



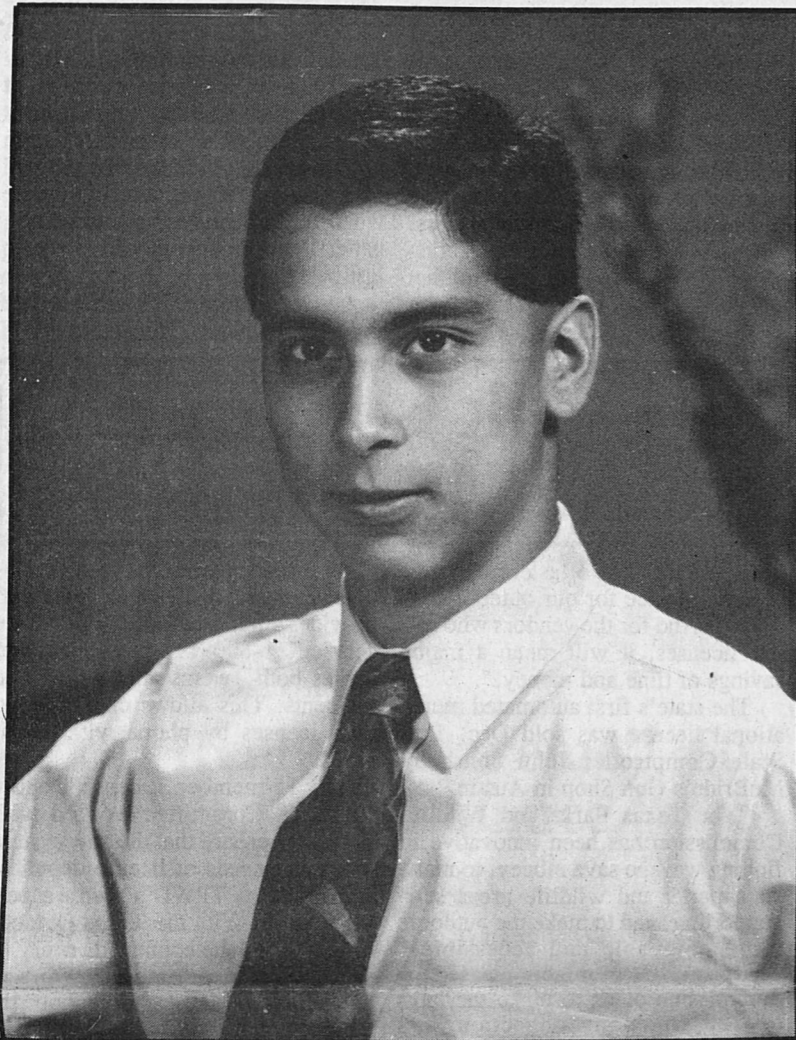
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# The Brackett News

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



## Pena Receives Basic Peace Officers Certificate

The Basic Peace Officers Certification class of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Texas Junior College was honored in convocation ceremonies in the Tate Auditorium December 6 at 11 a.m.

Fourteen students graduated from the 560 hour course that began September 5 and ended December 6.

W.C. "Bill" Madison, Law Enforcement Academy Regional Coordinator, introduced the guest and explained to the graduating class that your education doesn't stop here. This is just one phase of it.

He continued, "Whatever you do, don't forget some of the things we told you about honesty and professionalism."

Guest speaker for the graduation was D.C. Jim Dozier, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Students in Education (TCLEOSE).

There are 105 police academies in the state of Texas. The academy you just graduated from is in the top eight of the primary categories in training in the state of Texas," stated Dozier.

Basic Peace Officer graduates included: Jose Blanco, Jr., Maverick County Sheriff's Office; Larry Chapa, Uvalde Co. Constable Pct. 4; Clyde Carr, Zavala County Sheriff's

Office; SWTJC Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy Graduation Jose A. De La Garza, Maverick County Sheriff's Office; Victor H. Garcia, Uvalde Co. Constable, Pct. 1; Jo Ann Hernandez, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office; Arturo Juarez, Uvalde Co. Constable, Pct. 5; Eriberto Leija, Maverick County Sheriff's Office; Juan Martinez, Uvalde Co. Constable, Pct. 4; Gilberto Nava, Jr. Zavala County Sheriff's Office; Maria Ortega, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office; Adrian Pena, Kinney County Sheriff's Office; Arturo Reyes, Maverick County Sheriff's Office; and Dodice Turner, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office.

W.C. (Bill) Madison, Law Enforcement Academy Regional Coordinator, recognized Gilberto Nava, Jr. for being outstanding in three out of six categories for awards that Madison presented to students during the ceremony. Nava's achievements included; over-all range activities, range qualification, and night firing awards.

Arturo Reyes was presented the academics award, Juan Martinez was recognized for having the highest scores in the stress course and Eriberto Leija was given the physical education award.

## Suit filed against Texas Republican Party Chairman

Texas first G.O.P. state senator, Hank Grover of Houston, Tuesday filed suit against Texas Republican Party Chairman, Tom Pauken, to prevent any candidate from running for President or Vice President and another office in the G.O.P. Primary of 1996.

Specially, the suit, filed in Austin's 126th District Court, is aimed at Sen. Phil Gramm, who is attempting to do as LBJ did in 1960 - that is, run for re-election to the U.S. Senate and for President of the United States.

Said Grover, "It is as if Gramm considers the Senate office his personal property to "use" as long as it suits him, until he wins a higher office. This entire process disenfranchises the voters of Texas by asking them to vote for senator and then saying 'that vote didn't really count,' and then have to hold a special election several months later."

Grover said the so-called 'help LBJ' bill, passed by the Texas legis-

lature in 1959, violates the very spirit of representative government in that it takes away the rights of the majority of the voters to elect a U.S. Senator and that is very wrong.

Grover's suit asks for a temporary injunction that prevents G.O.P. Chairman Pauken from taking any candidate's application for two offices in the Republican primary of 1996. Said Grover, "That way the majority of people of Texas will decide who their senator will be, not have him appointed by the Governor or elected in a special election."

Grover, a fourth generation Texan, in addition to serving 12 years in the Texas House and Senate, was the Republican candidate for Governor Texas in 1972, coming within a few thousand votes of winning. In addition, Grover, in 1976, made the largest independent expenditure nationwide for Ronald Reagan getting Reagan's then faltering campaign off the ground.

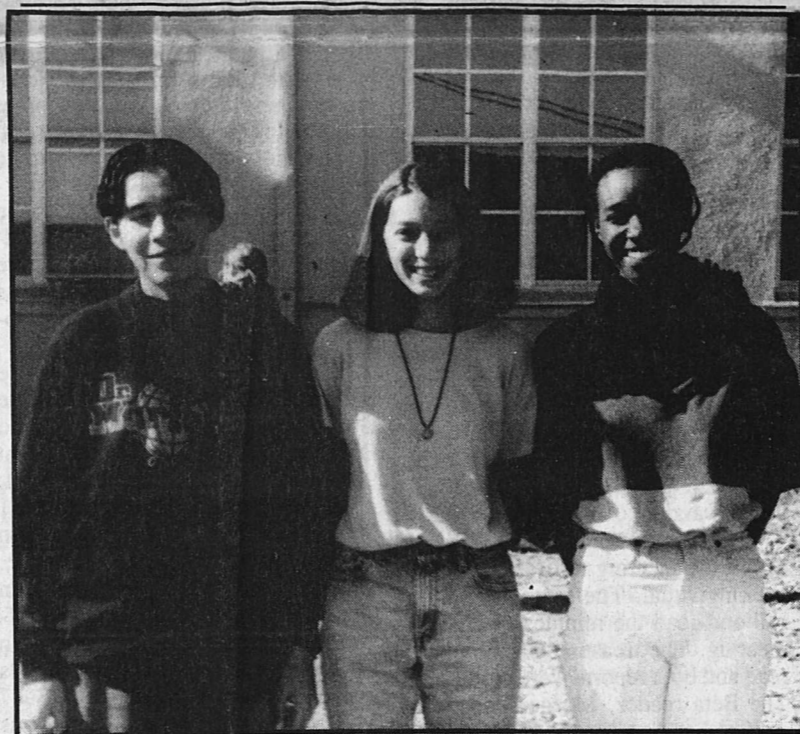
## Christmas Tour Of Homes

On Sunday, December 17, six homes on Fort Clark Springs will be open to the public from 2 to 5 PM as a fund-raiser for the Kinney County Arts Council. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at any of the homes that are being shown, or, in advance, at the First State Bank, Jean's, *The Brackett News*, the FCS Adult Center, or call 563-2195. The tour can begin at any of the designated homes and then proceed at leisure to the others on the tour.

The homes being presented include three Colony Row duplexes that were built by the army during the last years of the Indian Wars and first occupied by officer families in 1874. The home of Joe and Mary Sam York, No. 16 Colony Row, highlights the Christmas season with its collection of Nacimiento or Mexican nativity displays. John and Dorothy Frank's home, No. 19 Colony Row, has been restored by the Franks and features a charming blend of contemporary and antique furnishings. Bill Haenn's home at No. 25 Colony Row served as the Post Commander's quarters in 1943-44 and is beautifully decorated for Christmas both inside and out.

Balancing the historic Colony Row houses on the tour are three modern homes. The home of George and Jane Cowart at 2506 Oak Lane is a Spanish stucco hacienda-style home recently renovated by the Cowarts. Its Christmas feature is an exterior festival of lights. Next door at 2506 Oak Lane is the new home of Taylor and Phyllis Stephenson. Their home exhibits some of the new look in today's homes with a large great room, spacious kitchen, and outside decks. Allen and Clara McCord live on Fairway Circle, behind the Masters Condominium. It is a beautiful new home adorned with decorations that vary from heirloom and antique to decorations that have been crafted by Clara including a framed pearl Christmas tree.

For a special Sunday afternoon, drive to Fort Clark and see the Christmas tour of homes. Funds raised by the Arts Council are used exclusively for the support of the arts in Kinney County for both entertainment and educational purposes. Refreshments will be served at the Cowart residence.



## All-Region Band

Congratulations go to Valerie Jimenez and Alfred Rodriguez. Both made the ATSSB All-Region Band and All-Area, competing against 1A, 2A and 3A High School students from across South West Texas. Valerie made third chair on Clarinet and Alfred made second chair on Bass Clarinet. Out of the numerous saxophones who tried out, Windy Goodloe placed fifth. Alfred and Valerie will audition for the All-State Band in January.

Left to right Alfred Rodriguez, Valerie Jimenez and Windy Goodloe.

## City Council Meeting December 12, 1995

Mayor Carmen Berlanga called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Pro Tem Mary V. Flores, Alderwoman Jean Seargeant, Aldermen Charles Bushart and Ralph Gonzales answering roll call.

Alderman R. Gonzales motioned to accept the minutes of November 14, 1995 meeting as read and Mayor Pro Tem Mary V. Flores seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Under old business Frank Morgan returned to hear the decision of the council regarding swine in the City Limits. Mayor Berlanga stated since it was so close to Stock Show time it was too late to do much this year, but the Council working with the County Judge, the school, the County Agent, and City Animal Control officer would solve the problem before next years show.

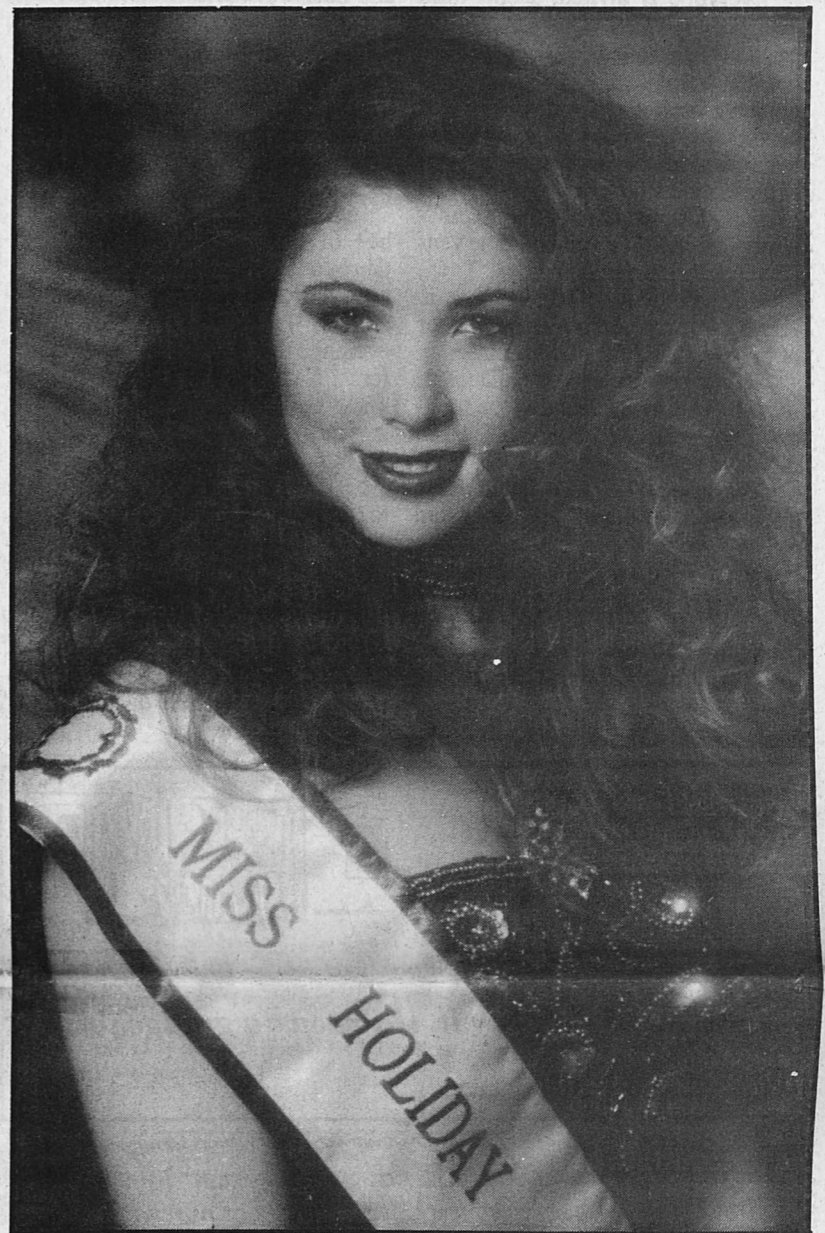
Under new business Alderman R. Gonzales motioned to approve Ordinance 1995-12-12, Abandonment and Sale of Portion of Jones Alley East of Sheedy St., Mayor Pro Tem Mary V. Flores seconded. Alderwoman Seargeant abstained and all others voted for, motion passed.

Alderman R. Gonzales also motioned to deny Ordinance 1995-12-12-A, request of CPL to change rates,

Mayor Pro Tem Mary V. Flores seconded, vote was unanimous.

Jerry Horne Auditor, stated the City was finally in a comfortable cash position however they were in no danger of having too much money. Alderwoman Jean Seargeant motioned to accept the report with second from Alderman Charles Bushart council was unanimous in accepting. Aldermen Ralph Gonzales and Charles Bushart, motioned and seconded to accept the financial report, vote was unanimous.

Monthly activity report attached. City Manager David Luna reported on Street paving on Pafford St. also curbing on same going right on schedule. Mr. Luna also stated the Second Annual Community Unity Christmas Party sponsored by the City and supported by the whole community, will have several local groups singing carols, giving out bags of goodies and fruits, hot chocolate etc. Mr. Luna stated this is free to everyone in the community since this is what Christmas is all about. If any organization wishes to be involved please call him at 563-2412. Mr. Luna also thanked the Council and his staff for another year of helping make Brackett a better place to live.



## Corey Takes First Place

Miss Heather Corey, 16 year old daughter of Robert and Charolette Corey, of Brackettville, Texas won first place in the Miss Holiday Pageant, Miss All American Beauty, which took place in Hondo, Texas, this last Saturday.

Heather is on the 1995-1996 Fashion Board for Plaza Del Sol in Del Rio, and has been taking modeling classes under Lari Nelson's Modeling School since last year.

Besides modeling, Heather enjoys swimming and horseback riding. Heather is comfortable with speaking to all age groups and in front of audiences, where she enjoys extemporaneous speaking, which helped her excel in the "interview" portion of the beauty pageant for which the

highest percentage of points were assessed.

Presently a junior at Brackett High School, Heather's goals include modeling and performing arts for commercials and movies. Heather plays the clarinet, alto saxophone, and is presently learning to play the synthesizer.

Most all animals, especially, cats, dogs, rabbits and horses have a special affection for her.

Her inner beauty and love for people and all living creatures are manifested from her faith in God whom she credits for her success. Heather assists her parents in ministry for the youth at Gateway Ministries at 301 Spring Street here in Brackettville.

## Commissioner's Court December 11, 1995

Judge Tommy Seargeant called the meeting to order with Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 represented.

Commissioner Freddie Frerich motioned to accept minutes of November 13, 1995 meeting and Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded, all approved.

Commissioner Paul O'Rourke moved to accept all accounts, bills and department reports with Commissioner C. Mendeke seconding, all approved.

Treasurer and Auditor Reports. Wayne Beyer of Beyer & Co., certified public accountants, of Senton & Pleasanton reported on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year 1995 stating the County was in good shape.

Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke motioned to make Patricia Gass election Judge for Precinct #3 in place of Martha Martinez who has been hired full time in Martha Hootens' office. Judge Tommy Seargeant seconded, with all five of the Court voting in favor.

Ailene Reid of the Kinney County Historical Commission presented the Commissioners Court a framed picture of the Court House circa 1940 to be placed in the Court room.

After a lengthy discussion between City and County officials and Mr. Paul Edwards, Judge Tommy Seargeant motioned to request County

Attorney Tully Shahan and City Attorney Patrick Dodson to work out terms for the Community Development Block Grant for this year. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke seconded, motion passed.

Judge Tommy Seargeant read Sheriff Norman Hootens' letter of resignation to the Court, after hearing the letter, Commissioner Paul O'Rourke motioned to accept and Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded. All five on the Court voted in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Freddie Frerich motioned to allow the Veterans to use the Civic Center the first week in February for a Loan Program Seminar. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke seconded, all 5 voted in favor.

Dora E. Sandoval requested help in cleaning out her file storage area of excess "stuff" not related to her office.

Commissioner Freddie Frerich made a motion to have Judge Seargeant check into finding someone to repair leaks in the Courthouse and Civic Center. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Judge Tommy Seargeant presented Commissioner Freddie Frerich a certificate of completion for continuing education hours required for each Commissioner.



## Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A couple of weeks ago I sent out my "farewell letter" to the people of Kinney County and said that would be my "last" Sheriff's Corner, well, after receiving so many cards, calls, and personal visits from old friends, supporters, and well-wishers I decided to close out my law enforcement career and tenure as Sheriff of Kinney County (and the Sheriff's Corner) with a "Christmas Card" to all of you who have stood by me all

these years with friendship, support, and love. With that in mind I send out the following which is a quote from a Christmas card I recently received from one of my staff members. It says it all, I think.

To those I love and see each day  
And other loved ones far away

To all good friends  
whose friendship means so much

And to those with whom I'm  
somehow out of touch

I wish you Peace and Happiness  
at Christmas and the New Year

Fare Thee Well, My Friends!

That's All!  
(For sure this time!)

### In Lovely Memory Of Nick Nixon Recuerdo 12-18-95

Your coat and hat still hang on the rack. Your pictures on the wall, take me back. I remember when we met at the old "Hill Top". I said to all. "He's my guy, my love for him will never stop". We would drive 150 miles just to hear Bob Wills play, dancing to a Maidens Prayer or Faded Love, I still remember it today. So much fun we had, Speck, Bub, You and I, what a team, we thought we were ten feet high. Then at Gram's, Montie made me your wife. I promised to love you, for the rest of my life. That promise holds true, even today. And you loved and protected me in your own way. We did all the things we wanted to, and then some. We created many happy memories for years to come. Then three lovely children, God gave to us. One waited for you in Heaven, two we raised well without a fuss. I remember our first little camp house, seemed to be just 4X4. The last one to bed had to close and lock the door. Then we all learned to water ski. First Deb and Dub, then you and finally me. Together we played, hunted and fished. We had and did everything we wished. Deb and Dub and I will always remember. These loving memories last from each January to each December. A year ago you left me & went away. My life has been so lonely since that day. There will be not lights on my Christmas tree. There will be no one here but memories and me.

Our Love Forever and Always  
Genie, Deb and Dub  
Spenser and Shannon



## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I drove around town and Fort Clark Springs this evening and my heart was made to sing. Never have so many homes been decorated to show love and interest in Christ's birth at Bethlehem.

There are many and varied depictions of the nativity scene. Many houses, trees, fences and shrubs highly decorated with a myriad of multi colored lights. This is most en-

couraging. This shows most people here remembered that the reason is to remember the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. It means that behind all the lights and decor there are hearts anxious to show to the world that Christ is important in their lives. Surely with this out pouring and display of love and remembrance of that time when God sent His Son to a stable in Bethlehem to live and die

for all mankind. The desire of this columnist is that each and every person will be richly blessed through this season and the year ahead.

I do hope that for each of you the worst day of the year ahead will be better than the best day of the year just past.

A very Merry Christmas and a truly Happy New Year to everyone.

## From The Desk Of Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

AUSTIN — The outdoor recreation business makes a quantum leap into the computer age this month at 13 pilot locations across Texas with the introduction of a new electronic system that enables hunters, anglers and state park visitors to buy dozens of recreational licenses more conveniently.

The Texas Outdoor Connection, an innovative point-of-sale electronic license sales system, went on line Dec. 1 at gun shops and sporting goods stores in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, Texas becomes only the fourth state - and the largest in the nation - to launch an electronic recreational license sales system.

A total of 13 pilot sites will have the new system in operation by mid-December, while the rest of the more than 3,000 license vendors across Texas will begin moving to the automated system starting in January.

The 13 pilot locations are McBride's Gun Shop in Austin, The Gun & Tackle Store in Dallas, two Oshman's SuperSports USA stores at 975 Gessner and 2131 Post Oak Blvd. in Houston, Super Kmart at 11711 N. I-35 in San Antonio, Kmart in Balch Springs, The Superster, Inc. in Tyler, Foret's Bait and Tackle in Groves, TPWD law enforcement office in Fort Worth, TPWD Austin headquarters, Lake Mineral Wells State Park, Maverick Market at 13947 S. Padre Island Drive in Corpus Christi and Morrison Tru-Value in Alpine.

By May 1, 1996, the current, cumbersome manual process throughout Texas will give way to the automated system that officials estimate will save 36,000 pounds of paper annually.

"Automation is revolutionizing the way we do business at Texas Parks and Wildlife," said Andrew Sansom, TPWD's executive director. "Tech-

nology is the key to faster and more reliable service for our outdoor customers. And for the vendors who sell our licenses, it will mean a major savings of time and money."

The state's first automated recreational license was sold Dec. 1 to State Comptroller John Sharp by McBride's Gun Shop in Austin.

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has been innovative in finding ways to save money, to make state parks and wildlife areas self-supporting, and to make the outdoors more enjoyable and accessible," Sharp said. "I'm mighty pleased the commission plans to make the most of The Outdoor Connection. It's gonna be a winner for the state, for license retailers and for outdoors enthusiasts."

The new system, touted as "Your Link to Licenses and More," initially will enable outdoors enthusiasts to buy 34 different electronically generated licenses, Texas Conservation Passports and hunting and fishing licenses. TPWD sells approximately 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through its 28 district offices, more than 100 state parks and retailers across Texas. Texas joins Oregon, Michigan and Missouri in implementing an electronic system.

The new point-of-sale licensing system was designed by and will be administered by TRANSACTIVE Corporation of Austin, a wholly owned subsidiary of GTECH Corporation, which operates the Texas State Lottery. TRANSACTIVE Corporation also operates the electronic food stamp and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs for the Texas Department of Human Services.

"Our company is pleased to be on the leading edge of creating electronic government systems that bring services to citizens in a simple and convenient way," Greg Coler, president of TRANSACTIVE Corporation, said.

In addition to the electronic, point-of-sale system, TRANSACTIVE provides a toll-free license insurance service (1-800-TX-LIC-4-U) that serves both Texans and out-of-state residents. This allows customers to buy licenses by phone with credit cards.

An 11-member License Deputy Advisory Committee worked with TPWD to ensure that the new system meets the needs of license deputies, Lynne Lange, TPWD's license supervisor, said. With the Texas Outdoor Connection, she explained, every license deputy can issue all types of recreational licenses throughout the year with no limitations. Collector's stamp editions will still be available for purchase through the licensing deputies, Lange said.

Equipment for the new electronic system consists of small, countertop units that are connected to the TPWD licensing database via telephone lines. In a typical transaction, the purchaser's Texas driver's license number, date of birth and items to be purchased are entered. New driver's licenses with a magnetic strip can be swiped by the seller to speed the transaction. The license or stamp is then printed on generic paper stock, which will eliminate inconveniences to customers caused when a particular license or stamp is not in stock.

Jayna Burgdorf TPWD chief financial officer, said the new system will save licensing deputies an estimated \$1 million a year by eliminating bonding requirements, the need for inventory control and manual sales reports, license/stamp books and forms, and other inventory. The agency will benefit from faster collection of license revenue, and quicker and more accurate data on license purchasers than under the paper-based system, she noted.

For more information on the new electronic licensing system, call the TPWD license section at 800-792-1112 or 512-389-4820.

## Chamber Chatter!!

It's that time of year...good food and friends, sharing and caring. We hope you will join us in that spirit for our Annual Christmas Mixer on Thursday, December 21st, 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM in the Cavalry Room above Las Moras Restaurant. There will be Hors D'Oeuvres, drinks, door prizes, and drawings for our Christmas stocking. Everyone is welcome!!

There are over thirty gifts to be drawn individually from this year's Christmas stocking including: a bike donated by the Board Members, two local merchant only Chamber gift certificates, gift certificates from Sunshine Garden Center and the Gift Box, Parts Plus contributed a doll, collector truck, his and hers watches, a bike speedometer, and Chamber Board Members donated some twenty toys. As you can tell there will be surprises for all ages. Come and see who wins each one - maybe you!! Money made from the stocking will be used to help buy toys for The Christmas At City Hall Santa to give out on December 17th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to have experienced community spirit in a big new way in 1995. We saw it or are seeing it in the World War II Veteran's Day Celebration, the Thanksgiving Travel Safety Day,

the Lion's Community Christmas Basket Programs, Christmas At City Hall, Kinney County Arts Commission Projects, the Masons' Literacy Program, Happy Shahan Day, and others. There is not enough room to mention all the ways we saw this community work together this year. No one struggled for the limelight, all gave unselfishly just to get the job done. Much more was accomplished together than any one group or person could have done alone. This is a great place to live and look around at all the new families! (Way To Go Kinney County!)

The Chamber is presently working on finding a place upon which The King Royal Three Ring Circus can do two performances in late January or early February. This is a large circus with seven elephants, a camel, giraffe, and hippo, zebras, lions, tigers, ponies, and dogs, and much more. They will bring a baby elephant into town before the performances, so watch for them!

We are also putting together a Happy Shahan Festival in July of 1996. We will have one of A.J. Foyt's race cars on display, arts and crafts, a carnival, food and a variety of different entertainers to satisfy everyone.

Hunting season is already in full

swing and so is this year's Big White-tail Buck Contest. We owe a big thank-you to Super S for working with us this year and donating the top prizes for the contest and to Chuy's Deer Processing for judging the contest. The end of the season Hunter's B-B-Q and dance will take place on January 6th from 6:00 PM to midnight at the Civic Center. For our raffle Davis Hardware contributed a collectors Case knife and tin, The Brackett News offered a subscription for the newspaper, Parts Plus gave us a tool box, and the Chamber will have two local merchant only gift certificates so far. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The B-B-Q will be served starting at 6:00 PM. The dance by Momentum (from San Antonio) will be from 8:00 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at the door. Any one wanting to contribute a door prize or raffle prizes should contact the Chamber.

Please make plans to attend the Christmas Mixer, no work for a change, just food and friends!! 1995 was another great year and we are already working on 1996. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we extend heartfelt wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas season and a Happy New Year!!

## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Everyone is invited! Don't miss the Second Annual Christmas gathering on the grounds of the City Hall (not the Civic Center) the evening of Sunday, December 17th. It's a wonderful time of singing, chatting, sharing food together and a feeling, of hope for the future and peace in the world. This evening of "Community Unity" could last throughout the year if we all tried a little harder. There are lots of great folks who live in Kinney County. Let's all get together at this Second Annual gathering.

Winter solstice occurs on December 21. This is the date that the longest night of the year takes place and the days begin to lengthen.

Everyone loves a cowboy! How about sending a city friend one of Bud Breen's wonderful oil paintings of the old west. You will find a large collection of his work at the gallery located in The Brackett News office on Ann Street. Some are large and some are small - there is one to please each friend.

Paintings, water colors and pen

and inks are available from other local artists. The Art Club at Fort Clark displays their works at the Art Studio located upstairs from the maintenance shops. You can view these art pieces on Saturdays and Mondays the days the members are at work in the studio.

On Thursday the 21st, the Chamber of Commerce will have it's Christmas Mixer. This is a good evening for meeting your local merchants. Try to attend. This same evening, the Old Quarry Society offers its Christmas program. Don't know how you can attend both - but if you can - you will enjoy your evening.

Take a drive around the county, to view the many lovely decorations. This is remarkable in our small town - many, many houses twinkle during the holidays - so before or after supper you will have time to see the colorful display.

"Good judgement is due to experience - experience is due to lack of good judgement."

## Big Mama Sez!



If you owe a debt pay it, if you owe a grudge forget it.

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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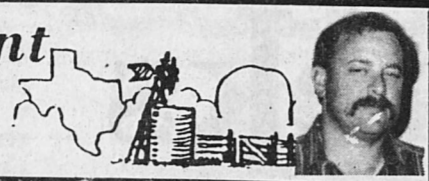


In 1616, Ben Jonson became the first playwright to prepare an edition of his own works for publication.



County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



State Management Plan Affects More Than The AG Producer

Proposals relating to several herbicides from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency aren't just going to affect the agriculture industry. It will affect anyone — including homeowners — that use pesticides.

The EPA has determined that ground water quality can be better protected, and potential contamination be prevented, through the proposed State Management Plans (SMP's) for the use of pesticides. That means that states that do not have a state management plan for a particular pesticide will not be allowed to use the pesticide within the state.

The SMP will describe where the pesticide can be used, how the pesticide can be used (including handling procedures) and application methods, timing and rate. Pesticide usage will be described in best management practices as outlined in the SMP. Best management practices are the recommended methods of handling, storing, mixing and applying the chemicals.

The SMP also will outline a ground monitoring program that will sample ground water in areas that have the potential for contamination. Educational programs will focus on vulnerable areas and will encourage residents to follow best management practices. If contamination is not reduced in future samples from a problem spot, the use of best management practices will become mandatory for that area. And — if future contamination is still not reduced in the area in question, through future samples, then that pesticide will be canceled for use in that vulnerable area.

This means that a producer might be able to use a pesticide in one of

his fields and not on a field that borders it. The five pesticides listed at the present time are: atrazine, simazine, cyanazine, alachlor and metachlor.

Each state is being required to draft an overall state management plan — then design a specific management plan for the pesticides that the EPA determines to have the greatest potential risk to contaminate ground water.

A Texas agricultural chemicals subcommittee, made up of representatives from 11 state agencies, with input from agricultural producer groups, presently is drafting the pesticide specific plan for atrazine, the chemical chosen by EPA. When state management plans are completed, they will be submitted to EPA for approval. Pesticide users will have to comply with specific plans beginning in the crop year of 1997.

All 4-H and FFA members are reminded that entry fees for the Kinney County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show are due now. Members must come by one of the offices and sign and entry blank and pay their fees.

On a related note, the 4-H club meeting that was scheduled for December 12th has been moved to December 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the county courthouse. There will be a program covering method demonstrations presented by Cheryl Mapston, Extension 4-H Associate, from the Uvalde A&M Center.

Extension programs conducted in Kinney County serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Moncus Meditations



MIKE MONCUS



Park Ranger, Interpreter Bastrop State Park

The wind came in the night hard from the north. The trailer rode with it. I had moved my travel trailer under the limbs of a big post oak tree at a more north-south bearing. That was a fine place for it but I hadn't planned for a good crop of acorns. Last year there were hardly any. Now every gust of the cool north wind and the trailer was pelted with handfuls of acorns. It all sounded like small arms fire all night long. Needless to say it was not a very restful night.

Birthdays are sometimes less than invigorating. Have you noticed? Remember sometimes either during or immediately after a very fun and exciting time suddenly you sort of get the sugar blues. Everything you think, hits you like heavy memories. Those memories that were so sweet that not having that opportunity anymore makes your whole disposition fall out from under you. The birthday wasn't mine but it reminded me of mine and it reminded me of others and that was

enough to set off a chain reaction of memories of events that swept my thrill in the moment away.

When my Grandma was alive sometimes I would see her setting and have a blank far-off look and if I asked her what she was thinking or what was the matter she'd only say, "Nothing, Precious, I'm just a little bit restless."

In the night after all the wind and acorns falling and my evenings memory games I found myself bothered but not awfully so. I found every round of small arms acorn volleys lifted me consciously a little bit more. I didn't reach out and simply grasp whatever I could I only waited for anything that might come and after a good little while I heard from deep inside my heart those words again, "Nothing, Precious, I'm just a little bit restless." Maybe that's all it was and even if it was more maybe it's best left unexplained.

/s/Michael R. Moncus

Laredo District Transitions Into 70-mph

Effective December 12, 1995, 70 mph speed limits will be posted throughout IH 35 in Webb and La Salle County announced representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Laredo District.

In November the Texas Transportation Commission approved the upgrade to 70 mph for Interstate 35. Therefore, on Tuesday the speed limit for vehicular traffic will change from 65 to 70 mph during the day and 70 to 65 mph during the evening. Speed limits for commercial traffic will change from 55 to 60 mph during the day and from 60 to 55 mph during the evening.

According to Terry Carson, Traffic Operations Manager for the Laredo District, the speed limits within the City of Laredo on IH 35 will not change at this time. "TxDOT must first determine the maximum safe speed limit; therefore, we have hired the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) of Texas A&M to conduct traf-

fic studies on Interstate 35, in addition to other State and U.S. highways within the eight county Laredo District," said Terry. "If the study from TTI shows that 85 percent of the vehicles are currently driving 70 mph in the study area, then there is a strong possibility that it will be zoned to 70 mph." Currently, the speed limit on Business IH 35 in La Salle County will remain unchanged.

TxDOT urges motorists to observe and follow the speed limits that are currently posted. The projected dates for posting the new 70 mph signs on highways meeting the study criteria within the Laredo District are currently as follows:

All other State and U.S. highways.....February 1996

All other Farm to Market (FM)/Ranch to Market (RM) highways.....May 1996

A map indicating the area that has recently changed to 70 mph is attached for your review as page two.

Precautions Can Prevent Most Auto Theft

Although the holiday season is usually a time of joy and celebration, it is also a time when many thieves make someone else's vehicle a present to themselves. Even if a vehicle is not stolen, the gifts or sound system inside often are.

There are many precautions motorists can take to protect themselves and their vehicles, according to the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

The most obvious precaution is to never leave keys in a car, even for a minute. Valuables are another thing thieves look for. If an item must be left in a car, place it somewhere out of sight, such as in the trunk.

When holiday shopping, park as close as possible to store entrances and in well-lit areas. If feasible, park so that the vehicle faces a street rather than a wall. Thieves are less apt to tamper with a vehicle in view of witnesses. Finally, if a vehicle is stolen, report it to law enforcement agencies as soon as possible.

Beyond practicing these safety measures, there are state-of-the-art security systems that offer significant protection for vehicle owners. In fact, in some cases, installing an anti-theft device can help drivers receive discounts on their auto insurance.

There are many types of security in many price ranges. Traditional siren systems activate a vehicle's horn and headlights upon tampering. Engine disable devices temporarily immobilize vehicles by turning off electrical circuits while fuel cut-off devices allow thieves to drive only a few blocks before the gas runs out. Mechanical devices such as steel bars or shields lock onto steering wheels and brake pedals.

Some new types of security devices are just now showing up in the marketplace. One is an intrusion sensor, which emits a thick, non-toxic cloud of smoke and prevents intruders from seeing outside of a vehicle. Another is a tracking system, which through the use of on board transmitters, emits signals that can be tracked with the help of a computer.

Experts recommend buying security systems from a company such as a franchised dealership that has a well-equipped shop and well-trained technicians. Technicians at dealerships, for example, have extensive training in vehicle electrical systems which power many security systems. Plus, dealerships can provide warranties for their work.

Although car theft and burglaries are always a danger, motorists can feel more secure this holiday season by taking reasonable precautions.

Runaway Hotline Calls Nearly Double In 1995

AUSTIN -- Telephone calls to the Texas Runaway Hotline have doubled this year, according to hotline director Jay Smith.

"The calls are coming from youth and worried parents," Smith said. "The numbers don't necessarily indicate an increase in runaways as much as they reflect the fact that youth and families are learning about our services."

The number of calls in November was 1,950, compared to 900 for the same month a year ago. In July, the number of calls peaked at 2,407, and the monthly average for 1995 has been nearly 1,900 calls, compared to an average of 994 calls per month in 1994. "More than 120,000 children from 7 years old to 17 run away in Texas every year, while thousands more contemplate running," Smith said. "Most children run away due to family difficulties that can range from disagreements to physical and sexual abuse."

Smith said although the predominate age of runaway callers is 14 to 16, the hotline has received calls from children as young as 8 who are thinking about running away. "Calls go up during this part of the year be-

cause holidays can be a lonely and depressing time for homeless youth away from their families," Smith said. "We also receive many calls from youth who seek refuge during the cold winter months."

Smith encouraged parents to call the Texas Runaway Hotline, 1-800-392-3352, for information on what to do if their children have left home. Hotline services include crisis counseling, family reconciliation counseling, referral to food and shelter and a message relay service to promote communication between runaways and their families.

Calls to The Runaway Hotline

	1994	1995
January	869	1,830
February	810	1,591
March	1,009	1,946
April	909	1,597
May	965	1,668
June	1,176	1,789
July	977	2,407
August	873	2,041
September	958	2,039
October	1,077	1,977
November	900 estimated	1,950
December	1,416	na
Monthly Average	994	1,894

Is It Really "Extreme" To Want To Balance The Budget?

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

This week, Congress is continuing to work to balance the budget in seven years. Seventeen days after he agreed to a seven-year balanced budget, the President finally submitted his own budget plan so we could see where his priorities lie. Unfortunately, the President continues to make unrealistic assumptions that will leave the budget \$400 billion in the red in seven years. No matter how much he tries to dress it up, \$400 billion in deficit spending will not produce a balanced budget.

How do the big spenders address the need to balance the budget? By avoiding the debate and calling fiscal conservatives "extremists." That's right. So I guess you and I are "extremists." If I had a nickel for every time I've heard that word in recent months, I could make a dent in the deficit.

Along with calling us "extremists" and "mean-spirited," the slur campaign uses several falsehoods.

You may hear that Congress is "cutting" Medicare. The truth is that Congress increases Medicare spending 6.4 percent every year over the next seven years while ensuring its solvency. The White House claims that Congress wants to raise Medicare premiums. The truth is that the monthly Medicare premium proposed by Congress is only \$4 more per month than what President Clinton proposed last year.

On welfare, the liberals say Congress wants to take away the safety net for the poor. Our budget plan transfers federal funding of welfare to the states for implementation and places limits on the amount of time an individual can be on welfare.

My personal favorite is that Congress is cutting (welfare, school lunches, student loans — inserts any government program here) to fund "tax cuts for the rich." The truth is that our budget calls for a \$500 per-child tax credit that benefits middle-class families. In fact, about three-fourths of the child tax credit helps families making less than \$75,000 per year.

The newest charge in the big lie campaign is that the Republican Congress is going to cut Social Security. That could not be further from the truth. Our budget plan makes no changes in the Social Security program.

The question is, why do these big-government lovers attack us as "extremists?"

Because bringing common sense to government threatens them. Because allowing citizens to control their lives takes away Washington's power. Because streamlining and cutting government waste gets rid of the huge bureaucracies they have worked for decades to build.

If it's "extreme" to want to balance the budget so our children and grandchildren have a shot at the American dream, then I'll wear that label as a badge of honor.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club met on Thursday, December 7th. Frank Cheaney, program chairman for December, presented a program on the attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. Frank spoke of the events that led up to the attack, and the circumstances that contributed to the Navy's being taken off-guard. Then, he showed video tapes provided by retired Navy Lieut. Commander Tom Powell. They include his first person account of the attack on Pearl Harbor as well as movies made during the actual attack. A second tape shows the site at present. Rusty, skeletal wreckage of ships emerge from the water as stark reminders of their fate. Also shown was the memorial to the battleship Arizona which is dedicated to the thousands of Navy men who lost their

lives when, after being severely hit, she capsized and entombed the ship's personnel.

The closing scene pictured a ceremony on the memorial itself, which stretches directly above the ship's grave. Sprays of flowers were thrown into the water to honor those who died there. As the flowers floated tranquilly on peaceful water, viewers remembered that turbulent day years ago. President Roosevelt phrased it well when he spoke to Congress, declaring war on Japan. December the 7th, the date of the attack on Pearl Harbor, "is a day which will live in infamy."

We thank Frank Cheaney for presenting a meaning and well timed program, and we thank Tom Powell for his valuable contributions.



15 Homeowners Will Get \$1,047 Cash Before The Christmas Season

Which is when we all need it the most.

By LIZZ RAMIREZ

Once again in Brackettville, Dan Peterson has created a program that will allow 15 homeowners to get \$1,047 cash right now before the Christmas Season. Plus, get a new heating and air conditioning system without taking one penny out of their pockets.

My question when talking to Dan Peterson was...

Why Would He Make This Offer?

His answer made sense. He said "At this time of year I'm faced with a devastating problem and I know this can solve my problem. You see, during this Christmas season I already have two strikes against me:

1. The really cold weather hasn't hit us, so we don't get a lot of repair calls.

2. People have to spend so much for Christmas that they will do whatever they can to put off spending money on anything else.

Now I know many homeowners are faced with their own problems... They have all these things that they want to do this Christmas, but many of them don't know where all the money will come from. Well, this creative plan will take care of their problem and mine.

I believe that by giving homeowners this tremendous opportunity, these 15 systems will keep all of my employees busy until Christmas. I realize we don't have the profit in these jobs that we normally do, but it's worth it just to keep all our people working instead of having to send them home."

After discussing the advantage to the homeowner I believe Mr. Peterson will wish he had enough employees to put in more than 15 systems, and I'm sure many homeowners will too.

Here Is How The Homeowners Benefit

They can finance a new premium heating and air conditioning system with-

Left To Homeowners Will Get \$1,047 Cash Before The Christmas Season

out taking one cent out of their pocket. Then Mr. Peterson will give them a check for \$1,047.

For homeowner that decide to pay cash, instead of financing, Mr. Peterson will reduce their price by \$1,047.

Either way the homeowner can save \$1,047.

Just imagine, When Christmas is here many of these homeowners can enjoy it like they never have before. That's because these homeowners will have \$1,047 cash to pay their Christmas bills.

Here Is Another Part Of This Concept That Impresses Me

The homeowners that are replacing an old system will get a guaranteed energy savings of 25% during the first year or Mr. Peterson will pay them the difference. Plus, he will take care of any repairs on the new system FREE for the next 10 years. And get this! Mr. Peterson said "Many of our customers have found that the money they save on their energy bills is more than their monthly payment."

My hat goes off to Mr. Peterson for creating a remarkable program. Just look at everything the homeowner gets:

A new system without taking one cent out of their pocket.

\$1,047 cash at the time of year that they need it the most.

A \$1,047 discount if they decide to pay cash instead of finance.

A system that could cut their energy and repair bills by more than their monthly payment.

The Only Way Homeowners Can Lose Is If Their Call Comes In Too Late

Because according to Mr. Peterson, once the 15 systems are sold this program will have to end.

Homeowners can request more information (or schedule a free survey) by calling COMFORT TECH at 774-6542 OR 1-800-825-6694.

Here is my advice if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity... Do not delay calling.

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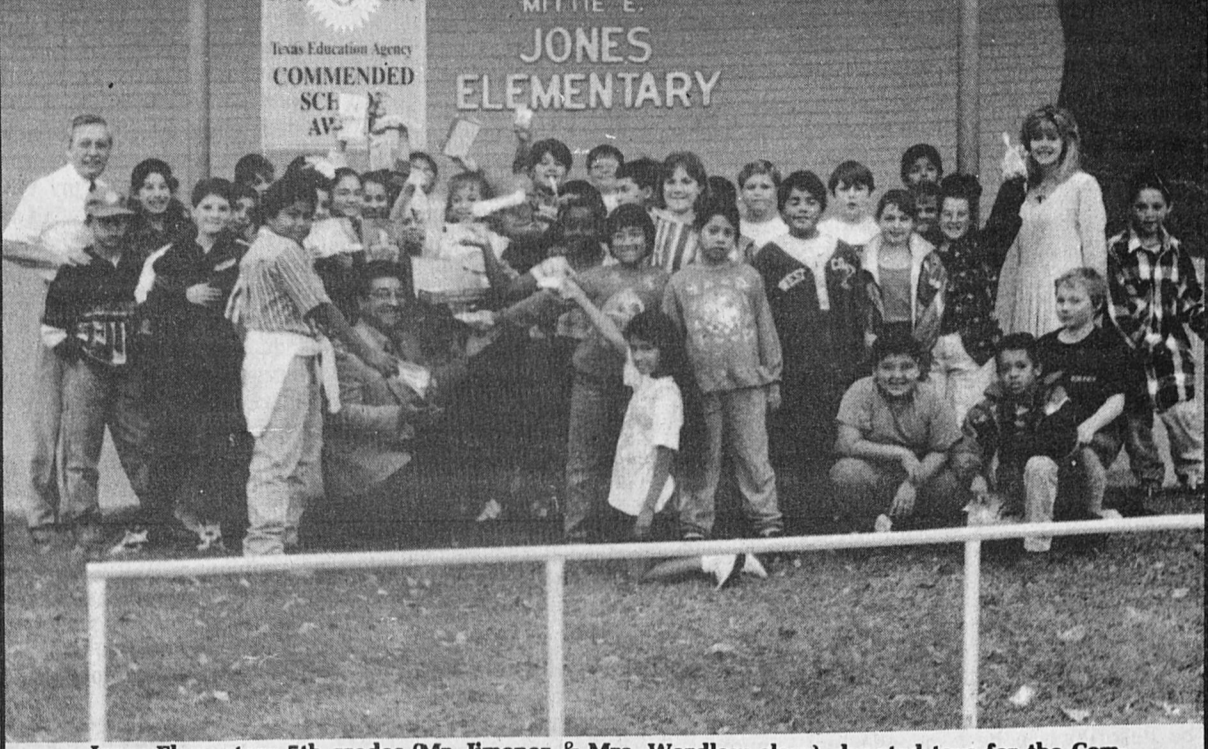
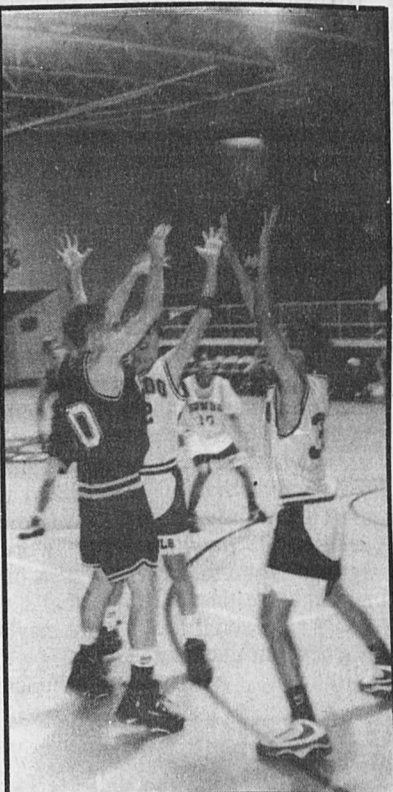


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# Tiger Tracks



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Picture above Josh Crumley during last week JV game against Hondo.

## Tigerettes Equal Champions

Last Thursday, the Tigerettes traveled to the South West Texas Junior College Tournament. They were pooled to face the Lady Trojans from Asherton in the first round.

The Tigers rolled past the Lady Trojans 43-27. After starting slow, the Tigerettes did what it took to take care of Asherton.

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 15 points. Tina Meek had 6 points as did Windy Goodloe. Sandra Hernandez had 4 points as did Courtney Harrison, Denice Frerich, and Katy Hagler.

Head Coach Gregg Nowlin says, "We started slow. We didn't expect them to be as good as they were. They have gotten much better. After we got over their talent, we decided to play basketball. After making some adjustments, we took off with the game."

Thursday night, the Tigerettes were set to play the Lady Rockcrushers of Knippa. After thrashing the Lady Trojans, all the Tigerettes had to do to make it to the championship was beat Knippa, they did it 26-24.

Coach Nowlin says, "It was one of the lowest scoring games I've ever been associated with. It was a battle of defense. We did a good job to pull it out in the end."

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 11 points. Sandra Hernandez had 9, and Courtney Harrison had 2 points as did Tina Meek and Windy Goodloe.

Saturday, the Tigerettes played in the championship game of the South West Texas Junior College Tournament for the first time in 4 years. Not only did they play in it, they won it! Courtney Harrison's shot at the buzzer gave the Tigerettes the 38-36 win.

Coach Nowlin says, "It was a great game. That is the second time we have beat them at the buzzer this year. We did a great job of handling the pressure. They played full court man-to-man, we did a great job breaking their press. We didn't let the pressure get to us and I'm very proud of our Tigerettes."

Leading scorer for the Tigerettes was Amanda Meek with 18 points. Courtney Harrison had 8 points, including the game winning shot. Denice Frerich had 7 points. Sandra Hernandez had 3 points, and Tina Meek scored 2 points.

The Tigerettes racked up 107 points in their 3 game march to becoming champions.

Once again Amanda Meek stole a spot on the all-tournament team. This makes her 2-2. She also grabbed a spot on the all tournament team in Nueces Canyon. Will she grab one in the Brackett Tournament to make it 3-3? Lets hope so!!!

**Congratulations Champions!**

After taking first place in the SWJTC Tournament, the Tigerettes are looking to do the same at home.

The J.V. Tigerettes and the Tigerettes are hosting their annual tournament this weekend. The Tigerettes are marching for their second consecutive championship as Amanda Meek looks for her 3rd straight all-tournament award.

The J.V. Tigerettes open the tournament up against the Lady Bulldogs (varsity) from La Pryor at 5:00 Thursday. Immediately following that game the Tigers open against La Pryor. Just after that game the varsity Tigerettes open up against Crystal City. That game is scheduled for about 8:00 Thursday night.

## Tigers Smash Trojans

Last Thursday, the Tigers suited up to face the Asherton Trojans in the first round of the South West Texas Junior College Tournament.

The Tigers reached their highest point total all season in this 77-49 thrash of the Trojans.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Michael Padron with 17 points. Mike also had 11 assists and 6 steals. Ruben Terrazas added 15 points and 6 rebounds. Ramon DeLeon also had 15 points but he had 4 steals. Moses Hernandez had 12 points and 11 boards. Brian Flores added 8 points, Kirk Hill had 4 points and 9 boards. Raymond Talamantez had 2 points as did Eric Rivera. Beau Smallwood had 2 points along with 9 rebounds.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "We had a slow start. Once we came on and decided to play Basketball we scored our season high. It was a fun game; everyone got to play." This win pooled the Tigers against Knippa for the 2nd round.

## Tigers Crush Rockcrushers

Thursday night, the Tigers were coming off of their big win over the Asherton Trojans and preparing for the Knippa Rockcrushers. All the Tigers would need to do to make it to the championship game is beat the Rockcrushers, they did it. The Tigers 52-49 skin past the Rockcrushers sent them to the championship for their 2nd consecutive year.

In this 2nd round victory the leading scorer was equaled by 2 Tigers. Brian Hooker and Ramon DeLeon each had 11 points. Brian had 5 boards and Ramon had 5 steals. Mike Padron had 10 points, 6 steals, and 6 assists. Ruben Terrazas added 9 points. Beau Smallwood added 6 points. Moses Hernandez added 5 points and 10 rebounds.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "It was a good game for us. It was good to play someone that plays a tough full-court man to man defense. We showed a lot of composure by hitting free throws at the end of the game."

## Tigers Take 2nd Place

For 2 consecutive years the Tigers have traveled to Uvalde and taken 2nd place in the South West Texas Junior College Tournament. The Tigers fell to the Leakey Eagles 44-55 in the championship game.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Moses Hernandez with 19 points. Ruben Terrazas had 9, Mike Padron had 8, Ramon DeLeon had 7 and Brian Hooker had 1 point.

For the second consecutive tournament Michael Padron has taken a spot on the all-tournament team.

2nd place out of 8 teams is far from shabby. In the tournament the Tigers managed to rack up 173 points.

Gary Grubbs says, "We should have won this game but we are still in the learning process. I'm very proud of the composure and discipline that the Brackett Tigers show while being on the court. It's games like that, that make our team better."

Coach Grubbs says, "It is very disappointing to go over there and lose in the championship 2 years in a row. Over-all, I'm very pleased in our kids and the effort they put forth to take 2nd place in a tournament like that. That is a very competitive tournament and the guys deserve no less than 2nd place." Way to go Tigers!

This weekend the Tigers will be hosting their annual tournament.

Gary Grubbs says, "We are looking forward to our tournament. It is always good to play at home."

The Tigers will open up their action against La Pryor at 6:30 Thursday evening. See ya There!

## Tigers Fall To Eagle Pass J.V.

Monday, the Tigers suited up to face the junior varsity team from the 5-A city of Eagle Pass. The Tigers have played this team once before and come out on top 76-67. This time it was a different story. The Tigers fell to the Eagles 65-66.

The leading scorer for the Tigers was none other than Mike Padron with 19 points, and 9 assists. Next was Beau Smallwood with 12 points and 7 boards. Ruben Terrazas added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Moses Hernandez had 9 points and 5 boards. Brian Flores had 5 points, Kirk Hill had 4 points, as did Ramon DeLeon, and Brian Hooker had 1 point.

Coach Grubbs says, "We are coming off of a very hard tournament. As a team, our kids gave all they had. Our legs were dead and it showed in the 4th quarter. All-in-all we played a very hard game."

## J.V. Tigers Fall To Freshmen Eagles

Monday, the J.V. Tigers suited up for the Freshmen team from the 5-A city of Eagle Pass.

The Tigers fell to the Eagles 68-52. The Tigers were outmatched by 9 players. The Tigers have 10 players whereas the Eagles ONLY had 19.

The leading scorer for the Tigers was none other than Patrick Munoz with 14 points. Next, was Josh Crumley with 11 points, Luis Guajardo had 10 points, David Honstein had 6, Jacob Puda had 5, Demitres Williams had 3, Nat Terrazas had 2, and Caleb Crumley had 1 point.

The J.V. Tigers are continuously improving. Yet they are still in the learning stages of many aspects of the game. Keep up the hard work Tigers.

## Library Memorials

B.I.S.D. Myrtle Higgingbotham Hunt Library acknowledges these recent memorials:

Steve and Merry Beth Mills donated *The Santa Claus* (VHS) in memory of Cleo Reed; *Gordy: The Talking Pig Who Made It Big* (VHS) in memory of Jesus G. Esparza; *Miracle On 34th Street* (VHS) in memory of Mercedes Juarez and vol. 3 of *Deer and Deer Hunting* in memory of Andrew Stephenson.

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Mrs. Lloyd Davis donated *The Encyclopedia Of Herbs, Spices and Flavoring* in memory of Madge Belcher; and *The Complete Medicinal Herbal* in memory of Ellen Belcher Langham.



## School Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by board president Jimmy Bader with all board members present. Taylor Stephenson led the group in prayer and Jimmy Bader led the pledge.

Stan Conoly motioned to accept the minutes of the November 13th meeting as amended and Darlene Shahan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Greenwald of Coleman, Horton and Co. gave his audit report. Jim McDaniels motioned to accept and Gloria Garcia seconded, motion passed.

It was decided the board would set guide lines on the 95-96 school calendar before turning it over to the Site Base Management Committee. Lloyd Lee Davis moved to start no earlier than August 19 and end no later than May 30. Gloria Garcia seconded, motion passed.

It was decided not to include air conditioning in the new 72 passenger bus, since the 4-5 thousand it would cost, could be better used else where.

## Cubs Slip To Cubs

Cubs slip to Cubs, What??? That's right, Monday the Brackett Cubs (Tigers) traveled to Comstock to face the Cubs (Panthers).

The Tigers slipped up and fell to the Panthers 29-46.

The leading scorer for the Cubs was Shiller Hill with 16 points. Next was Coty Williams with 6 points. Brandon Moore had 4, Zack Davis had 2, and Alex DeLeon added 1 point.

Better luck next year Cubs. The Cubs next game will be in 1996.

## Way To Go Tigers!

**DRIVE CAREFULLY  
OUR CHILDREN ARE  
OUT OF SCHOOL**

**Making A Difference**  
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON  
BISD Curriculum Director

## "The Glow Of Christmas"

The Christmas Season calls for an extra feeling of warmth. Checking out the word "glow" in my trusty dictionary, I found that warmth is clearly part of the definition. Glowing is like a solid rock heated to the point that it is luminous — reflecting a glow. What's that glow about? What does it have to do with Christmas lights in Kinney County? This week, let's forge ahead and talk about "the glow of Christmas."

I think the glow begins with Christmas lights. The first ones begin to twinkle about Thanksgiving time. Sometimes it's offensive to those traditionalists that want a special time for each season and resent lights that go up too early. It's not to me. Christmas is a season that can and should be celebrated all year. The birth of Jesus is reason enough for the season to be extended by Christian folks everywhere.

So, the lights started to go up on the day following Thanksgiving. Entire neighborhoods got on the bandwagon this year. In my neighborhood, some of the folks like Garland and wife, Jane, helped talk folks into dusting off the lights and into beautifying the subdivision called The Oaks. That's alright with me. Remember the great movie, "Christmas Vacation", when Chevy Chase playing Clark Griswold plugged in the lights? It was a grand moment. In Clark and Garland's neighborhood, the glow that Christmas lights emit is not one that will be quickly dimmed.

It's the warmth of the glow that intrigues me. Lights of red and green just emit a glow that is warm. As I drive through Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs, I see some of the most beautiful lights that I have seen in my lifetime. We can be proud of the efforts to make Christmas brighter.

But, is there more to the glow than lights? You bet there is! The glow of Christmas is about people. It's about love. It's about people that care about others. At Christmas time, folks walk with a quicker bounce in their step. My wise calendar says, "There's something about the holidays that puts a little bounce in your checks." Obviously, it's not that kind of bounce that I'm talking about here.

It's happy time. Christmas is. It's a time when we can enjoy the smiles and songs of people. Like the Fort Clark Voices singing — "I Heard the Bells of Christmas Say." We live in community that cares about each other. Those folks that have chose to live in Kinney County care about others. The glow that I see at Christmas comes from loving people.

As we prepare to have a real old fashioned community celebration this Sunday evening, let's rekindle the Glow of Christmas in ourselves. When lights of Christmas, think about those folks who show the glow of love at Christmas. That's what the season is about. That's what life is about.

In Brackettville, we have great schools, churches and a grand quality of life. That's enough to kindle a glow. This week, smile more, help more, care more, love more, and work on thinking and saying good things. Get ready for Christmas by using this simple exercise that is guaranteed to make for a better life. Have a good week.



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.

December 1883: Lt French is in the field close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden) in command of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment. Time is spent maintaining the detachments records, dealing with O.B.s (official business correspondence), staying one step ahead of a crafty government contractor who is supplying the detachment with hay, socializing with local homesteaders, and hunting. Early in the month the weather turns cold enough to freeze water in French's canteen and his bond with the scouts is strengthened as he notes, "...Was very glad to find the men laughing & joking instead of growling at the cold weather as white soldiers would have done." French pledges to fight a decision by the Secretary of the Interior which denies the Seminole's request to be moved to the Indian Territory. Hunting keeps the detachment in fresh meat, but there is no Christmas turkey. French is liberal with passes to the post for scouts who reenlist and for a scout with a sick child. After Christmas he allows himself a brief trip back to Fort Clark to retrieve his Christmas package (which of course includes a fruit cake). The arrival of Captain Boyd of the 8th Cavalry (his wife, Frances, wrote "Cavalry Life in Tent and Field") forces yet another move for the bachelor lieutenant. As the year ends he notes with pride that he has kept the diary for a year.

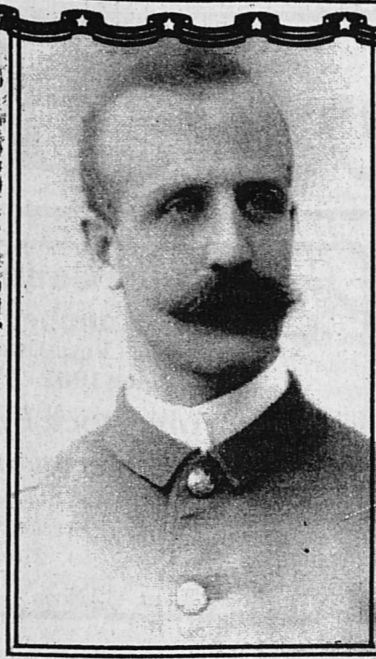
Monday, December 10 1883

After breakfast wrote a letter to Father enclosing a N.Y. check for \$93.00 for insurance and Christmas presents. Wrote a note to Hall for some necessary blanks. Then walked over to the house but found Capt. Simonds had gone to the railroad to meet Mr. Lougee. After returning to camp with the doctor saw the Captain's wagon coming from Thurston and walked back to the house. Mr. Lougee had returned from San Antonio with two mules and supplies purchased there. He came back last Wednesday from Austin and went down to San Antonio on Thursday to make other purchases. He brought me \$1 worth postage stamps and made me a present of a fine knife, something I need very much. Borrowed a tool & returned to camp to open a box of cleaning material. Had Luce clean the shot gun and my carbine. In trying to tear up one of the floor boards in my tent, strained my back; had the Doctor put a plaster on it in the evening. In the afternoon attended to official correspondence, wrote a letter to Maj. Bash and sent \$32 for deposit in the San Antonio National Bank. Had a talk with Torres again about the hay and gave him to understand that I was not going to be taken in again by him on the hay business. In the evening wrote a letter to Weeks & read the paper.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

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Sent a check to Godwin to pay for the potatoes and onions he sent out to our mess. Wanted to go to San Francisco Creek tomorrow with Capt. Simonds and Mr. Lougee but my back aches too much. Will try to go Wednesday. Received a letter today in which the Sec'y. of the Interior refuses to permit the scouts to be moved to the Seminole reservation in the Indian Territory. Intend to fight this but want to get some papers from Clark first.

Thursday, December 13 1883

Lougee had gone before I got up this morning. After breakfast practiced on the violin for an hour and then cleaned it. Am determined to practice at least one hour every day and try to improve. Studied short hand an hour. The mail did not come in the morning, so sent the courier back in the afternoon but he brought word that the train would not be in until evening. Read Harper's Magazine & played solitaire until dinner. The day seemed very long on account of non arrival of mail. Wrote a letter for Torres in morning. His brother is to come tomorrow and then the hay business may be settled.

Tuesday, December 11 1883

My back felt a little better this morning but is not well yet. Wrote a letter to Vedder about the lariats. Then the Doctor and I walked out to the house and on to a water hole which all hands were engaged in cleaning out. It is their intention to scrape off all the dirt down to the solid rock, build a stout dam across the bottom, cement all the [sic] put a layer of earth on the bottom to retain the moisture and put in solid banks. Then when the rains have filled the hole, they hope to be able to hold the water some time. Saw them make one blast and then strolled about a mile farther from camp to look for prairie chickens the Doctor having his gun along. Saw none. Returned to camp and commenced to clean my violin when the mail came. One letter from home, from J.R. Cary, a postal and some official mail comprised mine. Commenced a letter to Henry Freeman, but was interrupted to go out to weigh the hay. Practiced on my violin a while but the back ache compelled me to stop. After dinner we went over to the house and invited Simonds and Lougee over to play euchre. They came over after dark and we played until after nine o'clock, Lougee and I winning. After they went home finished the letter to Henry and wrote to the Postmaster at Brackett for a postal note and for him to see why my papers from home dont come. Then read a little history.

Wednesday, December 12 1883

A cold steady rainy day prevented the men from working on the brush shelter they are making for the animals and prevented our neighbors from working on their tank. Capt. Simonds spent most of the day over here. Wrote a letter home this morning, then read a little and played a while on the violin. In the afternoon, Lougee came over and he & I beat the others at euchre; Dr. B. getting a little angry said some things that nearly set me off. I am a fool for giving way to my temper. Lougee cooked some clam chowder that was splendid, & he and the Captain ate with us. Received a letter from home that ought to have come before but was carried past on the train. After dinner, Captain & Lougee went home a while & then returned to pass the night with us, playing euchre until after nine o'clock. The Captain slept in the Doctor's tent, & Lougee in mine.

Friday December 14 1883

A chilly norther was blowing today. The men finished their brush shelter making a warm place for the animals. Practiced for an hour quite steadily on the violin. Archer came over to write some letters. He is evidently much disappointed in not receiving any mail out here. The mail brought me some O.B.'s, a letter from Capt. Vance and the first bundle of papers that has come to this place for me. Sale sent word that there was some freight at the station, so went over in the light wagon & got some commissaries and canteens. After dinner Captain & Lougee came over & we played euchre until nine o'clock with usual result then they went home feeling tired from working. Wrote some O.B.'s, about the freight received today. Read the papers from home with a great deal of pleasure. They hint at

Saturday, December 15 1883

Capt. Simonds was over before breakfast this morning. After breakfast, Doctor & I went out with shot guns I having Lougee's to see the work on the waterhole and then took a long stroll but saw no game. Cesario Torres, the contractor was in camp when we returned and after being introduced to the Doctor he came to my tent and we had a long talk about different matters. A load of hay

came which I estimated & received from him and found him to be much easier to deal with than his brother. The stack is to be repaired and he will wait to turn it over to me next week. Captain brought mail, mine being mainly official and a notice of deposit of \$32 in San Antonio bank to my credit. Torres spent the whole day in my tent preventing my practicing as usual, but practiced about an hour at night before retiring. The Doctor got a letter that Witherell has taken his quarters. He intends to go to Clark tomorrow. After dinner cleaned my violin & was interrupted in practicing by Lougee & Simonds who came to have some euchre, playing in my tent. Wrote some O.B.'s, and a letter to Maj. Morris and read the papers after they went. Shall sent \$20.75 collected from Torres to Maj. Morris tomorrow by Doctor. Must write to Marie tomorrow. Mr. Flint who came out last February, came over today.

Sunday, December 16 1883

Commenced to write home after breakfast but on account of interruptions did not finish until one o'clock. Mail brought a letter from home, one from Hall & some O.B.'s. Hall says the Seminoles will be relieved, probably, the first of February and will return here in April. I am very well satisfied here and equally contented to go back to the Post. Some men reported ducks down at the Springs and I started and got almost there, when I happened to remember that today was Sunday & returned. What a godless life we are leading to forget such a thing as this. The Doctor went to Clark today taking \$20.75 to Maj. Morris and a \$10 piece to be changed. Paid him for last month's mess. He expects to bring Mrs. Buffington back and wants to have everything fixed up when he returns. He has invited Lougee's wife to come here also and wants Lougee to come into camp to live. Confound him, he is entirely too free with these things. Went over to see Lougee in the afternoon, Captain having gone to Thurston, & returned in time to weigh the hay. After dinner played a short time on the violin when Archer came over to get a scout to go out tomorrow with him to survey. After he left Capt. Simonds came bringing some rope that came by freight & spent a long time here talking. He has told me of an excellent investment requiring less the \$500. Mr. Nason will write me in a few days about it. After he left wrote a letter to Marie. Flint passed today on his way back to camp from Thurston. Made Torres pull off the wet hay from the stack today.

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ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, INC. (Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility), HC 61, Box 81, Fredericksburg, Texas 78642 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. MSW2253) to authorize a Type I municipal solid waste management facility. The proposed site covers approximately 424 acres of land and is to receive, but is not limited to, approximately 830 tons of municipal solid waste per day for disposal or other processing. The proposed waste management facility location is abutted by State Highway 131 and Farm-to-Market Road 1572, one half mile south of the City of Spofford in Kinney County, Texas.

This application has been declared administratively complete and is currently under technical review by the staff of the TNRCC. Once the technical evaluation is completed, the TNRCC will issue further notice of the applications and the terms of any proposed draft permits.

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the offices of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Park 35, 12015 N. Interstate Highway 35, at Yager Lane, Colonnade Building F, Room 1201, Austin, Texas, telephone 512/239-6781.

The TNRCC will conduct an informal public meeting to receive and consider public comments on the application. The informal public meeting will be held at:

6:00 p.m. - Monday, December 18, 1995  
Kinney County Civic Center  
Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832

Information concerning the public meeting may be obtained by contacting Ann Scudday or Charles Stavley, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone 512/239-4756 or 512/239-6688.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille are requested to contact Charles Stavley or Ann Scudday, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section at 512/239-6688 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least two (2) work days prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Issued this 20th day of November, 1995.

(Seal)  
Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk  
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Voices Of Fort Clark

This year has been the 20th Anniversary for "The Voices Of Fort Clark". It all started with about 6 people preparing for Easter Sunrise Service in 1975 conducted by Walter Miller from the 6 it swelled to 24 by the time Easter rolled around. That was the beginning of the Easter Sunrise Services. Of the original group Cubie Kurtz is the only one remaining. The group started singing just for fun. At first we just had words on a sheet of paper. It wasn't too long till we had more people singing that could read music and we graduated to notes. The voices have participated in a lot of things. Sang for the Widows and Orphans Masonic Banquet at Christmas in Del Rio. Also the Music Club in Del Rio, in Brackett's High School Auditorium a time or two. We have been doing two programs a year one at Christmas and the other is the Spring Concert. We have a lot of Winter Texans in the group, so we disban after the Easter Sunrise Service. This Sunday night December 10th we gave our Christmas Concert to a packed house. If you missed the concert you missed a good time.

Theta Sigma Chapter Of Beta Sigma Phi

Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday, December 4 at Dee Gaston's house. The meeting began with a buffet of Christmas goodies which makes this everyone's favorite time of the year. Dee had the buffet decorated with Christmas greens, lights and colorful decorations. Ann Hibler also brought an old world Santa that her daughter Pam Klubb had made for her. She had hand molded the face and painted it in beautiful realistic colors. He was dressed in white robes and trimmed in white fur. The accent color of the trim was green. He carried a large shoulder pack of miniature toys and goodies. It was a beautiful accent piece for all the other tasteful decorations. After the social time, president Luella Gilliland called the meeting to order with the opening ritual. A business meeting followed. Members were reminded of the Dinner Theatre at the Country Club in Uvalde on Saturday, December 16. Plans were completed for the Chapter's Annual Garage and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 9 at Gaye Kurz's house. The Christmas party will be at Clara McCord's house and finger foods will be brought by

each member. The meeting will begin early to present the order of the rose to Emma Schrier who will be moving from Fort Clark after the first of the year. Members were reminded that there will be a cultural program in February, sponsored by the Fire House Fine Arts Center in Del Rio. It will be "An Evening With Patsy Cline". The program was presented by Dee Gaston and was centered around dreams, which is the theme of Beta Sigma Phi this year. Members were handed cards that had such sayings as "I never dreamed I would" and "I'm dreaming of a "White Christmas" and many, many more. Members were asked to tell about dreams they had over the years. Some were funny, some were sad and many were scary. Dee summed up the discussion with some of her own dreams of the past and dreams for the future. It was a well planned program and enjoyed by all who attended. The closing ritual ended the meeting. Those attending were Patsy Callan, Betty Gaitner, Dee Gaston, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Ann Hibler, Doraline Kellar, Pat McKelvy, Molly Schroeder, Emma Schrier and Bobbie Waddill.

A Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne  
On a shelf in the back of my sun porch closet, sometimes called by my family the "treasure closet" sits a box tied with a Christmas ribbon and labeled "Christmas Nest". Open it and inside is the sad remains of a one time very nice bird nest, but now showing the wear and tear of three generations of children. In all my married life I have never bought a Christmas tree. We were fortunate to have friends who lived on a ranch in the hill country and for years the beginning of our Christmas was spending the day with these friends and cutting our own tree. Those times are some of my dearest memories. One time we found when we got the tree home that it held in its branches a well made birds nest. We were very careful not to disturb it and when we decorated the tree we put a red bow on it and filled it with silver wrapped chocolate drops. From year to year the nest was away in its box to await the next Christmas when it again was put into the branches and filled with candies and many children enjoyed their trips to the nest. It is now retired from active duty but the memories of those happy times live on.

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  - 24 Actor Stoltz
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  - 34 — Under "Fire"
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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**Natasha's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
Research beckons early in the week as you try to make sense of a difficult project. Later, you find the solution to what's been holding you up and are surprised at how simple it really is. Enjoy social visits this weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
It's a good week for making major investment and financial decisions since your judgment is right on the mark. However, make sure you include that special someone in the decision-making process to avoid any possible arguments.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Communicative skills are accented highly now. Whatever you wish for seems to come your way just for the asking. However, the latter part of the week is best for maintaining a lower profile. This weekend, the spotlight is on romance.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Career developments occur behind the scenes, but they're all positive. Opportunities come this week through friendship. Later in the week, your mental accomplishments are awe-inspiring. The weekend brings plans for a get-together.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
A co-worker is determined to throw a wrench into the works and you're puzzled as to the reason for this. Instead of getting angry, try to talk to this person and find out what's going on. The answer is bound to enlighten you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
You need to use your powers of diplomacy now when dealing with bigwigs and colleagues on the job. Later in the week, discussions about your career are very important. On the home front, extra duties beckon.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Take heart. Even though a friend you haven't seen in a while cancels a planned visit, you will soon see each other anyway. It's a great time for those of you in love as romance is thrilling. Be careful not to overspend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
You have a tendency now to overreact to what a close friend is saying. In general, you are overly sensitive this week and could find yourself in a few spat as a result. This weekend is good for getting your thoughts across to others.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
You can stop worrying about what's going on at work since there's only so much control you can exert. This situation rights itself if left alone. It's a good week to catch up on your reading.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Someone at work is touchy, but otherwise, it's smooth sailing with career interests this week. A friend could be down in the doldrums but you have the power to cheer this person out of it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
A new mental interest captivates you this week and in the weeks to come. You are able later in the week to patch up a difficult situation with a friend. Use the weekend for domestic chores.

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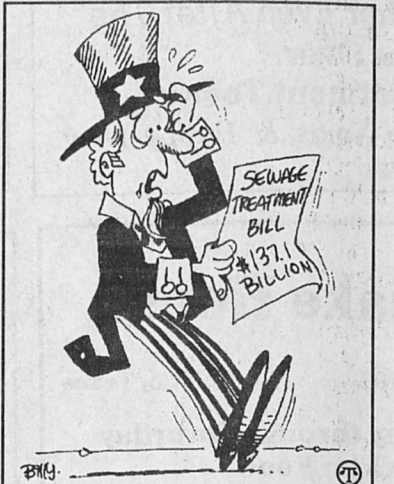


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# Texas Courts Stymie Efforts To Prosecute DWI Cases

Drunk driving is a serious problem in Texas. Between 1987 and 1990 about 301,400 drivers caused more than 352,000 DWI events. Texas law enforcement officers have few tools with which to fight drunk driving in Texas, yet Texas courts have worked against sober Texans in a number of important decisions. ATAC believes it is important the public is aware of these adverse rulings.

In a recent example, the Austin Court of Appeals reversed a DWI conviction on the grounds it is not an officer's job to render aid to a motorist.

The facts are these: An Austin police officer saw a Lincoln Continental traveling at an unusually slow speed on the frontage road to Interstate 35. The lights on the car were switching between high and low beam. The man driving the car had his head down close to the steering wheel. Worried the driver was falling asleep or experiencing some medical problem, the officer stopped the vehicle. The policeman then discovered the driver was intoxicated, so he placed him under arrest.

The local court convicted the driver of DWI, but the case was appealed on the ground the policeman had no reason to stop the vehicle. That is, concern for public safety was not a valid reason for pulling over a motorist. The State argued that part of a police officer's job is a "community caretaking function," a function which most Texans who work outside a courtroom can appreciate and understand.

The State is now asking the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to review the Austin Court's decision. The case, *Rheinlander v. State*, was argued on Oct. 11 and a decision is pending. The State is asking the highest criminal court to consider the overwhelming number of cases which support a "caretaking" role for police and reverse the appeals court. (Ironically, the Austin Court of Appeals cited a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals' precedent in deciding that an officer can stop a driver for criminal conduct only.)

If the Criminal Appeals Court rules otherwise, Texas could be the only state in the union where an officer has no "community caretaking" role.

The *Rheinlander* case is also important because the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has a history of stretching logic to overturn DWI convictions. One such example, is *Erdman v. State*. Here, the court reversed the DWI conviction of a driver who was found weaving from lane to lane on a Harris County highway on the grounds he was "coerced" into taking a breath test.

In March 1989, a deputy sheriff stopped the defendant and watched as he stumbled out of his Mercedes smelling of alcohol. The trooper believed the defendant was "highly intoxicated" and radioed for a DPS trooper to take him to jail.

The defendant initially refused to take a breath test when he arrived at the jail, but later asked the trooper about the consequences of refusal. The trooper explained that no charges would be pressed if the defendant passed the test, but that he would be charged with DWI if he failed. He told the defendant that if he refused to take the test his license would be suspended for 90 days and the refusal could be used against him in court (the required legal warning). The trooper also explained that a refusal would result in a DWI charge and that the defendant would spend the night in jail.

In the trooper's experience, this was the normal course of events.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals was offended by the trooper's straightforward response, finding the explanation "coercive." According to the high court breath tests are voluntary, and the trooper's prediction of upcoming events (no matter how accurate) somehow violated this "right to refuse" a breath test.

The Court of Criminal Appeals made this decision a landmark precedent in their own court (*Forte v. State*) which explains why a DWI suspect has no legal right to refuse a breath test. In Texas, simply operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway implies such consent.

In *Erdman*, the state's highest criminal court has "made up" a right which doesn't exist.

Whether or not the man was a drunken driver is evidently lost on this court. The breath test showed the defendant intoxicated just as the sheriff originally surmised.

The *Erdman* case is not the only DWI related instance where the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals preferred counting angels on pinheads to sound reasoning.

In *Stevenson v. State*, the defendant was arrested for DWI in Dallas and transported to county jail. There, he was videotaped and given the traditional intoxilizer test. The Dallas Criminal Court convicted the man based on the video tape and breath test results. The defendant appealed, arguing that breath test results (in the form of a computer printout) are hearsay, and thus not admissible as evidence.

In October 1993, The Texas Court of Appeals dismissed the hearsay argument. Hearsay involves a statement from a human, and the Appeals Court realized a computer and a human are two different things.

Such logic did not sway the Court of Criminal Criminal. In March 1995, the high criminal court ruled that a breath test is hearsay and the DWI conviction should not stand.

Using this logic readings from a thermometer, a fuel gauge, and a radar gun would also be hearsay evidence. Incredibly, the court reached this ruling even though Texas Legislature passed specific legislation regarding use of intoxilizer evidence in the courtroom. The State met the requirements spelled out in the law, but for a majority of judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, that was not enough.

We can only speculate what damage this decision will have on future cases involving breath tests and DWI convictions.

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**Frontier Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

All of us at some time or another consider the cost of Christmas. Some people spend so much on Christmas on credit they hardly pay it off before the next Christmas.

These costs are really somewhat insignificant when we consider the true costs. Christmas cost Mary and Joseph a trip on foot and by donkey of 70 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was at a most inconvenient time because Mary was "great with child". It cost Mary and Joseph Jesus being born in a cave designed to shelter sheep and cattle and laid in the manger which normally held feed for animals.

Christmas cost some shepherds their complacency. Their customary simple tending of their sheep was suddenly interrupted by a chorus of angels telling them Jesus had been born and where. They left their flocks and went into the city and found the baby. They went about the streets telling the news only to be scorned by unbeliever.

Christmas caused three wise men to travel by camel caravan for two years to come to the Christ child. It cost them a great deal of money including expensive gifts to the King's through whose territory they came. They brought lavish gifts to the little boy Jesus, now about 2 years old. It

cost them a loss of self respect as they had to sneak out of the country rather than return to Jerusalem and Herod.

The first Christmas cost many mothers their sons. Every boy 2 years and under was ordered killed in an attempt to kill Jesus.

It cost Mary and Joseph a trip of over two hundred miles on foot to exile in Egypt. They had to stay until Herod died before they could return home.

Christmas cost the early church heavy scorn and persecution. It cost many Christians their lives.

It cost Jesus scorn and anguish and eventually his death on the cross.

If Christmas means only tinsel and bells, parties, time off, trips, etc., the price was too high.

Christmas, however, means so much more. It means a person can have forgiveness of sin by faith in him. It means a new life and victorious living for all who follow Him. Christmas brings a smile to hearts.

Sunday Frontier Baptist Church will enjoy the annual Christmas program and Christmas Dinner. The program will be a variety program presented by various members of the congregation. Everyone is cordially invited to worship with Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

**Obituaries**



**Josiephine D. Eatmon**

Josiephine D. Eatmon of Memphis, Tennessee died of heart failure Sunday 26, 1995 at Oakville Health Care Center.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ceasor Daniels. Josiephine was born in Nacimiento, Mexico on August 22, 1940, but she spent most of her life in Brackettville, Texas. She then married the late John C. Wilson of Del Rio, Texas and to this unit two sons were born.

Josiephine remarried and left Brackettville, Texas with her family.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, Godfrey Eatmon Jr., two sons, John Clement Wilson III of Hawaii, Aaron Lee Wilson of Atlanta, Georgia, one stepdaughter, Sandra Eatmon of Memphis, Tenn. and three stepsons Godfrey Eatmon III of Rialto, California. Mark Anthony Eatmon and Clayton James Eatmon, both of Little Rock, Ark., three daughters in-law, eight grandchildren, one sister Linda and Raymond Goodloe of Brackettville, Texas, two brothers John Daniels of Little Rock, Ark., and Ceasor and Darnette Daniels of Big Lake, Texas. Seven aunts Annie Shields of Brackettville, Texas, Mary Jefferson of Ft. Stockton, Texas.

Viola Fay of Del Rio, Texas, Elizabeth Daniels, Elsie Daniels and Agnes Daniels all of San Antonio, Texas and Hortense Burbage of Los Angeles, California. Three uncles Freddie Factor of Brackettville, Texas, Sam Payne of San Antonio, Texas, Albert Payne of San Angelo, Texas and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held December 3, 1995, 2:00 P.M. and the interment was held December 4, 1995 at 11:00 A.M. under arrangements of N.J. Ford and Sons Funeral Parlor 12 S. Parkway W. Memphis, Tn.

**Acknowledgment**  
Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
That any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.  
The family of Josiephine D. Eatmon

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me" — and we are! This Sunday, December 17, during our regular 11:00 a.m. worship service, the children of our church will present a Christmas program entitled, "Christ Was Born on Christmas Day." The program includes music and the biblical story of Christ's birth. It's sure to be the highlight of the worship service (just don't tell the preacher!)

There's also another gift in the children bringing God's word to us. In them we can see a special and rare kind of faith. They're still innocent and imaginative and trusting enough to believe that God can really save the world through a child. They're still capable of understanding in a

simple but very real way that God's Word @ Christmas is a Child.

That Child also said, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3) I guess we had better learn how to regain that innocence and imagination and trust. If you need some help, come to First Methodist this Sunday. The children's sermon won't be for the children, it will be by the children. There may or may not be a chuckle or two in it, but if you come as a little child, there will surely be a message in it — a message our hearts and souls long to hear.

Won't you come, little child?



**St. John's Baptist Church**

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

Because thou hast made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the MOST HIGH, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the Lion and adder; young Lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: and I will be with him in

trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him Psalms 91:9-15 Praise the LORD.

10 A.M. & 11 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Tues, Wed., & Friday Bible Study  
6 P.M. Thursday Gospel Preaching  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Sat. Night Prayer Meeting  
Come Worship With US  
With Long Life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation Ps. 91:16.

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Pastor Adams Sr.  
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Dec. 14	Felix Gonzales	Dec. 18	Scarlet Bushart
Dec. 15	Teodoro Avila	Dec. 18	Carol Benefield
Dec. 15	Plunker Sheedy	Dec. 18	Joe Sandoval
Dec. 15	Rickie Espinosa	Dec. 18	Darwin Crane
Dec. 15	Ethel Hawkins	Dec. 18	Jessica Taylor
Dec. 15	Mary Sandoval	Dec. 19	Roger Workman
Dec. 16	Jodi Ann Cowan	Dec. 19	Enemencia Starzel
Dec. 16	Laura Tovar	Dec. 19	Charles Endris
Dec. 16	Allen Kreiger Jr.	Dec. 19	Lois Endris
Dec. 16	Greg Sandoval	Dec. 20	Jean Faulkenberry
Dec. 17	Josefina Estrada	Dec. 20	Julia Terrazas
Dec. 17	Diane Wilson	Dec. 20	Jean Hood
Dec. 17	Lorraine Osborne	Dec. 20	Darlene Shahan
Dec. 17	Amber Carrow	Dec. 20	Juan Reyes
Dec. 17	Jack Frerich		



Deer live on every continent except Antarctica. The smallest deer are Pudu or rabbit deer, which live in the forests of western South America. They are one foot tall and weigh about 20 pounds.



Kathryn Letsinger and Taylor Dunbar hang a Christmas on the tree.

**Hanging Of The Greens At First United Methodist Church**

Hanging of the Greens at First United Methodist Church was a joyous occasion. On Thursday, November 30, members and friends of the church gathered at Slator Hall for a delicious pot luck supper. After supper everyone went to the church for the Hanging of the Greens. The children hung the Chrismons, the most beautiful I have seen, on the tree; the Advent wreath was put in place; the sanctuary was decorated with swags of greenery, red ribbons, and glorious poinsettias.

The ringing of sleigh bells announced Santa's arrival. The children sat on his lap and talked with him. Everyone was given a stocking filled with goodies.

After Santa left for the North Pole everyone gathered round as the children sang "This Little Light Of Mine." The evening ended with the singing of Christmas carols. As we left the church, all decorated for the Advent season, our hearts were filled with the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus came to save the people of the world.

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**Bridge Anyone**

By Norma Gould



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, December 5th with 7 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Ben Pingent and Norma Gould won 1st place in the N/S direction. Lamont and Marie McCandless tied with Ann Hibler and Betty Inman for 2nd place.

Walt Geeze and James Harber won 1st place in the E/W direction. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield won 2nd place with Mary Edgar and Betty Ebert a close 3rd.

**Men's Bridge**

1st place Arnie Trautwein, 2nd place Phil Land, 3rd place Vern Ebert. Low went to Pack Waddell.

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None but the well bred man knows how to confess a fault or acknowledge himself in error.  
—Benjamin Franklin

**Unsung Hero**

by Joe Townsend



The number of those leaving this life continues to mount. "Blackie" Mangrum is the latest to join the heavenly throng.

Blackie was the epitome of the American dream. Having lost his parents at an early age he knew when quite young he would have to make it on his own. Through hard work and good management he did make it big.

Because he was never able to get much formal education. This made him sensitive to the need of others to get a good education.

Living comfortably but not extravagantly he was able to leave a substantial fund to a college for a scholarship fund. It was substantial enough that only the interest will offer a number of scholarships and the principal will remain intact for many years to come.

He was devoted to his wife and a man of high morals and principles. Surely "Blackie" Mangrum is an Unsung Hero.

**Church Directory**



**St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.  
**Frontier Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.  
**First Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.  
**Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 p.m., Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.  
**Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m. Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father Donald LaVell.  
**First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.  
**St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.  
**Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.:** Shafter Hall, F.C.S., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m. Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.  
**Templo Elim Asamba de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.  
**Apostolic New Jerusalem:** 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Wednesday Evening Bible Class 6:00 P.M. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe.  
**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.

**For Pete's Sake**

A certain avid fisherman recently got married after having been a widower for a number of years. Naturally, he took his bride to a honeymoon cottage on Watauga Lake. The neighbors were surprised to see him out each day at 5 a.m., loading his boat for a full day's fishing. Daily he kept it up, fishing the lake from dawn to sunset. One fellow finally asked him about it.

"Here you are on your honeymoon," the friend said, "yet you are out in that boat all day fishing for crappie. Doesn't your wife object?" "Well, gee," the fisherman replied, "how can she? Trout season ain't open yet!"

A traveling salesman had to spend the week-end in a small country village and decided to attend the local church on Sunday. He listened to the sermon patiently at first, but after two hours, began to fidget.

"How long has he been preaching here?"

"Bout eleven years," replied the old man.

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Effective date of appointment will  
be from December 16, 1995, 12:01  
a.m. through the next general elec-  
tion.

Applications are to be submitted to  
the Office of the County Judge, Kin-  
ney County, Texas.

Deadline for submission of ap-  
plications will be Friday, December  
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bath, new carpet & paint. Both townhomes have central air/heat & private  
tiled patios. Units can be purchased as a package or sold separately.

Fully furnished 35' travel trailer under carport situated on large corner lot.  
Just \$13,500 with membership.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
Bids Requested From  
Contractors For Construction  
Of A Culvert Water  
Crossing In Kinney County,  
Texas

Kinney County is requesting bids  
for the construction of a culvert  
water crossing on Pinto Creek on  
the county road West of Spofford  
that connects to U.S. Highway 90.

This project is funded by the  
Texas Department of Housing And  
Community Affairs; therefore  
wages of employees must be not less  
than as appear on the assigned wage  
rate decision.

Plans, specifications and the bid  
package may be obtained from the  
project engineer, Charles Rohde;  
address - 1705 Avenue K, Hondo,  
Texas 78861; Telephone - 210-426-  
3005; Fax No. 210-426-8160.

Bids will be opened and read  
aloud in the County Commissioner's  
courtroom in the county courthouse  
in Brackettville, Texas at 11:00 a.m.  
on Thursday, December 28, 1995.  
No bid will be considered if received  
later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday,  
December 28, 1995.

Bids are to be mailed or delivered  
to the office of the County Judge in  
the courthouse in Brackettville,  
Texas: P.O. Box 348, Brackettville,  
Texas 78832.

Kinney County is an equal oppor-  
tunity employer.

## YARD SALE

Saturday, Dec. 16, 8 a.m., Unit 31  
Lot 18, Ft. Clark Rd., Ft. Clark  
Spgs.

## LIONS THRIFT SHOP

Open this Saturday 9 am to 2 pm.  
Bicycles for Christmas, computer,  
sofas, cold weather clothes, books,  
gas heaters and much more.

## LOST

Silver and turquoise bracelet watch.  
Reward for return. Call 563-2747 or  
563-2852.

## Public Notice The Filippone Museum Will Not Be Open Dec. 23

To: All Registered Voters In Kinney County  
From: Martha Pena-Hooten, Tax Assessor-Collector/Voter Registrar  
Date: December 12, 1995  
Subject: Delivery Of Renewal Certificates

Our Mass mailout of our new voter registration certificates was com-  
pleted on Friday, December 8, 1995. The new certificates are pantone  
orange & white in color and are valid for two years beginning January 1,  
1996.

We are delivering the renewal certificates by mail to the mailing address  
on the voter's registration application. We have instructed the postmaster  
not to forward it to any other address and to return it to the voter registrar if  
the addressee is no longer at the address to which the certificate was mailed.

If at any time since your initial registration you have moved to another  
precinct, changed your mailing address or your name, you must bring it to  
our attention personally so that we are able to make the appropriate correc-  
tions on our registration records. Corrections can be made on the back of  
your certificate by providing the correct information, then sign and return  
your certificate to my office.

If you have not received your new certificate, please come by our office  
in the county courthouse.

## Public Notice

## MOBILE HOME

MOBIL HOME LIQUIDATION  
SALE, All 95 models drastically  
reduced this month only 1-800-756-  
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## HOUSES & LOTS FOR SALE

Houses and Lots for sale. \$27,000.  
Cash, on Henderson & Gove street  
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## POSITION VACANCY

Position Vacancy: Instructional  
Aide

Location: Brackett Independent  
School District

Terms of Employment: 1. High  
School Diploma or GED. 2. Hours of  
work will be 12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday.

Application Procedure:  
Applications will be accepted  
through Friday, January 12, 1995.  
Interviews will begin Monday  
January 15, 1995. All interested  
parties may come to the central of-  
fice to pick up an application. The  
Brackett Independent School  
District is an Equal Opportunity Em-  
ployer.

## MOBILE HOMES

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The entire family should meet  
to develop a home fire escape  
plan.

1. Draw a floor plan and find  
two exits from each room. Windows  
can frequently serve as emergency  
exits.
  2. Designate a meeting place at  
a safe distance outside the home.
  3. Practice getting out of the  
house through the various exits.
  4. Install smoke detectors wher-  
ever needed.
- For more information on this  
and other burn prevention topics,  
write to: Shrine International  
Headquarters, P.O. Box 31356,  
Dept. NAPS, Tampa, Florida  
33651-3356.

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—Anna Eleanor Roosevelt.

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