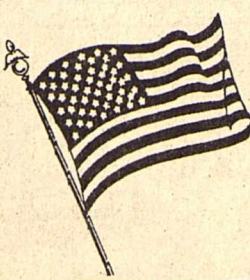


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Two die in plane crash Victims found after two-day search

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

An Austin couple tragically died on Christmas Day as their single-engine Cessna 210 airplane crashed in northeastern Kinney County.

Cary Don Lindley, 37, and Jamie Arlene Hemby Lindley, 32, were pronounced dead on Dec. 27 by Kinney County Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall following a two-day search.

The couple, who had been married for approximately a month, had been in Del Rio for the holidays. They left the Del Rio International Airport at 7 p.m. on Christmas Day.

The airplane "was destroyed upon impact with terrain while in cruise flight near Brackettville," according to a report by Hector

Casanova, an air safety investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the report, Cary Lindley was a "non-instrument rated private pilot."

Del Rio Flying Service General Manager David Newton said the weather conditions Christmas night were marginal and perhaps were not conducive for Lindley's Visual Flight Rules status.

"There were low clouds, drizzle, both of which can be hazardous for someone who is non-instrument rated," Newton told the *Del Rio News-Herald*.

Casanova's report said that Lindley was to call his parents after completing the 176-nautical mile flight.

"The parents did not receive a phone call and notified the authorities the next morning after the pilot's business partner verified that

the airplane had not arrived in Austin," the report said.

"An air search was begun, but was hampered by fog and low ceilings on the two mornings following the accident."

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 27, a Civil Air Patrol unit spotted the wreckage of the airplane in rugged rising terrain, approximately 47 miles northeast of the point of departure.

The accident occurred on Silver Lake Ranch, west of Tularosa Road, close to the Edwards County line.

The case was investigated by Trooper Robert Cano and Sergeant David Morgan of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Border Patrol.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY

Jeannie Yuk Ching Chan hit this utility pole in front of Conrad's Trading Post on Ann Street less than two hours after colliding with a vehicle on U.S. Highway 90.

California woman wrecks twice in less than two hours

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

A Los Angeles woman was involved in two automobile accidents less than two hours apart on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Jeannie Yuk Ching Chan, 25, told Department of Public Safety officials she was on medication after her second accident.

At 10:25 am Saturday morning, Chan pulled out of a private parking lot west of Ann Street on

U.S. Highway 90 in a blue 1996 two-door Pontiac Sunfire.

Chan collided with Jose Martinez, of San Antonio, who was driving a grey 1984 four-door Lincoln Towncar.

At 12:05, Chan ran into a utility pole in front of Conrad's Trading Post on Ann Street.

Chan was charged with failure to yield right of way in the first incident. No charges were filed in the second accident.

DPS Trooper Robert Cano worked both accidents.

Local students to be surveyed on substance abuse issues

Brackett students will participate in a survey in February that asks questions about students' attitudes and behaviors that relate to substance abuse issues as well as safety.

The survey, which was designed by Public Policy Research Institute of Texas A&M University will be given to seventh through 12th graders across Texas in order to acquire information to help plan drug prevention efforts and to help make schools healthy, safe environments for all children.

The 30- to 40-minute survey is entirely anonymous. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on it.

The form will be sealed in an envelope and returned to Texas A&M where the data will be entered into a computer. There will be no way to identify individual students' responses.

Local policy requires parental consent before a child is able to participate in the survey. The school district will be sending letters home to parents in the next week concerning the survey.

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Chuck Hall

vey," said Chuck Hall, who works with federal programs at the Brackett school district. "However, it is also voluntary.

"The more students that participate, the more the survey will mean," he added.

A copy of the survey is available to parents in the high school counselor's office.

"We appreciate the parents' support of all of the programs provided in our school to help students develop healthy lifestyles," Hall said.

Editor's note: For more information about the survey, call 563-2491.

Host families are needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange Executive Director John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in home meeting.

Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a larger family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their tax returns for each month they host a student.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY WES ROBINSON

The Gateway Hotel burning down was named the biggest story of the year in Kinney County.

1996: IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR Gateway Hotel fire the top local story of year

Flames leap high into the sky and clouds of smoke fill the air. Kinney County loses its most famous entrepreneur, and local officials agree to a \$3 million sewer plant project.

There were a variety of news stories in Kinney County in 1996, but the Gateway Hotel burning down was named the biggest story of the year, according to the poll of *The Brackett News* staff.

The Top 10 stories:

1. GATEWAY HOTEL FIRE. Brackettville saw one of its landmarks go up in flames on Jan. 24, as the Gateway Hotel burned down.

Officials closed Highway 90 to traffic for three city blocks, and closed one block of Ann Street. Fort Clark Springs closed its main entrance and city crews had to turn off gas services for a three-block area. Local fire-fighters, along with three fire trucks from the Del Rio Fire Department, battled the blaze for hours.

The historic building was built in the 1930's by Alex Schubach and was originally known as Home Oil Service Station. There was a car dealership in the back of the building and a package store at the side.

Through the years, the building has served as a hotel, an apartment complex, a law office, a liquor store, a bar, several different restaurants, a washateria, a beauty shop, a gift shop, and an insurance office.

2. SHAHAN DEATH. James T. "Happy" Shahan, a longtime Kinney County business and civic leader, passed away Jan. 30, after a long bout with cancer.

Shahan is credited with turning Brackettville into the "Movie Capital of Texas." He brought the first movie crew to Brackettville in the early 1950's to film "Arrowhead," starring Charlton Heston.

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Locals have co-starring roles in martial arts western movie

Several local and area residents have co-starring roles in the multi-million dollar martial arts western "Once Upon a Time in China VI," now being filmed at the famed Alamo Village movie location in Brackettville.

Harrell Floyd, Dave Crowe, Robert Hooker, Ron Ring, Michael Bowlin and Ryan Marshall have all been cast in speaking roles in the film and many other locals are acting as extras.

Directed by Sammo Hung, a legend in the Asian film commu-

nity, the movie stars Jet Lee and Rosamond Kwon, two of China's top actors.

Jeff Wolfe, an exciting young talent from Los Angeles, portrays Billy, the American lead in the feature film.

Floyd, who is recreation director at Fort Clark Springs, handles the role of Sheriff McCoy.

He has appeared in many film projects at Alamo Village as well as numerous stage productions in the area.

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE BRACKETT NEWS

Local actors with co-starring roles in "Once Upon a Time in China VI" include Dave Crowe (from left), Robert Hooker, Harrell Floyd, Mike Bowlin, Carlos Talamantez and Joe Hernandez.

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Henry Bonilla

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Henry Lutz

The month of December was very busy for the game warden in Kinney County. A total of 13 cases were filed with the local courts. *Outdoors/Page 5*

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It's a new year, a new Congress, a new resolution

By Henry Bonilla, U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

The holidays have quickly come and gone, and now it's time to head back to Washington for the start of the new 105th Congress.

Just as many of you have done, the new Congress should make its own list of New Year's resolutions:

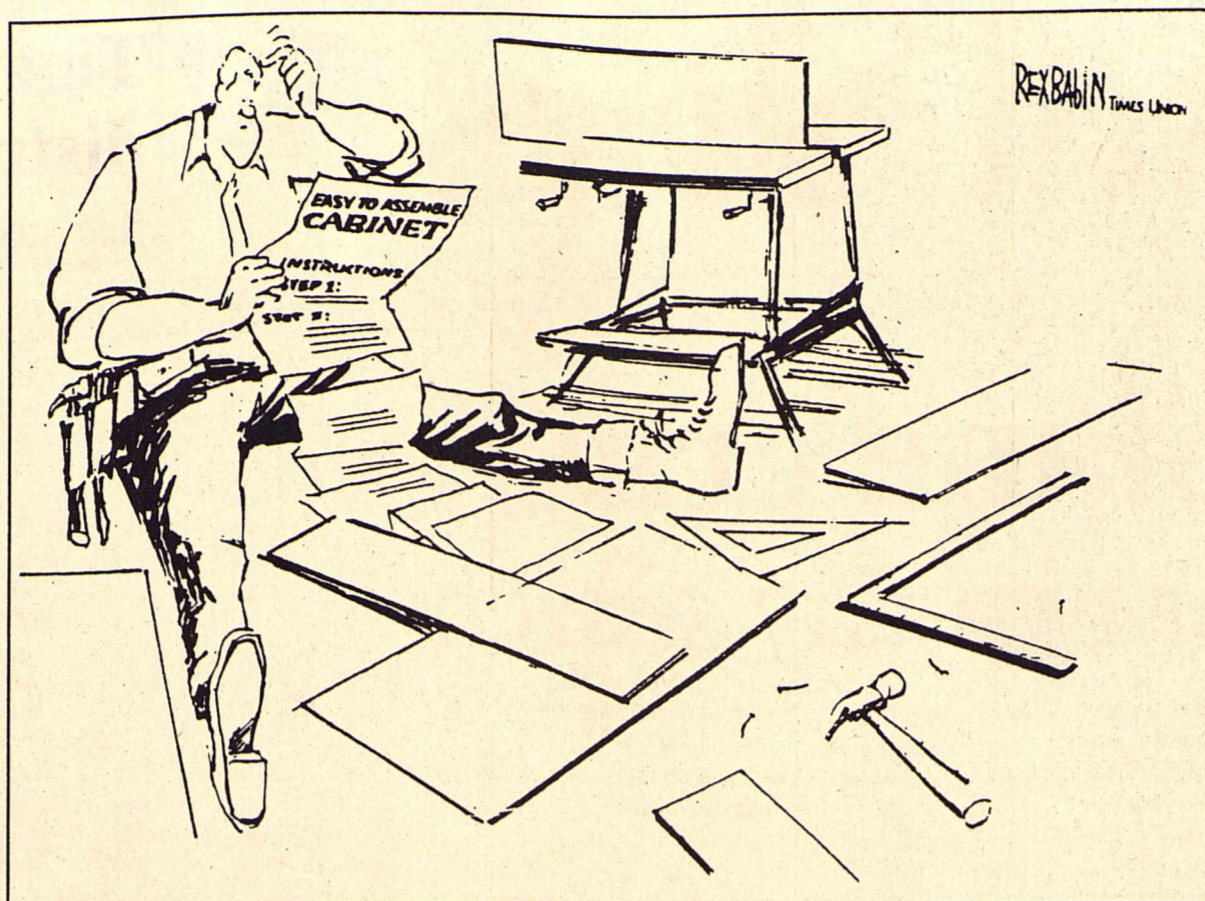
1. Listen to the people. Too often, many members of Congress get caught up with events inside the "beltway" in Washington and forget the people at home. Keeping your views in mind has always been, and will continue to be, a priority for me. Please help keep this resolution by sharing your views with me.

2. Stick to the business at hand. Sticking to our conservative principles and remembering what we were sent here to do, this Congress should try to work together to accomplish a common-sense agenda. It's time to remember that while we shouldn't lose sight of what we believe, it's more helpful to work together to get things done. Let's move on and get to work.

3. Keep our belts tight. For too long, Congress spent and spent your tax dollars without any concrete idea where the money was going or who it was really helping. The last Congress made real progress in reducing spending. By cutting over 290 wasteful programs, we saved over \$53 billion of your tax dollars. Also, we passed the first real balanced budget plan and reduced the budget deficit to its lowest level in 14 years. These were important first steps, but we must continue to work to live within our means just like you do.

4. Live in the real world. For the first time in history, the Congress had to live under the same laws Congress imposes on the rest of America. It was definitely a learning experience, and not a pleasant one for some. Finally, Congress got to feel the real impact of its actions. Maybe now, before considering ridiculous, unnecessary regulations on Americans, some members of 105th Congress will think twice.

These are just a few of the new year and new Congress resolutions that I plan to share with my colleagues and plan to follow myself. Hopefully, a remarkable and productive 1997 will be in store.



Unexpected guests were a surprise and a pleasure

One day this week, I stopped in front of the Frontier Baptist Church about mid-morning and was amazed.

The nearby lawn and trees and the adjacent vacant lot were host to a large flight of robins.

While I sat enjoying the robins, a large flight of cedar wax wings flew over. I had to shake myself to be sure it was December.

In the first place, the robins were astray from their regular flight pattern. Normally, you would expect the robins between D'Hanis and Castroville.

During flight time, there can be seen literally hundreds of robins in flock after flock. Cedar wax wings annually fly through this area coming and going.

It's never surprising to see a flight of birds off the normally expected path. It is, however, amazing to see these birds going through in December.

I wonder whose calendar they are following? Are they going north or south?

If north, haven't they read the weather reports about the unseasonable cold and snow? If south, don't they know this is very, very late?

After all, the humming birds left mostly in late August and early September. Another unseasonable event seen this week.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



There are usually some cardinals and many paroloxias overwinter. Strangely, about three weeks ago, there were none to be found. Now, this week, the cardinals are back.

In the last few days, I've seen several birds that do not overwinter here.

Are the birds anticipating an early spring and are coming north?

Long ago, I quit trying to predict the weather by the presence

or absence or movement of birds.

All I know for sure is I like them when they're here, and I miss them when they're not here.

I do know though, they will be back and when spring and summer come we will be blessed by seeing and hearing a multiplicity of feathered friends.

We won't see robins, but we'll see so many others we'll scarcely miss them and maybe next flight time some flight will stray our way and we can see robins on our turf.

Material abundance is unequaled in the world

During this joyful season, I would like all Texans to reflect on all the wonderful, marvelous things we have to enjoy under our national tree.

That large, sparkling package taking up a great deal of room there under our tree is the richest, most powerful nation on earth in which we live.

The spiritual and material abundance Americans enjoy is unequaled in the world, and unparalleled in history. It encompasses sparkling beaches, mighty rivers, breathtaking mountains, boundless plains, rich, fertile farmland, wealth-bearing natural resources and many of the world's great cities.

Another package, wrapped in red, white and blue, contains the freedoms we enjoy, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, freedom from want.

If some of its corners appear a little dented, that is only because of the high standards of perfection we have come to expect from its contents. It remains a precious treasure, one worth fighting and dying for to this day.

The package draped with a large yellow ribbon represents the sacrifices made by all the brave men and women who are serving

their country at home and overseas, and all who have served us in the past.

At this time, there are 237,000 American fighters deployed around the world. They are united by a commitment to defend America and Americans here and abroad. They have given and continue to give their country a gift without price.

The modern looking, angular present wrapped up in gold and silver contains the gifts of modern science we all enjoy, not the least among them the most advanced system of medical care in the world. We are blessed with long, healthy and comfortable lives.

Many of us are alive today because of the modern day miracles science has wrought. Our scientists have taken us to the moon, and into the very substance of life itself, stretching our minds and spirits as well as our grasp.

Yet another present under the tree, the one with mysterious bulges sticking up like church spires through its multicolored paper, reminds us of the numberless endeavors of American volunteers.

These are the selfless individuals who labor year round to make this country a better place to live.

And finally, under our tree, is a gift we've shared with all the world: freedom. More nations were free societies in 1996 than ever before; 1.25 billion people are living in freedom.

My wish for you is that this season's spirit of hope and promise allows us all to look forward with confidence toward the future.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Letters To The Editor

Law enforcement officers receive little recognition

I want to thank all the Highway Troopers, Border Patrol, city cops, and county sheriff for all the work they have done and are doing.

When we are on the highway, we feel so much safer. In today's society, one has to be careful.

This holiday, going to do our shopping and seeing doctors and such, we were very happy to see you guys on the road.

Your jobs are thankless and we can never reach each one of you to give you a pat on the back.

People always want to know where their or our tax money is going. Well, it is put to good use.

Thank you all, including our veterans that fought our wars, and a salute to the ones that died in the line of duty.

Love you all.

Nakai Breen

Is Campers' World soon becoming Cats' World?

Several letters of vexation have been aired in your newspaper concerning the undesirable conditions in Campers' World R.V. Park on Fort Clark Springs. However, some humor has erupted out of this bad situation.

A few years ago, a yellow cat wandered into camp, from where I do not know. Most everyone in camp liked this cat, even though it was not overly friendly towards anyone with the exception of Mrs. Loraine Watson, who adopted the cat (or maybe it was the other way around).

It was established that the cat was of female gender when she produced a litter of kittens. At weaning time, the kittens readily found good homes. The cat soon became known throughout the R.V. Park as "Ol Yeller."

Ol Yeller established residence in a cozy box of bedding under Mrs. Watson's trailer, where she received T.L.C. and food from Mrs. Watson.

At this same time, Ol Yeller was spayed. She justified her existence in camp by chasing away any wild or stray cats that wandered into camp. She may have also chased snakes and pack rats away.

No stray cats invaded camp as long as Ol Yeller was free to patrol the grounds.

As we are all aware, all good things must sooner or later come to an end.

They came to an end when the "power which is," in his ultra esteemed wisdom, decreed that Ol

Yeller's services were no longer of any value in the R.V. Park.

Terroristic threats, such as confinement to a cage or being put on a short leash, were leveled towards Ol Yeller.

How in the world could poor Ol Yeller chase strays if caged or leashed?

At one point, the threat of sending her to "Beastatory" was even mentioned.

In Mrs. Watson's words, for her and Ol Yeller's well-being, she felt "bullied" into moving her trailer from Campers' World to her lot in Unit 22, which she did less than a year ago.

Now for the humorous part of this story, which evolved after Mrs. Watson and Ol Yeller left Campers' World.

The R.V. Park is now overrun with cats of all sizes, colors and descriptions, numbering no less than 10 in all. They reside under the office porch, in the "crawl space" under the office, and under the laundry and dining hall porch. The kind folks in the R.V. Park are furnishing food for these cats.

From visual indications, it appears as though the cat population is about to increase by a sizeable number in the near future.

So, folks, be advised that no matter how rotten a situation may appear, some humor can evolve from it.

Mrs. Watson and Ol Yeller are now enjoying retirement in Unit 22.

D. E. Francis

Problem needs to be solved

In a recent issue of *The Brackett News*, Les Roper reflected back over the past year.

I would like to reflect back to the fall of 1985 when we first arrived on Fort Clark Springs.

At the time, my wife and I liked what we saw here and decided to spend the winter in the R.V. Park.

The R.V. Park had recently been relocated to its present site and contained 31 full hookup spaces.

The monthly member rate was \$115 per month. The non-member rate was \$150 per month, with no limit on the length of stay as long as spaces were available for members. The R.V. Park was showing a profit at those rates.

As I recall, everyone was contented and happy with conditions in the R.V. Park, except for the fact that it was no longer within easy walking distance to the Adult Center, the museum, the three-par golf course, the restaurant, and the post office. Otherwise, the park was quiet and peaceful and everyone appeared happy.

After three months of observing weather conditions, various activities offered and last, but not least, the political aspect, we purchased a membership for the sum of \$1,600, which was considered as a bargain at the time.

The general manager and Board of Directors were responsive to any reasonable requests that were brought before them by the membership.

At that time, it appeared to us as if the governing body was installed for the purpose of serving the membership instead of vice versa, as is prevalent at the time.

It now appears to me as though certain members of the governing body preconceive themselves as

being "Little Tin Gods," with the belief that at the clap of their hands all members should "snap to" as in the military, with no questions asked.

With all due respect to the military and the historical past of Fort Clark Springs, the Fort is no longer a military base and has not been for 50 years.

Many of our members left the military some 50 years ago because we did not care for that sort of a lifestyle.

Please, "Mr. Soldier Boy," do not attempt to cram that old "military stuff" down our necks. Also, please do not consider renaming Campers' World to Camp Bivouac. Consult Webster's Dictionary for the meaning of the word "bivouac."

We are all living in modern trailers and motor-homes. Even the tenting camp area should not be made to suffer the indignity of such a name.

We now need to rid the R.V. Park of the present "major problem" that exists there and restore the R.V. Park to its former state as of two years or so ago. That would bring joy to most residents of the park and surrounding areas.

Verle D. Francis

Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 5
10:25 a.m., Salvador Montez, 48, of San Antonio, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. He was apprehended by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall. Salvador was released the next day after paying a \$93 fine with time served.

Big Mama Sez!



The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated.

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Tigerettes open district tonight **Briefs ...**

Brackett looks to snap five-game losing skid against Center Point

The Brackett Tigerettes will host the Center Point Lady Pirates at 6:30 tonight in the District 30-2A opener for both teams.

Tonight's game was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but was postponed because of bad weather conditions.

In another conference matchup tonight, the Comfort Lady Bobcats will travel to Dilley to face the Lady Wolves at 6:30.

One district game was played on Tuesday. Charlotte picked up a 79-39 victory over the Natalia Lady Mustangs.

Sarah Jo Garcia and Christina Guerrero scored 28 and 26 points, respectively, to pace the Lady Trojans, who improved to 1-0 in district play and 9-5 overall.

Trisha Hollebeak scored 11 to lead Natalia, who is 0-1 and 4-6.

The Tigerettes will try to snap a five-game losing streak tonight as they take the court for the first time in six days.

Tomorrow, Brackett will host Comfort at 6:30 in another District 30-2A contest.

The Tigerettes lost a 55-28 decision on the road to the Rocksprings Lady Angoras on Friday.

Courtney Harrison led Brackett with a 12-point performance. Patty Lopez had eight points, Lindy La Mascus scored five, Amy Bader had two and Katy Hagler made a free throw.

On Thursday, the Tigerettes fell to Nueces Canyon 42-39. Brackett had defeated the Lady Panthers in two previous meetings.

La Mascus and Lopez both scored 10 points against Nueces

Canyon, Chica Garza had seven, Harrison pitched in six, Bader had four and Hagler added two.

Last Tuesday, the Tigerettes fell to the Del Rio Queens 67-32 in a New Year's Eve road game.

Lopez scored 11 points to pace Brackett's scoring attack. Harrison and Hagler both had six points, Garza scored four, La Mascus had three and Amanda Meek added two.

Garza earned all-tournament honors after leading the Tigerettes to a fourth place finish in the Devine Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 28. Brackett won its first game of the tournament, but then lost the next two contests.

Meek scored 26 points to lead the Tigerettes to a 49-31 victory over Class 4A Pleasanton in the first round of the tourney.

La Mascus had eight points

against the Lady Eagles, Harrison scored six, Garza made a three-pointer, and Hagler, Lopez and Tina Meek all added two.

In the second round, Brackett fell to the Devine Arabians, 56-42.

Amanda Meek scored a game-high 17 points, Garza had eight, Harrison chipped in seven, La Mascus had four, Sandra Hernandez scored three, Hagler had two and Tina Meek added one.

The Tigerettes dropped a 41-38 decision to the Jourdanton Squaws in the third place final.

Garza scored 12 points to pace Brackett. La Mascus also finished in double digits with 10 points.

Harrison scored five points, Amanda Meek pitched in four, Hagler had three, and Hernandez and Tina Meek both scored two.

BN-FI Tigers fall short in overtime

DEL RIO - The Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers took Sports Awards to overtime Monday night, but came up short in the end, falling 50-39 in City League basketball action at the Boys Club.

The Tigers were trailing by nine, 36-27, before rallying for a 11-2 run. Clay Hunt capped the spurt, hitting a free throw with 19 seconds left to tie the score at 38-all, sending the game into overtime.

Gary Grubbs paced the Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers with a 14-point performance.

Ferney Quiroz scored eight points for the Tigers, Hunt and Ricky Creel both had six, Steve Clementz sank a three-pointer, and Billy La Gioia added a pair of free throws.

The Tigers resume action tonight as they face All-State in an 8:00 contest.

Boosters to meet

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 7 in the high school library.

The Booster Club will discuss this year's athletic banquet.

Tigerettes pick up win over Lady Angoras

ROCKSPRINGS - The junior varsity Tigerettes picked up a 25-16 win over the Rocksprings Lady Angoras on Friday.

Jamie Bader and Hilda Aguirre both scored eight points for Brackett, Stephanie Terrazas had four points, Samantha Payne chipped in three and Tricia Robinson added two.

The Tigerettes resume action today at 5 as they host Center Point. Tomorrow, the junior varsity girls will host Comfort at 5.

Cubs, Cubettes take third place honors

BARKSDALE - The Brackett Cubs and Cubettes both took third place honors at the Nueces Canyon Invitational junior high basketball tournament Saturday.

The Cubs picked up a 32-21 victory over Leakey in the third place finale.

Sam Hunt paced Brackett's scoring attack with a game-high 12 points.

Schiller Hill had eight points for the Cubs, Tanner Jobe scored five, Damion Toms had four, Jarrett Harrison made two and Tony Rubio added a free throw.

Brackett opened the tournament against Rocksprings and dropped a 36-30 decision.

Hill led the Cubs with 14 points, Hunt scored nine, Jobe had four, Rubio pitched in two and Harrison added one.

The Cubettes also opened the tournament against Rocksprings. They fell 28-14.

Queta Garza was Brackett's leading scorer with eight points, Marty Payne had four and Susannah Davis chipped in two.

The Cubettes defeated Leakey, 25-16, in Saturday's third place final.

Garza and Savannah Massingill both had six points, Davis and Duquesa Hunt each scored four, Ira Sandoval and April Crumley had two apiece and Jennifer Sandoval made a free throw.

Tigers host Trojans Tuesday

The Brackett Tigers will open their District 30-2A slate on Tuesday as they travel to Charlotte to face the Trojans in an 8:00 matchup.

"I don't really know much about Charlotte," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "I do know they have some good athletes."

The Tigers are coming off of a 67-47 road loss to the Rocksprings Angoras last Friday.

"We were just a step behind," Grubbs said. "We didn't execute in our half-court game, offensively or defensively."

Moses Hernandez led the Tigers with 22 points on 10-of-17 shooting. The senior also pulled down 12 rebounds and had five steals.

Luis Guajardo and Matthew Smallwood both scored six points for Brackett, Rene Luna had five points, Beau Smallwood pitched in four and Ramon De Leon and Brian Flores added two apiece.

Last Monday, the Tigers had four players score in double figures as they picked up a 79-64 win over the Asherton Trojans.

"We played really good against Asherton," Grubbs said. "We forced a lot of turnovers which resulted in a lot of easy buckets."

De Leon recorded a double-double in the contest with 22 points and 10 steals. He made 6 of 10 field goals and was 7 of 8 from the charity stripe.

The senior also had five rebounds and five assists.

Beau Smallwood was 7 of 10 from the field as he scored 15 points. He also had 15 rebounds, five blocked shots, two steals and two assists.

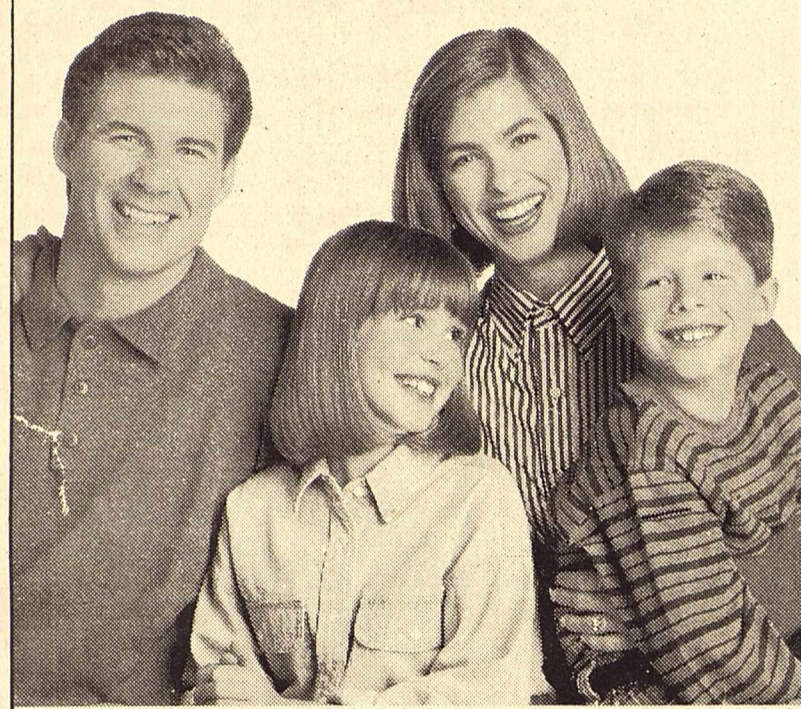
Guajardo and Matthew Smallwood also scored in double digits. Both finished with 11 points.

Guajardo also had eight rebounds, three steals and an assist, while Smallwood posted two rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Brian Flores sank two three-pointers and finished with nine points. The junior point guard also had eight assists, five steals and three rebounds.

Rene Luna scored six points and grabbed five boards, Demitrous Williams scored three points, and Josh Crumley had two points and 11 rebounds.

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Fort Clark Ladies Golf League finishes the year with a big crowd

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The last day of the year was a busy one for the Ladies Golf League.

Chip-ins were won by Pat Nelson on No. 15, Camille Neal on No. 17 and Beth Waller on No. 10.

In the skins game, Gwen Ladd had birdies on No. 8 and No. 11 for four points. Beth Waller had a birdie on No. 10 for two points. Mary Stephenson had a par on No. 14 and No. 16 and a birdie on No. 17 for four points. Pat McKelvy had a par on No. 9 and a birdie on No. 18 for three points. Pat Nelson had a birdie on No. 15 for two points.

The game of the day was Best 9, minus half a player's handicap.

There was a three-way tie for first place between Mary Stephenson, Beth Waller and Luella Gilliland.

Second place was won by Joyce

Golf

Williamson and third place was won by Ruth Spencer.

The Couples Golf League
 Winning first with a smashing 11-under par was the team of Roy and Fern Dyer, and Gordon and Jean Petaja.

Second place was won by Johnny and Beth Waller, and Bill and Peg Woolston with nine under.

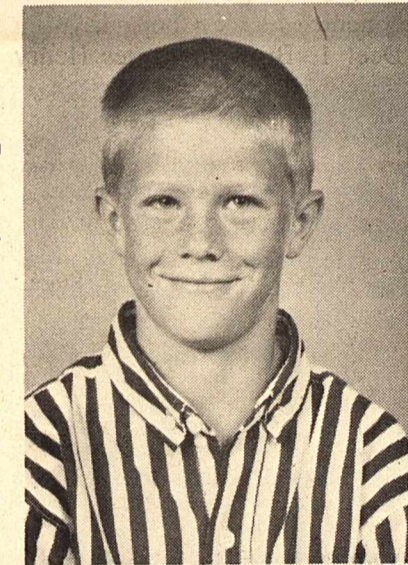
Placing third with a seven under was Choppy and Joyce Ambler, and Bill and Luann Pendorf.

Tying for fourth and fifth place with six under were the teams of Carl and Lou Green, and Gill and Cherie Murphy, and Charlie Smith, Mary Stephenson, Bob Burkepile and Betty Inman.

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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
Friday, January 10 Sweet Roll Fruit or Fruit Juice	Friday, January 10 Chicken Nuggets Cream Gravy Whipped Potatoes Choice of Vegetable Roll
Monday, January 13 Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Fruit Juice	Monday, January 13 Chili Con Carne with Beans Veggie Sticks Peanut Butter Cup Fruit Corn Bread
Tuesday, January 14 Crunchy French Toast Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	Tuesday, January 14 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Cheese Cup Seasoned Veggie Fruit
Wednesday, January 15 Scrambled Eggs Toast Picante Fruit or Fruit Juice	Wednesday, January 15 Whole Wheat Roll Hamburger Burger Salad Oven Fries Applesauce Cake
Thursday, January 16 Egg & Potatoe Taquito Picante Fruit or Fruit Juice	Thursday, January 16 Cheese Enchiladas Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Fruit



JARED GRUBBS

Grubbs wins Elks' free throw contest

DEL RIO - Jared Grubbs took first place in the eight and nine year old division at the Elks Lodge Free Throw Competition.

Grubbs made 14 out of 25 free throws at the local level to advance to the regional competition which is Feb. 1 in New Braunfels.

Jared is the son of Gary and Margaret Grubbs.

Top 10 stories

The Brackett News will run its Top 10 sports stories of 1996, as selected by the newspaper staff, in next week's edition.

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Briefs ...

Flowering plants linked to ancestor

COLLEGE STATION - Blades of bermuda and bunches of broccoli appear to have little more in common than color. But a new study has found that they, and all flowering plants in the world, stem from a common ancestor that existed perhaps 200 million years ago.

The finding means that breeders who are trying to develop better plants may soon have a much larger storehouse of genetic material to use.

"Down the road, we may be able to treat the genomes of all crops as one," said Dr. Andrew Paterson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station molecular biologist and lead investigator on the project.

"If we know the function of a gene in cotton, we will be able to infer what that gene's function in grain sorghum is."

New year will bring threat of wildfires

LUFKIN - Assessing the risk of wildfire is a big part of the job for Bobby Young and the folks in Texas Forest Service's Fire Control Department here.

And it looks to be pretty risky going into the new year, Young said.

"The volume of grass that's out there is at least as bad as it was in the beginning of 1996 when we had our problems in North and East Texas," said Young, associate director for resource protection with the state agency. "So we think we've got just as much potential for a disastrous fire season in 1997 as we had 1996."

Despite the drought that gripped much of the state throughout the year, many areas received late summer rain showers that spurred grass and brush growth just in time to be dried out by autumn. The result is lots of dead, dry "fuel" for fires across much of the state.

Deere gives \$10,000 to Texas 4-H group

DALLAS - Bill Hubbard, general manager of the John Deere Company in Dallas, recently donated \$10,000 to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association on behalf of John Deere.

Hubbard previously donated \$20,000 of John Deere equipment to the Texas 4-H Center on behalf of John Deere. He also has made a personal donation of \$500 to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. Through this gift, Hubbard became a lifetime member of the association.

David Hicks, executive director of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, said that the 4-H Friends and Alumni Association will keep former 4-Hers or others involved in 4-H informed of events happening.

Hicks said that the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association officially begins activities in 1997. The association will produce a newsletter two times a year, which will inform members about 4-H in Texas.

Horse owners headed to conference in Waco

WACO - Horse owners from across the state will gather in Waco in January for the Blackland Income Growth Horseowners Shortcourse.

The shortcourse will be held Jan. 14, at the Heart of Texas Coliseum in Waco.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service horse specialist Dr. Doug Householder said that horse enthusiasts from all areas of the industry will be able to come together and learn some valuable information at the shortcourse.

Horse racing, horse theft prevention, the significance of the horse industry in Texas, the drought situation and shoeing techniques will be discussed.

The cost of the shortcourse is \$5, and for those participants who wish to attend both shortcourse and the training clinic the cost is \$8. There is also a registration fee of \$5.

December was a busy month for the local game warden

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

The month of December was very busy for the game warden in Kinney County.

Five people were filed on for hunting deer from a motor vehicle from a public road.

In one instance, the deer was shot along the road near an occupied residence. It was a real foggy night and I am sure that the violators did not even know the house was there.

It makes for a mighty dangerous situation. Fortunately, the only thing hurt in this case was the deer and the violators' wallets.

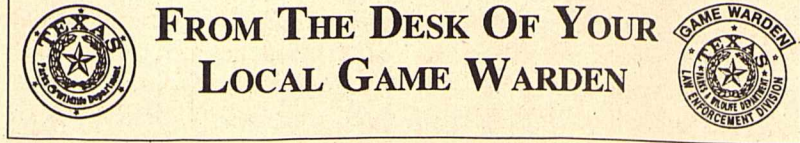
Other charges filed this month were for possession of an untaged deer and failing to record information in lease book.

A total of 13 cases were filed with the local courts this month. There are other charges that will be filed pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation.

In addition to these cases, your local game warden assisted the Sheriff's Department several times this month.

The first incident involved a search for a missing hunter who walked away from his hunting camp after becoming intoxicated, and then got mad at his friends.

After a search of the area by the Sheriff's Department, Kinney County constable, Border Patrol, myself, and others, the wayward



hunter showed up at his home in Uvalde the day after his disappearance.

The second incident involved locating and gaining access to, via four-wheel drive vehicles and a short hike, a plane crash in the northeastern part of Kinney County. Assistance was given in the form of providing a four-wheel drive vehicle to gain access, locating items at the crash site, and helping to remove the bodies of the crash victims.

A third incident involved heated arguments between two hunters and the persons who provided them with a four-day hunt.

A dispute arose over the terms of the hunt and what was being provided for what amount of money.

Promises were made and then supposedly changed on both sides. In the end, the sheriff's deputy and I kept peace while the parties worked things out.

A note of interest about the above incident: There was nothing in writing as to what services were to be provided, what could be killed, what amount of money was to be paid for the hunt, and when the money was to be paid. Only half the money was collected

in advance and nothing was signed except a waiver of liability.

Most leases that I am familiar with collect all the money before the hunt and the ranch rules and lease regulations, etc., including the release of liability forms for each hunter, are put down in writing, agreed to, and signed before the hunt begins.

When you have all of the terms of the lease in writing, it sure makes it harder for one party or the other to change those terms and everyone involved knows what the terms are beforehand.

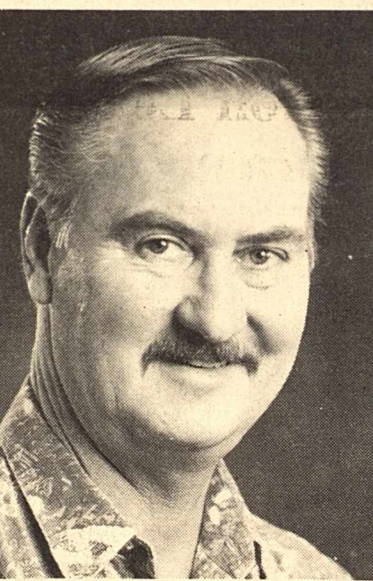
Hunting season is now over in the northern half of the county except for those with a muzzleloader.

The south side general season ends Jan. 19, followed by an antlerless only season (south of Highway 90 only) from Jan. 20 thru Feb. 2.

BUSINESS

RGEC promotes Brown

Clinton Brown was promoted to operations manager at Rio Grande Electric Cooperative on Dec. 1. Brown replaces Henry Fuentes, who retired in September.



CLINTON BROWN

Brown has most recently served as loss control advisor at RGEC and was instrumental in establishing RGEC's safety program and achieving safety accreditation through NREGCA, the company's national allocation.

Brown became RGEC's first full time loss control advisor in 1993. Prior to his employment with Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Brown was an operations manager for an oil field service company.

Brown and his wife, Dixie, have four grown children and six grandchildren. They reside at Fort Clark Springs and attend the Catholic Church in Brackettville.

"I am proud of the history and traditions of RGEC," Brown said. "But also worthy of mention, are the accomplishments and progress that have been made in the last six years."

"Working together as a team, we will progress and continually improve service to our members."

"Clinton is a team builder with strong administrative skills, who will provide solid leadership," said Dan Laws, president and CEO of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative. "Our members will benefit greatly by his commitment to quality."

Florentino Gomez opens up Tiger Tek Solutions

After 20 years of service in the U.S. Army, a Brackettville man has returned home to open a computer business.

Florentino Gomez, a 1976 graduate of Brackett High School, officially opened Tiger Tek Solutions on Dec. 1. The business will operate on its own or as a distributor/subcontractor for another company.

"In the past, there has been little or no local service available in the fields of training, computers, graphics and environmental," Gomez said. "Tiger Tek Solutions will be able to provide solutions for your everyday needs."

"In the training field, support is available in various areas. When a problem is identified in the work area, an analysis of your needs, jobs and tasks can be accomplished to create training materials for conducting training to implement a solution. Computer hardware and software training is also available for beginners or intermediate level.

"Computer technical support is also available for IBM DOS or Windows compatible systems," he said. "This can be installing or replacing hardware and software, troubleshooting, or assisting you in using a software program."

"In the area of graphics, I will be able to design and print various types of graphic work such as invitations, announcements, brochures, business cards, etc. I also deal with personalized trading cards, great for lasting memories of your special occasions."

"For environmental concerns, I sell products used in containment, absorbing and cleaning various hazardous materials or waste products," Gomez said. "Spill kits are great for emergencies. I will also be able to provide additional information about various hazardous substances."

Gomez is married to Norma Jean Sandoval, the daughter of Florence Sandoval and the late Candelario Sandoval. They have a 15-year-old daughter, Leticia, and a 12-year-old son, Vicente.

1997 Kinney County Junior Livestock Show

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Friday, January 17

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Weigh all market animals
8 a.m. Project Show
1:30 p.m. Angora Goat Classes
3 p.m. Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes
4:30 p.m. Rabbit Classes
6 p.m. Market Pig Classes

Saturday, January 18

8 a.m. Market Lamb Classes
10 a.m. Market Goat Classes
12 p.m. Barbecue lunch
1:30 p.m. Stock Show Awards
2 p.m. Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale

Barbecue tickets are currently on sale for \$4. Contact Woody Massingill or any local 4-H or FFA member to purchase tickets. Barn closes at 9:00 P.M. Friday night. Barn opens at 6:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Texas Mohair Producers Board to meet

Members of the Texas Mohair Producers Board will discuss the need for an advisory committee and talk about the checkoff assessment and refunds when they meet in San Angelo on Jan. 22.

Board President James Leo Greer of Rocksprings said the session will begin at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22 at the Holiday Inn.

The board meeting will proceed the annual meeting of the Mohair Council of America which will begin at 9 a.m. on Jan. 23 at the same location.

Greer reported that the Mohair Board collected \$66,267.39 between June 1 and Dec. 31, 1996, coming from the sale of 1,539,029 pounds of mohair.

Amistad boaters have to make financial decision

Implementing a plan that received broad bipartisan support in Congress, the Interior Department announced that America's public lands will soon receive much needed financial support from a test fee demonstration program.

Through new and revised recreational user and entrance fees authorized by Congress, the Department hopes to raise additional funds to improve recreation services and help make infrastructure repairs to 106 selected public land sites. Amistad National Recreation Area is one of the 47 National Park Service sites selected.

"These fees will be used to improve the visitor experience at the sites where they are collected and will be targeted for repairs and improvements that have been delayed because of budget shortfalls," explained Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

Under the new fee program, 80 percent of the money collected in a park will go into specific improvements at the same site. For example, boaters at Amistad National Recreation Area will choose between purchasing a \$5 boat permit valid for one day, and a more economical \$40 annual boat pass.

Eighty percent of the money collected will fund projects at Amistad National Recreation Area, such as extending boat ramps, improvements to campgrounds and picnic areas, or construction of a fish weigh station to be used in conjunction with fishing

tournaments. The other 20 percent will go to a fund to help parks that don't charge fees.

"Our first project will be to improve the boat launch ramp at Blackbrush Point," said William Laitner, superintendent of Amistad National Recreation Area. "We will lengthen the ramp so that it can be used at lower lake levels, and thereby provide visitors with more options for launching boats."

The boating user fee will go in effect at Amistad National Recreation Area by spring of 1997.

The new fee program reflects Congress' belief that while Americans support their National Parks by paying taxes, those Americans that use their National Parks should pay a little more in the form of modest entrance fees or user fees.

Americans support that idea; more than 78 percent of Americans surveyed said they would pay a little more to visit a park if the money was going directly into helping that park. This is consistent with what Laitner found by talking with Del Rio community leaders.

Officials said this is a program where everyone wins. The public gets better parks to enjoy and a family of four will be able to spend a day boating on Lake Amistad for less than the price of one movie admission. Local land managers get the resources they need to make urgent repairs.

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\$400	0	0	0	20
\$500	0	0	0	25
\$600	0	0	0	30
\$700	0	0	0	35
\$800	0	0	0	40
\$900	0	0	0	45
\$1000	0	0	0	50
\$1100	0	0	0	55
\$1200	0	0	0	60
\$1300	0	0	0	65
\$1400	0	0	0	70
\$1500	0	0	0	75
\$1600	0	0	0	80
\$1700	0	0	0	85
\$1800	0	0	0	90
\$1900	0	0	0	95
\$2000	0	0	0	100
\$2100	0	0	0	105
\$2200	0	0	0	110
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Locals co-starring in feature film, "Once Upon a Time in China VI"



ANN LEGG and ELISE HUNTSMAN

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Crowe and Bowlin, employees at Alamo Village, along with Fredricksburg resident Barry Stewart, play Floyd's bumbling deputies, Dick, Vick and Nick. Hooker, who is from Brackettville, is an artist as well as actor who has worked on both sides of the camera in numerous productions filmed at the village and throughout Texas. He portrays a mean cowboy in the film. Ron Ring, also from Brackettville, is cast as the bank manager in the movie, while Del Rio resident Ryan Marshall takes on the

important role of the mayor of the small "Old West" town where much of the movie takes place. Melissa Delaney Del Valle, who cast the movie, said she was thrilled and surprised at the wealth of talent in the area. "Everybody is doing a great job," she said. "Once Upon A Time In China VI" is the continuation of the epic story of Wong Fei Hung (Lee), a Chinese folk hero, martial arts expert and doctor of acupuncture and holistic medicine. Part VI has Wong Fei Hung and his companions Auntie 13

(Kwon) and Seven (Yan Yan), traveling to the 1870s U.S. frontier to visit the friend of a relative who runs an acupuncture clinic in a small old west town. The stagecoach in which the trio is riding is ambushed by a band of Indians and overturns in the river. Wong Fei Hung is swept away and separated from his companions and the exciting adventure begins. The movie is scheduled to premiere in China in the early part of 1997. Producers are currently negotiating to also have the film released in the U.S.



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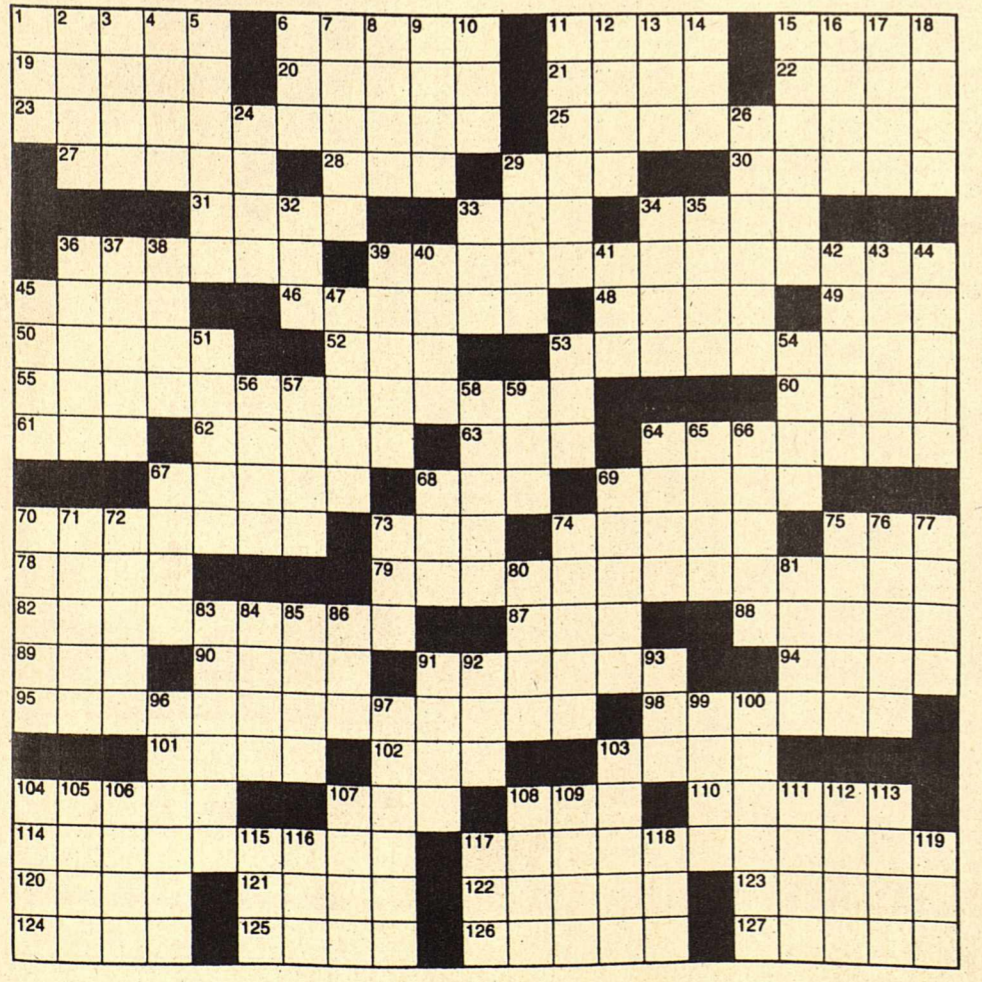
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11 Kid at court
15 Goldfish, e.g.
19 Vex
20 Right a wrong
21 Congregational comeback
22 Elliptical
23 London landmark, formally
25 "Honey" singer
27 Induction-motor inventor
28 Permit
29 1975 ABBA tune
30 Admitted, with "up"
31 Catch sight of
33 Pie ingredient?
34 Clean a counter
36 Wrap up
39 Cartoon cutie, formally
45 New Mexico resort
46 Milky Way, for one
48 "The Time Machine" people | 49 Actress Gardner
50 Divvy up
52 Fuzzy
53 Wrote on an envelope
55 "Howdy Doody" host, formally
60 Munich mister
61 Employ
62 Stephen Vincent —
63 Canadian prov.
64 Fine fabric
67 Assort
68 Silent
69 Virologist
70 Most impetuous
73 Org. founded in 1947
74 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
75 Periodontists' org.
78 Agatti's colleague
79 Western gunslinger, formally
82 Search through
87 Hostelry
88 Author Jong
89 Actress Dvorak | 90 Toothpaste flavor
91 From the top
94 Article
95 A real doll, formally
98 Cheesy sauce
101 Haley or Trebek
102 Author LeShan
103 Cream or cola
104 He pulled some strings?
107 Burro
108 Go downhill
110 Set in motion
114 European capital
117 Johnny Weissmuller role, formally
120 To be, in Toulouse
121 Spoken
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125 Surveyor's item
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127 Rocky Mountain range
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4 Male swans
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8 Northern seaport
9 Tizzy
10 Author Follett
11 Eastern temple
12 Book after Joel
13 Hairstyling goop
14 Remnant
15 Attic irritant
16 Bard's river
17 Seldom seen
18 Trudge
24 Humorist Ogden
26 Vaudeville's Tucker
29 Chaffee or Parker
32 Tighten the tent
33 Blend
34 Put the metal to the metal
35 "Take — leave it!"
38 Roman goddess
39 of health | 37 Stout sleuth
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39 '48 literary Nobelist
40 It becomes ewe?
41 River bottom
42 Fertile areas
43 Manifest
44 Clerical title
45 Off-limits
47 Pertinent
51 Defer
53 Enjoyed an enchilada
54 Tibia
56 Meadowlands
57 Step — (hurry)
58 Interchangeable
59 Zombie base engine
64 Sweet odor
65 Blind as —
66 Church offering
67 Atkins or Huntley
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70 Prohibit anew
71 Fight site
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75 Japanese pooch | 76 Unpredictable
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81 Limerick's land
83 "Vanity Fair" character
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91 Slaps on
92 Diavolo or Angelico
93 Medical grp.
96 Amass
97 Scuggle up
99 Garfield's pal
100 Aircraft
103 Vision
104 First herdsman
105 Speechless lot size
106 Suburban
107 PDQ, politely
108 "Star Trek" navigator
109 Complicated problem
111 Drained
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113 Artemis' mom
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116 Age
117 Tenor Pearce
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Ad-in	Alley	Armlock	Autocross
Ad-out	Amateur	Assist	Average
Advantage	Apparatus	At bat	Axel
Air ball	Appeal	Audible	

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Partnership interests and travel are highly favored in the weeks ahead. Those in a committed relationship share a very special celebration. Later in the week, a trusted adviser has good news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's something that needs to be said to bigwigs, despite how difficult it is for you. However, wait until the holiday festivities die down. After this, you make major career progress. The weekend favors relaxation and quiet activities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is the time when you can see a personal goal reach its fruition. On the social scene, you are at your popular best and positively shine in the spotlight. Later in the week, you impress others with your good ideas.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone close to you is being overly sensitive. In light of past run-ins with this person, it's best to avoid a confrontation at this time. You make headway on a difficult work project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What you've been considering on the career front receives an endorsement from a surprising source. Others recognize your brilliant ideas and are willing to be cooperative in your new venture. Finances improve.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You find you've shelled out extra money because of certain social activities connected with the holidays. However, good times resulted and you find it's worth it. A phone call received this weekend is auspicious.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Seek out advice concerning business or finances. It's a good week to get going on a project you've been putting off, despite distractions. The weekend isn't favored for spending money for socializing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A co-worker is going

off on a tangent and needs to be given a wide berth. Your new ideas on the creative front are good ones, but you have to wait to implement them. That special someone returns your romantic feelings this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You are surprised at how easily others agree with you this week. Some find themselves signing an important contract which bodes well for the future. Friendships bring you pleasure this weekend as you bask in your social circle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You start the week in a somewhat soiled mood and you're overly sensitive. Perhaps you've had too much holiday merriment. However, talks conducted privately favor financial interests and family members cheer you up.

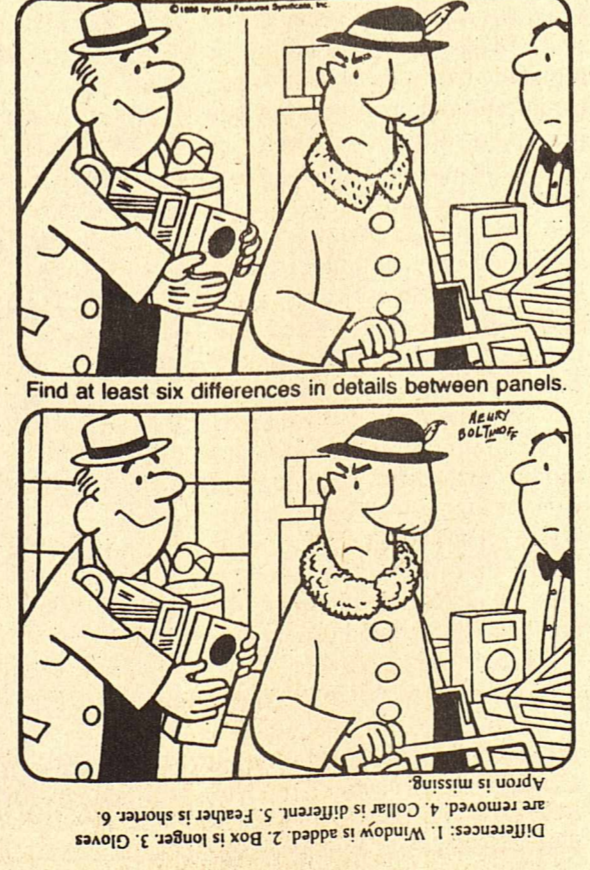
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is the week to sign on the dotted line concerning financial or real estate deals. In fact, any sort of buying and selling is favored. An intriguing job opportunity is about to arrive, but you must be open to it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) In your efforts to spiff things up at home for the holidays, you spent too much money. This results in your budget being blown to bits. This weekend, spend time reorganizing your finances.

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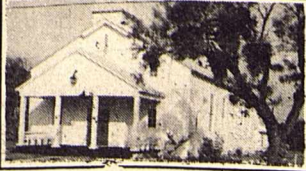


Vision Teaser



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 9 Linda Barrett	Jan 11 Raomon Garansuay
Jan 9 Stan Somers	Jan 11 Martin Kelso
Jan 10 Monica Falcon	Jan 13 David Zumaya
Jan 10 Jose Cole	Jan 13 Donna Smith
Jan 10 Monica Castillo	Jan 14 Veronica Rivas
Jan 11 Hawkins Huey	Jan 15 Gloria Benacci
Jan 11 Jerry Henry	Jan 15 Mary Sandoval
Jan 11 Jean Somers	Jan 15 Juanita Talamantes



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

You are now in your second week of the New Year.

How are the "Resolutions" going? Tough, huh? Not happy about it?

Most of us would be much more happy if we would give up certain things in life. I am going to suggest some things to give up that you may have not considered. Do it right now, this minute, cold turkey with no weaning period.

Now I realize that when the two words give, and up are put together that people tend to get really down. "I'm not going to give up anything!" is the selfish cry of most. And sacrifice? Well that's even worse than giving up.

You see, sacrifice, to most

people means giving up something really good.

Here are some things we would really be better off sacrificing: greed, lust, hurt, judgments, demands, envy, hypocrisy, jealousy, selfishness and vindictiveness.

Did you think I was going to suggest you give up the stuff you thought was good? No! The negative stuff, the hard stuff, the unnecessary stuff in life, you can sacrifice those things too.

So go ahead, and give them up. Sacrifice them. Surrender them to the Lord. Let them go.

You'll be a better, happier person without them.

You really don't need them anyway.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

We are just digging out of the leftovers from Christmas. Left over wrappings and bows have been disposed of. Left over food has been eaten. The thrill of the day has dulled. The children's toys have begun to lose their appeal. The real leftovers are still as vibrant as ever. The greatest leftover is that Christ came. He still lives today. He is not dead. He came forth from the grave and is at the right hand of God in his heavenly home. As only He could do, he lives in the heart of every person who will allow him entrance. Respect for human life is a left over from the examples Christ left. In the world wherever Christ is not vital, respect for human life is unknown. Love is perhaps the greatest left over. Anyone who enjoys the reality of Christmas carries with him a glow of love. The love displayed leaves a feel-

ing of warmth because one shows his love and is shown love by others does not die with the undecorating of the tree. Christmas passes but it leaves behind the assurance that Christ came, that he lives today and awaits the opportunity to welcome each of his own to heaven for all eternity. Christmas renews the thrill of the realization that with all the problems of life in this world there is victory to be enjoyed because Christmas marks the coming of Jesus Christ in the world.

Sunday will be the special day of observance of the Lord's Supper following the morning worship hour. This will be followed by a Fellowship Luncheon. This is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the blessings of worship and fellowship. Every person is cordially invited to participate and be blessed. Come and see.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
210-563-2582

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man, named Zacchaeus, who was the chief among the tax collectors; and he was rich.

And he sought to see Jesus, who he was, and could not because of the crowd; for he was little of stature.

And he ran ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came

down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying that he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This Day is Salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. St. Luke 19:1-10. Praise the Lord.

Obituary



Martha E. Bradley

Martha E. Bradley, age 73, died January 3, 1997 in Del Rio. Born August 23, 1929 in Canadian, Oklahoma. Resident of Ft. Clark Springs. She is survived by her husband Buster Bradley of Ft. Clark. Brothers: Chester and wife Dorothy Herron of Garland, Texas, and William N. and wife Leta Herron of Lubbock. Sister: Gladys L. Sexton of Stockdale. Step-son: Carl and wife Marilyn Bradley of San Antonio. Step-

Daughter: Doris E. and husband George Foster of Ft. Clark Springs. Funeral Service was Monday, January 6, 1996 at the Brackettville Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery. Pallbearers were family members. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street dba Del Rio Funeral Home.

Dorothy R. Payne

Dorothy Renna Payne, born August 1, 1917, died December 30, 1996, at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Mrs. Payne married Leroy B. Payne on December 12, 1937.

She was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville and was a member of the Secular Franciscan Order, Third Order of St. Francis, St. Anthony Fraternity, San Antonio. Active in religion throughout her life, she has been a member of the Altar Society, Cemetery Committee, organist and CCD teacher.

Mrs. Payne, a historian, wrote articles published in the Tulsa World, Bristow News, Andrews County News, Kinney County Calvaryman, Brackett News and the Big Bend Sentinel. Her articles were also published in several religious and historical magazines.

Dorothy Payne was preceded in death by Leroy B. Payne on July 15, 1978. Her survivors include her brother and his wife: William Francis McKeen II and Peggy of Liberal, Kansas;

daughters and sons-in-law: Frances Renna and John Francis Mellor of Tulsa, Okla.; Dixie Lee and Clinton F. Brown of Brackettville; Patricia Gail and Patton A. Foster of Hondo. Grandchildren: Mary O'Connor, Margaret Lundgren, John Mellor, Laura Lipich, Daniel Mellor, Eddie Pinnell, Terri Day, Melissa Sartain, Marcus Brown, Cecilia Brooks, Tommy Foster, Matthew Foster, David Foster, and Stephen Foster, 20 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A Rosary was recited on Thursday, January 2nd and a Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church the following Friday. Scriptures were read by Eddie Pinnell, John Mellor and Danny O'Connor. Pallbearers were Dan Mellor, James Day, Tommy Foster, David Foster, Stephen Foster, Christopher Brooks, Marcus Brown, and Taylor Pinnell. Honorary pallbearers were Dale Lundgren, Tom Lipich, Matthew Foster and Jimmy Sartain.

Ross M. Upson

Ross M. Upson, 72, passed away on December 24, 1996.

Ross was born in Almena, Kansas, was a resident of Borger, TX. for 53 years, and a member of Fort Clark Springs.

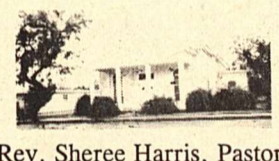
He attended Oklahoma Military Academy, and retired as a broiler-maker from Phillips Petroleum.

He is survived by his wife;

Catherine, daughter; Trudy, 3 sisters; Elaine Bales of Dallas, Wilberta Sosebee of Dumas, and Shirley White of Fort Clark, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers family requests donations be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, Life Enhancement Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

"What is a weed?" asked Ralph Waldo Emerson. "A plant whose virtues have not been discovered," he answers.

This is the time of year when we imperfect optimists make grand declarations of resolutions we intend to make during the new year. Fine and noble gestures these resolutions are. We can only hope that our nobility is matched by our perseverance.

In this spirit, might I be so bold as to make a suggestion. Look around in your life for "weeds." We all have them. They may be things, particular circumstances, tasks, or even other people or a particular aspect of ourselves. Before you simply "pull" them (and some don't pull so easily), take a moment to really see them.

Are they completely useless? Are they utterly void of merit or worth? Are they beyond redemption (even by God)? Is their sole

purpose to irritate us, or could there possibly be some other reason for their presence in our lives? I have realized over the years that I learn the most from challenging tasks, not of my choosing, I grow stronger under the most difficult circumstances. I have grown to appreciate some very unattractive things when I discovered their hidden beauty. And people, well, suffice it to say that some of my most enduring relationships got off to a pretty rocky start!

All of this is to say, could one New Year's resolution be to look for the virtue in the weeds in our lives.

To help us persevere in our endeavor, let's remember that by the time we got through with it, the Garden of Eden had more than a few weeds but God in Christ still comes looking for the lost virtue.

Happy New Year and happy gardening.

Engagement

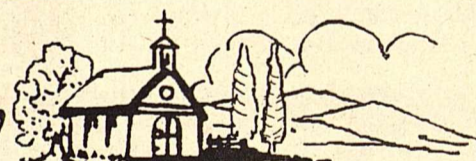
Veach & Esparza

Susan A. Veach, daughter of Clarence and Irene Keddy is engaged to David Esparza, son of Elodia Esparza, all of Brackettville.

Susan is employed as secretary to the Superintendent of Schools. David is a Federal employee at the Brackettville Post Office. No wedding date has been set.

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU!

Church Directory



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m., Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father Donald La Vell.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-2582.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A. Services:** 9:00 A.M. Corner of Fort & Henderson in Brackettville. Bible Study; Monday morning at the parish hall -10:A.M., also at the corner of Fort & Henderson. Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Apostolic New Jerusalem:** 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational):** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

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Pastor Charolette Corey

There was once a rich man for whom God used a future king and his men to provide protection.

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"The Protector", hearing of the planned feast, came and asked for a customary portion of this food in payment for the efforts of he and his men, leaving the amount to be given up to the free will and generosity of the rich man.

Instead of the rich man sharing this customary portion, he treated the representatives of "The Protector" as though he never knew them or of their efforts, hurling insults at them. He showed a HARDENED HEART. He had a choice to be a blessing and there-

fore CONTINUE to receive more blessings, or be hard hearted and suffer the consequences thereof.

As "The Protector", in his anger, was on his way to kill all the male relatives of the rich man's household, the rich man's wife, being intelligent and beautiful, heard about what had happened, and without telling her husband, went out with a generous gift of food and drink and begged "The Protector" to ACCEPT her gifts, SPARE her husband and household, and FORGIVE her of her trespass toward "The Protector" that had occurred towards him through her husband's actions.

Because she had done what was RIGHT in the sight of God, had BLESSED "The Protector" with his DUE PORTION, had taken the sin of her husband upon herself and asked FORGIVENESS in such a gracious manner, "The Protector" had compassion and spared HER HOUSEHOLD. (Read Part 2 Next Week) Stand in Faith, Rest in Hope, Walk in Love.

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1996: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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He is most famous for convincing legendary actor John Wayne to come here in 1959 and make his epic film, "The Alamo." After Wayne left, Shahan dubbed the massive movie set built by Wayne on Shahan's ranch, Alamo Village Movie Location.

Over the last 37 years, more than 100 feature films, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village and in the Brackettville area.

Shahan was honored by the community on July 20, as the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce hosted the First Happy Shahan Day Festival.

3. SEWER PROJECT. Officials from the city of Brackettville and the Municipal Utilities District broke ground on a \$3 million joint sewer plant project in September.

The project, which was approximately six years in the making, was started as a result of two consecutive annual reports of non-compliance in 1989 and 1990 by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, formerly the Texas Water Commission.

The \$3.7 million project includes a new treatment facility, lift stations and rehab of antiquated lines in the city and on Fort Clark Springs.

The facility, consisting of four holding ponds covering approximately 36 acres, will be located in the southeast corner of Fort Clark Springs. It will be owned by Brackettville, but MUD will have the permit to run it. The property was donated by the Fort Clark Springs Association.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department received a \$73,000 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation in November.

After the Gateway Hotel burned down in January, Brackett News Publisher Jewel Robinson wrote an editorial about the Fire Department's need for better equipment.

Harold Byrd, of the Hillcrest Foundation, read Robinson's editorial and helped the Fire Department apply for a grant.

The grant money will allow the Fire Department to purchase a brush truck, communications equipment and apparel.

5. PENA TERMINATED. After two days of meetings and two executive sessions, the commissioners court voted to fire Tencha Pena as the site director for Kinney County Aging Services.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant and commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Cordelia Mendeke and Paul O'Rourke all voted for terminating Pena's employment, but gave no reason for the action.

County Attorney Tully Shahan said that under Texas Law, any employer has the right to fire an employee for any reason at any time.

6. TASK FORCE LEAVES TOWN. Kinney County officials unanimously agreed to sever all ties with the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force in December.

Kinney County is currently serving as the grantee to the task force, which will retain its central base here until May 31.

The commissioners court also agreed to sell the property which was being rented to the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force.

7. STEPHENSON NAMED SUPERINTENDENT. Taylor Stephenson was hired as the Superintendent of the Brackett Independent School District on June 3 by the district's trustees.

Stephenson served four years as the district's curriculum director before being named superintendent. He served as interim superintendent for a month.

Stephenson filled the position left vacant by Steve Mills, who is now the superintendent in Denver City.

the Davis family in late July and plans to renovate the historic buildings.

Johnson has completed several renovation projects in Del Rio, including the Windmill Restaurant, Pecan Street Station (the old Elks Lodge), the Casinelli Gin House, and the Mason-Foster House.

One of the buildings has already been restored, and Barbara Simmons will open a restaurant there this year called Barbara's Table.

9. FAULKENBERRY DEATH. Former Brackett News Editor Jean Faulkenberry passed away on May 6.

After moving to Kinney County in 1988, Faulkenberry got involved in numerous organizations. She was a member of the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts, the Fort Clark Historical Society, and the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce.

Faulkenberry moved to Fort Clark Springs from Fort Stockton, where she was employed with the Fort Stockton Independent School District for 29 years.

10. BURKS WIN AWARD. Judy and George "Stoney" Burks were presented the Community Concerts Volunteer Initiative Award at a New York conference in October.

The local educators were honored with the national award because of their efforts in introducing live performances to children.

The Burks are in their 24th year at the Brackett School District. George is the assistant principal for secondary schools and Judy teaches third grade.

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