk. It's refrigerated overnight, a boon for the busy person who starts cooking as soon as he or she gets home. The cost is less than \$1.00 per serving. Sardines provide important bone-building calcium and high amounts of omega-3 which helps prevent cholesterol buildup.

The sandwich combines healthful eggs, celery, onion and, important in any well-stacked sandwich, pickle relish and pickled peppers. If you don't like the hot cherry peppers, you can substitute pickled sweet red pepper slices.



SARDINE CHEESE STRATA
15 slices white bread
Softened butter or margarine
1/4 to 1/2 cup canned diced green chiles

- 1 pound Monterey Jack or brick cheese, shredded
 - 2 (3 1/4-ounce) cans Norway sardines in oil, drained
 - 4 eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups milk
 - Paprika
- Remove crusts from bread. Lightly butter both sides of each slice. Line bottom of a 9 x 13-inch baking dish (preferably glass) with six slices bread. Top with chiles and half the cheese. Add a layer of six slices bread and remaining cheese. Top with sardines. Halve remaining three slices of bread diagonally; arrange decoratively over sardines. In mixing bowl beat eggs lightly; stir in milk. Pour over bread layer. Sprinkle with paprika; cover dish with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight. Next day, remove plastic wrap; place dish in cold oven. Heat oven to 325F. Bake 50 minutes or until golden and custard is set. Cut into squares; serve at once. Makes eight large servings.

EGG SALAD SANDWICH

- 4 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
 - 4 tablespoons finely diced celery
 - 2 tablespoons minced red onion
 - 1/4 cup pickle relish, drained
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped pickled red cherry peppers
 - Salt and pepper
 - 4 lettuce leaves
 - 8 slices bread
- Place eggs in a saucepan and add enough tap water to cover by at least one inch above eggs. Cover; bring to a boil. Turn off heat; if necessary, remove pan from burner to prevent further cooking. Let stand in hot water 15 minutes. Cool under cold running water. Stir together mayonnaise, celery, onion, pickle relish and pickled peppers. Peel and chop eggs. Add mayonnaise mixture, and season with salt and pepper to taste. To assemble sandwiches, spread egg salad on four slices of bread, dividing evenly. Top each with lettuce leaf and remaining slice of bread. Cut in half and serve. Makes four servings.

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For Crisp Greens

Store Foods Properly

Wilted lettuce and rotting apples aren't what we want to see when we pull out the refrigerator's crisper drawers. But it does happen from time to time, report Whirlpool home economists. And, they add, it usually happens when we:

- Don't prepare fruits and vegetables correctly before storing them;
- Don't close the crisper drawers tightly;
- Fail to set crisper humidity controls properly; or
- Set the refrigerator temperature too cold or too warm.

For best storage of fresh vegetables, they offer these easy-to-follow suggestions:

- Refrigerate most vegetables. Exceptions: Potatoes, sweet potatoes, mature onions, most winter squash, eggplant and rutabagas. These vegetables need cool, dry storage. As a general rule, however, most other vegetables require the high-moisture storage found in a refrigerator's sealed crisper drawers.
- When shopping, select high quality vegetables for longest storage life. Remember that quality levels won't be the same for all items in a package. Sort vegetables as soon as possible. Discard decayed ones, use bruised or soft ones immediately and store the rest in a crisper.
- Wash leafy vegetables, drain well, store in plastic bags or sealed plastic containers and put them in the crisper. Close drawers tightly. Sealed storage helps retain the moisture needed to prevent leafy vegetables from wilting. Drain washed vegetables well on paper towels. Too much water causes brown spots on leaves and speeds vegetable decay.
- Wrap or bag odoriferous foods, like peppers and cabbage, to prevent odor transfer to other items in the crisper. Store mushrooms in paper bags (never in plastic) for longer, fresher crisper life.



- Store fresh vegetables only for the recommended time. When vegetables and fruits are stored too long, they brown, wilt and decay. Rotting food builds up water in the bottom of the crisper container, causing other stored items to decay.
- "With today's busy lifestyles, we sometimes put fruits and vegetables away with every intention of storing them properly as soon as we have the time—which never seems to happen. Later on, we find them decayed and standing in water," comment Whirlpool home economists.



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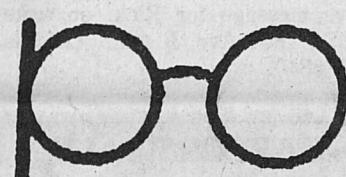
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Obituary 


Marian Berry
Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 15, 1995, at the Kinney County Cemetery for Marian Berry, age 56. Rev. Joe Townsend officiated.
Mrs. Berry was born March 10, 1938, in Brackettville and died at her Brackettville home January 13, 1995.
For more than 25 years when failing health forced her to retire, Mrs. Berry worked at B&S Grocery Store. She will long be remembered as the nice lady with the big smile and always a friendly welcome to everyone who entered the store.
She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Justin and Lou Ann Berry of Brackettville; a sister and nephew, Barbara English and Abner English both of LaPryor; and a niece, Sandy Handly of Carrizo Springs.
Brackettville Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Home Tips
TAPE DISPENSER — I was constantly fighting with rolls of tape. The end of the tape would always disappear into the roll, especially on the clear packing-tape roll.
To keep this from happening, I now stick a penny on the end of the tape so it doesn't stick to the roll and can be found easily. Roger F., Chicago Heights, Ill.
SOAP SLIVER — When bath soap gets to be a sliver, lay it on the new cake when both are wet. Let it sit until the next day and they will adhere. You'll never again waste that sliver! Gina R., Snyder, Texas

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While growing up they were friends. They often talked, dreamed and planned together. As the years passed, however, they drifted apart. Finally they met after a long separation. The woman asked her friend, "Do you remember that 'life plan' you used to talk about when we were in school? Did you ever really carry it out?"
"Sure did," her friend replied. "First I married a millionaire, next an actor, then a minister, and now I'm married to an undertaker."
"Whew, four husbands!" exclaimed the woman. "But what does that have to do with your 'life plan'?"
"You know," replied the friend, "one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"
Most people would agree with the importance of planning; whether it is for a lifetime or just today. But when it comes to planning spiritually, apparently not so many agree.
Jesus had a great deal to say about planning. In Luke 12:13-21, He told of a man who did a fine job of planning for his future. But while he planned for the goal, he forgot about the soul.
There is no question about it. God wants us to "plan ahead" - not just materially but spiritually as well.
It has been stated: "Nobody plans to fail; they simply fail to plan."
Whatever your plans in life, in whatever area of life, be sure to include Jesus! Why not include Him this Sunday!

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Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.
By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments.
For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous (hard). Praise God. I John 5:1-3
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First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 am, Church School Classes 9:45 am, Service of Worship 11:00 am, Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 pm, Gordon Miller, Pastor.
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Templo Elim Asamblea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 pm, Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
Jerusalem Temple, 514 East Louis St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational) 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331

"Are given unto us great and precious promises" says the Bible. The reference is to help us to overcome the world and to partake of the nature of God Himself.
These are exceeding great because they go so far above our expectations their stature is amazing. They are great because their working out accomplishes such amazing things.
These promises are precious because of the author of the promises.
God never defaults on his promises. Though the promises of God are made only to those who have a personal relationship to Him through Jesus Christ, they are unlimited to all who are His.
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God promises to meet all physical needs. He promises to give peace of mind to those in stress. He promises surcease from sorrow. He promises help in old age.
He promises forgiveness of all sin. He promises to give strength to overcome temptation. He promises rest for the tired. He promises a home in Heaven for all eternity.
Any trouble or care, He promises His love, concern and help.
His promises are secure. Try Him and see.
There will be an opportunity to worship God and hear a message from the Word of God, Sunday morning at Frontier Baptist church. Come and see.

Texas Senate Week

By Texas Senate Media Services
The Texas Legislature convened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 10, 1995, with both Houses meeting in the newly restored State Capitol. The Senate had met during the 73rd Legislative Session in a temporary chamber three blocks away due to the Capitol restoration. The first order of business was the swearing-in ceremony of the 31 newly elected senators by Chief Justice Tom Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court.
The Texas Senate convened Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. Members drew lots to determine who would have 2-year and 4-year terms. Each decade after the federal census, Senate, House, and Congressional districts are redrawn to reflect population migration. The original Senate redistricting plan was challenged in the court system, and a federal court-ordered plan was used for the 1992 election. Since that time, district established in a special session in January, 1992, were upheld in federal court and all 31 district elections were held again in 1994. Among senators drawing 4-year terms were Senator Frank Madla whose jurisdiction includes Kinney County. Senator Judith Zafirini who formerly had Kinney County in her district drew a 2-year term.
Senator John Whitmire of Houston filed emergency legislation on Wednesday to address problems with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's mandatory vehicle testing program. Complaints include location of the facilities and cost of compliance. The emergency legislation suspends the program for 90 days from the date of passage. This stop-gap measure provides immediate relief to car owners scheduled for January renewal. Thirty senators signed on to co-sponsor the bill. The legislation, Senate Bill 19*, was referred to the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday. The bill was heard in committee at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, and was passed favorably by a vote of 9-0. Senate Bill 19 is expected to be debated next week.
*The following is, in part, Senator Whitmire's objection to the mandatory vehicle testing program.
(On January 1), millions of Texas residents were made victims of yet another unnecessary, inefficient, and ill conceived bureaucratic nuisance: mandatory emissions testing for their automobiles.
Under this program, each and every car owner in designated urban areas will be required to submit to an exhaust emissions test before being allowed to renew their license plates. In Harris and surrounding counties, that process will entail going to one of 27 privately owned emissions testing facilities, waiting in line, paying \$23 for the exhaust test, and then being liable for \$150.00 in repair costs in the event of test failure.
Waivers are available for those who qualify, who are willing to gather up the necessary waiver forms and notarized affidavits, and who are then willing to take them to one of five waiver "referee stations," and prove their need for a waiver to an often unsympathetic employee of Tejas Testing Technologies, a California company.
Nobody is against cleaner air and a healthier environment. I (Whitmire) have supported and will continue to support all reasonable legislative measures intended to achieve those goals. The current emissions testing program, however, is not reasonable, is unduly burdensome, is too expensive, and will not accomplish its stated goal of cleaner air.
Several major states have taken advantage of mixed signals coming from Washington, D.C. to delay or halt implementation of the same type of programs now being forced on the Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, El Paso, and Dallas-Fort Worth areas. The Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission and Tejas Testing Technologies seem bound and determined to go forward against all common sense, apparently oblivious to recent Congressional election results and EPA's record of flexibility on enforcement. (Whitmire's complaint filing has put a 90-day delay on this issue).
What could possibly explain this enthusiastic rush to burden each and every car owner in those cities and their surrounding counties with this unnecessary hardship? Preliminary data show that a minimum of four out of five cars will pass the test, and there is no proof whatsoever that this sort of comprehensive testing will markedly improve air quality. The single largest force behind continued and unnecessary auto emissions testing is Tejas Testing Technology, L.C., a California company with the exclusive right to conduct emissions tests in the Houston, Beaumont, and Dallas areas. Tejas Testing stands to make millions of dollars from its exclusive franchise rights. That money will come directly out of the pockets of taxpaying Texans with only one choice: either you pay your money to Tejas Testing or you don't get a renewed license plate.
Tejas Testing has mobilized a public relations campaign emphasizing their friendly service and their politically correct minority hiring practices. I (Whitmire) applaud their hiring practices, but I'm more concerned about the hundreds of thousands of hard working minority taxpayers burdened with this unreasonable, unnecessary, and unduly expensive program.
Tejas has threatened the state with contractual liability for Tejas' capital investment in emissions testing facilities. The contract between Tejas and the Natural Resources Conservation Commission says otherwise. If the Legislature takes appropriate action, no liability can result from cessation of testing. Tejas Testing is a group of speculators trying to cash in at the expense of hard working Texans. They failed to deliver a good product and should not be rewarded.

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