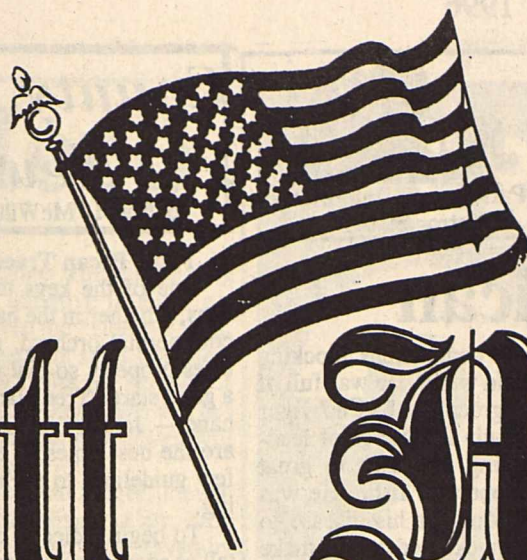




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Junior Livestock Show  
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

## School Passes Curriculum Policy

One hundred years from now, it will not matter:  
What kind of car I drove,  
what kind of house I had,  
nor what my clothes looked like.  
But the world may be a little better,

the universe a little brighter,  
because I was important to a child

Monday, January 15th, in the Regular School Board Meeting, the board passed the motion to adopt the curriculum policy. This policy was presented by Taylor Stevenson after extensive research. The policy will insure that the teachers in the same grade levels will be teaching the same things and the curriculum will match up from one grade level to the next. This will be a comprehensive assessment program, checking the students regularly to make sure they have mastered the skills. Board President, Jimmy Bader said he considers this the best thing that the board has passed for the school system since he has been on the board. This policy is not intended to stop teachers from free-lance teaching, teachers can free-lance after the basic skills have been mastered by the students. Mr. Stevenson said most of the teachers are already meeting the requirements of the policy, and he received no negative responses from them.

Other action taken by the board; Approved the budget amendments presented by Dixie Brown, business manager. These amendments are needed to meet state requirements.

The board approved Historical Exemptions for 7 Kinney County sites. There are still 10 more sites that have not sent in the proper paperwork. The deadline for the exemption process will be February 12,

1996.

Roy Rokovich gave the athletic report:

For the first time in many years the Girls and Boys Basketball teams beat Cole. Both teams are also leading in their district. There is a camaraderie between the teams; the girls stay to support the boys games and vice versa. The students are keeping up their grades very well, we only lost 1 high School athlete and 7 Jr. High athletes due to grades.

In football we are altering our schedule, dropping Asherton and adding Cotula.

The girls softball team will now be able to compete in district competition. Their schedule will be with Blanco, Lytle, Natalia and Center Point. The new baseball field is almost finished, the first game is due to be played on it in late February. We still need bleachers, aluminum if possible.

Stony Burks, middle school principal reported that the 8th graders are focusing their efforts on the TASS test subjects. Seventeen students attended the Jazz Concert in Del Rio, they hope to extend the program to some of the younger students in the future.

The board members will be attending quite a few workshops this month. There will be a workshop on 'Update 50' for the board members to learn about all the changes the State Legislature has mandated for school policies. There will also be a workshop to prioritize the budget. Our board members are putting quite a number of extra hours in the name of our children. We do appreciate all of your hard work, thank you.



## Charlie Hall Miss Rodeo Sul Ross 1995

Charlie Hall was named the 1995 Miss Rodeo Sul Ross, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Interscholastic Rodeo Association on Oct. 10, 1995.

Charlie, along with 7 other contestants, was judged in many categories for this competition: Modeling, dress outfit and slack outfit; Horsemanship; Speaking; Personality; and a written test over the NIRA rules and regulations. Charlie took first place in Speaking, Personality and on the written test.

Charlie's platform for her term as Miss Rodeo is "Sexual Assault" and she intends to support fund raisers to help the local battered women's group. She hopes to have a Special Events Rodeo for Special Kids, handicapped children and children who have never had an opportunity to be around the rodeo scene. Her other duties will include riding in area parades, accepting awards for the rodeo club at Sul Ross, hosting the Homecoming parade and bonfire, and attending various other speaking engagements. She also hopes to get on the Sul Ross recruiting team, which travels around Texas encouraging students to attend Sul Ross University.

This makes Charlie's 4th title in 6 competitions. Other titles were: 1991 THSRA Region 6 Queen; 1993 1st runner up for Miss Superbulb (George Paul Memorial); 1991 1st Runner up for Miss Kinney County. This latest title qualifies her to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Contest. Charlie

wasn't sure at the time of this interview, whether she would be entering the competition or not. "Entering a competition like this is very expensive," stated Charlie. We suggested that she consider letting businesses sponsor her for the competition and she said sure she would love to enter the competition if it was affordable.

Charlie is presently attending Sul Ross University, taking 17 hours of courses where she was just named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester. She has maintained a 3.30 grade point average while also rodeoing and baby-sitting, in her spare time. Charlie hopes to become an occupational therapist and says she just loves college.

LaShawn Wardlaw McIvor, 1984 Miss Rodeo Texas, has been very helpful to Charlie with advice and encouragement. Charlie said "I remember LaShawn told me to remember, when I go into a new place, be confident that I don't own this place, but I could."

Charlie would like to thank all of the people who have encouraged her and cheered her on adding "None of this would have been possible without the love and support of my family, to them a Great Big Thank you."

We are very proud of Charlie and know that this is just the beginning for her. Anyone who is interested in becoming a sponsor for Charlie to go to the Miss Rodeo Competition, please contact her parents at 563-2329.

## Commissioners Hire Interim Nutrition Center Director

At a Special meeting of The Kinney County Commissioners on Friday January 12 Commissioner Frerich made a motion to hire Marion Caton as the Interim Nutrition Center Director. Miss Caton will have a 6 month probationary period at the \$12,000 salary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mendeke, and all 4 Commissioners, along with Judge Seargeant voted for the motion. A standard audit will be done, as is customary when the position of supervisor changes hands. Commissioner Mendeke advised Ms. Caton to "Do the best you can for the community and the center." Commissioner Frerich advised Ms. Caton that all of the court was her boss and none of them individually could give her orders.

Marion requested permission to hire a driver to help her out. A temporary driver will be hired until the court convenes in regular session in February.

Tenchu Pena, former director, had

submitted a list of items that are being used by the center, which are her personal properties. Tencha did not wish to bring hardship on the people working at the center by taking these items out and asked the court if they would be interested in purchasing these things from her. The court declined the purchase and the items were to be removed from the Nutrition Center by 4:00 P.M. on this day.

Mr. Steve Woollen, project manager for the Allied Task Force, requested that a resolution be approved before the February 2 deadline for the Middle Rio Grande Council Grant. Mr. Woollen extended another invitation for everyone to attend the Community Involvement Meeting on January 18, at 6:00 P.M. in the District Court Room. The entire court again thanked Mr. Woollen for lending one of his vehicles to the Sheriff's Department.

Bonding was approved for Sue Castro and Beatrice Kuhns, employees at the Court House.

## County Youth In Annual Livestock & Project Show

By Alan L. McWilliams  
Kinney County Agent

January 19 and 20 will be the dates for this year's annual 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Show. For some of these members this will be the end to six to eight months of hard work and responsibility training, feeding and caring for animals. This year's show will have approximately 60 animal exhibitors with lambs, pigs, rabbits, meat goats, in the market classes. The breeding classes will consist of angora goats, finewool ewe lambs, and rabbits.

Friday's lunch will be hamburgers and chips cooked and served by the Brackett I.S.D., coaching staff. This is a longtime tradition, in Brackettville, for the coaches to cook hamburgers for the Friday noon meal. The noon meal on Saturday will be catered by Haby's BBQ of Uvalde and is provided to animal buyers of last year's show. The meal will also be available to the public for \$6 per plate.

The activities will start Friday morning with the weighing of all animals entered in the show. The market lambs will also be sheared beginning at 7:30 A.M. the same morning and must be sheared before being weighed. If you have never seen sheep sheared come by and watch the

lambs being sheared. Weighing should be completed by noon.

Beginning at 1:30 the show classes get under way with the angora goats followed by the market meat goats at 3:30. At 5:30 the rabbits will be shown and the pig classes will end the day's activities at 7:30.

The project show which involves both youth and adults will take place also on Friday beginning at 8:00 that morning. Be sure to come by and see the exhibits that elementary kids have worked hard on this week. There are some fine arts and crafts done by local folks as well.

Saturday's events begin at 8:30 A.M. with the market lamb classes and they are followed by the finewool ewe lamb classes at 10:30. The meal will be served starting at 12:00 noon. At 1:30 the presentation of stock show awards including showmanship winners, project show winner scholarship recipient and other special awards will be conducted and the premium sale of livestock animals will end up the day's activities beginning at 2:00 P.M.

The public is welcomed to attend so make plans to come out to the 41st Kinney County Junior Livestock Show this weekend and watch our young 4-H and FFA members exhibit their projects.



## Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Rotary Club met Thursday, January 14, and heard Frank and Maggie Gunn of Uvalde speak about an adventure they recently undertook. They joined an adult research program at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center where interested participants are invited to take part in an excavation. The Gunns had become intrigued with archeology almost ten years ago, and this program seemed designed for them. They attended seminars and worked alongside professional archaeologists both in the laboratories and in the field. The work they did was helpful to the Crow Canyon Center as well as being informative to the Gunns.

Maggie, who was the speaker, is office administrator in a doctor's office. Frank, who was in charge of showing the slides, works for an electric company as a meter technician. Their interest in the Anasazi Indian tribe was awakened when they explored the cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado years ago.

The Anasazis lived from 650 to 1350 years ago. The ruins of their dwellings exhibit an extraordinary skill in architecture and engineering. They designed an aqueduct system with check dams to utilize the melted snow from the mesa top. The water was used for drinking and for farming.

This trip enabled the Gunns to learn in depth about the Indian's life style and the ways they interacted with other tribes. In the laboratory, the

Gunns learned to identify artifacts from various time periods. The last three days of the program was spent in a dig called Yellow Jacket. This was an area the Anasazi had migrated to again and again. Then, in 1350, they left never to return. The Crow Canyon two-year research project is designed to understand why this occurred.

The tools the Gunns used in the excavation were trowels, buckets, sifting screens and whisk brushes. Each person was assigned one meter of earth to explore. They discovered pottery shards, animal bones, charcoal from the Anasazi hearths, adobe from their dwellings, arrowheads and flakes. Professionals were on hand to help identify items and answer questions.

By the end of the week, the Gunns had gotten to know the other participants in the program. They came from different places around the country and had varied backgrounds, but held this common interest in archeology. The Gunns also met the descendants of the Anasazi who belong to the Crow Canyon's Native American advisory council.

When the Gunns became interested in the Anasazi, no one knew why this tribe had left the area permanently. Maggie said it is now known that a 20 year drought and the depletion of resources caused them to move south. They are the ancestors of the Pueblo Indians.

We thank Sharon Tinsley, program chairman for January, and Maggie and Frank Gunn for their interesting program on the Anasazi Indians.



## Michael Partlow Completes U.S. Marine Corps Basic Training

Michael Partlow, 1995 Brackett High graduate, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, on October 27, 1995.

Michael's graduation ceremony and week of Pre-graduation functions were attended by his parents, Kurt and Mary Frances Partlow, of Fort Clark Springs and Eagle Pass, and his grandparents, Joseph and Mary Partlow, of Fort Clark Springs. Michael spent a week home on leave,

then reported to Camp Pendleton, California, where he completed Basic Infantry training. He is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he is being trained in Tank Warfare. After completion of tank training, Pfc Partlow will receive his permanent duty assignment.

Michael, his parents, and grandparents are active in local area scouting. Michael received the Eagle Scout Award in January, 1995.

**Moncus Meditations**

**MEET MONCUS**  
Park Ranger, Interpreter  
Bastrop State Park

**An Old Pelican**

An old pelican rested on the lakeside where the tide had left algae covered stones exposed to dry. He refused to move off as I approached with my camera. He rolled his eyes and slightly clicked his long yellow beak. He didn't want to be bothered and cared little for his life but must have remembered how protective of his freedom he used to be. He still looked very proud though a little gray and he was sluggish. I clicked off a few shots and got very close before he lifted onto his short legs and stepped three steps into deeper water and then gently sat down upon the waves and casually paddled out away and turned facing back in where he could look squarely at me. He analyzed me for swimming ability and then glided back towards the northern slough and there among the gray dead stumps he sailed like a ship upon the sea.

The pelican was very old, this you could tell. Migration and cold water no longer agreed with him though the instinct pulled very persistently. His loneliness was terminal. His flock had always been there to rely on but now even the open water seemed like a predator and the banks of the lake

were like old companions blocking part of the cold wind. He was full of wisdom and grace but had no vigor or fight left only memories of leading and guiding the flock to great schools of wonderful fish. He was tired and waiting for his disease to spread or a quick predator to make of him quick prey. He was OK by whatever would come. Flight and food were less important than shelter from the strong winds. The same winds he had easily conquered now were hateful and sharp. Fish were too quick and tasteless and he was good only for camera pictures. He knew he looked fine to people and knew that people no longer bothered him. It was just that they (people) were so ugly and smelled so pitiful. He was glad that he was once a great bird and was satisfied that all of his young were still among the flock. He was glad for these banks for comfort during his last days and he was sure there would always be pelicans. The last migration would carry his spirit back to the warm coastal island where he was born. It would be a wonderful rest and the wind there would be kind.

**Val Verde Memorial Hospital Hospice Program**

The Val Verde Memorial Hospital Hospice program, which serves Val Verde County and surrounding areas, is seeking volunteer workers. This service provides medical care, comfort and emotional support to terminally ill patients. It is designed to allow patients to live as fully as possible, and with dignity, in the home setting.

Volunteer workers are needed in different capacities. If a volunteer prefers not to work with patients, there are tasks such as office work to be done. Please call Area Code 210-775-8566, extension 689 to offer your help or to make inquiries about the service.

**Big Mama Sez!**



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**County Agent News**

by Alan L. McWilliams



**Plant Pecan Trees Properly**

One of the keys to growing pecans, whether in the backyard or in a commercial orchard, is to plant the trees properly so that they get off to a good start. Tree planting time is at hand — January and early February are the best times — and here are a few guidelines to go by when planting.

To begin, select a tree 4 to 8 feet tall as soon as nurseries get their supplies. Plant as soon as possible, using care not to let roots dry out or freeze. Dig the hole only as large as the tree's root system. If the hole is too deep, the tree will settle and this can cause poor growth or death.

The taproot should sit in the bottom of the hole. If the hole cannot be as deep as the length of the roots, cut back the taproot to fit the hole. Pack original soil around the roots as tightly as possible. Packing the soil in 2 to 3-inch layers is better than watering to pack the soil. Use adjacent soil to complete filling the hole, not light soil, sand or potting soil. The tree can drown in rainy weather if light fill soil is used on clay type

soils. Plant the tree at the same depth it grew in the nursery row. Look at the colors to determine the soil line: the bark is gray and the root dark brown. Cut off the top half of the tree at planting to balance the stem and roots and to force growth close to the soil line.

Wrap the lower 18 inches of the trunk with aluminum foil to prevent side shoots, sun scald and rabbit damage. On large plantings, use a mixture of white latex paint and water (one part paint to three parts water).

Build a basin around the tree to hold water and give each tree five gallons of water immediately after planting. Make sure trees do not go longer than 14 days without water. Basins work well on brand new trees but should be leveled after trees have become established.

These are some basic steps in planting pecan trees that can lead the way in getting them into production in a few years. We have some excellent publications dealing with pecan varieties and care in the Extension office.

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**New Wing Commander**

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — In a formal change of command ceremony presided over by Maj. Gen. W. Thomas West, commander of 19th Air Force, Colonel Gary A. Winterberger took command of the 47th Flying Training Wing from Colonel Timothy A. Peppe January 5th.

Peppe, who replaced Brig. Gen. Kenneth Hess in August 1994, has been selected for promotion to brigadier general and an assignment to Vicenza, Italy, as 16th Air Force director of contingency operations.

Winterberger comes to Laughlin from Keesler AFB, Miss., where he was the chief, operations division at 2nd Air Force. Born in Munich, Germany, the colonel graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He also holds a master's degree in general studies from Arkansas State University. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Winterberger entered pilot training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, in 1972. In 1974, he was assigned to Eaker AFB, Ark., serving as a co-pilot, aircraft commander, flight commander and instructor pilot and standardization/evaluation instructor pilot with the B-52G aircraft.

Winterberger was assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb., in June 1980, as the bomber system acquisition man-

ager for Strategic Air Command. He became the special assistant to the chief of staff for SAC in June 1982 and in July 1983, became the executive officer for the chief of staff for SAC.

Following completion of the Armed Forces Staff College, Winterberger was assigned to the Pentagon first as the strategic forces programmer, and then as chief, bomber programming. In April 1987, he became the commander of the 20th Bombardment Squadron at Carswell AFB, Texas. He attended the Air War College in August 1989 and in July 1990, returned to the Pentagon. He was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Strategic, Theater and Nuclear Force Directorate. In September 1992, he became the commander of the 37th Training Group at Lackland AFB, Texas. He assumed his position at Keesler AFB, Miss., in August 1994.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,700 flying hours in the B-52, T-39 and C-12 aircraft. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Col. Winterberger is married to the former Carolyn Louise Beisner of Colorado Springs, Colo., and they have two sons, Devin and Brad.

**For Pete's Sake**

Lawyer Dodd was well known for his elegant persuasive powers. When he summed up a case for the defense, his arguments often brought tears to the eyes of some jury members, and, it was said, his statements were so convincing even a cynical skeptic might well be convinced.

With such talent, it is not surprising that Dodd soon became very well known and much in demand.

On one occasion, when defending a local man, Willie Slem, who was accused of breaking into a store and stealing the safe, the attorney almost outdid himself.

The main piece of evidence offered by the prosecution was a hat found at the scene, a hat that appeared very familiar to many witnesses, who claimed they had often seen Slem wearing it.

Lawyer Dodd was not at all disturbed. He promptly produced a similar hat, which, placed beside the damning evidence, looked identical.

He then launched into a lengthy argument, citing all sorts of reasons, cases, and points of law that made his summation convincing.

When the jury retired to consider their verdict, Lawyer Dodd leaned close to his client and conversed with him in a low voice.

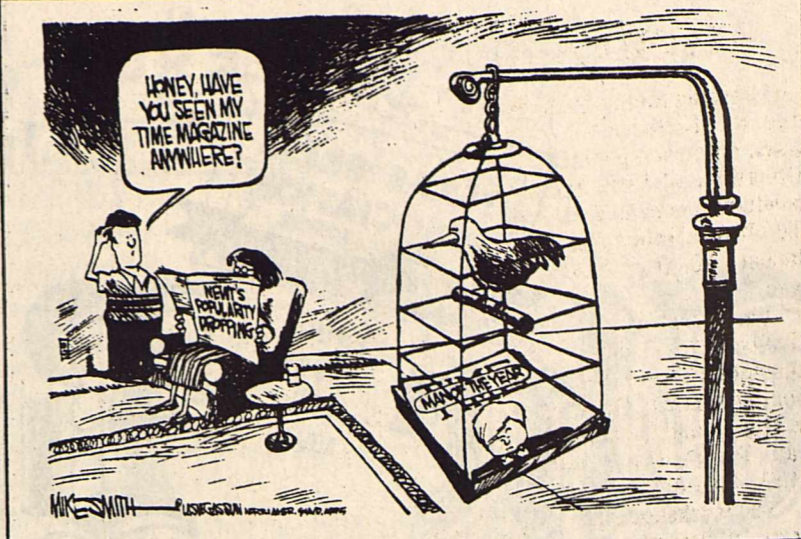
"Tell me, Willie," he said, "I want to know the truth. The jury is out. I've defended you to the very best of my ability. I think they will decide in your favor. But I want to know for my own curiosity. Did you steal that safe or not?"

Willie replied in an equally low voice: "Well, I'll tell you," he said. "When you started talking, I thought I had done it. But now, after hearing you, I ain't so sure!"

The jury said not guilty.

"Can I have muh hat back now?" Willie wanted to know.

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**Between Us**  
By Joe Townsend

We are already beginning to see the folly of Clinton's sending American troops and billions of dollars of taxpayers money to Bosnia.

If every American would take a little time to study Bosnia there would be rampart rebellion to the whole idea. Bosnia, before the civil war was 19,745 sq. miles. Now is considerably smaller. Compare this to Texas 262,000 sq. miles. Bosnia at its biggest is smaller than Wyoming. At its most populace time Bosnia had 4,000,000 people. Compare this to the 16,000,000 people in Texas. Now consider 60,000 plus military personnel. One outside military person for every 60 people or less. Consider the location of Bosnia. It is surrounded by independent nations. It is less than 200 miles from Italy. There are four nations within 400 miles of its borders. It is a European nation. Militarily it is a threat to no nation. Throughout the civil conflicts in the former Yugoslavia the UN, NATO, and the U.S. had an arms embargo against Bosnia while their antagonist was furnished all the arms it wanted.

Some day maybe the nations of the world will learn they cannot arbitrarily carve up the world and solve the problems of the world. The problems in the near East today are largely the result of the carv-

ing up the world after WWII. Problems in Korea, Kurib Islands, Mongolia, Tibet, South Africa, and Europe show the folly of bully attempts at the end of WWII.

To tout the slaughters in Bosnia is not a valid excuse. If this were credible we would long ago have gone to Rwanda and Sudan. The atrocities there make Bosnia look like a Sunday School class. We have no national interest in Bosnia. We get no oil as we do in the Middle East. We get no tungsten there like we do from Africa. We get nothing of vital interest from Bosnia. We do not ever sell enough to Bosnia to be of account.

There is absolutely no legitimate reason the American G.I.'s should suffer and die on Bosnia soil. There is no legitimate reason why the America taxpayer should be fleeced by millions upon millions of dollars just to feed the arrogance and insatiable craving for political points.

It's high time the American people wake up and hold up to account the many ridiculous actions of the President. Now he says the U.S. will send American G.I.'s to man the Golan Heights between Syria and Israel. How much more before the people have a chance to right the terrible wrong of blindly electing such a total misfit as president.

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For further information or to make an appointment call 210-563-2961, 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Monday-Friday or 210-563-2077 after 5 P.M.

**From The Desk Of Your Local Game Warden**

By Henry J. Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

With hunting season coming to a close, I would like to begin a series of articles on wildlife found in our area. I will try to include information on myths, facts, and other interesting information about the many species of wildlife we observe throughout the year in Kinney County.

The first of these many creatures I want to talk about is the raccoon. We see them mostly at night, when the dogs start barking, or when we look out the door after hearing the trash can being turned over, or as they scurry to safety when illuminated by the car headlights.

Raccoons are widespread across southern Canada, most of the United States, and southward through Mexico. They are found statewide in Texas, but are seldom found far from water which has an important influence upon their distribution. They prefer hardwood-timbered habitats and are especially abundant in the eastern half of the state along the larger streams where wide floodplains and adjacent sloping uplands support mature stands of hardwood timber.

They occupy a variety of other habitats, including bottomland swamps, marshes, around lakes or ponds surrounded by narrow stands of trees, farmlands (especially those with corn or maize fields), and heavily wooded residential areas in cities. They are abundant in western Texas where they occur along permanent streams as well as in the driest desert places where man has brought water by windmills, pumps, or surface tanks. Raccoons also inhabit the montane regions of the Trans-Pecos where

sources of water are associated with wooded areas.

Raccoons live in dens located primarily in trees or rock ledges. The den is usually a large hollow tree or hollow log and where they also raise their young. However, the absence of suitable natural den sites does not seem to limit them, as they commonly use barns, attics, and other available buildings. Raccoons are also known to share the same ground dens used by striped skunks and opossums, although not necessarily at the same time.

Raccoons are nocturnal and typically spend the day in their dens. Activity begins around sunset and ceases around sunrise, lasting about nine hours. Raccoons do not hibernate, but during cold weather periods they may remain in the den for several days and live off their body fat reserves.

Adults are seemingly solitary, although they often associate in groups of two or more. Associations of adult males and females are largely restricted to the breeding season. Most commonly, when a group of raccoons is seen, it is a mother with her young.

Raccoons eat a wide range of both plant and animal food. They are selective when food is abundant, but eat whatever is available when it is scarce (including your leftovers). Plant food, particularly acorns and fruits (grapes and persimmons) make up over 50% of the annual diet. Insects, especially grasshoppers, are second in importance. They will also eat cottontails and small rodents, fish, crayfish and crabs, snakes and frogs, and birds (cardinals, blackbirds, sparrows, and meadowlarks).

The mating season begins in February and continues through August. A higher percentage of females mate

in March than in any other month, and most of the young are born in April or May. The gestation period is about 63 days and the number of young per litter varies from 1 to 7 with an average of 3 to 4.

Young raccoons are well haired at birth, have dark skin with no rings on their tail, and the eyes and ears are closed. The eyes open between the 18th and 23rd day. Females have the sole role in caring for the young. Weaning of the young occurs between the age of 7 to 12 weeks, and upon reaching adult size in their second year will grow to weigh 10 to 30 pounds. Families den together during the winter, and the family group remains intact long after the young ones have been weaned.

Most raccoons in the wild live less than 5 years (the average is 2 to 3 years), depending on how often they cross the road or if they get caught staring up at you out of your trash can. Their major predator is man, particularly hunters and trappers (and trash can owners). Predators that occasionally eat them include bobcats, foxes, coyotes, and owls. Other factors causing mortality include food shortages, disease, parasitism, other problems arising from high population densities.

Raccoons carry a variety of diseases that can be communicated to humans, including rabies. It is against the law to transport, sell or possess for the purpose of transporting or selling live skunks, coyotes, raccoons, and bats to anyone because of a statewide quarantine because of rabies. In other words, you cannot transport a live raccoon. Hunters and trappers may still transport dead raccoons and sell their hides.

## Genealogical Workshop

Learning more about your family tree will be the topic of discussion when renowned genealogist William Dollarhide of Salt Lake City, Utah, conducts a genealogical workshop at the Uvalde Holiday Inn on Saturday, January 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with Becky Danchak of Pearsall as regent, and the Sons of the American Revolution, with Charles McFarland of Sabinal as regent.

The workshop is divided into four parts, all designed to develop general genealogical skills that can be applied to researching ancestors of any nationality. "Getting Started Right" explores a systematic approach to beginning a genealogical research project, such as interviewing relatives, collecting vital records, using census and court records, and places

to write for information.

"Managing a Genealogical Project" gives Dollarhide opportunity to suggest ways of collecting and organizing notes and documents, filing and retrieving information quickly.

The last two parts of the workshop, "Finding the Place" and "Wagon Roads of Our Ancestors" will help participants know where to look for maps, court records, cemeteries and churches of their ancestors and to learn the path they may have taken when they moved from one state to another.

The cost of the workshop is \$30, which will include lunch, workshop materials and a subscription to *Genealogy Bulletin*. The spouse of a workshop participant will pay a fee of only \$15.

To register or to get more information, contact Nell Evins, HCR 34, Box 541, Batesville, Tx 78829, phone 210-376-4571, before January 20.

## Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne

When we lived in Austin I learned a number of things that have stayed with me - cooking or learning to cook was one of them.

Tuesday afternoon was when my mother attended "Ladies Aid" and that was my time to experiment in the kitchen and I mean the word "experiment" in the broadest sense!

I tried cookies, cakes, pies, puddings and sometimes the results turned out fairly well - other times I got rid of the experiment before mama got home.

One of the worst of my experiments was when I tried to make

fudge - a candy I was very fond of.

I got the sugar and other ingredients together and all went well until it boiled up and before I could do anything it had run over.

I grabbed the pan off but there was my candy - all over the stove and floor. That was about the quickest and hottest clean up I ever did. But when mama got home the kitchen was in its natural order.

I'm sure mama wondered why I didn't have any "results" of the afternoon - or maybe she just knew when not to ask questions!

I finally did learn to make fudge.

## Happy Birthday Gene Rudman

Friday, January 6, the Service Club at Fort Clark Springs was the scene of a gala occasion. Friends and family gathered to celebrate Mrs. Gene Rudman's birthday. The party was given by her children and grandchildren.

The room was decorated with pink, white and peach. The birthday cake, of the same colors, was decorated with fresh pansies and roses. The birthday cake was presented to Mrs. Rudman by her daughter Genie Nixon. It was a very special time for Gene Rudman with 4 generations of her family present; daughter: Genie Nixon, Grandchildren: Debbie and John Horton, Dub Nixon, Great Grand Children: Shannon and Spenser Horton.

Out of town guests in attendance were the Hortons of Houston, TX, Dub Nixon of Rosharon, TX, Keith Dixon and daughter Jennifer of Lubbock, TX and Blackie Emery of Iran, TX.

Dinner and dancing rounded out the evening with music provided by the very talented, Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition Band of San Antonio, TX.

## Texas' Health Lab To 'Fingerprint' Samples Of Deadly Bacteria Strain

Part of the science of epidemiology is tracing the origins of disease outbreaks. When more than one person becomes infected with a virus or bacterium, for example, the epidemiologists try to discover whether the cases may have become infected from a common source. If such a common source can be found and eliminated, further infections may be prevented. However, the task of tracing disease sources often requires guesswork, and always is time-consuming.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Bureau of Laboratories recently has been chosen to use a state-of-the-art genetic technology which may speed the epidemiologists' work against at least one notorious bacterium. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) chose the Texas lab as one of four in the nation to apply the new technology in tracing outbreaks of *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7 (better known as *E. coli*). *E. coli* caused numerous illnesses, including some deaths several years ago in a West Coast outbreak linked to hamburger meat contaminated by the 0157:H7 strain of *E. coli*.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "Our lab's selection to serve the southern states and two territories in tracing deadly *E. coli* 0157:H7 contamination is a credit to the excellence of our laboratory scientists. They are regarded as among the best in the nation." Dr.

Suzanne S. Barth, chief of the Microbiological Investigation Section of the TDH Lab's Microbiological Services Division, said that the new techniques for tracing the sources of *E. coli* resemble those used to link blood and tissue samples with criminal suspects.

"Genetic fingerprinting," Barth said, "has become a fairly well-known term to the public. Most people know that each person's blood and tissue contain genetic patterns that are unique. Only closely related people, or closely related organisms of any kind, can have near-identical genetic fingerprints. Bacteria samples taken from more than one patient will have distinctly different genetic patterns - unless the microbes descended from the same parent source."

A sophisticated process - called pulsed field gel electrophoresis (or PFGE) - electronically reproduces and computerizes the unique genetic makeup of each *E. coli* sample being tested. The images then can be compared for similarities which show that the samples may have descended from the same "family" or source.

Barth explained that *E. coli* often is associated with meat, particularly ground meat or hamburger. Since such products may be frozen, transported over distances and stored before being served, an outbreak of the bacterium might include many widely-separated cases over an extended period of time. "But by ge-

## Unsung Hero

"Tencha" Pena is not "Unsung" but a hero none the less. The fact that she is a victim of pathological lies and petty political chicanery in no way besmirches her character.

There is hardly a friendlier or more outgoing person in the community. She is a stellar wife and mother. She has weathered family trauma and tragedy with great strength and stamina.

She took an agency from nothing to a fine and efficient entity. As director of the nutritional center she has

served a fine cause with outstanding success. Her initiative in many activities has served the "elderly" well. Her fine management skills have kept finances in line. She has served for beyond the call of duty. She and her expertise in the task she served will be sorely missed.

The fact she is no longer, though pointing a crooked finger at her, truly is a disservice to everyone served by the center. Surely "Tencha" is a true hero.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It was a sad day when I read that Tencha would no longer be manager of our nutrition center. In fact she WAS our nutrition center. I ate there until I was unable to make the trip everyday. My years as a volunteer to help Tencha will never be forgotten. Many of our elderly are gone now, but their last years were made bearable by the manager of our nutrition center.

Through the years we graduated from one improved center to a better one and with more hard work and improvement to an even better one until we were blessed with the present nutrition center on Ann Street.

A few years ago Tencha was chosen to be honored by the City of

Brackettville as the Outstanding Citizen of the year. Her accomplishments were cited and praised with a supper on the Fort Clark grounds. I can't believe she has changed into anyone less.

The center radiated cheer and good will. Once you stepped in the door you could forget troubles and spend the noon hour with good friends and cheerful conversation. When you left you went home with raised spirit and courage to face the world for another day.

I want to thank Tencha for the confidence and pleasure she has given me all these years and for everyone else who has benefited from her care and good will. God bless you, Tencha.

Dorothy Payne

Prosperity is the best protector of principles.

—Mark Twain

### ADULT LITERACY CLASS

The community Adult Literacy Program sponsored by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge is preparing to start a Second ADULT LITERACY CLASS, to begin the latter part of January or first of February, 1996. Any adult interested in learning to improve their skills in READING, WRITING, AND SPELLING are welcome. There is no charge for these classes.

Any interested person, please register with Sarah Terrazas, at the Kinney County Library, by January 19, 1996. The course will last for approximately one year. Each lesson is approximately one hour in length, and is held in the Library on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's of each week. Classes will be held either in the mornings or afternoons, depending on the convenience of the students. All classes are conducted in English.

Bruce Clements  
Secretary, Las Moras Lodge

## Bridge Anyone?

By Norma Gould

The FCS Duplicate Club resumed play after the holidays at a new location: The Adult Center. On January 9th, 61/2 tables played the Mitchell Movement.

Nita and Fred Clayton won 1st place. Dena Scott and Mona Miller won 2nd with Rozetta Pingnot and Tina Baugness winning 3rd in the N/S direction.

In the E/W direction, Betty Inman and Delina Hay won 1st place. Joyce Ambler and Jeanette Hinton tied for 2nd place with Gloria Borroughs and Laverne Schaefer.

The new location is very suitable for the club. Please join us at the Adult Center, Tuesdays at 7 P.M.

## Kinney County Public Library

Five new youth violence prevention videos for educators, parents, children, and concerned community members are now available from the Bureau For At-Risk Youth, 645 New York Ave. Hunting prevention strategies currently in use in communities. The videos include Street Peace, Graffiti, Gangs, The Gang's Not Here, and In Us We Trust. For more information about the videos, or to receive a free eighty-page catalog describing these and hundreds of other videos publications, posters, and other educational resources, write or call the Bureau at (800-99-YOUTH.) (Source: VOYA, December 1995)

The Literacy Program will be starting another class on February 6th, its not to late to register.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

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### Climb Your Way To Good Health

(NAPS)—According to the American Heart Association, regular physical activity that conditions your cardiovascular system is an important part of any program to reduce stress and improve the quality of life.

One way to get your heart and your whole body into peak condition is by total-body climbing, but until recently there was no machine that allowed exercisers to climb continuously without climbing through the ceiling.

Dick Charnitski, engineer and president of Heart Rate, Inc., recognized that climbing a ladder against the force of gravity was a more effective aerobic and strength exercise than traditional exercise, so he invented the VersaClimber in 1981. Since then,

vertical climbing has become one of the most popular ways to achieve total-body fitness.

The latest versions of this lightweight, almost silent exercise machine are now used both in health clubs and in homes. Consumers Digest recently recognized the home model as "having outstanding value for today's consumer" and rated it a Best Buy.

One of the advantages of the VersaClimber is that you don't have to be in perfect condition to use it, which makes it more likely that the people who really need to exercise will use it. All ages and all levels of fitness can use this exercise machine and a monitor allows you to pace your own exercise program.

The computerized workout is displayed on a module, which is

easy to read because it adjusts vertically and assists in three user-friendly modes, Standard, Program and Race. Each provides a status report as you go.

The Standard Mode displays calories burned, climbing speed, total distance, workout time, and step height. The Program Mode allows you to select pre-programmed routines to get the exact workout you want each time you climb. The unique Race mode even gives you an imaginary opponent to race against.

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| ACROSS                  | 62 Lennon's lady          | 117 Apply lightly           | 12 Last name in fashion          | 55 Large herring               | 90 Safecracker           |
| 1 Arrive at Kennedy     | 63 Acheson or Rusk        | 118 "Born Free" lioness     | 13 Verdi output                  | 57 Pooh's creator              | 92 Reformer Horace       |
| 5 How-to part           | 65 Actress Farrow         | 122 Nick of "Lorenzo's Oil" | 14 "Viva — Vegas"                | 58 Like kids at Christmas      | 94 Wilde and Shaw        |
| 9 Semi stuff            | 66 — Linda, Calif.        | 126 Message board?          | 15 ABA title                     | 59 Upset your mother?          | 95 Give off              |
| 14 Mythical rigger      | 69 Haberdashery stock     | 129 Board game              | 16 Less exaggerated              | 60 Place to serf?              | 96 Earl — Biggers        |
| 19 Bit of gossip        | 72 Keats' container       | 134 Hold-up man?            | 17 Cures                         | 64 Highlands tongue            | 97 — jonnig              |
| 20 Piliat               | 73 South African terrain  | 135 Put an edge on          | 18 Cantor or Murphy              | 67 Copperfield's field         | 98 "Rigoletto" rendition |
| ingredient              | 74 Liszt pieces           | 136 Got hold of             | 24 First base man?               | 68 "East of Eden" character    | 104 Third degree?        |
| 21 Deplete              | 79 Critic Siskel          | 137 Prepare for the press   | 25 Pitfall                       | 70 Be human                    | 105 Cochine, e.g.        |
| 22 — as a beet          | 80 Neptune, but not Earth | 138 Swarms (with)           | 30 "Three Dog Night" hit         | 71 Puppeteer Lewis             | 107 Spud buds            |
| 23 Sonora stomp         | 81 Mine car               | 139 Terpsi-chore's sister   | 33 Draft animals                 | 73 Jet-setters' needs          | 109 Nutritional need     |
| 26 Platoon part         | 82 Significant periods    | 140 Eye problem             | 35 Writer                        | 74 German author               | 110 In pieces            |
| 27 Actress St. John     | 83 Free (of)              | 141 Parent-to-be's choice   | 36 Dull pain                     | 75 Subordinate to              | 111 Be buoyant           |
| 28 "This is — Life"     | 84 Fishing cord           | DOWN                        | 37 Oktoberfest offering          | 76 What I.e. stands for        | 112 Way to go            |
| 29 — Magnon             | 85 Tear                   | 1 Arm or leg                | 38 Macho guy                     | 77 Pennsylvania                | 113 Boxer Griffith       |
| 31 Wallach or Whitney   | 86 Chicago pol            | 2 To — (just so)            | 39 Nasal appraisal               | 78 June honor-ees              | 114 Detest               |
| 32 Panama's locale      | 87 Listless               | 3 Coming up                 | 40 Loses tension                 | 79 — "Spee"                    | 119 "Shall we?"          |
| 34 Spirited steed       | 88 Therapeutic rubdown    | 4 Composer                  | 41 Make ready                    | 84 Whitman's bloomer           | 120 "Rob Roy" extra      |
| 40 Enigmatic types      | 89 Untamed purple         | 5 Shostakovich (tune)       | 42 "Mein —" ("Cabaret")          | 86 "That was a close one!"     | 121 Crow's-nest or       |
| 45 Brownish             | 90 Use a stopwatch        | 6 Little than little        | 43 USNA grad                     | 88 Turner or Wood              | 122 Helen of Troy's mom  |
| 46 Start a crop         | 101 Get wind of           | 7 Resound                   | 44 London district               | 89 Richard of "Love Me Tender" | 124 In good shape        |
| 47 Exist                | 102 Henpeck               | 8 — de' sole                | 45 USNA grad                     | 91 Total                       | 125 Punta del —          |
| 48 Baseball's slaughter | 103 Oenophile's mecca     | 9 Bossy's chew              | 46 London district               | 51 Total                       | 127 Tight spot           |
| 50 "Take — Train"       | 106 It may be spare       | 10 Botanist Gray            | 47 "The Flying Dutchman" heroine | 53 — Semple                    | 128 Palm Sunday beast    |
| 52 Castle features      | 108 Topnotch for one      | 111 Rich dessert            | 48 "The Flying Dutchman" heroine | 54 Coin-toss call              | 130 Claire or Balin      |
| 56 Rin Tin Tin, for one | 111 Melody                | 112 Actor Herbert           | 49 "The Flying Dutchman" heroine | 54 Coin-toss call              | 131 Take-home            |
| 60 Singer Carey         | 116 Actor Herbert         | 11 Stimp'y pal              | 50 Total                         | 54 Coin-toss call              | 132 Tokyo, once          |
| 61 Bit of parsley       |                           |                             | 53 — Semple                      | 54 Coin-toss call              | 133 Get by, with "out"   |

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| Absurdity | Comedy  | Jest       | Skit  |
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Natasha's Stars



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're not pleased this week at a request made of you by a bigwig. Use your discretion. You won't really be serving any good purpose if you're required to break the rules.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your best bet this week is to stick to working behind the scenes. Keeping a low profile gets you where you want to go. Family matters are rewarding. However, there is some disagreement over finances.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Something occurs at work early in the week which has you a bit unsettled. A co-worker's behavior is inconsistent and erratic and you can't figure out why. It's best to leave this person alone for now.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Something you overhear in passing upsets you early in the week. Remember, this is just a rumor and isn't worthy of your consideration in the long run. You have new insights now about a project you've been putting off for some time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's best to stay away from those who would utilize unscrupulous business tactics now. Later in the week, it's a good time for a meeting of the minds as agreements are easily reached with others. Use the weekend for much-needed rest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A family member is really cantankerous this week and seems to be going out of his or her way to pick a fight with you. Hold your tongue and be patient. This person finally settles down by week's end.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're concerned now about a situation regarding ethics. Someone's actions are decidedly dishonest and you have difficulty dealing with this. Feel free to consult this person and state your position. The air is cleared by week's end.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're inspired now by the actions of a close friend whose

selflessness is admirable. Later in the week, it's a good time to enjoy fun activities with friends and family. A talk held in private is related to money matters.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A controversial issue arises at work and unfortunately, you are right in the middle of this. Be tactful with higher-ups and be clear about where you stand to avoid misunderstandings. This weekend, news or a visitor from afar brightens your outlook.

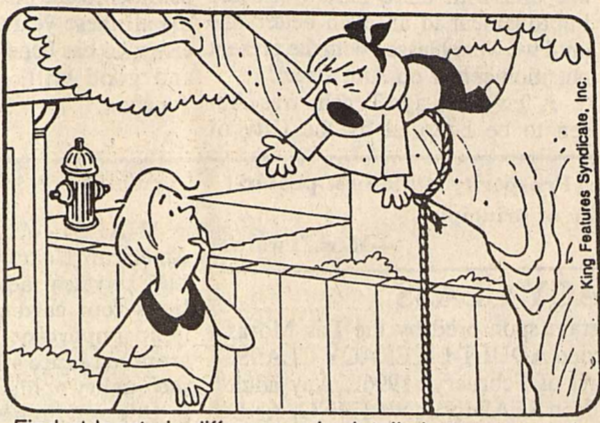
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation at work has you stymied early in the week, but a solution is happily found before the week is over. Home and money interests are highlighted as you sail into the weekend. Look into investment opportunities.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It is a week of one domestic upset after another. It seems no matter what you propose, family members are in disagreement. You would be wise to stay out of this as much as possible since your input won't be appreciated anyway.

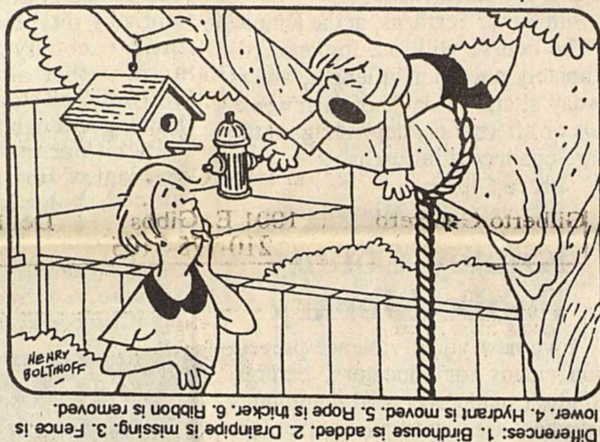
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Singles find this an inauspicious time for romance and couples are similarly affected. Your intuition is a valuable asset in business affairs this week. In fact, you're particularly efficient and mentally sharp.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Birdhouse is added. 2. Drapings is missing. 3. Fence is lower. 4. Hydrant is moved. 5. Rope is thicker. 6. Ribbon is removed.

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| Jan. 18 Vickie Ahrens       | Jan. 21 Andy Perez          |
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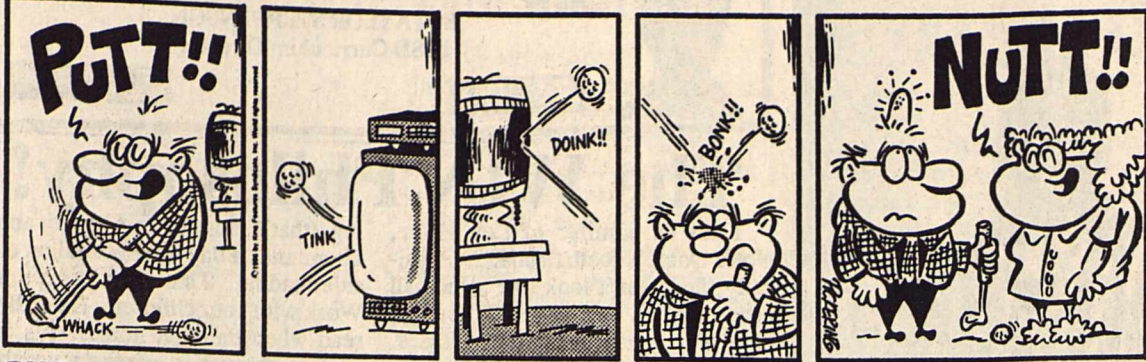
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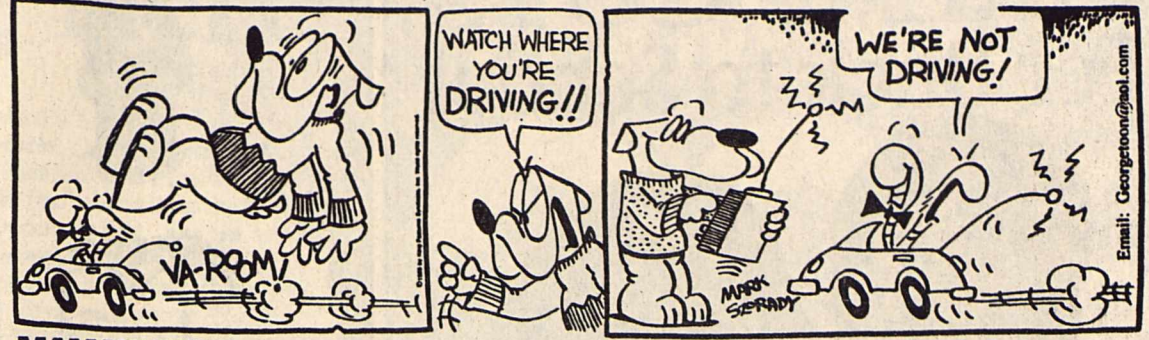
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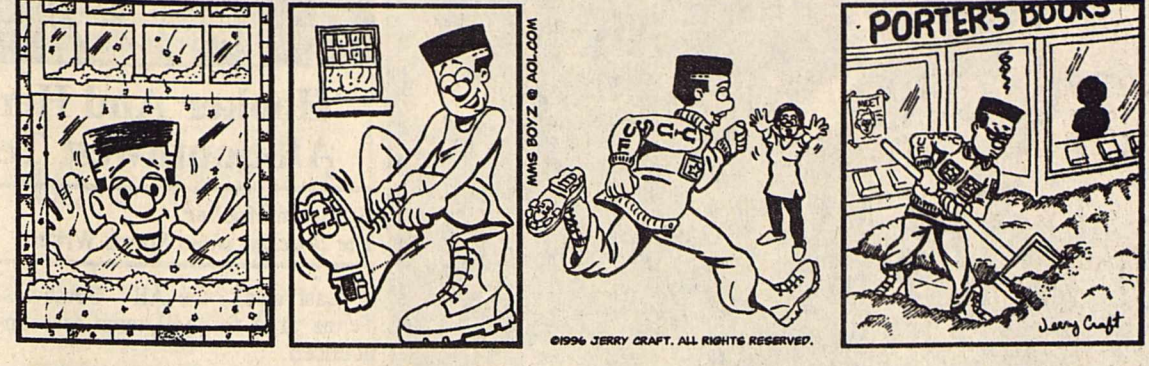
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### Tigerettes Crush Lady Mustangs

By Brian Hooker  
The Brackett News Sports Writer

Tuesday night, the Lady Mustangs of Natalia came to Brackett to see what the Tigerettes had to offer in this 29-AA District match. The Lady Mustangs came unprepared as the Tigerettes crushed them 75-41.

The whipping began in the first quarter as the Tigerettes nearly doubled their score. With the score 11-6 going into the second quarter, the Tigerettes turned it up a notch. The Tigerettes poured it on thicker and heavier as they went along. With the Tigerettes embarrassing the Lady Mustangs 35-10 at half-time, they didn't stop there. After three quarters of play the score stood 59-25 in favor of the Tigerettes. With the Tigerettes tying the point total of the Lady Mustangs in the fourth quarter, 16-16, the final score stood at 75-41.

This district win gives the Tigerettes a 5-0 district record and first place in the district thus far.

While the Tigerettes had problems shutting down the Mustangs' Trisha Hollenbeak, who scored 16 points, and Alexis Trimble who scored 15, they had no problems defensively anywhere else on the court.

When two girls combine for 31 out of 41 points, good defense is being played.

Offensively, Amanda Meek scored a season high 29 points.

With the Lady Bulldogs coming to Brackett this Friday at 6:30 P.M., the Tigerettes are sitting pretty.

The Tigerettes will have to shut down the Lady Bulldogs guards, Annette and Zannette Salazar, to be highly successful.

Good luck Tigerettes!

### Tigerettes Offensive Attack In Their 75-41 Thrash Over The Lady Mustangs

- #13 Chica Garza, Pts. Scored 6
- #14 Windy Goodloe, Pts. Scored 7
- #15 Reecia Jobe, Pts. Scored 4
- #20 Denice Frerich, Pts. Scored 2
- #21 Tina Meek, Pts. Scored 5
- #23 Courtney Harrison, Pts. Scored 6
- #24 Sandra Hernandez, Pts., Scored 10
- #25 Lindy LaMaseus, Pts., Scored 6
- #31 Amanda Meek, Pts., Scored 29

### Cubs Struggle With Angoras

By Brian Hooker  
The Brackett News Sports Writer

Monday, the Angoras from Rocksprings came to Brackett to see what the Cubs had to offer. These two teams have butted heads a few times this season. This particular time, the Cubs fell 30-36.

The Angoras jumped out to an early lead with an 11-6 lead over the Cubs after the first quarter.

Half-time was almost an exact double of that score with the Angoras ahead by a score of 12-20.

After making some great adjustments at half time, the Cubs came out on fire in the third quarter. The Cub defense was hotter than a jalapeno allowing only 2 points to be scored on them the entire quarter. Going into the fourth and final quarter the Cubs were still down, but not by much.

Heading into the fourth quarter with the score 22-20 in favor of the Angoras, the Cubs allowed the Angoras to take a larger lead. In the final moments of the ball game, the Cubs were forced to foul. It was the good free-throw shooting that gave the Angoras the win 30-36.

Head Coach Dutch Wardlaw says, "We played well as a team. Brandon Moore and Coty Williams had excellent games. Brandon's 10 points and Coty's 5 points contributed greatly. We did a good job as a team stopping the post players from Rocksprings."

Good Luck Cubs. The Cubs will be facing Sacred Heart Jr. High from Del Rio on Monday. The game is here. See Ya There!

### Men's Bridge Holiday Party

January 8th a holiday party and luncheon was held at Donatelli's at Del Rio. The Men's Bridge Group invited the spouses and 27 happy Fort Clark Bridge players enjoyed the day. Trudy Harbor, 1st, Jerry O'Brien, 2nd, Pack Waddell, 3rd, Walt Geeze, 4th, Blake Hinton, 5th, and Joan Struthers, low. All are looking forward to the next party.

### Men's Bridge

Men's Friday Bridge Group Arnie Trautwein 1st, Vern Ebert 2nd, Harry Jones 3rd, and Jerry O'Brien low.

### Fort Clark Art Club

A hearty welcome to Jerry Stone, Mary Murray and Jim Bullock the most recent new members of the Art Club. Yes, another male has braved the female fortress and is not trembling in his boots.

It can't be said that everything is coming up roses, but certainly there is plenty of activity in the art room as well as lots of good fun.

The Jerry Stone Workshop was, as last year very successful. Twenty people have signed up for the Beginner's Drawing Workshop that Frances McMaster is offering this Wednesday.

Ginger Test who presented an excellent Water Color Workshop last year will be back with us on February 16 & 17; a splendid opportunity for anyone, but especially for those, interested in the magic of watercolor.

There will be a very good representation of Fort Clark Artists at the Kinney County Livestock and Project Show. Don't miss this!

Last Saturday, a lovely day at Fort Clark saw at least ten visitors to the art room admiring the artistic creations on the walls and easels.

A reminder to all those crafters. The Third Annual Art Craft Show, sponsored by the Art Club will be held on March 16th, so start gathering together your creative items soon. \*The location will be announced later.

It was a pity to miss the Christmas in January party held at the lovely home of Hazel Ivey as a very good time was had by all.

The February business meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th. We would like to see ya'll there.

### Whose Values Are We Talking About?

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

Ever been in a heated discussion and when the other person realizes you're making sense, they try to shift the subject? This budget debate in Washington is no different. The administration and defenders of big government know if they have to talk about real issues, they'll be on the losing end. Even the Washington Post and New York Times have criticized their posturing.

So recently President Clinton has adopted a new theme in his public talks — "values". It's a bit ironic that after lambasting President Bush for talking about values in 1992, President Clinton has revived the theme for the budget debate. When he rejected the Balanced Budget Act put forward by Congress, the President said it was because he is protecting our "values". We Texan don't need a lecture on values.

When we were growing up, our parents told us that we should face up to a problem and try to solve it. That was an important value we learned. I respectfully submit that this is a value that the administration should either recall or quickly learn.

Whose values are protected when the administration refuses to recognize the crisis facing Medicare and fix it? Probably not the values of the senior citizens and their children who will be devastated if Medicare is allowed to go bankrupt. Nor the val-

ues of hardworking Americans who will have to pay hundreds of dollars in higher taxes to support the spiraling cost of the current system.

Whose values are protected when he mentions the environment? Why should Congress' attempts at bringing common sense into environmental regulation be portrayed as an assault on Mother Nature? Why is the administration declaring war on property owners? Is the administration standing up for those who live and work on the land — farmers and ranchers — or is it defending reactionary bureaucrats who issue environmental commandments from their offices in Washington?

The President also claims to protect America's values on the issue of education. Are the values of concerned parents and teachers who want more say over their children's education being protected? Or is it really about protecting the powerful education union that demands more tax dollars to control what our kids are taught?

These are questions that must be asked, because if you are going to talk about values, you better remember what you have been saying. American values are about facing problems and solving them together. Our values are the product of our work ethic and our desire to do all we can for our families and communities. Values are not just a bunch of words shouted to us by elitist know-it-alls.

### Hospice To Offer Volunteer Orientation

Hospice Uvalde Area, a program of Hospice San Antonio which serves patients in the Brackettville area, will be offering an orientation for those interested in becoming a volunteer. The course will be held at the Adult Center at Ft. Clark Springs from 10-12:00 on Wednesday, January 24.

Hospice Uvalde Area, is a not-for-profit organization which helps terminally ill patients and their families maintain dignity and enhance the quality of life as they cope with the dying process. When curative treatment is no longer possible or desired, Hospice offers medical care in the patient's home, as an alternative to hospitalization. The hospice has a

professional staff of nurses, aides, social worker, chaplain, and bereavement services coordinator. Volunteers are a vital part of the organization and help in many ways. They are men and women of all ages who have the desire to help others. Volunteers do a variety of jobs including collecting clothing for the Thrift Shop, making phone calls or writing notes, making crafts or baked goods and helping with fairs and fundraisers. Those who wish to visit patients will receive an additional 18 hours of training in two levels. For more information please call Molly Schroeder at 563-2467 or Patsy Sasek, volunteer coordinator at 1-800-339-6691.

### Tigers Blow Past Pirates

By Brian Hooker  
The Brackett News Sports Writer

Friday night the Tigers did something that they haven't done in over 4 years. The Tigers beat Lytle in the Pirates' own gym. The Tigers went into this game with a little personal grudge and rivalry aimed at the Pirates. The Tigers embarrassed the Pirates 79-57.

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead with a 15-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers had widened the margin to 41-23 by half-time. Showing no mercy, the Tigers came out in the 3rd quarter and kept right on truckin'. Rolling over the Pirates by a score of 65-41 heading into the 4th quarter. In the fourth quarter the Pirates put enough points on the board so it wouldn't be a blow-out. The Tigers jumped to 3-0 in district with their 79-57 triumph over the Pirates.

Ruben Terrazas, a senior Tiger says, "Brackettville is earning respect with our 3-0 district record. With our big win over Cole and now beating Lytle over there for the first time in well over 4 years, we're definitely earning respect and opening the eyes of our district opponents. We are

becoming a force to be reckoned with. It feels great to be a part of something like that."

The Tigers played well offensively. Shooting the ball over 55% from the field. They played great defense also. Marleno Inacencio scored 25 points for the Pirates. We all know 1 man can't beat a team. The Tigers had 5 people scoring in double figures.

The Tigers head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "Beau Smallwood had a season high 20 points. That is the second time he has led us in scoring this year. Beau is stepping up and playing good basketball as are the rest of the Tigers. Our team unity is outstanding. It's hard for any team to stop us when we have 5 Tigers in double figure scoring. It's also a big addition when Brian Hooker and Kirk Hill, our big guys, go out and do their job grabbing rebounds and scoring a little bit. This is the first time in the 3 years that I've been coaching here we have started out 3-0, that is very exciting. Every time we go out on the court, you can see the hunger, excitement, and confidence in the guys eyes. We are starting to believe in ourselves and that is very important."

### Tigers Offensive Attack In Their 79-57 Thrash Over The Pirates

#	Player Name	Points Scored	Assists	Rebounds	Steals
5	Mike Padron	14	11	-	8
10	Brian Hooker	5	-	6	3
12	Brian Flores	2	1	3	1
15	Ruben Terrazas	13	-	2	2
20	Beau Smallwood	20	1	3	-
32	Ramon DeLeon	12	3	1	4
40	Moses Hernandez	11	4	4	-
52	Kirk Hill	2	-	5	3

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### Unnecessary Government Regulation For Farmers and Ranchers

RENO, NEVADA (January 9, 1996) — More than 5,000 farmers and ranchers from throughout the United States attended the 77th American Farm Bureau Federation convention in Reno January 7-11. A variety of issues that affect the nation's farmers were addressed during the convention.

United States Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) discussed his concerns regarding unnecessary government regulation on the farm during his keynote address to convention attendees. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Hatch chaired the hearings on the Omnibus Property Rights Act of 1995, a bill designed to protect private property from federal government intrusion. "We are going to fight hard for the legislation — which I consider to be an integral component of the new Congress' effort to limit the ability of government bureaucracies to infringe upon individual liberties and property rights."

Other issues discussed during the convention included trade opportunities, the new farm bill, understanding technology and tax return. Convention activities also included trade show exhibits by numerous state farm bureau agencies, agricultural trade associations, and buyers of agricultural commodities.

It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day to day basis.

—Margaret Bonnamo

### Community Calendar

- Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
- Beta Sigma Phi
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- Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
- Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m. FC Restaurant
- City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Adult Center
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Thursday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
- K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
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—Will Rogers

**Six Flags Theme Parks Announces Management Agreement To Operate Fiesta Texas**

San Antonio, TX — January 10, 1996 — Time Warner's Six Flags Theme Parks Inc. has announced a lease-purchase agreement in principle with La Cantera Development company, a subsidiary of USAA (United Services Automobile Association) to manage Fiesta Texas for ten years with an option to acquire it. The announcement was made by the chief executive officers of both companies at a news conference today.

Six Flags will aggressively build on Fiesta Texas' strong entertainment facilities and local popularity through innovative marketing programs and its national advertising campaign. The company also plans to use Time Warner's world renowned entertainment assets throughout the park in major new state-of-the-art thrill rides, retail and other themed attractions.

"Expanding the Six Flags brand through a high caliber park like Fiesta Texas is part of our mission to create the finest regional destinations in the country," said Larry Bouts, CEO and Chairman of Six Flags Theme Parks Inc. "The addition of Fiesta Texas is a first step in a new era of a growth at Six Flags."

"Six Flags will work closely with the city of San Antonio to attract more tourists to the area. And, we will work to maximize Fiesta Texas' potential as a premier regional destination using Time Warner's properties, our retail and merchandising expertise and through the national reach of our advertising and marketing programs," said Bouts.

"We are very pleased with this

announcement," said Robert T. Herres, chairman and chief executive officer of USAA. "The national scope, the brand awareness and the proven success in the regional theme park business of Six Flags will help elevate this park to a major national attraction," he said. "Fiesta Texas will thrive with the enormous resources of its parent company, Time Warner, enhancing the park with its movies, music, cartoon characters and retail outlets."

As a first step, Six Flags today unveiled plans to open *The Joker*, a steel roller coaster that runs backwards and turns guests upside down. The new purple-colored ride will be themed to *The Joker* from the famed Warner Bros. Batman movies and DC Comics.

Also as part of the conference, Bouts named Andrew J. Barkley, currently Six Flags' Senior Vice President of Finance, as the president of Fiesta Texas.

"Fiesta Texas is an outstanding theme park which truly captures the spirit of the state's rich heritage and it is strategically located in San Antonio, the most popular destination for visitors to Texas and one of the most popular convention cities in the U.S.," said Andrew Barkley. "Six Flags has its roots in Texas and we are thrilled to be part of San Antonio and to welcome Fiesta Texas to our system."

Fiesta Texas is a visually stunning park set in a limestone quarry surrounded by 100-foot cliffs. The park, most notably, celebrates the history,

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.

January 1884: Lt French remains 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. His obsession with his mail is repeatedly recorded in the diary. The train delivers the mail daily and he frequently postpones activities to see what the mail might bring. He continues to be drawn into get rich quick schemes involving pig ranches or land deals for which he must borrow money. When his request for a loan from Captain Vance is turned down he is disappointed but continues to dream. He writes to Lieut Bullis about the scouts treaty with the government and goes on several explorations with the men looking for an elusive mine and water. The winter weather produces two snowfalls and frequent northers. When the Paymaster arrives (who had the previous year "... made mean remarks..." about the food) Lt French is still the gracious host. He writes a profound observation, "If hospitality is a sacred duty, a proper respect & regard for the host's feelings should be equally binding on the guest." Guests come and go to include the post sutler from Fort Clark, Dave Jacobs, who appears to collect money owed by the Seminoles. Practicing on his violin and writing letters occupy the days while games of Whist and Parcheesi fill the nights. The order relieving the detachment arrives and Lt French expects to be back at Fort Clark by mid-February.

**Wednesday, January 16 1884**

Thought the bedding felt heavy when I woke up and found that I was covered with snow. The fly kept off the wet and the bed was quite warm and comfortable, more so than last night. After dressing called Ward & was told by him that it would be impossible to look for the mine today on account of the snow, concluded to return to Mayers Springs as there was no shelter for the animals and the wood was about used up. A wet norther was blowing which we had to face all the way to camp. Went with Ward & Luce across country to Thurston reaching there in about two hours and a half after leaving camp. Got today's mail & went on to camp. The wagon got in ahead of us. Lougee came out to say "How" as we passed; but I was too cold to stop long. Was very happy to find a letter from home with the glad news that Mother was sitting up. Three of the men were suffering today from

**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**

*The Great Uncle Deane and Mother of Francis Henry French*

Courtesy of his descendants



inhaling carbonic acid gas. They carry a pan of coal into the tent and then close it so as to prevent the foul air escaping. Made them take these pans out although I felt ashamed to do so when my tent was warm and comfortable. Wrote to Hall enclosing an abstract of expenditures of ammunition used by the men in hunting last year for the General's approval. A cold drizzle all day. Very glad that we came back to camp. Commenced a letter home but will wait until tomorrow to finish it.

**Thursday, January 17 1884**

Sleeted a little & rained during the day but commenced to clear off before dark. Finished my letter home and sent the mail over. Kept the horses in as it was impossible to graze. Received news in a letter from home of Mr. Hoagland's sudden death. It must have been a terrible shock to Emma and Mecca. I wonder what they will do now. The folks at home would like to have me marry Mecca, but I don't love her as a husband ought to love. Besides I want to save more money before marrying. Reported to Hall the amount of tentage & wrote him about Blanco. Wrote letters of condolence to Mecca and to Lizzie and John. I honestly sympathize with them, but I am afraid my letters seem cold. In the evening went over to the house. Mrs. Lougee had retired but Mr. L. & I sat in the kitchen and had a long talk about the land I saw. After returning read until I fell asleep in my chair.

**Friday, January 18 1884**

Went down to the station after breakfast with Sgt. Kibbets & Luce & there met Don Patricio Martinez, the major domo of Gen. Trevino's big ranch across the river. He had a lot of supplies for the ranch and wanted me to let him have wagons to carry them down to Shafter's Crossing where he had transportation to carry them to the ranch. He had been to see Gen. Vincent in San Antonio and the latter promised to wire me instructions, but none had come. While thinking what to do, the expected telegram came. Returned to camp and as soon as the mules could be brought in and hitched up, sent the large wagon and four mules extra over to Thurston with two drivers. Went over myself. Martinez had a new wagon to which the four mules were hitched. Saw his staff loaded and the wagons start and then returned to camp after bidding Don Patricio good-bye. He was very profuse with his Mexican remarks and I felt very flat as I could not understand but tried to return the compliments. Met Mr. & Mrs. Lougee out riding as I came back to camp. After dinner

wrote to Capt. Vance & recommenced one to Shunk. The potatoes and onions came today, the wagon from the house bringing them. No mail from home much to my disappointment. Received a letter from Torres asking me to send Q.M. at Clark receipts for forage already received this month.

**Saturday January 19 1884**

Sent Luce over to Thurston early this morning and was disgusted when he returned with no mail for me except a bill for the potatoes and onions. Practiced as usual and afterwards cleaned the violin. Studied shorthand and afterwards weighed out the forage. After breakfast while waiting for the mail took a walk down to the tank. Not as much water as I expected but the bottom is water tight. After dinner wrote to Godwin enclosing bill & check to pay for potatoes & onions. Sent ration return for next month to Clark and wrote Hall that 10 days' ration would be sufficient if we get to the Post by the 15th prox. Sent receipt for corn & oats to Vedder & notified Torres that I had done so. Read a while & played on the violin & after taking a bath went to bed.

**Sunday, January 20 1884**

Commenced my usual letter before breakfast but did not finish until nearly noon. Mr. & Mrs. Lougee came over when the mail came and sat for a short time in my tent. No mail of interest. Hall sent back that abstract of expenditures with the General's approval. Played a while on the violin today. After dinner Doctor & I walked over to the house and made a short call & then Lougee joined us in a walk to the tank. Coming back saw Mrs. L. & maid at the corral and walked over there. L. did not see them as they hid from him. When we went around the house they came out! Mrs. L. acted queerly as if she was rather afraid of L. & he did seem a little vexed. After returning to camp wrote a letter to Henry, but was interrupted by Pratt, a Bostonian visiting his cousins, the Wilkins Bros., who had been lost while coming over for the mail. Fixed him a bed in my tent. In conversation learned that he graduated last June from Amherst & came here for his health. Is a very pleasant young man.

**Monday January 21 1884**

Sent the man for mail early this morning so that Pratt could start back soon. He wanted to pay for lodging & breakfast, but of course we did not accept. No mail of consequence for me. Hoped for a

letter from home and one from Simmonds about the pig business. Had the wet hay spread out on the ground to dry. The teamsters came back from the Rio Grande & reported a pretty hard trip. Practiced on the violin and studied shorthand. In the evening made arrangements for a hunting party to go out to hunt & fish. A teamster hauling supplies for Independence Co. with a poor team was stalled in a canyon & came back for help after dark. Told the Sergeant to send out two mules tomorrow to help him. He invited himself to spend the night here bringing his blankets which he spread down on the floor. We played cards until midnight. His cheek was sublime. Lougee invited the Doctor & me over to play cards tonight & then this evening deferred the game when the Doctor was over there. Perhaps he & the Madame have disagreed about last evening's affair. Hope I won't be dragged into it.

**Tuesday, January 22 1884**

After breakfast sent over the mail & while waiting walked down to the tank with the Dr. The Commissaries came today from Clark for our mess. Now we have enough to last until we go in. One letter from Shunk enclosing .20 postage stamps and O.B. letters comprised my share. I am disgusted because no mail comes from home. After writing some O.B.'s practiced on the violin & studied shorthand. Had the hay partially restacked and think it will shed water all right now. Sent some men down to the Rio Grande for fish. After dark the Doctor and I went over to Lougees to play cribbage, Dr. & Mrs. L. winning. Had eggnog and cake afterwards. Had to leave on account of my stomach bothering me like it used to. I do hope it will not trouble me this way in the Post. Played on the violin, read & played solitaire before retiring. Commenced the usual letter home, but shall wait until tomorrow to finish it. That cowboy got away all right.

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**Older Americans Act Programs Discussed**

Representatives of the Elderly Nutrition Centers in the nine county Middle Rio Grande Region met in Carrizo Springs today to discuss the potential effect of recent Congressional actions on the Older American Act programs and services in area communities. The Middle Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging, administered by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, provides nutrition, transportation and other related services to more than 2,500 area seniors each day through its network of Nutrition Centers in each of the counties.

Until late last week, the entire program had been included in the ranks of the programs and services that had been at issue in the federal budget dispute currently under way in Washington, and the continued availability of funds to support the services beyond January 31 had been in serious question. "As administrators of the Area Agency on Aging, we felt an obligation to provide the local governments of this region who are, by and large responsible for the operation of the Senior Service Program in the area, with up to date information about the prospects for continued federal funding for these critical senior nutrition and transportation services," explained Leodora Martinez, MRGDC Executive Director. "Until as late as yesterday, it looked as if these operations would be in serious jeopardy after the first

of February. We wanted to inform the participating local governments and the senior program participants of the situation, so they could begin to plan what to do in the absence of federal support."

Fortunately, though, the group was told that, in passing its latest continuing resolution, which would reopen the federal government until January 26, the Congress elected to go ahead and appropriate funds to support the nutrition and associated transportation services of the Older Americans Act for the entire federal fiscal year, ending September 30, 1996, although at only 95% of last year's levels. "This means that the senior nutrition program, which itself had never been at issue in the federal budget debate, will no longer be held hostage to other outstanding budget issues", stated Martinez, "and, although we will have to decide how to accommodate a certain level of reduced funding, we can at least be assured that the Centers will remain open and functioning for the balance of the current federal fiscal year."

Those attending the meeting, who represented local government contractors and local Senior Councils, were asked to go back to their communities and assure the elderly that the Centers would remain open, to explain the situation to local city and county governing bodies, and to begin assessing the ultimate impact of

the 5% fund reduction, so that alternative plans could be developed.

Urging the participants to not forget that there remained very real and critical issues in dispute in Washington, Dimmit County Judge Charles Johnson, suggested that they remain actively involved in communicating with appropriate state and federal officials. "We have to keep trying to educate our state and federal officials about the different impacts of these programs and services in rural areas like ours", Johnson said. "In urban areas with larger, richer local tax bases, it is easier for local governments and officials to make up for reductions in federal and state funding than it is in our communities, which are among the poorest in the nation. Somehow, people in Austin and Washington need to be brought to an understanding of that fact."

In closing, Executive Director Martinez assured those in attendance that the MRGDC Area Aging staff would remain in close contact with the local governments and Senior Councils as events in Washington and Austin developed further. "For now", he summarized, the Nutrition Center program seems to be ok, but we can never tell for sure what next month or next year will bring. By working closely together with our local, state, and federal elected officials, though, we can and will be prepared to cope with whatever happens down the road."



A tropical rain forest has more kinds of trees than any other area in the world. Scientists have counted 179 species in one 2 1/2-acre area in South America. Most forests in the U.S. have fewer than seven species.



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

When Absalom killed his brother Amnon because he had raped his sister Tamar he fled to the city of refuge, "Geshur."

After years of exile appealed to his friend Joab, who was the chief of staff of his father, King David, to intercede with David to forgive him and allow him to return to his home. Joab went to the King and David told Absalom to come back home but to not come before the King. Absalom returned but continued to be distraught over being kept away from his father, King David. Since Joab had accepted the role of middleman, he sent word to Joab to come see him. Joab did not come. Again Absalom sent word for Joab to come. Again he refused. Absalom told his servants to set Joab's barley fields on fire, which they did. Joab then rushed to Absalom who told him why he had the barley fields burned and asked Joab to go to David. As a result David sent for Absalom and welcomed him with open arms and a kiss.

God many times throughout the Bible and through life speaks and speaks to His people and when they ignore Him he acts harshly to call back to Him. When the children of Egypt wanted to return from Egypt to Caanan, God sent word to the Pharaoh to let them go. The Pharaoh refused. God sent seven plagues on the land but the Pharaoh still was adamant. Finally death came across the land and the first born of the Pharaoh

was dead. The Pharaoh then relented and allowed the Israelites to leave.

In Isaiah's time the children of Israel had forsaken God. They were disregarding his command to worship Him and Him alone. They were prosperous and carefree. Preaching by Isaiah as he proclaimed God's message went unheeded. God raised up a pagan people to decimate the land. A small remnant, carried away captive, turned back to the God and were allowed to return to their homeland and rebuild the Temple. God had spoken harshly and His people came back to Him.

Paul defied God until one day he was struck blind on the road to Damascus. Suddenly he turned to God and became the greatest evangelist of his day. God had spoken harshly and Paul heeded.

We have all had experiences with God when He spoke harshly before we let Him have His way and we found His way to be the very best for us. When God speaks harshly, He is simply doing what is best for us because He loves us.

How much simpler would life be and how much enjoyable if we would simply follow the leading of God from the beginning. What a different world if all people would just follow God's will and way.

Next Sunday there will be another message from God's Word at Frontier Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. Come and see!



**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

I received a Newsletter explaining how you can tell when it's going to be a rotten day. It described it this way when:

- You wake up face down on the pavement.
- You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.
- You see a "60 Minutes" news team in your office.
- Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
- You turn on the news and they are showing emergency routes out of the city.
- Your twin brother forgot your birthday.
- Your boss tells you not to bother to take your coat off.

-The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

-Your income tax check bounces.

-You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

-Your pet rock snaps at you.

If you live long enough, it seems that life has a way of handing us "one of those days" from time to time. And it can happen to even the best of people. Why? Heaven only knows.

If you are having "one of those days," be reminded of I Thess. 5:16-18: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Remember also that the day is only 24 hours and it will end. And when it does, remember to give thanks!

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

A couple of Sundays ago I arrived at church to find a few brave souls in Sunday school — a very few souls. When I inquired as to why there were so few of them there they responded, "We have power." To my quizzical look they further explained that part of Brackett didn't have electricity, i.e. heat, lights, hot water, stoves, etc. — all those nice things to have around when you're getting ready to go to church! In other words, some folks in Brackett had power and some didn't. We joked about getting a loud speaker and riding around telling people that if they needed to get warm or powered up to come on over to the Methodist Church because we have power.

We do have power! I'm not bragging because it's not our power. It's God's power and we're simply the conduits for it. It's the Holy Spirit, God's own spirit. It's the Spirit of

love that warms hearts, and calls us to go beyond ourselves and our needs to reach out to others. It's the Spirit that sets our souls afire as we seek beyond ourselves and even our neighbors and what is present here and now, as we seek what can be if we all work together and the One who is, was and ever shall be. It's the Spirit of hope that shines before us when darkness threatens to envelope us. And it is the Spirit that enables us to reach out to others, to find God, and to work with each other and God to bring about what can be. Now that's power!

So the next time you feel your power going out (electricity, love, hope, improvement, etc.), come on over — there's a warm, lighted place full of love and hope just waiting for you. And oh yes, there's a very powerful Spirit waiting to embrace you. See you there!

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

By Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

Many of us have a yearly custom of at the beginning of the New Year reflecting on the past year's short comings, and making New Year's resolutions to make positive changes in our lives. Perhaps we gained too much weight during the past year. Perhaps we spent too much time working, and less time with our families than had been our hopes. Or perhaps we stopped exercising, lost contact with some friends or family, or maybe stopped attending or lessening our involvement in church. All of us to be sure differ in where we have fallen short in living out 1995 in the way we had intended.

Perhaps some of us will buy Nordic Tracks, tummy sizers, new walking or running shoes. Some of us will make endless lists of what we hope to accomplish. Many of us will go to book stores or the library to obtain some type of self help book to assist us in changing our lifestyle. But if we really examine ourselves, we will realize that none of the above will really work. For in order to change, new information or new gadgets simply is not enough. Nor is a new attitude adjustment needed, just trying harder is simply not enough.

The culprit is not laziness, nor stu-

pidity; the culprit is Sin. We're all slaves to sin, held in bondage to the power of 'Me'. Sin causes us to want to meet our needs first. Sin is the power of I want to be #1 in my life. 'I' know what is best for me.

But the power of 'I' frequently becomes an obstacle to living our lives in the manner for which we were created. Our God created humanity to live in harmony with all of creation, which includes our bodies, our natural world in all of its beauty, and of course our fellow human beings. When we mistreat our bodies through over eating or drug abuse, we are sinning against God's intended purpose for us. When we destroy creation by littering, overuse and exploitation, we are sinning against God's intended purpose for us. When we mistreat or ignore the needs of our families and neighbors, both locally and globally, we are sinning against God's intended purpose for us.

May we all in these early days of 1996, recognize the power of Sin, the power of greed and selfishness, and may we pray for God's mercy and forgiveness to live in harmony with his intended purpose for us.

Pastor Nathan LaFrenz  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Girl Scout Cookies Sales**

January 19, 1996 the local Girl Scouts will start taking orders for cookies. The cookies that are ordered will be delivered in February.

If you haven't been contacted within the next week and want to place an order call 563-9006 or 563-9545.

**Thank You**

Thank you everyone for all the lovely flowers, cards and gifts. A very special thanks to all the churches for the special prayers.

God Bless,  
Georgia Thompson

**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, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, 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 La Vell.
- 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 Asamblea 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., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. 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.

**Obituaries**



**Ruth Mildred Croom**

Ruth Mildred Croom, 90, died Monday, January 15, 1996 at Hill Country Memorial, Fredericksburg, Texas. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 20, at 2:00 P.M. at the Mission Burial Park North Mausoleum Chapel, San Antonio, Texas. Ruth Mildred Croom was born March 21, 1905 on a farm near Cuba, Missouri to William H. Saunders and Della T. Wright Saunders. She was the youngest of 10 brothers and sisters all of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James H. Croom, Sr. after 67 years of marriage, and daughter, Ruth Margaret Croom Lehne. She is survived by a son, James H. Croom, Jr., and his wife, Sue, of Fredericksburg, Texas. She is also survived by four grandchildren and their spouses; Carolyn Croom and John Tate of Austin, Texas, Catherine Croom and Rice Harrington of San Marcos, Texas, Robert E. Croom and Ann Parker Croom of Catonsville, Mary-

land and William C. Lehne, Jr. and Nancy Cook Lehne of Bedford, Texas. She is also survived by five great grandchildren; John, Stephanie and Stacey Lehne of Bedford, Texas; Eric Tate of Austin, Texas and Benjamin Parker Croom of Catonsville, Maryland. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Croom was a long time resident of Mobile City, near Leon Springs, Texas and later resided at Ft. Clark Springs, Brackettville, before moving to Fredericksburg with her husband in 1990. She and her husband were former members of the Bluebonnet Chapter of the Good Sam Club. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association, 8415 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, Texas 78229 or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are with Mission Park Funeral Chapels, North 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78230 (210)349-1414.

**Gearld "Chip" Hickey**

Gearld "Chip" Hickey, age 62, died January 11, 1996 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born September 9, 1933 in Ontario, Canada. He is survived by his two daughters: Brandin Eary of Jonesboro, Texas and Dobbi White of Stephenville, Texas and two grandchildren: Taylor Eary and Jordan White. He is also survived by numerous brothers and sisters.

Graveside service was Saturday, January 13, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. at the Brackettville County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home 4200 E. Garfield St., Del Rio, Texas, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas.

**Oops!**

My sincere apologies to the following individuals and organizations: Lions Article - Phil Lamb, you can have your real name back of Phil Land, Bob Voracek returns to Herb Voracek.

Christmas Caroling Article - Dick Struthers didn't like the new version so we will put him back as Jim Strother.

Hepline Article - Calaway Productions have never been located in Brackettville, we are very fortunate to have Cavalry Productions owned by James Householder.

Please bare with me folks!

**Thank You**

I would like to thank every one for the cards, flowers, calls, prayers, visits and many kindnesses during my husbands illness and at the end of his earthly journey. Bless Brother Joe Townsend for his visits to "Blackie". Thank you to all the wonderful people at the Retama Nursing Home who helped us. Your many acts of caring and kindness will long be remembered.

Thank You Sincerely,  
Marie Mangrum

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.

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NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders received witness. Through faith we understand that the Worlds were Framed by the word of GOD, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto GOD a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, GOD testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and was not found, because GOD had translated him, for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased GOD.

But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to GOD must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. HEBREWS 11:1-6

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6 P.M. Thursday  
Gospel Preaching  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M.  
Saturday Night Prayer

By faith Noah, being warned of GOD of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. HEBREWS 11:7

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In The Matter Of The Estate  
Of Fred K. Fay,  
Deceased

In The Probate Court Of  
Kinney County, Texas  
Published Notice To Creditors

**POSITION VACANCY**

Position Vacancy: Jostens/Plato Lab Manager - District PEIMS Coordinator.  
Location: Brackett Independent School District  
Terms of Employment:  
1. High School Diploma or a GED  
2. Computer Literacy Required  
Application Procedure:  
Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 26, 1996. Interviews will begin on February 1, 1996. All interested parties may come to the central office to pick up an application. The Brackett Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**POSITION VACANCY**

Position Vacancy: Secretary - High School  
Location: Brackett Independent School District  
Terms Of Employment:  
1. High School Diploma Or A GED  
2. Computer knowledge (Microsoft Word, Lotus, Excel)  
3. Prefer one-two years work experience in office environment.  
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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Fred K. Fay, Deceased, were issued on December 21, 1995, Docket Number 892, pending in the Probate Court of Kinney County, Texas, to Martha P. Hooten, Independent Executrix.

The address of Martha P. Hooten is P.O. Box 925, Brackettville, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1996 /s/Martha P. Hooten  
Independent Executrix  
P.O. Box 925  
Brackettville, TX 78832


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Let's look at the history. On March 1, 1845, Congress passed a resolution inviting the Republic of Texas to join the Union, and a special convention of Texans met to consider it, under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson Rusk. The convention accepted the offer on July 4, and its decision was ratified by the people in October. We submitted a constitution, quoted above, which Congress accepted on December 29.

Rusk went on to become the first U.S. Senator from Texas, and I, the great great granddaughter of his law partner, Charles S. Taylor, now hold his seat. Taylor and Rusk had signed the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico in 1836.

We mark the 29th, quietly, as the commencement of our Statehood, although we didn't lower the Lone Star and post the Stars and Stripes until February 19, 1846. We must have been happy with statehood in 1955, because we expressly renounced the right to fly the flag of our old Republic at the same level as that of our Union. Our Legislature mandated that it fly in a subordinate position, in the manner followed by all other states.

Since those early days, Washington has governed with a rather heavy hand, and other states are starting to join us in pressing for a restoration of states' rights under the Constitution. Justice Brandeis wrote that states should be "laboratories of democracy," but the Congresses since World War II have increasingly relegated them to be regional administrators of federal programs.

The majority of the new Congress, of course, believes that Congress and the President cannot and should not make every decision. You and I can agree wholeheartedly on the truth that has endured since the days of President Houston: Texans govern Texas best. One of my goals is to resurrect the beleaguered Tenth Amendment.

Finally, although our Independence remains the signal day in Texas history, and though we yearn for greater self-government, we can look on our statehood with pride, as a means of "conferring blessings upon the people of all the States" as President Anson Jones said when Old Glory was raised for the first time in Austin:

The lone star of Texas, which ten years since arose amid cloud, over fields of carnage, and obscurely shone for a while, and, following an inscrutable destiny, has... become fixed forever in that glorious constellation which all... lovers of freedom in the world must... adore — the American Union. Blending its rays with its sister stars, long may it continue to shine, and may a gracious heaven smile upon this consummation of the wishes of the two republics, now joined together in one.



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