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



Tigerettes second baseman Debra Frerich, right, makes the throw to first baseman Susie Hernandez (7) for an out during Brackett's 11-7 victory over Lytle on Tuesday. See story, Page 6.

Photo courtesy of J.J. Guidry

Your One Vote Is Important

By Tony Garza, Texas Secretary Of State

You get your ticket weeks in advance. Your seats are never as close as where you really wanted, but that makes little difference. After all, your ticket not only means you see the action, it guarantees you're part of it. Then you notice some prime seats where no one will sit. Who gets a ticket to a big event and then opts not to use it?

In attendance-keeping, they are known as the "no-shows." People who buy tickets and then for some reason don't attend. No-shows, can prevent an event from touting itself as an official sellout. For that reason, you'll hear boos, hisses, and catcalls when the number of no-shows is announced at some sporting events.

In many respects, Texas elections vary little from this scenario. You get your voter registration card (your ticket) weeks in advance. Most of us are never as close to the political action as we'd like, but on election day that makes little difference. Our vote makes each and every one of us a vital part of the action.

And like any big event, organizers always hope for a 100 percent turnout (a "sellout," if you will) on election day. However over the years, the political arena has been anything but full. Empty seats are easy to find.

So where are the "Boos" for the no-shows on election day?

Let's face it. Booming the election day no-shows is no longer fashionable. Yes, it's certainly chic to complain about "the system," but taking an active role in changing it? That's for the other guy to worry about. The right to vote, once a patriotic duty, has become as important to some people as a weekend chore that never seems to get done. "Yeah, yeah. I'll do it — if I get around to it."

With 1996 being a Presidential election year, that fact alone should be enough to spark voter interest across our state. And considering Texans will also have the final word on one U.S. Senate seat, all 30 Congressional seats, all 150 seats in the Texas House and approximately half the seats in the Texas Senate, you can understand why 1996 is viewed as a significant election year — and why voter participation is as important as ever.

RAIN RAIN RAIN

Tony Frerich reported 1 1/2 inches of rain at his ranch north of Brackettville. Pinto Farm 5 miles north west had 2/10 inches. Bret Trant reported 1 1/2 inches, 7 miles east of town. A 1/2 inch was reported in town.

Discovery Channel Premier Sunday March 3, 8 P.M.

The Discovery Channel will premier a documentary called "The Battle of The Alamo", at 8 P.M. on Sunday March 3.

Portions of this documentary were filmed at Alamo Village last year. This was the first time that a commercial film crew was allowed to film the inside of the real Alamo in San Antonio.

Watch for Wes Robinson, Joel Terrazas and other local talent. Richard Curilla served as art director for this film

Haby Judging In Australia

Hayden Haby traveled to Goulburn, Australia to judge the 7th National Angora Trophy Show & Sale on March 1, 2 & 3rd. The following is an excerpt released by NATS.

NATS 1996

Once again NATS will be a big event (March 1st-3rd). With Hayden Haby judging, we will see an experienced and respected expert with knowledge of both Texan and South African strains and their crosses. It is unlikely that a more appropriate judge could be found to officiate over the first years' direct competition between strains and the various importations. Hayden is an old friend of the Australian industry having judged here in 1978, visited to speak at conferences and being involved with the Texan importation.

Hayden ranches and farms over 8000 acres of range and irrigation land in Texas. He runs a variety of sheep and goat enterprises including Rambouillet and Rambouillet Australian Merino cross sheep, a 200 doe

Angora Stud and a 2000 doe commercial Angora flock. He has judged Angoras at the Houston Livestock Show, the San Angelo Livestock Show, the San Antonio Livestock Show, the State Fair of Texas, the Canadian Royal, the French National Angora Show and the British Royal Angora Show.

Hayden is currently working with South African Angoras imported from Marysford, Thorn Park, Loch Dale and Waldeck studs in 1994. He is a past president and honorary director of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association, a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the Mohair Council of America, and a director of the US Mohair Marketing Board and Producers Marketing Cooperative Inc. Hayden is a Honorary Life Member of the Angora Breed Society, AMBA and Mohair Australia. We will all be delighted to be reacquainted with this distinguished Texan.

Kinney County Commissioners Court - Special Session

The Kinney County Commissioners Court held a Special Meeting on February 26, 1996. Judge Tommy Seargeant called the meeting to order and established a quorum with Commissioner Frerich, Commissioner Montalvo, Commissioner Mendeke and Commissioner Paul O'Rourke present.

Commissioner Mendeke read portions of the report for the EMS Annual Valentines Dance (complete report in EMS Article this paper). Commissioner Mendeke said Thank you was a small word but it is sent out with deep meaning to all who helped make the dance fund raiser a success.

Kinney County Librarian gave a library report and requested repairs to the building and yard. The Fritter room walls and doors are cracking, the front door to the library needs to be repainted. The yard around the library has quite a few holes. Mr. Cliff Fritter, Road and Bridge Administrator brought in two loads of dirt, but they need a community service worker to spread the dirt. The library needs a janitor for more than 1 hour every two weeks.

The library has received over \$1,000.00 in memorial funds for the "Happy" room. These funds will be used to purchase educational games and new small size furniture.

There was a discussion about the resolution against the proposed waste dump in Spofford. Judge Seargeant read a letter from County Attorney Tully Shahan stating that he would not change the resolution and he advised the court not to sign it. The court voted to have Mr. Shahan rewrite the resolution for Kinney County and thanked him for his advice. The vote was Commissioner O'Rourke, Commissioner Montalvo and Commissioner Mendeke for; Commissioner Frerich and Judge Seargeant against.

The Court heard a proposal from Alan McWilliams and James Crumley requesting permission to use matching funds in order to purchase a copy machine for both offices to share.

David Garza, part time employee for the Road Department was granted permanent status beginning March 1. Mr. Garza offered to take a cut in pay (from \$4.50 hr to \$4.25 hr), in order to receive permanent status and the court accepted his offer.

Election judge for Precinct 3, Dottie Cruz was nominated and approved.

The court approved the purchase of a used dump truck for the Road department, for approximately \$11,500.00. Commissioner Joe Montalvo and Mr. Cliff Fritter Road and Bridge Administrator will go to San Antonio and pick out the best truck for the price.

County Attorney Tully Shahan hired a legal secretary part time at \$5.00 per hour. The Commissioners postponed any action on this until Mr. Shahan was available.

After much discussion the commissioners approved the new ruling for the Civic Center. Glass bottles will not be permitted at Civic Center functions. The court will set a minimum lighting requirement for dances after discussing the matter with the Fire Marshal and the Sheriff.

Mr. Troast advised the Court that the Texas Community Development Program Grant is still up in the air. The Federal Government has not released any funds for the Grant. This Grant is shared by Kinney County, Spofford and the City of Brackettville. Hearing was set for Monday March 4th in the County Court Room.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce offered to purchase a marquee sign to be placed in front of the Civic Center announcing upcoming activities. The Chamber will pay for the sign and have it installed if the County will take care of connecting the electricity and maintenance after the sign is installed. The Commissioners and the Judge commended Mr. Sofaly and the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce for this offer and voted to accept the sign. This is just another example of the Chamber of Commerce seeing a need in the community and meeting it.

Budget amendments were accepted and approved.

The month of April will be Fair Housing month. This month was declared in a resolution by the Commissioners.

The Constable will be working with Sheriff Burgess as a deputy effective March 1, 1996, using his personal vehicle. The court approved a motion to pay Mr. Linderman \$150.00 per month for travel.

Court was adjourned at 12:15.



Zachry Davis Takes Reserve Champion at S.A. Stock Show

San Antonio . . . Halie Wallace of Lampassas, Texas, took home the Champion Angora Goat Buck title at this year's San Antonio Livestock Show. The junior breeding goat show was held Saturday, February 10.

Along with the title, Wallace received a \$6,000 agricultural scholarship from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Wallace said preparing for the show was hard work, but it paid off. "When you work hard and then you win, it means something," Wallace said.

Zachry Davis of Brackettville, Texas, won the Reserve Champion

Buck title. Seth Becker of Paint Rock, Texas, received the Champion Angora Goat Doe honors. In addition to his title, Becker also received a \$6,000 agricultural scholarship from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Ashley Brockman of Sonora, Texas, won the Reserve Champion Doe title.

Brockman said choosing the right animal for shows can be tricky because the goats change quite a bit as they mature.

Jack Groff of Kerrville, Texas, judged the competition.

EMS Dance Big Success

By Cordelia Mendeke
Contributing Writer

We would like to express our sincere and grateful thank you's to all our supporters that helped in donations and attendance of our first annual EMS dance, for it was a great success, we raised a total of \$2,143.05. We would especially like to thank Fort Clark and Smith Security for being our dispatchers, Tejano High for a job well done, to our anonymous \$100.00 donor and to the winner for donating the money back to us, and the following businesses and supporters; Mastercuts, (Terry, Mgr) Del Rio, TX Pampered Pups, (Carolyn Card, Owner) Brackettville, TX The Gift Shop, (Sondra Meil, Owner) Brackettville, TX Fitness Center, (Albert Fuentes, Owner) Del Rio/Brackettville, TX Ramada Inn, Del Rio, TX Avanti Italian Restaurant, Del Rio, TX Tanya Frerich, Brackettville, TX The Jug Store, Brackettville, TX Pico #15 Convenience store, (Ricky Alvarado, Mgr) Brackettville, TX Super S, (Ponce Padron, Mgr) Brackettville, TX

Casuals Plus, (Lucille Fuentes, Owner) Brackettville, TX Juan Hernandez, Brackettville, TX Larry and Linda Sofaly, Brackettville, TX Alamo Lumber, Del Rio, TX Stop N Shop, (Freddie Frerich, Owner) Brackettville, TX Davis Hardware, (Zack Davis, Owner) Brackettville, TX Fort Clark Springs Association, Brackettville, TX Sunshine Garden Center, Brackettville, TX Manolo Rosas Jr., Brackettville, TX Gracie's Flower Shop, (Gracie Escamilla, Owner) Brackettville, TX PCI, \$100.00 gift certificate (thru Vol. EMS) Tiny Castro, Brackettville, TX Molly Audrey, Brackettville, TX Claude and Lilya Kohl, Brackettville, TX Cordelia Barlow, Brackettville, TX Albert Payne, Brackettville, TX Gregorio Juarez, Brackettville, TX Thomas Kuhns, Brackettville, TX Rudy Luna, Brackettville, TX Chuck and Bea Porter, Brackettville, TX

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To everyone who attended and helped out on our first annual EMS dance, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Flat Tax Benefits Texas

The 17 percent flat tax, as proposed by Representative Dick Arney (R-TX) and Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), would dramatically alter the income tax code. More significantly, their reform would correct many flaws in the system. The flat tax is fair, simple, and visible — three key components in any tax reform plan.

The flat tax is fair. Special interests would not be seeking loopholes and preferential tax treatment. Everyone pays their fair share.

The flat tax is simple. It levies the same percent tax on every income level. Those who earn more pay in taxes.

The flat tax is visible. Every taxpayer would know precisely what they pay and there would be no loopholes.

In addition to looking at its effects on individual taxpayers, Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation has studied the impact of the flat tax on business. CSE Foundation analyzed

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"Reflections"

Editorial by Norman H. Hooten

"Consistency" by Forrest Gump

I am guilty, your honor, the fancier pled.
Yes Sir, I did let a couple of dogs scrap.
But they were not allowed to fight very long,
One fellow was better than the other chap.

We just wanted to see if they were both game,
And if they would continue to cross the line.
We found them courageous and true to the breed.
So here I am, Sir, willing to pay my fine.

You should be ashamed, the Judge declared,
Permitting poor dumb animals to fight.
He looked around, like a grandstander will,
And said, "pay the fine, it serves you right!"

But then came the dawn of another day,
People were packed and jammed like cattle.
The great stadium was filled to overflowing
For this much heralded centuries battle.

The defending Champion was Slasher McCoy,
The terrible challenger was Slaughter McCann.
The crowd had gathered to proclaim the victor,
The one that beat unconscious the other man.

The men tore at each other like jungle beasts,
They both landed lefts and each

swung a right.
McCann landed flush on McCoy's jaw, a brutal punch.
It looked like McCoy was through for the night.

But Slasher staggered up at the count of nine,
His face was a disfigured mask.
His jaw was broken and he spat out some teeth,
As Slaughter continued with the murderous task.

A sledgehammer right cross broke his nose,
A vicious left hook closed his right eye.
Poor Slasher was a reeling, bleeding hulk,
Could not defend himself, too weak to try.

Then a loud screaming voice was heard,
Kill him, knock his brains out Slaughter!
The fancier that had been fined in court
Saw this bloodthirsty fan, it was the Judge's daughter.

While comfortably seated right beside her,
Also roaring like mad for the kill,
Was none other than her honorable father,
His inhuman expression would give you a chill.

Oh! Consistency, thou art truly a virtue,
And as such you are rightfully proclaimed.
But, you are an absolute, unknown quantity
To those at whom this arrow is aimed!

THAT'S ALL!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Adobe's information keeps rolling in. As of Nov. 6, TNRCC needed clarification on 13, of the many items submitted in Adobe's original application for a permit. These are just two of the items. Adobe responded Jan. 23.

TNRCC -- "Include the maximum rate of disposal for the proposed facility"

Adobe --
Because the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility is a proposed facility and is not currently operating, an anticipated maximum waste acceptance rate is difficult to predict with certainty. The permit application form includes an estimated maximum disposal rate of 830 tons per day and a note that AES does not intend to be limited by means of waste acceptance. The 830 tons per day represents an amount of waste approximately equivalent to the amount of waste generated by residents of Spofford, Brackettville, Del Rio, Uvalde, and Eagle Pass. At present, it is anticipated that the facility will accept an estimated maximum average on the order of 2,000 to 5,000 tons per day. The design of the facility could accommodate the acceptance of waste by rail and truck at a rate of approximately 5,000 tons per day. The maximum average waste acceptance rate is expected to increase over time as population in the area increases and the rail facility becomes operational. Wastes to be accepted include any wastes authorized by management at the facility under the permit and pursuant to the rules of the TNRCC. The facility will not accept radioactive waste or by-product material for disposal.

Comment -- This is another outright gross misrepresentation. The original 830 tons per day projected to be generated by the entities mentioned have NEVER been discussed

with Adobe. There is not that much waste per day in the entire region!

To comply with Subtitle D, as of Oct. 9, 1993, these entities spent hundreds of thousands of dollars. Brackettville has the Citizens Collection Site, Del Rio and Uvalde have state of the art landfills, Eagle Pass is engaging in a mutual landfill with Carrizo Springs. These Subtitle D, approved landfills are already in adequate use.

The anticipated 2000 to 5000 tons per day rate is based on the expected increase of population. Come on now, the population is expected to DECREASE with the mass exodus from Fort Clark as previously experienced during the threat of Texcor's landfill.

Let us not be deceived, the 2000 to 5000 tons per day will be from industrial and "Special" toxic wastes. The maquilas profit making wastes will be the greater percent.

TNRCC; "It appears as if one-way landfill traffic volumes are used for comparison with existing and projected two-way volumes."

Adobe -- "The traffic impacts analysis was Recalculated using 38 vehicles entering and 38 vehicles exiting the facility for a PEAK HOUR."

Comment -- How does 38 trucks, coming and going, per hour sound? Not only loud and noisy, but very frightening. 912 trucks in 24 hours, and less than 2 minutes per truck.

These trucks will be loaded with foul, contagious, mislabeled, highly explosive, hazardous, altered manifest, and smuggled wastes. Let us not forget the piggy back trucks on the 24 hour railroad transportation. All to create a mountain of waste 90 feet ABOVE the existing ground level by 12 acres in diameter.

Come on folks, let us unite and fight this impending doom!

/s/Tootsie Herndon

This letter is printed by request of the author.

Terry Carson, Mgr., Traffic Operation
Texas Department of Transportation
320 Washington
Laredo, TX 78044

Dear Sir:

In Brackettville, where Farm Road 334 (Ann Street) enters U.S. Highway 90, a situation exists which will eventually result in death or serious injury to one or more drivers and/or passengers. Some day in full daylight a driver on Ann Street, unable to see to the west or east because of vehicles (wholesale trucks or customer cars) parked at the businesses on either side of the intersection, will drive onto the highway into the path of an 18 wheeler traveling at the posted 45 mph speed. The car and everyone in it will be demolished.

People will be shocked and saddened. Some will wonder why a traffic light was not installed at that point long ago. Someone at your agency will respond that results of a traffic density survey did not warrant a light. That response will probably come after the funeral(s) or during long and painful hospital stay(s). It will be small comfort to anyone, even its author.

I understand that yet another traffic density survey is proposed. I am not writing about density. I am writing about visibility and safety, and about a common sense solution to a deadly accident which is waiting to happen. That accident could certainly be avoided if a traffic signal were placed above the intersection to periodically halt traffic on Highway 90, thereby permitting vehicles to enter the highway from Ann Street without playing a sort of Russian roulette.

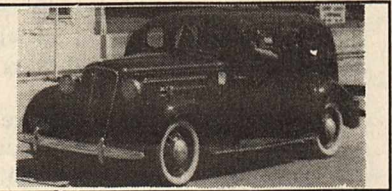
A traffic light is fully justified by safety considerations, no matter what the traffic density may be. Your agency has 8 such lights in Uvalde, 1 in Sabin, 4 in Hondo, and 3 in Castroville, all on Highway 90. Surely a light in Brackettville will not interfere materially with commerce or traffic flow between Del Rio and San Antonio. The light would, however, eliminate a clear and present danger to human life here in Brackettville.

Please, put an end to repeated surveys and discussions, and just do it! Give to us who use this intersection several times each day the protection we are entitled to as Texas taxpayers and human beings.

Sincerely,
/s/Don R. Parks

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



The weather can't seem to decide what it wants to do next, but it's time for all of us to get organized and ready for summer.

First of all, think of little three year old Rachel and get ready to donate blood in her name to help her fight cancer. On March 7, this coming Thursday, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. the Southwest Blood Bank in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church will accept your donation of blood. Be sure to bring along some sort of identification, a driver's license, SS card, or voter registration. The ladies of the First Baptist Church are sponsoring this drive - let's support them and Rachel.

As long as you're out and about, go on down to the court house for early voting. Election day is Tuesday, March 12, but early voting is available through Friday the 8th. It's so simple to run into the courthouse at your convenience and vote early. No lines to hold you up - no wondering where your precinct is located.

Are you adept with an embroidery needle or a quilting needle? The artists of Fort Clark Art Club (including members throughout the county) have designed individual squares for a huge, one of a kind quilt to be ac-

tioned off at the celebration of the birthday of FC. You can contribute your talents by signing up at the Adult Center to embroider a square. If you prefer, later, when the squares have been sewn together, you can help with the actual quilting. The quilt will be hung from the ceiling on a frame. Regular old fashioned quilting bees will be held. What a wonderful idea - whoever thought it up should be congratulated.

Thank you, Agnes Vondy, for the delightful hour you gave us at the FC Historical Society meeting last Saturday. They say laughter is good for your health - we all got a lot healthier during that hour. The last Saturday of each month a guest speaker is featured. At the meeting next month, Mrs. Augusta Pines will present a program on the Seminole Scout heritage of Kinney County.

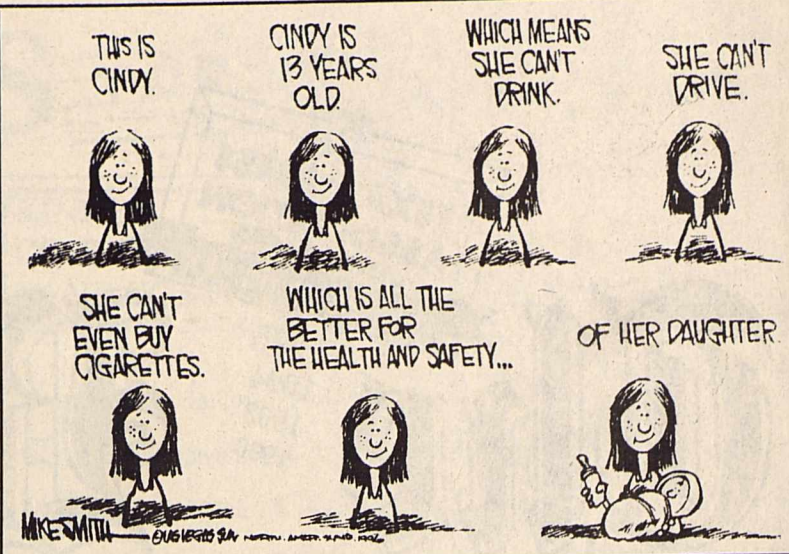
Please, please, please be very careful with any sort of open flames during this critical dry spell: matches, live cigarettes, lighters can all be potential problems. The state has outlawed outdoor burning for the present time.

ENJOY LIVING IN KINNEY COUNTY
IT'S SO SPECIAL

Immature love says "I love you because I need you." Mature love says "I need you because I love you."

—Erich Fromm

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Between Us by Joe Townsend

I had a most delightful evening recently. We went to the Annual Pancake Supper at the Episcopal Church. The pancakes were like my mother used to make. With the super good sausage it was easy to eat too much. Eating is always a great time with me but the warm hearted and friendly atmosphere made the time spent a delightful event. It was worth the time and effort just to see Stan Conoly with his apron cruising from person to person to make sure everyone was having a good evening.

There was however a damper on the evening knowing that this was the last function under the regime of Rev. Bill Koons. The next day was to be his last day officially. Seven years ago Bro. Bill retired and moved to Ft. Clark to enjoy his time golfing and playing Bridge. There was need for a priest at the local church so Bill stepped in to fill the gap. He has

served well those years and has won his way into the hearts of the people of the community. He has been a loyal participant in the Ministerial Alliance and is well liked by the local pastors. With physical problems both of himself and his lovely wife active ministry has come to be an unduly heavy load. Speaking for myself, I'm certainly glad Bill will be staying here. Even though I'll likely see him only occasionally at the post office, just knowing he is around will help. Certainly my very best regards remain with him and his dear wife.

It's a joy every relationship I have with the Episcopal church folks. They comprise some of the very finest. Though their numbers are few, they are devoted to this church. Our hearts go out to them in this time of transition.



Left to Right: Jim Tyer, Candy Tyer, Steve Stafford. Front Row: Cindy Stafford, Rose Mary Slubar, Beatrice Kuhns and Michele Rosas.

KC Volunteer Ambulance Organization

By Rose Mary Slubar
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance Organization was organized in 1974. It started out with an old gray hearse looking ambulance and attendants that only had advance first aid training.

In 1976, Mr. N.K. Mendelson donated \$15,000.00 for a new ambulance and the County paid approximately \$640. Thanks to the then County Judge Tommy Seargeant, supplies and equipment were purchased.

Rose Mary Slubar has been president for 20 of the 22 years that the Volunteer Ambulance Organization has been in existence. Walter Geeze and Chris Gomez were President for one year each.

The present members of the Volunteer Ambulance Organization are: Candy Tyer, ECA; Steve Stafford, EMT; Rose Mary Slubar, EMT; Joe Morelli, ECA; Brad Coe, ECA; Jim Tyer, Driver; and Cindy Stafford, EMT.

Fort Clark Springs back in around the 1980's, voted to let the Volunteer Ambulance organization use the old Fire Station Building. With the help of volunteer labor and donations, the building was renovated and has been used for classes, meetings and to store supplies and ambulances ever since then.

Up to 1988, all Ambulance attendants were volunteers. The whole ambulance service was run and managed for the county by the Volunteer Ambulance Organization. Since volunteers at that time were getting very hard to find, the County hired Kay Smith as Coordinator, and started paying some of the attendants for working with the ambulance service. Tim Ward was Director until the end

of his term as County Judge. Tim Ward also worked as an attendant for four years and was certified as an ECA. Some of the Volunteers kept on working as volunteers.

At present, Cordelia Mendeke is our County Director and we have two full time attendants, Beatrice Kuhns, EMT and Michelle Rosas, ECA, and two part-time attendants, Marie Sofaly, EMT and Debra Hay, EMT.

The County Volunteers that do not belong to the Organization are: Mary Jane Garcia, ECA; Rick Alvarado, EMT; Diane Fielding, EMT; Carol Card, ECA; and Larry Walker, Driver.

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council has been donating Bingo monies to the Volunteer Ambulance Organization for many years. This has been a great help. We greatly appreciate their generous help.

The Volunteer Ambulance Organization has not ever been the sole or main support, money wise, of the EMS Service. The County is responsible for supporting this service. The Volunteer Ambulance Organization supplements the EMS as much as possible for extra equipment, schooling and etc. that the County can not afford to pay for out of County funds.

Recently the Volunteer Ambulance Organization bought a new door and an automatic door opener, plus paid for repairs on the two remaining old doors. Fort Clark Springs donated \$1,233.00 and the Volunteers paid the balance of \$1,525.00.

In the past two years the Volunteer Ambulance Organization, with the help of donations and fund raisers, has spent \$6,421.52 on Ambulance Service related needs.

The EMS Volunteers want to thank everyone in this Community and the surrounding areas for all their donations and help that has so generously been given them.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend



Another of our friends has departed our midst to join that great host of those enjoying the greatness of heaven and awaiting our arrival. Darryl Earwood was a man loved by all. Never in these years have I heard an adverse word about Darryl.

Darryl spent several years in the great state of Alaska and some years in the rigors of a rustic existence in Mexico. Darryl was a good husband and fine father. He was patient and amenable to any circumstance of life. When problems arose he always

rolled with the punch and kept going.

The final months of his life were severe but he handled the problems well as the days slipped by. Now the rigors of those final times are gone and now he enjoys the richness of heaven because of his faith in Jesus Christ. We now say "So Long" or as the Chinese would say "See You Again" and will live out these days until we join him in the realm beyond the stars. Darryl is surely an "Unsung Hero."

Big Mama Sez!



If you don't scale the mountain, you can't see the view.

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



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Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

Securely Sheltered

Serious winter has arrived. Bluebirds fluffing up against the cold hard wind their brittle looking feet wound tightly on iced-over peach tree branches make me shiver. Pink blossoms momentarily captured in perfection under ice as if dipped in liquid glass. Winter whispers warnings to the early bloomers that they've fatally believed the deceptive days of sunshine. They followed their instincts at the expense of this year's fruit. Soon ice will split their bark, inviting insect damages and eventually maybe even death. Winter comes bringing moments of beauty. There's ice sculptures and icicles hanging on branches and shallow crystal pools along frozen lines of stiffened loblolly pines. White frozen ground spider webs numbering in the thousands look like Grandma's crocheted doilies snug inside the darkened shadows of the forest. Sunshine sparkles reflect on the icy side of trees. The sounds of slow and sluggish engines cranking cold oil over freezing pistons inform us of how inexperienced we are.

Winter laughs its horrible pessimistic cry from wind tortured stiffened branches. Winter is a clutching, grabbing loser that struggles for its place between the gentle seasons. It's only virtue is some temporary beauty made by what affect it has on water.

Winter drives the migratory birds with fierce cold winds further and further south and patiently every living thing fights against it. Not until the inevitable migration of the sun because of the tilt of the earth do the cold north winds cease to win against the warm equatorial winds. When winter admits defeat it usually strikes a few destructive blows before it surrenders. Winter gets it blows in on me a little bit every year like a bully that knows I lack the will to fight. Winter little realizes it's not stronger than me. It's age that breaks down my strength and it's wisdom that will see me warm and happy and securely sheltered.

/s/Michael R. Moncus

Lions Roar

At our last meeting Vice District Hugh Scott gave us an update on the 4th Annual Stride For Sight Walkathon. This is an annual fund raising project undertaken by the 76 Lions Clubs of this District; in order, to benefit research efforts sponsored by the LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The Lions Sight Research Foundation was formed by the Lions of this District in 1982, out of a continuing concern for sight conservation and research related to disease of the eye and blindness. This is a part of the long standing commitment of International Lionism for service to the sight impaired. This commitment dates from a 1925 challenge given by Helen Keller to Lions everywhere to become "Knights of the Blind." The first three STRIDE FOR SIGHT Walkathons have resulted in over \$100,000 being raised to support sight research programs in South Central Texas. This year's event in Kinney County will take place on Saturday, March 2. In conjunction with the Walkathon the Lions are also having a pancake and sausage breakfast at the town hall, Fort Clark. The all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast will be from 8 to 10 AM and the cost is \$3.00. The Walkathon will also start from the town hall at 8 AM. Pledges may be made or collected either by a flat donation or an amount per mile that is walked. Ask your family, friends and coworkers

to support this effort in raising funds for sight research. For further information on the Walkathon ask any Lion or call Lion Barbara Waddill at 563-9541. The Brackettville Lions Club thanks all of you for your past support and for the hard work that will ensure that the 1996 STRIDE FOR SIGHT Walkathon is the biggest and most successful ever. Remember, you will be "sharing the vision" and playing a major role in the humanitarian effort to combat blindness worldwide. See you at the pancake breakfast (all walkers free breakfast) and happy walking on 2 March, 8 to 10 AM.

The Brackettville Lions Club will also be conducting their every other year Broom & Mop Sale in front of the First State Bank of Brackettville on primary day, March 12th from 8 AM to 3 PM. Your purchase of these quality blind made products will create jobs for the blind and multihandicapped workers in the Lighthouses for the Blind. In addition you will be supporting the Brackettville Lions worthwhile community projects, while receiving a quality useful cleaning aid. So extend a helping hand to the blind and our community. For further information on the Broom & Mop Sale please contact Lion David Olesen at 563-9462.

All of the Lions, of the Brackettville Lions Club, hope that our longtime friend and Lion Helen Lynch will recover her health and soon be back home.

Laureate Epsilon Iota

At a dinner held on February 14, 1996 at Fort Clark Springs Restaurant, Orlean Riley was crowned Laureate Valentine Queen.

Bouquets of red and white carnations decorated the table. Secret Sisters gifts were exchanged.

The happy occasion was enjoyed by Queen Orlean Riley, Oleta Townsend, Nakai Breen, Walela Gum, Betty Schlatterer, Mabel Parham, Hawkins Huey, Lily Schwandner, Gloria Burroughs and guest, Nell Smallwood.

Bridge Anyone?

On Tuesday, February 20th, the FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met with 8 tables in play.

Nita and Fred Clayton won 1st place in the N/S direction. Betty Inman and Ann Hibler took 2nd with Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch winning 3rd.

Mary Edgar and Jerry O'Brien won 1st place in the E/W direction. Peg Woolston and Mylo Unruh took 2nd with Ruth Wilks and Dorothy Edwards a close 3rd.

Golf News

Fort Clark Springs Ladies League
February 13, 1996

Game Best 9 - Less 1/2 Handicap

A - Flight:

- 1st Betty Lee,
- 2nd Fern Dyer,
- 3rd Lou Green

B - Flight

- 1st Diane Daniels
- 2nd Kay Roberts
- 3rd Jo Ann Mayberry

C - Flight

- 1st Edith Zipperer
- 2nd Eleanor Herron
- Tie For 3rd Jane Divine & Janet Christenson

Thursday Couple Results
February 15, 1996

"A" Flight

- Roy & Fern Dyer
- Blake & Jeanette Hinton = 56 1st place
- Charlie Smith & Mary Stephenson
- Hoagy & Pat Nelson = 59 tie 2nd place
- Byron & Dorothy Proseus
- Bob & Joyce Williamson = 59 tie 2nd place

"B" Flight

- Lou & Edith Zipperer
- Roger & Teresa Stephens = 64 1st place
- Cricket & Given Ladd
- James & Flo Stafford = 67 tie 2nd place
- Bob & Leslie Houk

Gordon & Jean Petaja = 67 tie 2nd place

Dwite & Luella Gilliland
Mo & Melba Turner = 67 tie 2nd place

"C" Flight

- Dick & Norma Reivitt
- Del & Margo Kendrick = 66 1st place
- Jack & Joy Hinkelman
- Frank & Pat Marshall = 69 2nd place

Fort Clark Springs
Ladies League
February 20, 1996
Game ABCD - 2 Best Balls

1st Place Team

Joy Hinkelman, Ann Malin, Elizabeth Dillahunt, Edith Zipperer **158**

2nd Place Team

Jane Young, Nel Darling, Pat Nelson, Jean Petaja **163**

Tie For 3rd Place The Teams Of:

Betty Lee, Barbara Miller, Marge Maderick, Janet Christenson **168**
Camille Niel, Luella Gilliland, Diane Daniels, and Jo Ann Mayberry

Wednesday, February 22, 1996
Mens League

1st Flight: Julian Garza, Dwite Gilliland, Lee Herron, Bob Burkpile

2nd Flight: Gary Rogers, Ken Bell, Jack Harris, Phil Fordahl

3rd Flight: Roger Kurz, Bob Barnett, Jack Batchelden, James

"Well, Mike," I heard our City Editor ask a reporter who had just got back from a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, "what did our Mayor have to say?"

"Well, nothing, really," the reporter said.

"OK, keep it down to a column," he was told.

Fellow from Greene County was telling me a yarn about the honest Democrat. According to his tale, a few years back, a group of staunch party boys decided to put on a county-wide registration effort, getting as many voters signed up as possible. After weeks of work, one little bunch got on to the old trick of getting names from the cemeteries and registering

them to vote.

They worked every grave yard they could find and had an impressive list of voters to turn in. But at one old grave yard, the final one they worked, there was a single tombstone, far back in one corner, covered with trees and brush and thorny briars.

"Oh, let's just forget it," one fellow said. "We'd get all scratched up trying to get in there to read the name, and it's not worth it."

"No sir," the honest Democrat vowed. "We're going to get that name down no matter how much work it is or how much we get scratched. That man's got just as much right to vote as anybody in this cemetery."

For Pete's Sake

"Community Council Launches Housing Initiative"

Down payment assistance loans up to 5% of the total mortgage plus closing costs will be available on a first come first served basis through the HOME PROGRAM, a project of the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. The loans are designed to remove traditional barriers encountered by low and very low-income persons when seeking conventional mortgage loans.

As announced by CCSWT Executive Director, Jorge Botello, the program which will assist first time home buyers, will make deferable loans and zero interest loans to eligible low and very low-income clients who reside in counties of Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala. A total of \$1,130,000.00 is now available until May of 1997.

In addition to providing down payment and closing cost assistance, the CCSWT will provide the first time home buyer with housing counseling sessions, guidance in mortgage lender selection, and aid with the contractor selection process when necessary.

Loans will be made in accordance with guidelines and criteria established by the agency, Federal, and State regulations. Applications will be accepted during business hours

Monday thru Friday at the agency office in each county earlier mentioned, or at the CCSWT Main Office located at 713 East Main Street in Uvalde.

Proceeds from loan payments will be placed in a revolving loan fund to perpetuate the program.

"There is nothing more rewarding in the world of grantsmanship writing than to see the materialization of an idea evolve into the realization of a family dream. In this case, the ultimate American dream...to own your own home." Stated Botello as he presented the approval letter for the first HOME loan to Mr. and Mrs. Manual Ballesteros of Crystal City at a press conference luncheon held Thursday, February 15th in Uvalde at the Holiday Inn.

Botello went on to state, "this first loan is very important as it begins to set a trend in a model private public partnership between our non-profit organization and various profit oriented industries. We believe this type of program can provide an impetus for residential real estate sales, and new construction, and benefit both new home buyers and the area mortgage lending industry."

Thank You

Many thanks to one and all who sent cards and letters to us while in the hospital. Also to those who brought food and came to visit since we have been home. It is really great to have so many good friends at a time like this. May God Bless all of you.

Love & Prayers
Harold & Bea Kauffman

To The Citizens Of Brackettville

We can never find the correct words to thank each and everyone of you, who were with us, sent flowers or food, and just for praying for us. To all the Firefighters. Special thanks especially to Deputy Chism, Tom Kuhns, Nick Falcon and to Rene Herrera who risked their own lives trying to help Matt. We can never thank all of you enough. We will always have you in our prayers and thoughts.

The family of Matias Sandoval his parents, Paul & Teresa. Sisters, Elda, Elva, Janie, Amy, Terri, Frances, & Amparo. Brothers, Rey, Paul Jr., & Victor.

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The terrain of the Leona Ranch is varied, consisting of plateaus covered with scrub-brush and grass meadows, intermixed with deep heavily wooded draws, many of which contain dry creekbeds. Windmills are located in various places providing water for wildlife.

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.

Public Notice: Change of Location

The members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will worship in the Church at Henderson and Fort St., March 3, at 9:00 A.M. Pastor Nathan La Frenz will conduct the services.

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Carnival a Big Hit!

Carnival a musical presented by the Uvalde Arts Council opened February 24. If you haven't seen this play you have one more chance the last performances are March 1 & 2.

We attended the Sunday matinee and laughed till we cried and then cried at the happy ending. This play gives everyone a chance to see two of our local talented performers at their best!

Lili is played by Samantha Hall, Granddaughter of Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall and daughter of Mr. & Mrs Alvin Hall Jr. Lili is the sweet young thing who shows up at a small fading carnival with no where else to go. Of course Lili charms everyone and saves the show. Samantha does a beautiful job with her part and her crisp clear soprano voice will fill you with awe.

B.F. Schlege played by Harrell Floyd is the proprietor of the carnival. Harrell again gives a hilarious portrayal of the harried Mr. Schlege, possibly his best performance yet.

Other very talented performers are Alex Garver as Jacquet, Cay Mayhugh as the Incomparable Rosalie, Sandy Sandoval as Marco the Magnificent and Tony Hackebell as Paul Berthalet. With a large cast and quite a number of young people this show will keep you wide awake trying to watch everything that is happening on the stage.

This play is definitely a must for your list of things to do this weekend..

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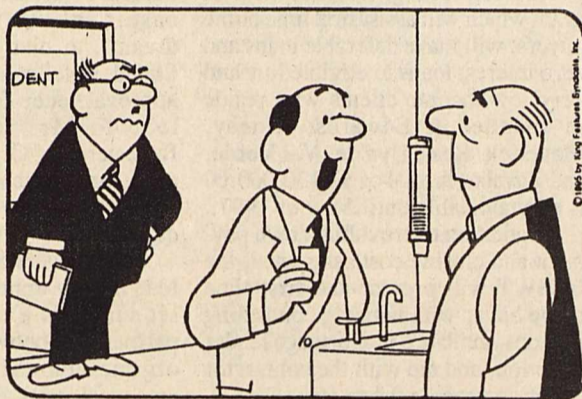
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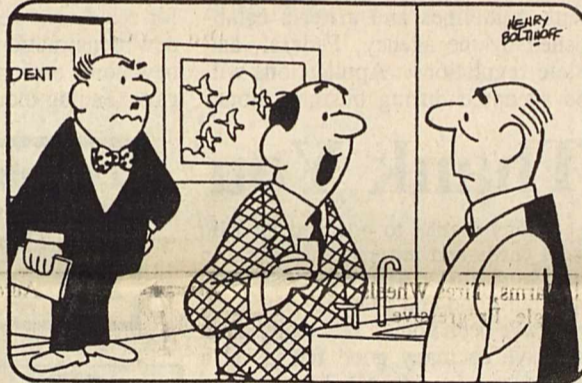
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Tie is changed. 3. Pic-true is added. 4. Suit is different. 5. Water spout is longer. 6. Cup dispenser is missing.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 You must be self-reliant this week as most people around you have a tendency to let you down. All in all, though, it's a happy week where interests of the heart are concerned. The weekend is favored for getting out and having fun.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 A family member needs your help early in the week. On the job front, you meet with new chances to get ahead, thanks to the departure of a co-worker who recommends you for a promotion. Be sure to pay close attention to details.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You could have some unanswered questions about a job-related project this week. However, in general, it's a good week for shoring up your position in business. Be on the alert for opportunities for advancement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You are correct to feel that a close friend is not telling you the truth. This person is obviously prevaricating, and you're puzzled as to the reason for this. In romance, you need to keep your feet planted firmly on the ground.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Before taking any action, be sure that the signals you're giving others are crystal clear. You could have difficulty midweek making up your mind about a sticky situation. Seek out the help of a close friend. The weekend brings happy socializing.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Things could be a bit off-key where job interests are concerned early in the week. Some people are difficult to reach by phone, so send a letter instead. On the domestic front, you can do no wrong and it's smooth sailing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 It's a week of mixed trends for you on the financial scene. Later in the week, you'll be receiving some good news about money. Still, you need to be careful of those who would take advantage of your generous nature and your kindness.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Early in the week, give a loved one enough freedom to do his or her own thing. Don't be too demanding with this person. Later, the two of you share happy times together. This weekend, enjoy leisure events.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You could be dealing with someone who is evasive this week. However, matters relating to education, travel and publishing are happily highlighted. The weekend finds you confident and assured and ready for any social situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Deceptive trends require care in financial dealings this week. What you think is a sure thing turns out to be anything but. However, it's a good time for making progress in business. Important developments occur now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Not everyone you deal with this week is on the up-and-up. However, communications with a loving tie couldn't be better! Later in the week, try to address what's making you irritable. The weekend sees you stepping out for good times.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You receive good news about a financial matter, but on the work front, there's an element of confusion this week. The weekend favors you sharing happy times with your family.

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Tiger Tracks

Tigerettes Open District With Win Over Lytle

By J.J. Guidry
 Contributing Writer

LYTLE - Brackett jumped out to an eight run lead in the first inning and never looked back Tuesday as the Tigerettes cruised to an 11-7 win over the Lytle Lady Pirates in the District 5-2A opener for both teams.

With the victory, the Tigerettes up their overall record to 3-2. The Lady Pirates fall to 0-4 on the season.

"We came out ready to play," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said after the win. "We hit the ball really well."

"We got a good start in the first inning. After that, we kind of cooled off until late in the game when we picked up a few more runs."

Lindy LaMascus earned the mound win for the Tigerettes. The starter went three innings, giving up four earned runs on three hits while striking out three batters and walking seven.

"Lindy was a little sore," Nowlin said. "She changed her pitching motion a little bit after watching a video tape of herself."

"She actually threw a little too much on Sunday and she pitched quite a bit in practice yesterday."

"She was stiff coming in so I knew she wasn't going to last very long. I was pleased to get three innings out of her."

LaMascus pitched to two batters in the bottom of the fourth before being relieved by Courtney Harrison who was credited with the save.

In four innings of work, Harrison allowed two earned runs and three hits. She fanned two batters and walked three.

"Courtney had a gutsy performance," Nowlin said. "In the first inning she pitched, her hamstring started locking up on her and it

seemed like it popped a little bit. "She went in to finish the game and she was in a lot of pain," he said. "She pitched a good game on one leg."

Brackett's defense committed only one error and turned two double plays. Offensively, the Tigerettes racked up nine hits.

LaMascus and Chica Garza both turned in two-for-four plate performances. Garza scored two runs and drove in four more while LaMascus had two runs and a RBI.

The Tigerettes wasted no time getting started Tuesday as they scored eight runs on four hits in the top of the first inning.

Amy Bader, LaMascus and Patty Lopez all walked to load the bases. Garza doubled to score Bader and LaMascus, and Harrison drew a walk. Lopez, Garza and Harrison all crossed home plate on passed balls.

Stephanie Terrazas walked and scored on Susie Hernandez' RBI double. JoLee Jones tripled to score Terrazas and was later driven in by LaMascus who doubled.

Lytle scored one run in the bottom half of the first, one in the third, two in the fourth and two more in the fifth to pull within two at 8-6.

Brackett upped its lead to five after scoring three runs in the top of the sixth for an 11-6 advantage.

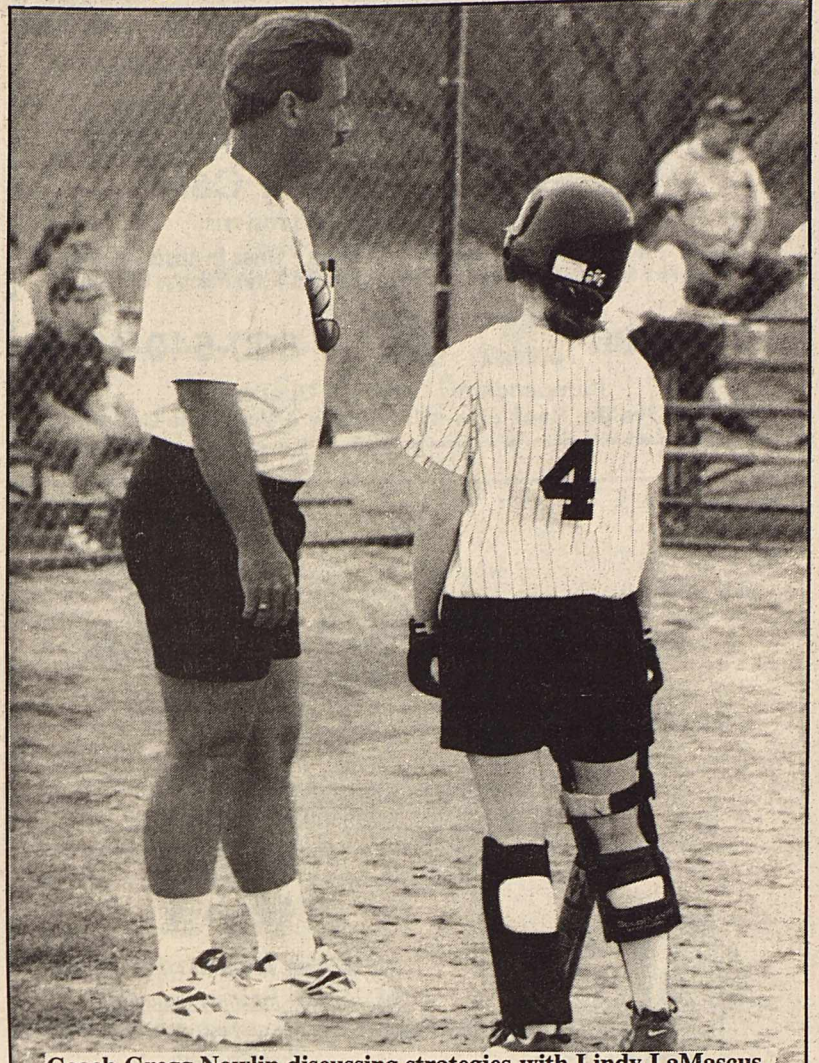
Bader walked and LaMascus reached first on an error. Garza then tripled with a line drive into left field to score Bader and LaMascus. Harrison later singled to right to score Garza.

The Lady Pirates added another run in the bottom half of the sixth inning but the Tigerettes were able to hold on for the victory.

Brackett will resume conference action on Friday as the Tigerettes host Center Point in a 4:30 matchup.



Coach Gregg Nowlin with last minute instructions for the Tigerettes.



Coach Gregg Nowlin discussing strategies with Lindy LaMascus.

Tiger Golfers "Gold"

The Brackett boys Varsity Golf team placed first in the 1A, 2A & 3A (SMALL SCHOOLS) division of the Tiger Invitational Golf tournament held Monday at Fort Clark Springs. The team held off a determined charge by the Junction Eagles to capture the Gold medal by one stroke. The Tigers shot a 345 only 4 strokes away from their district records. The Tigers were led by Alex Moses Jr.'s 80 and Jared Tye Shahan's 83. Chad Neuman posted a 90 and Ignacio Aguirre Jr. a 92. Michael Aguirre rounds out the Tiger Varsity golf team. Competing for the Brackett JV team were Nat Terrazas, Lealand Card and Jose Aguirre.

In the Small Schools division Travis Torres and Ricardo Gutierrez tied for medalist at 78 with Alex Moses of Brackett tied with Chris Oakley of Lytle for 3rd and 4th place.

48 players competed in the Small Schools division.

- Small Schools (1A, 2A & 3A)
- Brackett 345
- Junction 346
- Lytle 381
- Rocksprings 384
- Natalia 410
- Ingram TM 428
- Medina Valley JV 446
- Sabinal 462

Also competing were Lackland, Junction JV and Brackett JV teams.

In the Large Schools division (4A & 5A) MacArthur JV placed First at 308 and Robert E. Lee JV second with a 327. Steve Fletcher of MacArthur was medalist with a 70 followed by Eric Atchley of Judson with a 71. Judson JV (334), Uvalde JV (362), Taft (397) and Eagle Pass also competed. 25 players competed in the Large Schools division.

Tigers Split With Eagle Pass

Saturday, the Tigers opened their baseball season with a double header against Eagle Pass freshmen. In the first game of the double header, the Tigers ran all over Eagle Pass 14-4.

Ramon DeLeon pitched a great game walking no one. Ramon also did great at the plate. Ramon was 2 for 5, scored twice, stole 2 bases and had 2 doubles.

Brian Hooker was 5 for 5, scoring 4 runs, with 1 double, 2 stolen bases, and 2 R.B.I.'s.

Jorge Rodriguez went 2 for 5, walked once, had 1 stolen base, had 3 R.B.I.'s, and scored twice.

Butch Lopez went 2 for 4, scored twice, walked once, and had 1 R.B.I. Rene Luna scored once and had 1 R.B.I.

Patrick Munoz went 2 for 3, scored once, walked once, and had 2 R.B.I.'s.

Ruben Terrazas walked once, stole a base, and scored 1 run.

Beau Smallwood went 1 for 2, scored once, stole 1 base, walked once, and had 2 R.B.I.'s.

The Tigers had about 30 minutes to rest between games. They came out in the second game on fire, scoring 4 runs in the first inning. From there they went downhill. The Tigers lost their second game 8-18.

Mike Padron went 1 for 3, scored twice, stole 1 base, and walked once. Ramon DeLeon went 2 for 3 and scored twice.

Brian Hooker went 1 for 2, scored twice, stole 3 bases, walked once, and had 2 R.B.I.'s.

Jorge Rodriguez went 1 for 3, scored once and had 2 R.B.I.'s.

Butch Lopez went 1 for 3 with an R.B.I.

J. Wayne Ballew went 2 for 3, scored once, hit a homerun, stole one base, walked once and had 2 R.B.I.'s.

This loss downed the Tigers record to 1-1.

The Tigers had a double-header in Mason on Tuesday. Unfortunately, those stats were unavailable by press time. They will be in next weeks paper.

Tiger And Tigerette Tennis

The Tiger and Tigerette tennis team traveled to South West Texas Jr. College in Uvalde for a tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Terry Esparza lost her first match to Uvalde but battled back to win her next two. In Terry's final match, facing Knippa, she fell just short 6-2; 6-4. James Hernandez and Michael Meyer, double partners, split sets with Crystal City in the first round 0-6, 6-1, 5-7.

The 1996 Tiger tennis team consists of James Hernandez, Michael Meyers, Lionel Ramos, Caleb Crumley, and David Melancon.

The Tigerette team consists of Amanda Petrosky, Terry Esparza and Jackie Smith.

Every artist preserves deep within him a single source from which, throughout his lifetime, he draws what he is and what he says and when the source dries up the work withers and crumbles.

—Albert Camus

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
 By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

Teaching Thinking Skills

Everywhere that I look I see information about "your child's brain" or about the teaching of thinking skills to children. I don't know that folks my age were ever consciously taught thinking skills. I do know that good teachers and effective parents taught these skills everyday as they guided our generation to try to think critically and creatively. I want to explore thinking skills and brain research that I have been learning about this week.

There is a lengthy article on "Your Child's Brain" in the February issue of Newsweek. Perhaps other magazines have covered the topic. I suggest that every parent, grandparent and teacher read this article.

Some of the development of our brain is no doubt related to hereditary factors. There's not much we can do about that. Scholars agree that much of the development of the child's brain come in childhood—from birth to age 5 or 6. "Early experiences are so powerful," says pediatric neurobiologist Harry Chugani of Wayne State University, that they can completely change the way a person turns out." Genes coming from hereditary factors only map the main circuit of the brain. Most of the smaller detailed mappings come from learning experiences. There is a huge amount of mapping that takes place based on our experiences with environmental factors.

As children grow older, some of the learning opportunities will close to them. Scholars say windows of opportunity to learn math and logic can be enhanced from birth to 4 years old. Are you kidding? 0 to 4? What can you do with math at that age? Toddlers can be taught simple concepts, like one and many. Parents can play counting games with a toddler. You can have them set the table to learn one-to-one relationships—one plate, one fork per person. The logical brain is also enhanced by music. Just play it, sing it, or dance to it with your toddler.

Here's a good one! A baby uses its brain circuitry to turn sounds into words. The more words a child hears, the faster she learns language. Infants whose mothers spoke to them a lot know more words at 20 months than did babies whose parents did not speak as much. Researchers say it doesn't matter whether we talk to baby with long words or short ones...just talk..let them get used to hearing sounds.

Lots of opportunities exist for parents who want their children to develop the brain mapping that is needed for success in later life. There are windows of learning for language from birth to 10 years old...the scholars say...if you want a child to learn

to master a language..begin the teaching by age 10.

One other area of prime importance to learning is oral discourse. It's an important skill to develop. Learning to converse with someone or even with yourself involves creativity as well as spontaneity. It's like a jazz soloist creating through a technique called improvisation...nothing written but chords...you have so much time or so many measures to stay with chord structures and to create. Conversation is like that too. Unpredictable. Creative. Listen, think, react, talk to yourself, try to convince your friend. Much of the time, adults close down the oral discourse. We like quiet from children. Yet, oral language is one of the most important skills to develop. (admittedly, there is a time and a place to speak).

In the order of language acquisition, as babies we hear language first. We don't know what it means...we just hear it. Later on, it begins to make sense as we relate certain sounds to certain actions or things. So, talk to the babies...ooh & coo & let them know through soft language patterns that they are loved. Tell them the words...they'll learn while your doing it regardless of their age. After hearing, we then speak language. Unless they learn oral language, reading is developed slower. After we master speaking, we read...then we write. The most complex skill to develop is writing. Remember that hearing, speaking and reading are supposed to precede writing. So much of learning depends on the early years.

In classroom learning of oral discourse, all children should learn some basic goals of awareness:

- of how to take turns in conversation
- of how to listen
- of ways of asking for information
- of how to speak to others & to appreciate their needs
- that others have a point of view AND
- that others points of view may be different from ours.

That's about all that I want to say this week. I want to have you think about the early years in raising children. These years are the most important learning years. Kids can still play and be kids while learning. They can learn about words, mapping and relationships by a mom's talk (or even a dad or grandparent). I can't say enough about teaching children to listen and to be able to express their thoughts orally. Listen to the children. Teach the children. Search for information about how children learn. Perhaps your child's teachers can offer suggestions. Have a great week!

Brackett Falls To Devine In Third Place Finals Of Natalia Tournament

By J.J. Guidry
Contributing Writer

NATALIA - Tammie Foulds pitched a one-hit shutout Saturday afternoon as the Devine Arabians defeated the Brackett Tigerettes 7-0 in the third place final of the Natalia Invitational softball tournament.

Foulds went all seven innings for the Arabians. The junior pitcher fanned seven batters and walked six.

"The girls hadn't seen a real good pitcher like that all year," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said. "The first time you see somebody throw that hard, it's intimidating. The girls were swinging late."

"Our biggest problem is we don't have anybody that can throw that hard. In practice, we have nothing to go against but the machine. It's hard to imitate a pitcher like that until you get to the game and then it's too late."

Foulds was working on a no-hitter until freshman outfielder Patty Lopez singled with a line drive into right field in the bottom of the fifth for Brackett's only hit of the contest.

"Patty has been playing extremely well," Nowlin said. "She has made some freshman mistakes but, overall, her and the other freshman outfielder, Stephanie Terrazas, are doing a good job."

Brackett faced Natalia in the semifinals on Saturday morning, but lost an 8-4 decision to the Lady Mustangs.

The Tigerettes took control of the

contest early, jumping out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning. Amy Bader, Lindy LaMascus and Chica Garza all walked and scored on a triple by Courtney Harrison, who later crossed home plate on Debra Frerich's sacrifice.

Natalia started Beth Wells on the mound, but later brought in Trisha Hollembeak who held Brackett scoreless for the remainder of the contest.

"They changed pitchers on us and brought in Trisha," Nowlin said. "She's a lot like Foulds. She has a good arm and throws a lot faster than Wells."

The Tigerettes opened the tournament on Friday and picked up a 13-3 victory over the D'Hanis Cowgirls. "It was nice beating D'Hanis being that they are a district opponent," Nowlin said. "It was actually the first softball game they ever played and I thought they did rather well."

Lopez had the hot bat for Brackett against D'Hanis. She put together a perfect three-for-three performance. She scored three runs, drove in another and had three stolen bases.

Garza, Frerich and JLee Jones all went two for three. Garza had two runs and two stolen bases while Frerich had two runs, two RBI and a stolen base.

Harrison, Bader and Susie Hernandez were all one for two at the plate. Harrison scored two runs, drove in two more and stole a base while Hernandez had three stolen bases, two runs and a RBI.

AARP Seeking Nursing Volunteers

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council Area Agency on Aging has joined forces with Heart to Heart, a new statewide collaboration between the Texas Department on Aging and the American Association of Retired Persons aimed at placing a volunteer ombudsman in every nursing home in the state.

Ombudsmen are specially trained and certified individuals who help nursing home residents and their families resolve problems related to their care, generally without the intervention of regulatory agencies or legal action. During their regular visits to nursing facilities in their areas, they explain rights and benefits to residents, investigate complaints and provide access to advocacy services.

The 34 hours training course is provided by the Texas Department on Aging's long-term Care Ombudsman office. After the training, new ombudsmen serve a three-month internship before being placed in a nursing facility. Volunteer Ombudsmen receive no pay and are not employees of any public or private organization.

San Juanita Galvan, staff ombudsman at Middle Rio Grande Development Council, said the Heart to Heart program seeks to recruit at least 500 new volunteer ombudsmen, bringing the statewide total to almost 1,200.

"In our region, we'd like to add about 20 volunteer ombudsmen. Most of our volunteers tell us they have tremendous personal satisfaction from their work," San Juanita Galvan said. "But they must also be ready to accept a great deal of responsibility. They're asked to commit at least two to four hours a week to their duties and to be at their assigned facility 48 weeks out of the year."

For more information about Heart to Heart, the long-term care ombudsman program or other local volunteer opportunities for those who wish to help older persons, call us today, or write to:

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Middle Rio Grande Development Council
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County Agent News

By Alan L. McWilliams



BOUGAINVILLEA

Bougainvilleas are among some of the most attractive plants that can be grown on patios, along fences and on balconies. They are relatively easy to grow but have several peculiar traits which need to be dealt with in order to have maximum bloom.

Bougainvilleas are plants for full sunlight. They require seven to eight hours of bright light every day to be their most colorful. They also seem to perform best when they are almost root-bound, so growing them in 12-inch containers can get them to this state quickly. They tend to grow profusely when planted in the ground and will literally take over a site in a growing season.

Bougainvilleas are drought tolerant, and in fact, bloom best when they get watered just as wilt stage is approaching. Even with a tolerance for drought however, you can end up watering plants nearly every day because of the small root system. Irrigate enough at one watering that the moisture comes through the drain holes in the pot.

Fertilize every week or two with a half strength soluble fertilizer like Peters 20-20-20. Hibiscus food appears to work well for bougainvilleas. Use it every month according to the instructions on the label. Bougainvilleas do not have any insect or disease problems.

If your bougainvillea is growing in a pot, you may have to move it in from the cold weather when it reaches 40 degrees or so. The tropical blooming habits of this plant will continue all winter if the temperatures are between 50 degrees and 110 degrees, such as in a greenhouse. If you do not have a greenhouse set up, move it into a garage or the house. The plant has thorns and can be difficult to move and store so you may want to prune it back to six or eight-inch stems.

On the subject of pruning, bougainvilleas require pruning and it is a very important part of their culture.

A 10- or 12-inch container can support a 30- to 36-inch diameter plant. As your pruned back plants begin their spring growth, stimulate side branching by pinching back the growing tips of the main branches and larger laterals.

Blooming occurs in cycles of six weeks so do any pruning to control size during the growing season when the colorful bracts are dropping following the last flush of bloom. Every couple of years, you may notice a diminished performance in the plant. You may want to consider repotting the plant.

Varieties that seem to do the best in our area include:

Juanita Hatton - fuchsia-colored bracts and has tendency to bloom quickly

Barbara Karst - bright red-colored bracts and does its best blooming in the spring and fall

Sundown - apricot

Jamaica White - white

Texas Dawn - pink

Surprise - pink and white

Double Pink - solid pink - colored and often darker

LANDSCAPE REMINDERS FOR FEBRUARY

---Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly, the first year.

---Prune roses now...use good shears and make clean cuts. Remove dead or dying canes. Leave four to eight healthy canes and remove approximately one-half of the top growth.

---When buying plants, bigger is not always better, especially with bare-rooted trees. The medium to small sized (4-6 feet) usually become established faster and will become effective in the landscape more quickly than the larger ones.

If you would like more information call or come by the Kinney County Extension office located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

A Few Beats For A Healthier Heart

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

As this month winds down to a close, we must remember that February is American Heart Month. Every year, almost a million people die from heart attacks, strokes or other cardiovascular diseases. Countless families are torn apart by the toll these diseases inflict upon them and their children.

Did you know that one out of every four people suffers from cardiovascular disease? You might even have a family member or friend that has suffered a heart attack or stroke. If so, then you know the pain and anguish that goes hand in hand with these diseases.

We must be able to recognize the warning signs of stroke and heart attack. The first step in prevention is getting medical help. Whether it's controlling blood pressure through physician recommended medication or regular doctor check-ups, we need

to encourage family and friends to recognize that this disease is deadly and to get treatment now.

Finally, we must strive to keep ourselves healthy and active. Diets low in fat and high in fiber are essential to keeping fit. Moderate exercise, such as walking is a step in the right direction. And lastly, controlling stress is the key in the battle against heart disease.

Only when folks come together to ward off these diseases will we see a decline in the number of deaths caused each year. We must join together in the fight against heart disease and stroke. The fact is that every 33 seconds an American dies of cardiovascular disease. We can slow this down if we remember it's not too late to start prevention today.

For more information or questions concerning prevention or treatment of heart disease, please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512-433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.

Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Rotary Club heard one of its own members Thursday, the 21st of February. One of the perks of retirement from Central Power and Light for Tino Guzman has been more time to play chess. He shared with us an interesting glimpse of his favorite pastime.

The origin of chess is uncertain, but it dates back approximately to 1600 A.D. Today there is an international governing body of chess enabling players to compete all over the world. The United States Chess Federation is made up of 85,000 paid up members. A monthly magazine is published and distributed to members. One has to buy membership in order to compete in tournaments. Rules and regulations have been standardized through the Federation.

Chess is played singularly. If you lose, you can't blame it on your opponent. A chess board is the same as a checker board. There are 32 squares, 16 light and 16 dark. In checkers, one jumps the opponent's man. In chess, the piece is merely replaced.

Chess is often assumed to be a ladies and gentlemen's game, but the truth is that in competition, players may want to win so badly that they resort to underhanded tricks. One player may light a cigarette and annoy his or her opponent by blowing smoke in their face, or "accidentally" kick the other person.

In competition, one point is awarded for a victory, 0 is a loss, and a 1/2 point is awarded for a draw.

A point system ranks players. The average is 1208. The lowest rank is 600. Tino's ranking is 1643.

There are several deviations on the game. Some people play postal chess and mail their moves to one another. Some play on the internet. There is even a tournament for blind players. Pieces fit into holes on the board. Sometimes one player will play many different opponents by moving from board to board. A blindfolded chess player can play as many as 60 games at the same time. All of this suggests that a high IQ would be essential, but a good memory is more important.

Chess is actually simple to learn. Playing it well takes some study and dedication. It has proven extremely successful in providing entertainment for young people while developing valuable skills. They have fun while learning self sufficiency, abstract thinking, and problem solving.

There is a women's circuit and a men's circuit of competition. Presently, a woman has joined the men's circuit because she felt the competition would be more challenging. She first had a ranking of 30th in the world and now is ranked 10th. She may be the next world champion. Then the question will be her title -- a woman/men's champion?

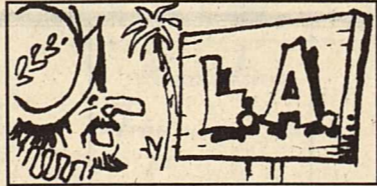
Tino Guzman plays chess with other people and with a computerized version of a championship level game. When he can beat the computer consistently, he'll enter more competitions.

Thank you, Tino, and thank you Dr. Charles Schmidt Program Chairman for a fine program.

Burglar In Custody

Thursday evening February 22, an alarm alerted the Sheriff's department. Sheriff's Deputy Chism responded to the S&B Ranch 13 miles east of Brackettville. When the deputy arrived he found a suspect trying to start the ranch jeep. In the suspect's possession were several small items from the house.

The suspect a Mexican National is in custody pending prosecution.



The 55-letter full name of Los Angeles (El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula) is abbreviated to L.A. or 3.63 percent of its length.

He who laughs, lasts.
—Mary Pettibone Poole

Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne
Contributing Writer

"Long Baby" that was her name and it fitted her to the T. She was a rag doll, her face and hair painted on and soft "squeezzy" to hold on to. When she first came to us she was beautiful but many face washings had dulled her beauty. But to me she was still the beautiful baby that had joined our family.

Then one day she was left on the bank of the creek that ran by our house and where the children played and Long Baby was washed away in a sudden flood. It was a sad day at our house. We searched up and down the banks of the creek and found her caught on a bush and badly torn.

She had a proper funeral. My brother Joe, the "learned" one of the family preached the funeral and she was laid away in a grave. We put a beautiful rock as a head stone and a board with her name on it.

I cried many tears. She was gone but the memory lives on of what she meant to me.

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Public Notice - Public Hearing Kinney County Commissioners Court Proposed Uses Of Grant Funds

A resolution of the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas setting forth the declaration of the month of April, 1996 as fair housing month and reaffirming the importance of and the dedication of the Commissioner's Court to maintaining and enforcing fair housing policies for the citizens of Kinney County.

WHEREAS, discrimination in the sale, renting, leasing and financing of residential property on the basis of color, race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap status and age is unlawful and morally unacceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Commissioner's Court of Kinney County proclaims the month of April, 1996 to be Fair Housing Month so as to maintain the awareness of the public of Fair Housing laws and policies and to reaffirm the dedication of the Commissioner's Court to such laws and policies; and

If any person or family feels or believes that they have been discriminated against regarding the purchase, renting, leasing or financing of housing they should consult with the County Judge or any member of the Commissioner's Court.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in the local newspaper. Approved and Adopted this 26th day of February, 1996.

/s/Tommy Seargeant
County Judge
/s/Dora Elia Sandoval
County Clerk

Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear; 40 feet low; 45 degrees; black bass are good on spinners, Rat-L-Traps and crank baits; striped bass are good on live bait and slabs; white bass are good on minnows and slabs; catfish are good on cheese bait, shrimp and nightcrawlers fished in 80 to 110 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water murky; low; black bass are fair to good on worms, spinners, small Rat-L-Traps and buzz baits; hybrid stripers are good on cut bait; redfish are fair on perch; catfish are good on cut and stink bait.

CHOKO: Water clear; 20 feet low; black bass are fair on worms, spinners and crank baits; white bass are good on Rogues, Roadrunners and slabs; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on cheese bait and worms.

COLETO CREEK: Water fairly clear; 4 feet low; 69 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners and worms; hybrid stripers are fair on Rat-L-Traps and live bait fished in the discharge; catfish are good on cut and prepared bait.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water fairly clear; low; 59 degrees; black bass are fair on dark worms; striped bass are slow; white bass are fair to good on Speck Rigs and Sassy Shad; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut and live bait.

MEDINA: Water clear; 21 feet low; black bass to 11 pounds are fair on Power Worms and spinners; striped bass are slow; white bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish to 4 pounds are slow on nightcrawlers.

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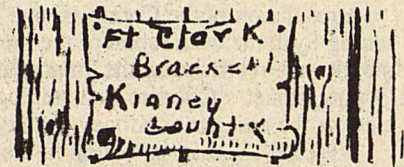


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Community Calendar



A.A.: Open meeting, Monday and Friday, 8 PM, Slator Hall, James St.
Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
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R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Boot Scooters: Thursday 7:00 PM, Town Hall, FCS
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 Monday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 6 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.
Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall, Please make reservations.
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

**Commings soon in The Brackett News
A Calendar of Events**

This calendar will be printed monthly on the third week of the month Put your organization's public functions here. Dead line for events will be noon Friday of the second week in the month. All events after the deadline will be charged \$2.00 per event

**Val Verde Friends Of The Arts Present
Russian Pianist Olga Koldobskaya**

Val Verde Friends of the Arts present Russian pianist Olga Koldobskaya in concert, Friday, March 8, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the Paul Poag Theatre for the Performing Arts. The concert is free to the public who are invited to attend a reception in the theatre following the performance.
 Ms. Koldobskaya moved to the United States from Russia in 1992 and has given a number of recitals in Texas and in Missouri. She received her Masters Degree in Piano Performance from the Leningrad State Conservatory of Music in Russia and after graduating Ms. Koldobskaya worked as an accompanist for the Maly Leningrad Opera and Ballet Theater.
 In San Antonio Olga Koldobskaya was a vocal accompanist at UTSA in 1993 and worked with the San Antonio Dance Theater during 1994. She has taught at St. Mary's Hall and is on the music faculty of Palo Alto College. She is currently teaching private lessons.
 "We feel very fortunate to have

Ms. Koldobskaya come to Del Rio. Val Verde Friends of the Arts was established to further the arts in Del Rio and the border area and present the talents of performers from all over the world," said Helen Dengler, Chairman - Elect.
 In addition to the concert, Ms. Koldobskaya will present a Master Class for area piano students on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 A.M. at the Paul Poag Theatre. Observers are welcome.
 In the past these master classes have been conducted by distinguished visiting American performer/teachers.
 Requirements for the Master Class: no age limit, no special skills, just the ability and the will to play a piece of music either by memory or by using your own music. Please bring your music with the measures numbered, in any case. For each individual performing, the fee is \$15.00, with a check made out to Val Verde Friends of the Arts. Call Helen Dengler, 774-4315 for further details.

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.

March 1884: Finally back at Fort Clark after two months in the field commanding the Seminole Scouts, Lt. French settles into his daily routine. He walks each morning with another officer who teaches him the "secret work of Masonry." Athletic pursuits of baseball, lawn tennis, and billiards dominate the days while card games and dances occupy the nights. His activities are a far cry from the boredom most historians would have us believe was the lot of the frontier army. He persists in doing what he can to help the scout's receive fair treatment. While on guard duty he has an incident with a soldier being insubordinate and Seminole Scout Carolina July also causes French to deal with discipline problems. The post veterinary surgeon dies from a morphine overdose and officers squabble and spread rumors about each other. He visits a murder trial in Brackettville and continues to juggle his finances to help his family.

Saturday, March 1 1884

Went down to Quartermaster's after breakfast and then had Shields & Luce bring over my box and crates from Hewitt's and store them in a back room. Reenlisted the man discharged yesterday. Made him pile the wood in the kitchen where it can be kept under lock and key as a great deal was stolen before. At noon went out to camp and had the men sign the rolls, Maj. Witherell & Shunk helping me to examine them before going out. After noon red-lined the rolls and handed in the three copies to the Sergt. Major for forwarding. Put in Monthly Report and

FOOTSTEPS ECHO
The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French
Courtesy of his descendants



Requisition for Fuel, Forage &c. today. Went out to stables after dinner as usual. In evening called on Mrs. Hammond and on Mrs. Fountain and Miss Kauffman. After returning read papers from home until I fell asleep in the chair. Took a bath before retiring. Eckerson and I took usual walk this morning.

Sunday, March 2 1884

Took usual walk with Eckerson just after reveille. He is teaching me the secret work of Masonry in these walks. After breakfast spent a while at the office and then went to the Library. Must read the newspapers more; am becoming far behind on current topics. In afternoon wrote letter home. Went out to stables as usual. Went to chapel in the evening & escorted Mrs. Hall home. Then went to Capt. Vance's a short time & listened to some duets by Mrs. Guard piano, & the Captain, violin. Afterwards went over to town for oysters with Hewitt & returning sat in his house talking. Read papers from home until I fell asleep.

Monday, March 3 1884

Overslept myself this morning and we did not get started from the Post until about seven o'clock. Getting along first rate with the secret work. Completed the retained muster rolls and the enlistment papers of Wilson, sending one to the Adjutant General, and put his name & description in the Descriptive Book. At stables Sgt. Kibbets & Sgt. July had a discussion very animated about going over to Mexico to secure their land which that Government threatens to take from them. Must get permission for them to go over. It will be a great hardship to them to lose the land in Mexico now that they are refused permission to settle in the Indian Territory. In the evening Capt. Vance & I went to Capt. Hall's,

accompanying them to the hop room to see a magic lantern show, a very tame affair. Afterwards returned to Hall's and played whist until tattoo, when Shunk took the Captain's place. Wish that the Captain had returned so that we could have had one of our old time games. Shunk came in before tattoo and persisted in staying. Think this vexed Capt. V. and he did not care to return after he went out to report the company at tattoo. Had cake & wine. Came home about midnight. Practiced the vocal lessons as usual today. Received a letter from Marie this morning. Went over to town after breakfast for some postal notes. Met on Board of Survey after returning.

Tuesday, March 4 1884

Received a letter from home this morning. Overslept myself again, so that we did not walk as long as usual. Played ball a while today with Cunningham & Flynn and felt better for the exercise. Put in application for a furlough for Sgt. Kibbets and Sgt. July for 20 days. Hope it will be granted. Unpacked my books today and straightened out my letters and receipts. Did not go down to stables this evening, but played lawn tennis instead. After playing made a short call at Col. Lyster's. In the evening called at Col. Bernard's and Dr. Heger's. Practiced music lesson as usual. About 9-30 this evening started in an ambulance for Spofford Junction, to meet Capt. Simonds, a letter coming this morning with report that he would pass tonight.

Wednesday, March 5 1884

Eckerson was Officer of the Guard, so that Shunk went out with me. Did not take a long walk. After breakfast played ball with Guard, Eckerson, Cunningham and Flynn & enjoyed the exercise although very warm. After-

wards wrote usual letter home sending Lula postal note for \$4.50 to pay for Mother's birthday present. Went out to stables in the evening. Took a bath after returning & then escorted Mrs. Hall to the hop room to the promenade concert. Had a very enjoyable evening although rather warm. After returning wrote a letter to Miss Smart enclosing postal note for \$2 for instruction received last month, and one to Warnock with postal note for \$2.54 for cap strap recently received. Did not practice as usual today. Returned from Spofford about 3 A.M. but Capt. Simonds did not appear. Saw conductor McGeary. Don't know what to make by non appearance of Capt. Simonds.

Thursday, March 6 1884

Eckerson did not feel well, so took a short walk by myself. Shunk is Officer of the Guard today and I was detailed this evening for tomorrow. After breakfast went to the office and then went over to the Library to read the papers. Wrote a letter to Grandmother & one to Capt. Simonds at Mayers Springs to learn why he did not pass last Tuesday night. Practiced as usual, but was interrupted by Guard. Went out to camp after dinner. In evening called at Williams' and at Col. Lyster's, walking for a time with Mrs. L. on the walk. Rained very hard tonight. After calling went to Kendall's & Hewitt's and then read "Heart of Mid Lothian".

Good fortune will elevate even petty minds, and give them the appearance of a certain greatness and stateliness, as from their high place they look down upon the world; but the truly noble and resolved spirit raises itself, and becomes more conspicuous in times of disaster and ill fortune.

—Plutarch

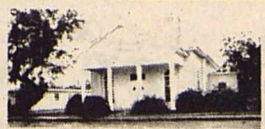
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First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Several people have asked me if it's difficult to write this column, to come up with a new topic each week. The answer, surprisingly enough, is no. Why? It's simple. It's discipline, a spiritual discipline that is.

Each week during Lent, the Christian season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) prior to Easter, I will discuss a different spiritual discipline. Spiritual disciplines are practices designed to help us deepen our understanding of and relationship with God. This week discipline is reflection. It's my favorite discipline.

Reflection, as taking stock or taking inventory, is an integral part of our relationship with God. Our encounters with the Holy One that shape that relationship are usually not as obvious as are other more mundane events. Yet it is within those very mundane events that we most often relate, one way or the other, to God. Precisely because these divine-human encounters are not obvious it is well for us periodically to look back at where we've been, what we've done and with whom, and perhaps most importantly why and how things came about.

This can be done while quietly sitting, or driving (on the open road), or jogging or whenever you have a few minutes to think without distract-

tion or interruption. One popular way of reflecting is journaling. A journal is different from a diary or a straight record of events and feelings. There are two differences. Journaling or any kind of spiritual reflection is done prayerfully with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and it is done with an eye specifically to the Holy Presence at work in our midst. In other words, we assume an attitude of prayer (in this case listening) and ask the Spirit to guide our thinking and offer insight to us. Then we review the day or week we've just completed, looking for ways in which our Creator touched our (and perhaps changed) our lives in very specific, very personal ways. Could God have been the Power behind our friend dropping by just when we needed to confide in someone, or our narrowly escaping that accident, or our being in the right place at the right time to help someone?

Between now and Easter I invite you to try reflecting on your life. Reflection gets easier the more you do it -- it just takes practice and discipline! It can be a soul-searching eye-opening experience. And you may discover your life isn't nearly as mundane as you thought it was!

Next week we will look at the discipline of self-denial.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

It is a compliment to be referred to by others as "salt of the earth". To be salt of the earth most likely means in today's venacular to be a solid steady person, a person without frills. It means a person who can be counted on, a person who can be relied upon by others. In Scripture however, to be salt of the earth has an additional meaning. Christ calls upon his believers to be like salt, meaning he calls on His believers to be distinctive, to make a difference in their world. In our everyday experience salt adds flavor to food, it adds something distinctive to food. Similarly Christ calls on His believers to be distinctive, to make a difference in their families, neighborhoods, and places of employment. All too often however, Christians mix into the blandness of values of the world not evidencing the distinctiveness of being 'in' the world, but not 'of' the world.

Salt can also be used as a preservative. In past times food was salted to keep it from rotting so quickly when there was no refrigeration. Do we not see culture rotting all around us. The values of today - of doing it because it feels good, of not living up to individual responsibility, have

caused the deterioration in the moral fiber of our nation. As Christians we are called to be different than that which is rotting all around us.

In the north salt carries an additional function. Salt is used to melt the snow and ice. Christian love can be like salt, melting the bitter iciness of human relationships. We see so much frigidty between family members, colleagues at work, and neighbors. At times we don't know how to break the icy coldness between ourselves and those around us. Yet as Christians, Christ's loveworking through us can indeed melt away the bitterness, indifference, and the icy walls that separate us from each other.

As Christians in the community of Brackettville and of Fort Clark Springs may we answer Christ's call to be like salt in this community? May each of us be distinctive, making a 'difference' in our community, family, churches, and places of employment? May we truly be salt of the earth?

The members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will worship in the Church at Henderson and Fort St., beginning March 3, at 9:00 A.M. Pastor Nathan LaFrenz will conduct the services.

Poetry Contest Open

The Florida Literary Guild is sponsoring a free poetry contest, open to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize.

"This is the first poetry contest we have ever sponsored," says Robert Brown, the non-profit organization's noted Director. "Poetry is the Cinderella of the Arts, and we think our contest will help to change that. Texas has produced many fine poets over the years, and we expect many in the Brackettville area will take ad-

vantage of this fine opportunity to participate."

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is April 25. Winners will be notified - and a winner's list sent to all entrants - by the second week in June.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Florida Literary Guild, 3232 SW 35th Blvd., Suite 156, Post Office Box 147035, Gainesville, Florida 32614-7035.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Today we hear much about the dead Christ and some about the living Christ but the full impact of the cross of Christ often escapes us. Paul the Apostle said, "I'm determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Paul had at the heart of his message the cross of Christ.

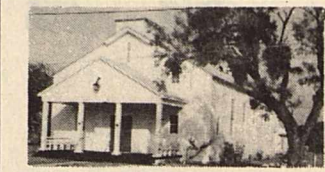
He sought to become all things to all men that by any means he might save some. His hearts desire was to bring men to the cross and there for them to find redemption. He did not become immoral to win the immoral, nor liar to win liars, nor a murderer to win murderers. He did not present Jesus as a buddy, buddy but as one who died on a cross. The crucifixion was a horrible experience which must be made to be personal to be effective.

Today the loud cry of "human rights" has lead many to overlook their personal sins. The cross divides between right and error. Truth led Jesus to the cross, error proved fruitless in seeking to still his voice. Man is so basically wrong that Christ died to cover the wrong with the righteousness of God. The cross divides between "good" and "bad". The cross emphasizes that Christ is "The Light of the World." He is the light that reveals sin. Being crucified, He showed just what sin can do.

He is the light that brings protection from the evils of darkness. He is the light that shows the way to joyful and victorious living. The cross divides between the saved and the unsaved. Of the multitude present at the cross few really sensed the purpose of it. To those who put their faith in Him-salvation. His few followers present, the thief on the cross, perhaps the centurion; to these there was salvation; to all others damnation.

The cross marshaled the lost to an eternity in Hell because they missed the meaning of the cross. The cross marshaled the saved to an eternity in heaven because of their faith in Him. Paul preached on a ship, on the steps of a castle, before a council of the Jews, at the Court of King Agrippa, before Queen Bernice, to a woman by the river, a jailer at midnight, the Aeropagates on Mars Hill, but his message everywhere was the same, "I'm determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Sunday is the day for observance of the Lord's Supper at Frontier Baptist Church. Everyone is cordially invited to worship at Frontier Baptist Church, observe the Lord's Supper and enjoy the Fellowship luncheon that follows. This is a rich opportunity for all who attend. Come and see.



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Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
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St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise The Lord!!

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; for praise is befitting to the upright.

Praise the LORD with the harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of TEN strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right, and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in store houses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought; he maketh the devices of the people to no effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

BLESSED is the nation whose GOD is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. PSALMS 33: 1-12 Praise the LORD.

St. John B/C

/s/Pastor Adams Sr.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good: Blessed is the MAN who TRUSTETH in him (JESUS). Praise God!

Obituaries



Darryl Raymond Earwood

Darryl Raymond Earwood, age 81 died February 21, 1996 at the V.A. Medical Center in Kerrville, Texas. Born November 15, 1914 in Rocksprings, Texas. Veteran of World War II United States Navy. He worked as a Mechanic Insulator and was a lifetime member of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers. Lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Brackettville Post #8360. Survived by his wife Hazel Virginia Earwood of Ft. Clark Springs. Sons: Darryl "Bill" Earwood of Fredericksburg, Texas, Eddie L. Earwood of Freer, Texas, and Raymond A. Earwood of Humble, Texas. Daughters: Darrylene Nell Baughman of Del Rio, and Patsy Gayle York of Cedar Hill, Texas. Grandchildren: Eddie Earwood, Carol Hoffmann, Darryl Earwood, Wendy Hinsley, Raymond Earwood, Angela Earwood, Candice Earwood, Sharon Vaughan, Bobby Mac York, and Lisa Randall, and 9

Great Grandchildren. Brother: Clyde Earwood of Del Rio. Sister-In Law; Dorothy Earwood of Corpus Christi, TX. Nephew; Monte Earwood of Houston, TX. Niece; Cindy Whitehead of San Angelo, TX. Visitation was held Friday from 1:00 P.M. til 9:00 P.M. at the Brackettville Funeral Chapel. Graveside service was at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, February 24, 1996 at the V.F.W. Cemetery in Brackettville with Rev. Sheree Harris officiating; aided by Joe Townsend, Tom Falkenberg and Howard Wakefield. The San Felipe Del Rio Honor Guard conducted military graveside honors and presented Mrs. Earwood with the flag. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the VFW Post 8360 Brackettville, Texas Cemetery and cemetery maintenance fund. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home 114 North Street.

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Resolution Kinney County Commissioner's Court

There will be a public hearing before the Kinney County Commissioners Court in the Kinney County Courthouse, County Commissioners Courtroom, at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 4, 1996. The purpose of the hearing is to hear from the public as to their suggestions and desires for the possible use of the Texas Community Development Program grant funds for which the County intends to make an application to the Texas Department of Housing And Community Affairs.

The Courthouse is accessible to the disabled. Translations into the Spanish of the proceedings will be made upon request. Persons requiring transportation to the hearing should call the Office of the County Judge at 563-2400.

The agenda for the hearing is as follows:

1. Registration.
2. Statements as to approximate maximum amount of possible grant; approved and possible uses of the grant funds; and the grant cycle and application procedures.
3. Comments, questions and suggestions from the public as to desired and recommended use of the grant funds.
4. Adjourn.

/s/Tommy Seargeant
Tommy Seargeant, County Judge

Leap Year -Bachelors Day February 29

By Dorthy Payne
Brackett News Writer

Leap year has 366 days, or one more day than an ordinary year. A leap year occurs in every year that can be divided evenly by four, except the years that mark the even hundreds, such as 1500.

The only century years that are leap years are those that can be divided evenly by 400 such as 1600 and 2000.

Leap years were added to the calendar to make the calendar year nearly the same as the solar year, which is the time it takes for the sun to pass the vernal equinox twice. The extra day is added to the end of February and occurs as February 29 once every four years.

People born on February 29 have a little bit of a problem, as do those who get married on February 29.

February 29 is sometimes referred to as Bachelor's Day. In the southwest, the "day" is observed as "Sadie Hawkins Day" and is the day when young ladies may choose a young man to be her date for the occasion. The Young man is entertained by the lady as a date. It is also the time that a young lady may ask her chosen young man to marry her.

Only once in four years is the switch in roles "officially" observed.

Editors Note:
This is a reprint of an artical written by Dorthy Payne, for "The Brackett News", in 1992.

Fort Clark Art Club

The members of the Art Studio at Fort Clark Springs are really working hard in order to have a fun and successful annual spring "Arts and Crafts" sale, March 16th.

This will be the first year for us to feature a "Spring Bonnet" contest. Everyone is welcome to enter. We are so pleased, Jean Seargeant of "Jean's" and Natalie Allen of "The Rose Petal", have consented to be two of our "Bonnet Judges" also Agnes Vondy. Entry blanks are at the Adult Center on the Fort. Try to enter your own creation and also come see the many crafts of our local artists that are entering in the "Arts and Craft Show". It'll be a nice way to get acquainted with our neighbors. All entries must be homemade.

Tables are \$10.00. You may select and pay for the tables at the Adult Center between 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. everyday. ENTER NOW they are going fast.

This year the show will be in the Gorgas Room and adjoining porches at the Adult Center with plenty of parking in the back.

On March 8-9, Friday evening and all day Saturday, Niva Walker, a Fort Clark resident artist, will give an oil-southwestern workshop. For more information, call Betty Gibbs at 563-9084.

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:** Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church:** Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- 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.:** Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
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/s/ Larry Sofaly,
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Ultimately, the effects of the flat tax on these three factors would result in the restoration of neutrality between investments in labor and investments in capital. Because of the various tax distortions in the current income tax system, such as multiple taxation of investment income, capital spending is lower than it could be without the market bias.

In addition, the analysis shows that Texas, which has one of the most vibrant economies in the country, would benefit greatly from the flat tax. The economic vitality of the Texas economy stems from such factors as its revitalized manufacturing sector, its emergence as a major exporter, its expansion into high technology, and its increasing population. Many of these factors would be given a boost by the flat tax, particularly because it would encourage higher rates

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of productive capital spending. Texas CSE Foundation has released a study which examines the impact of the flat tax on six important sectors in the Texas economy: Manufacturing; TCU (Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities); Oil and Gas; Trade (retail and wholesale); Tourism; and Agriculture. A quick overview shows that capital-intensive industries would see the most profound and immediate benefits under the flat tax. Industries such as manufacturing, TCU, oil and gas, and agriculture that are capital-intensive would experience the positive effects of the flat tax almost immediately. Other industries such as the trade and tourism sectors would see longer-term benefits as interest rates fall and personal income rises under the flat tax.

Businesses would welcome the relief that the flat tax would provide them in the form of lower capital/investment costs — for themselves and their investors. The flat tax would also lower compliance costs by 94 percent, thereby saving money and time now spent wrangling with the Internal Revenue Service over ob-

scure details buried within the 7,817 pages of the current tax code.

Whether it is a business or an individual making decisions on how to spend or invest money, that decision should not be dependent upon the federal government's tax codes.

When examining tax reform, what really counts is the bottom line. And for Texans, the flat tax would enhance our already pro-growth economic atmosphere and provide the tools to sharpen our current economic edge, both nationally and internationally.

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