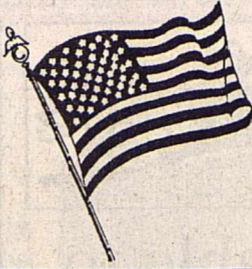


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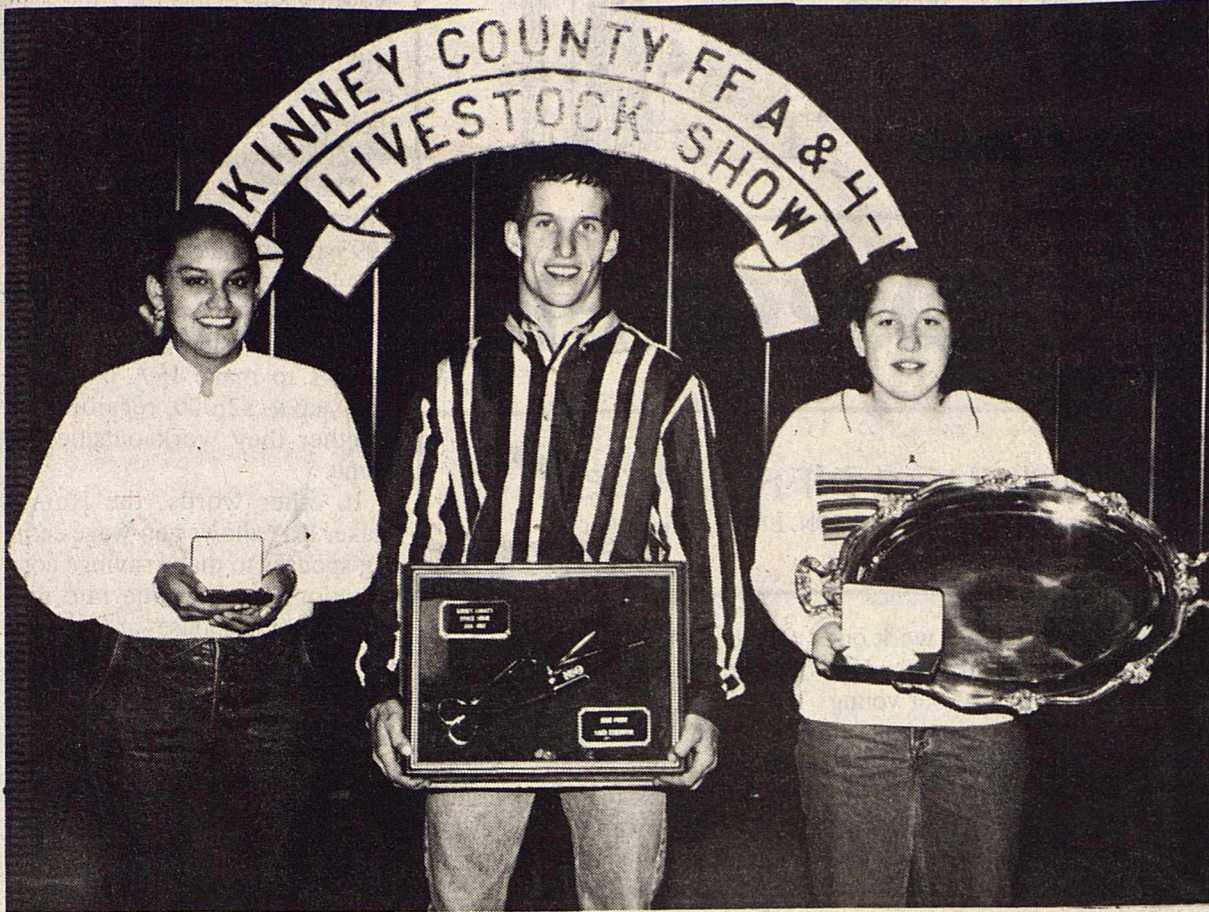
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## Livestock show sale raises \$19,325



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY

Winning special awards at Saturday's Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show were Jessica Payne (from left), Most Improved Feeder Award; J. Wayne Ballew, Silver Shearers Award; and Savannah Massingill, Joey Key York Award.

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The premium sale at the 42nd Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Saturday collected \$19,325 for the 53 animals that were sold.

A total of 141 animals were showed at last weekend's local junior livestock show at the Kinney County Civic Center.

"The sale went well and we had an excellent turnout for the barbecue," said FFA Instructor John Paul Schuster. "The sale average was excellent."

"The participation level was down a little bit, but not every kid wants to show an animal."

J. Wayne Ballew won the Silver Shearers Award, which is based on the three highest placing lambs in the Kinney County show.

Ballew had the grand champion finewool lamb, which was sold to Kinney County Wool and Mohair and Sunshine Self Storage for \$550.

He also had the reserve grand champion crossbred lamb, which was bought by Alamo Village for \$450.

Beth Ballew, who won the showmanship award for lambs, sold her grand champion crossbred lamb for \$450 to Pico's.

Laura Lee Ballew had the reserve grand champion finewool lamb, which sold for \$450 to the First State Bank of Uvalde and Fort Stockton Pellets.

In the commercial finewool ewe lamb division, JoLee Jones won the showmanship award.

Misty Rose sold her grand champion finewool ewe lamb to Graf and Barton Ford for \$350. She

### Livestock Show Grand Champions

The following is a list of grand champions from the 42nd Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show:

Exhibitor	Breed
Savanah Massingill	Meat Goat
Beth Ballew	Crossbred Lamb
J. Wayne Ballew	Finewool Lamb
Amy Bader	Angora Goat Doe Kid
Savannah Davis	Angora Goat Buck Kid
David Melancon	Rabbit Meat Pen
David Melancon	Rabbit Doe
David Melancon	Rabbit Buck
Misty Rose	Finewool Ewe Lamb
Cheryl Verner	Market Swine

also had the reserve grand champion, which went for \$300 to the First State Bank of Brackettville.

Savanah Massingill won the Joey Key York Award, which is given to the overall showman of the Kinney County Livestock Show. The selection of the recipient is made by an unknown, out-of-town judge.

Massingill had the grand champion meat goat, which sold for \$350 to Adobe Eco Systems.

Whitney Massingill won the showmanship award in the meat goat division.

Whitney Hobbs sold her reserve grand champion meat goat for \$450 to Total Insurance, Helena Chemical and Moore Tire Service.

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#### Fort Clark Historical Society hosts meeting

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Dr. Tom P. Senter, of Anchorage, Ala., and Alicone M. Amos, of Washington, D.C., will review "The Black Seminoles" by Kenneth W. Porter Saturday at 10 a.m. at Las Moras Inn.

This story of a remarkable people, The Black Seminoles, and their leader, Chief John Horse, tells of their heroic struggle for freedom. The account includes their exodus from Florida to Mexico in the 1850s and their return to Texas in the 1870s.

#### AARP Tax Aide offers income tax assistance

The AARP Tax Aide help will be at the Brackettville Aging Services location each Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, starting Feb. 7.

For an appointment, call 563-2015. Bring your tax package, a copy of your 1995 tax return, forms W2 and 1099 showing 1996 income, social security numbers for dependents, and other documents showing income or expenses.

## Sharp delivers tax rebates

AUSTIN - John Sharp, the state comptroller of public accounts, delivered a total of \$139 million in January sales tax payments to 1,085 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November at the start of the holiday shopping season, and reported to the comptroller in December.

"The first sales tax rebates to cities and counties for 1997 are virtually the same as rebates for the same period in 1996, as the recent burgeoning growth of the Texas economy appears to be leveling off somewhat," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates totaling \$126.6 million, less than 1 percent above last year's January payments of \$125.7 million.

Likewise, rebates of \$12.38 million to Texas counties also were less than 1 percent more than the \$12.37 million allocations in January 1996.

The city of Brackettville received a sales tax rebate of \$3,468.06 for January, reflecting a 26.79 percent increase from the \$2,735.08 in sales tax rebate for the same month last year.

Kinney County's sales tax allocation for January was \$2,222.76, up 10.68 percent over the January 1996 payment of \$2,008.13.

The \$2,197.78 sales tax allocation to Kinney County Health Services for January reflects a 8.99 percent increase from the \$2,016.47 in sales tax rebate for the same month last year.

The city of Houston received a sales tax rebate of \$16.4 million in January, 2.2 percent below the \$16.8 million delivered to the city last January.

The \$10.9 million local sales tax allocation to the city of Dallas for January reflects a 5.2 percent decrease from the \$11.5 million in sales tax rebate for the same month last year.

The San Antonio sales tax allocation for January was \$7 million, up 2.7 percent over the January 1996 payment of \$6.9 million.

The Austin sales tax rebate for January totaled \$5.4 million, 6.3 percent below the city's January 1996 payment of \$5.7 million.

Sales tax rebates delivered to local cities include:

■ Del Rio, with a rebate of \$181,323.49, 2.43 percent below that for January 1996.

■ Rocksprings, with a \$2,558.42 payment, 1.99 percent decrease over the same period last year.

■ Camp Wood, with a rebate of \$908.88, reflecting a 6.23 percent decrease over the same month in 1996.

■ Leakey, which was delivered \$1,870.79, a 9.18 percent decrease over the same period last year.

■ Uvalde, with a rebate of \$73,811.34, which was a .15 percent decrease over the same month in 1996.

■ Sabinal, with an allocation of \$1,778.89, 32.29 percent below for January 1996.

## Tigers top Mustangs, 64-48 remain undefeated in district

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

NATALIA - After jumping out to a 38-15 halftime lead, the Brackett Tigers held on for a 64-58 victory over the Natalia Mustangs in District 30-2A basketball action Tuesday.

The Tigers, who are now 16-6 on the year, jumped out to a 30-9 lead after the opening stanza, which was their highest scoring quarter of the season.

"That was the best I've ever had a team play," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "Offensively, we executed. Defensively, we challenged every shot."

Natalia came out of the locker rooms at halftime on fire, outscoring Brackett 27-12 in the third period, as the Tigers led 50-42 going into the fourth quarter.

"Natalia shot the ball a lot better in the second half, but I don't think we were as aggressive on defense."

"Their crowd helped them get back in the game after they hit a couple of threes."

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Gary Grubbs

Brackett and Comfort are now tied for the lead in district with 3-0 league records. Dilley is 2-1, Natalia is 1-2, and Charlotte and Center Point are both 0-3.

Moses Hernandez paced the Tigers with a game-high 19 points against the Mustangs.

"I thought Moses dominated inside," Grubbs said. "He gave their bigger players a hard time with his quickness. He had a lot of big rebounds for us."

Ramon De Leon pitched in 18 points for Brackett, Beau Smallwood scored 15, Brian Flores had seven, Rene Luna scored three and Luis Guajardo added two.

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Brackett jumped out to a 10-point first quarter lead and held off a late Dilley rally as the Tigers defeated the Wolves 73-71.

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On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins.

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## Tigerettes rout Lady Mustangs, retain first place lead in district

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

NATALIA - With Lindy La Mascus sidelined because of illness, Katy Hagler was able to return to the Tigerettes' starting lineup.

She made the most of it.

The junior forward scored a career-high 20 points as Brackett ran past Natalia 76-34 Tuesday in District 30-2A basketball action.

"Katy had a great game," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "I was tickled to death."

"She had the opportunity to step in for Lindy and she came through with a great game. She shot the ball extremely well."

With the victory, the Tigerettes improve to 15-11 on the season and finish the first round of conference play with a perfect mark.

Brackett is 5-0 in district, Comfort is 4-1, Dilley is 3-2, Charlotte is 2-3, Center Point is 1-5, and Natalia is 0-5.

"It was a big win because now

we are in a great position in district," Nowlin said. "We have a one-game lead going into the second round."

"The second half is going to be tougher than the first. We have three of the five games on the road, and two of the road games are against Comfort and Dilley. We just have to take it one game at a time."

Tiffany Talbert scored 20 points on Tuesday as Comfort edged Center Point 39-34. Dilley had four players in double figures as they defeated Charlotte 63-45.

While Hagler was scoring from the outside Tuesday night, Amanda Meek was doing the work in the paint. The senior center also scored 20 points.

"Amanda had her normal, consistent game," Nowlin said. "She did a real good job."

Tina Meek scored nine points for Brackett, Courtney Harrison had eight, Chica Garza and Reccia Jobe both scored six, La Toya Wright had five, and Patty Lopez

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Gregg Nowlin

added three.

Garza also had 10 assists in the contest. She has recorded 153 assists in 24 games for a 6.4 assists-per-game average.

The senior point guard is 30 assists away from breaking the school record for most assists in a single season. Jennifer Terrazas set the current record with 182 assists in 1995.

If Garza continues to pick up her average number of assists, she will break the record before the end of the regular season.



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Brackett center Amanda Meek (31) tries to block a shot by Dilley's Misty Minton (32) as Courtney Harrison, left, Chica Garza, center, and Lindy La Mascus look on.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Democrats are unable to cope with failing liberalism

The total hypocrisy and bankrupt character of the Democrats in Washington is being glaringly displayed daily.

Being unable to cope with honesty and the failing liberalism that has persecuted America for 30 years, they are dedicated to the destruction of the spark plug of the success being accomplished by the Republican party.

Never has a man in the public eye been so unmercifully vilified. These radical liberals were successful in character assassination of Judge Borg and John Tower. They felt they could successfully destroy anyone they chose.

The snide remark by Benson, "You're no John Kennedy" and following ridicule crippled Dan Quayle's effectiveness.

Dick Gebhart, when speaker of the house, openly broke the law in fraudulently evading income tax laws for three years. When the facts finally came out, he was allowed to pay the taxes he evaded and nothing was said; he was a Democratic leader.

The Democrats were scared stiff of the leadership of Newt Gingrich and decided to destroy him.

They, urged on and abetted by the radical liberal media, CNN, NBC, CBS, and ABC, spread lies, aided by \$35 million spent by labor unions that turned many unthinking people against Gingrich.

He taught a course in several Universities (approved as part of the curriculum) and funded by money from several sources. One of these was a PAC funded by tax free giving.

The rabid House of Representatives voted to hire an "outside" legal agency to investigate. The radicals filed 74 charges, and 73 were thrown out summarily.

The "special prosecutor" spent many months and allegedly \$300,000, and came up with nothing, nil, nada - nothing.

I heard him make his report and, if you look at the facts he

outlined, you could readily see he found nothing wrong. IRS agents found nothing wrong.

To put the action to rest, Gingrich agreed to accept a letter of reprimand and reimburse the government \$300,000.

Jim Wright, speaker of the house, was proved guilty of patently defrauding the I.R.S. and getting kickbacks, but there was never any whisper of him reimbursing the government for cost of prosecution.

You see, Jim Wright was a leading liberal Democrat.

Devotees of the "get Gingrich" still to this day continue to blatantly lie and the news media spreads the lies.

Much has been said and written about how nine Republicans didn't vote for Gingrich, but nothing about the thunderous applause greeting his reelection.

Much is said about Gingrich's low approval in polls, but nothing about the lowest counts of any president in history when measuring the morals and honesty of Bill Clinton.

Much is being said about Gingrich "shutting down the government" when in all logic and honesty Bill Clinton shut down the government.

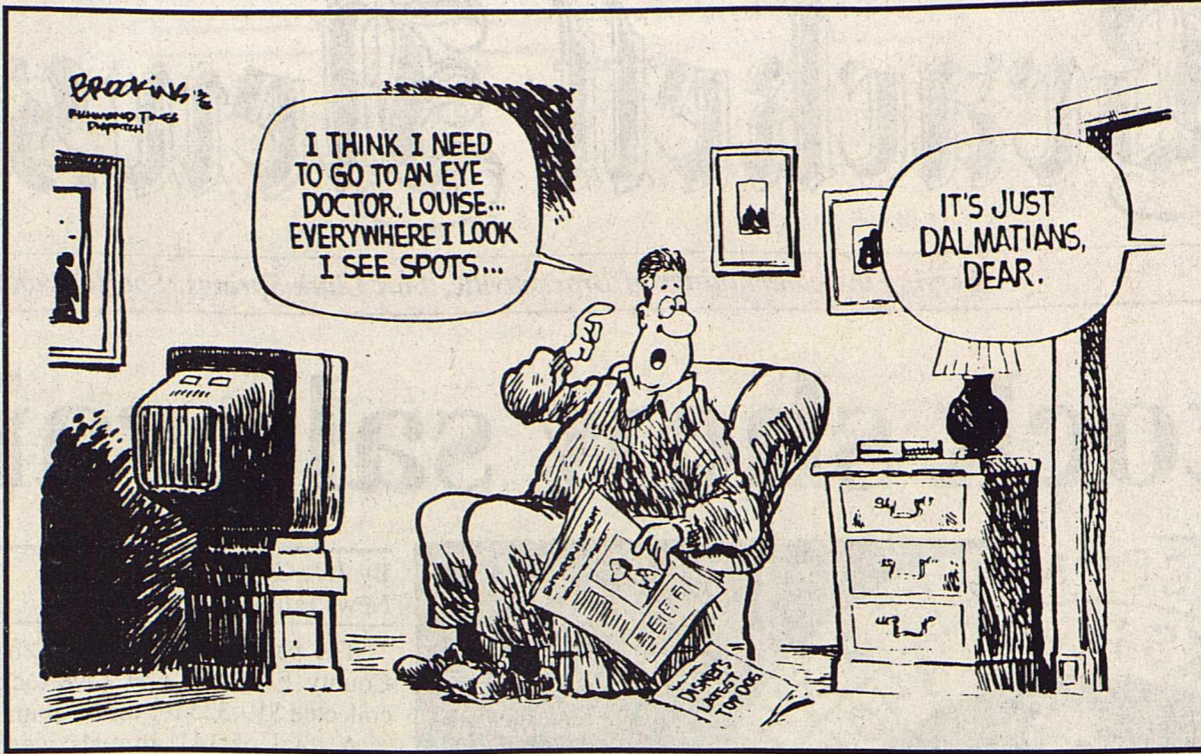
He was presented a budget twice passed with large majority in both the House and the Senate, and Clinton vetoed both, thus shutting down the government.

It's time the American people started looking at the facts and thinking for themselves rather than listening to liberal hogwash.

Prima Facia evidence showed illegal contributions to Clinton and Gore who glibly lied about it, but Clinton's robot, Reno, refused to appoint a "special prosecutor."

Again, I say there jumps out at any thinking person the lies and hypocrisy of the Washington Democrats.

However, what goes around comes around. One of these days the sky will fall on such insidious and profligate people.



A chance to govern

I'm a believer in the government of the United States. Watching the Inaugural Events, it struck me that this is America's way of showing that it can have a peaceful transition of power.

There they all were before the election, fighting and arguing about what political party would best be able to do those things that are important to us, as individuals and as a nation.

On Inauguration Day, we seemed to figure out that the majority of our citizens wanted it this way and that is the reason those folks were there.

That's right. The American people elected a president from one party and a Congress from the other.

We have tried it the other way, for many years, so maybe this one will work better.

Whether I believe in the party of the president or the party of Congress, these folks still were elected to represent us by governing this best of nations - the USA!

I'm tired of the arguing and fighting between political parties. I'm quite frankly tired of the name calling.

Each party says that there are crooks and thieves running the other party. If there are, weed them out fast and get on with the job of running our country.



We have so much to work on, beginning with a balanced budget to insure the futures of our young people.

I also believe that we must stabilize the economics of the retirement account that many elderly Americans rely totally on - Social Security.

The American people have spoken. Our government has been organized and even changed in some instances.

It is time that we give the process the support that it deserves. The ballot box is the best way of changing governments.

I loved the bands and the eloquence of the day, beginning with the church service, the Pre-Inaugural Activities, and even the celebrations that followed.

Many of our children were able to watch the activities on the big screen in the school library.

Perhaps, they understood the significance of what they were watching (teachers were there to help with the learning).

One thing for sure they understood was when the Battle Hymn of the Republic was sung and

played. With the Capitol as a backdrop, they could see Republicans and Democrats working as a team to insure that our country took the required steps to insure orderly transfer of power.

I am optimistic about the future. I hope that you are.

In our schools, each year in May, we have a ceremony called commencement.

It is a process where our young folks have completed their high school education as they move to prepare themselves to someday take our places in leadership positions in our communities and in our nation.

Who knows, one of these young people from Brackettville might someday be in a position of great trust in our government.

We must teach the children about our government and how it works. They must learn the political process. It may not be perfect, but it is the best government in existence today.

Have a good week. Let's give those Republicans and Democrats a chance to govern.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

New tax law gives homemakers a fair deal

January 1, 1997, marks a happy day for 10 million hard working single income American couples, who beginning that day will enjoy retirement savings equity and be able to accumulate their nest egg on an equal footing with two income couples.

The Homemaker IRA proposal I first introduced in the Senate in 1993 finally passed and became law last year, effective Jan. 1, 1997.

This provision allows homemakers to make IRA contributions, up to \$2,000, regardless of whether they work outside the home.

In other words, the Homemaker IRA allows non-wage earning spouses to make savings contributions at the same rate that wage earning spouses are allowed to make. It will significantly affect the way millions of Americans save for their retirement.

I wrote this legislation starting from the basic premise that work done inside the home, running the home, caring for children, is every bit as important to the strength of our society as any work performed outside the home anywhere in the country.

But until the Homemaker IRA became law, the tax code did not reflect that long-held American value. The old law limited a non-working spouse's contribution to \$250 a year, or \$2,250 for a one income couple. This was a "gender gap," and it was a "family gap" as well.

The idea behind IRAs is to enable and encourage Americans to set aside money for their retirement security. Single income couples have the same retirement needs as two income couples. Everyone should be allowed to save, on an equal basis, for their retirement years. The law must be as impartial as we can make it. No one, especially not homemakers, should be at a disadvantage.

How big of a difference will the new law make in the financial security of a typical couple who takes advantage of its savings provisions? Setting aside an extra \$1,750 in an IRA each year for 30 years (assuming a modest 6 percent rate of return) would result in \$150,000 of additional retirement savings, a significant asset.

A couple should not over look IRAs as a part of retirement planning. Over a working lifetime, a nest egg can build from \$350,000 to as high as \$400,000 depending on the investment return. This \$2,000 per person per year accrues tax free into a real benefit.

Such reform was critical to the long term financial security of women. Women live longer than men and earn less money. They become divorced or widowed. They leave the workforce to bear children and care for their families. As a result, they typically begin saving for retirement later than men and save less.

Unfortunately, families retiring today will not see the benefit of this legislation. But 25 years from now, I hope countless married, widowed or divorced homemakers will be able to avoid living under near poverty conditions because of this new law.

We have made the tax code a much more even handed instrument. Homemakers finally are getting a fair deal.

Sheriff's Report

There are currently 28 prisoners being held in the Kinney County Jail.

Wednesday, January 15 Richard Rodriguez of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for criminal mischief. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rodriguez was released on Jan. 19 for time served.

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Get ready, April 15 is just around the corner

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

Beware. Your brand new 1996 Federal Income Tax forms will be hitting your mailbox any day now. Just the thought of starting the process of filing and paying your taxes can give you an instant headache.

When it requires a volume's worth of instructions just to fill out the forms, it's clear that our tax system is just too big and too complicated. It's time to change it for the better for everyone. Congress needs to overhaul the current tax code so that hard working American families do not have to waste their valuable time and money each year filling out forms.

Most Americans agree that they pay too much in taxes and that our tax system needs a fix. But some folks in Washington seem perfectly happy with the status quo and are fighting any change in the current system. It's the same old song and dance, they don't want things to change because that would strip them of their power and our money.

Several plans are out there and we need to take a careful look at all of them. One plan talked about a lot these days calls for a consumption tax. Proponents of this plan like it because it's simple. A consumption tax basically taxes all of us on what we buy, not how much we make. The idea is that a consumption tax, such as a national sales tax, would

eliminate the current system, and free Americans from having the government whittle away at their monthly paycheck and then handing over a large chunk of their salaries to Uncle Sam each April.

Another plan calls for a flat tax. The flat tax would tax each family's income at the same rate, after a substantial family deduction is taken. There are still a lot of questions about each plan but we should at least take a look.

There are other options on how to overhaul the whole tax system. One way to begin the process of tax reform would be to start smaller. For instance, a \$500 per child tax credit and capital gains tax cut would be a big help to many hard working families and small businesses in Texas.

A new system could also bring much needed relief to family farms, ranches and small businesses by doing away with the federal inheritance tax.

A complete turn around of the tax code isn't going to happen overnight.

The last Congress made important progress on the tax front. This Congress will continue this by taking a long, hard look at each plan to determine what's best for America. Whether it's a flat tax or outright elimination of the IRS, this Congress is jumping head first into the problem of developing a solution to the tax crisis.

It's going to take a while, but, in the end, a simpler, more common sense tax system will be worth the wait.

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Briefs ...

**Brackettville's Salazar named to Dean's List**

SAN ANTONIO - Brackettville resident Elias Salazar, a senior majoring in history, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must receive a 3.75 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The University of Texas at San Antonio is the city's only comprehensive, four-year public university, with 17,547 students in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs.

Established in 1969 as an academic component of the UT System, UTSA is expected to continue as the state's fastest-growing public university throughout the year 2010.

**Las Moras Hispanic Organization to meet**

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization is once again preparing for the Cinco de Mayo celebration in May.

The organization's regular Monday meetings will begin this Monday at 7 p.m. at the Kinney County Court House.

Anyone interested in joining this organization is encouraged to attend one of these meetings, or can contact Anabelia Talamantez or Alama Gutierrez at 563-3139, or Marta Martinez or Sylvia Gomez at 563-2266.

**Poster contest open to area children**

Want to help your third and fourth graders win great prizes while learning all about poisons?

Then, make sure that your child is participating in the 1997 Texas Poison Center Network Poison Prevention Poster Contest!

Any third or fourth grade public, private, or homeschooled student can enter.

Statewide sponsor at the local level is your area Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

The grand prize is a personal computer, donated by Humco. Students will also vie for regional awards provided by Kroger.

The deadline for entry is Feb. 21. For poster contest rules or an entry forms, contact the Education Department at the South Texas Poison Center at 1-800-764-7661, or stop by your participating Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

**Institute hosts teacher's workshop this summer**

Registration is currently under way for the Teacher's Conservation Institute, a week-long summer workshop for teachers interested in environmental education.

The Institute provides hands on practical exercises to supplement classroom curricula and student projects for teachers of any subject from kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as education administrators, youth program leaders, nature center employees, science coordinators and librarians. Three hours of graduate credit will be available.

For a free brochure or more information on the workshop, contact the Texas Forestry Association at (409) 632-TREE or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, Texas, 75901.

**Bridge Anyone**  
By NORMA GOULD

**Eight tables play the Mitchell Movement**

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Fort Clark Springs Bridge Club met with eight tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

In the north to south direction, first place winners were Tina Baugess and Rosetta Pingnot. Mona Miller and Deanna Scott came in second, and in third place was Betty Inman and Marge Maderich.

In the east to west direction, first place winners were Gertrude and Arnie Trautwein. Second place was Bob Barnett and Joyce Bell, and in third place was Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder.

**National Parks Service serves important role**

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Amy Ireland of the National Park Service has only recently come to Del Rio, and last Thursday the Brackettville Rotary Club heard her speak about her work.

Ireland was first employed by the Park Service in 1989 and was stationed at Mesa Verde National Park.

She first worked seasonally at various parks, then she and her husband both changed to a permanent basis. They came to the Amistad National Recreation Area from the Natural Bridges Park in Utah.

Ireland showed slides of a number of parks and monuments, and presented an historical overview of the development of the Park Service.

No traditional visitor's sites existed in the United States like they did in Europe, but one by one natural geological wonders

were discovered as the country became settled.

Fortunately, those who stumbled upon these places realized that the sites were far too precious to be owned by any one person or small group.

American ingenuity surfaced. These places should be set aside and protected so that everyone had a chance to see them, even future generations.

The Congress was empowered to declare a site a National Park, and the Antiquities Law allowed the president to declare national monuments.

These places were cared for by the Interior Department, until the National Park Service was created.

In 1950, the War Department turned over the historical sites to the Park Service.

The importance of recreational areas has been recognized in recent years as life has become more hectic.

The Parks Service's role in the

Amistad area is an example of meeting such needs.

Amistad Dam was built with the cooperation of Mexico and the United States. Amistad means friendship, a particularly appropriate name.

The dam was constructed for water preservation and to prevent flooding that periodically caused much destruction on both sides of the border.

Water for irrigation and for hydroelectric power is provided by the dam.

The dam's presence has created recreational opportunities.

The water at Amistad has risen 10 feet since it began receding during the recent drought.

In spite of the changing water level, the opportunities are there for fishing and swimming. The water is clear and inviting because of the limestone base.

There are boat ramps, camp grounds, and various facilities. These and the maintenance of them are the responsibility of the



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTOS BY ERIC McMASTER  
President Mike Holley welcomes Amy Ireland of the National Park Service to the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting on Thursday.

Park Service.

Ten thousand years ago, Indian hunters and gatherers frequented this area leaving behind wonderful rock art and artifacts which are

protected by the Park Service.

Several endangered species either live in this area or migrate through it. These are also protected by the Park Service.

**Champions' dogs bring home honors**

'PR' Bobbi's Red Girl Ginger was awarded Best Female at the Morris Community Coon Hunters Association UKC Bench Show in Sweet Home on Saturday.

On her way to being selected Best Female, Ginger also won Best In Class and Best In Breed.

Ginger, a 9-month-old redbone coonhound, is owned by Bobbi Lynn Champion of Spofford.

'PR' Crystal's Fancy Comanche Lacy, a 9-month-old treeing walker, and 'PR' Seminole Canyon Casey, a 2-year-old treeing walker, won Best In Class for the puppy and senior classes, respectively. Both are owned by Crystal Champion.

Barbara Champion showed her 1-year-old bluetick, 'PR' Murr's Jackie, for Best In Class and Best In Breed, but was defeated by Ginger for Best Female.

Jackie will be off the show circuit for a couple of months as she is expecting pups Feb. 23.

At the Hill Country Coon Hunters Association Show in Waring this past July, Crystal won third place in the Speed Race with 'PR' Comanche Tim.

She teamed up with Bobbi Lynn, handling CH 'PR' Boggy Bottom Poncho, to take first place in the Double Treeing Competition.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY WES ROBINSON  
Bobbi Lynn (left) and Crystal Champion proudly display their award winning dogs.

In August, at the Lone Star Coon Hunters Association Show in San Antonio, Crystal won the Jr. Bench competition with Lacy, and Bobbi Lynn won a blue ribbon with 'PR' Comanche Sioux ZQ.

Bobbi Lynn took first in the

Speed Race and Crystal won second in the Single Treeing Contest, both using Tim.

At both the Hill Country and Lone Star Shows, Tim competed in the Night Hunt, finishing second in his cast at both competitions.

**Smoke From Nakai**

By Nakai Breen



Readers  
I will continue the talk about the shawl.

When our ways were put aside and we took new ways, that was another shawl, another teaching. But when some of the people could not cope with that new lifestyle, they returned home to embrace the teachings of the elders and took the shawl back. The shawl was a symbol of coming home to the arms of mother earth, to be nurtured in her love, to eat, sleep and drink her clear liquid that came down from the mountains. To take back the shawl that one has left behind is to ask permission of the elders, that we want to live among our people, we want to learn more of our ancestor's teachings and ways.

In the modern way a lot of our people have gone astray, married different races outside ours. A lot have lost their traditional culture and have even become ashamed to claim their blood. Some lost the touch and respect of our mother earth. Many children of mixed blood want to travel our path. They want to take a shawl. It will be hard for them because they have never been close to an elder to teach them about our ways.

But now that the prediction of the White Buffalo is here, there are many races that are after the shawl.  
The grandmothers or the elders

have taught everybody of the time when the white buffalo would come and that many shawls would be taken and many changes would start to happen. I remember when my own grandmother told me I might be here and maybe not when the white buffalo would come and to be prepared to take a shawl because there would be a lot of confusion.

The prophecy said that the return of the buffalo to Turtle Island (meaning mother earth) universal. It would mark the return of many Red ancestors who would not necessarily come back to the goodness of our ways and many people would feel confused at having no Indian blood. Yet they are in the Red Road. There would be a lot of people that would claim to be teachers of medicine or claim to know everything that came from our teachings and never have been around to hear or learn of the shawl. There would be a lot of talk, envy, jealousy, robbers, killing each other and things that were never heard of.

All these things were going to be called growth tools and that it would require only a taking of the shawl to save the human race and mother earth and put peace upon man and his kind.

So until next week.  
Be gentle with your spirit.  
Nakai

**Art Club members win ribbons for paintings**

Blue, red and white ribbons were awarded to paintings submitted by members of the Fort Clark Art Club at the Kinney County Livestock Show.

The art club's new slate of officers for the year remains the same.

Two recent visits from Elderhostellers brought three sales of paintings.

Gen Davis of Eagle Pass conducted a successful beginners' oil painting workshop on Jan. 10-11.

Some dates to be considered in the weeks ahead include: Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Diva Walker, oil workshop, Indian pottery; Feb. 28 and March 1, Bud Breen, oil workshop, South Western.

The annual arts and crafts sale is on March 8. Special attractions include a T-Shirt competition, a bake sale, a low-cost special of beans and cornbread lunch; and a drawing for a painting in the morning and in the afternoon.

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# Tigers top Wolves for second district win **Briefs ...**

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

Brackett jumped out to a 10-point first quarter lead and held off a late Dilley rally Friday night as the Tigers defeated the Wolves

73-71 in District 30-2A basketball action. "We played real well," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "We beat a good team. Brackett jumped out to a 23-13 lead after the opening stanza.

The Wolves outscored the Tigers 20-17 in the third period to cut the margin to seven at the half, as Brackett led 40-33.

The Tigers then outscored the Wolves 20-17 in the third quarter, taking a 60-50 advantage into the final period.

"We should have won by a bigger margin," Grubbs said. "We had a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter."

Moses Hernandez paced the Tigers' scoring attack. He sank 9 of 16 shots for 18 points. The senior also had 13 rebounds, seven assists and four steals.

Beau Smallwood had 14 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, two blocked shots and a steal.

Rene Luna and Brian Flores also scored in double figures, finishing with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Luis Guajardo had eight points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Ramon De Leon also scored eight points. He pitched in six steals, four rebounds and two assists.

Matthew Smallwood added two points for the Tigers.

Adrian Santos led Dilley with 27 points, while J.J. Neves scored 20 and Alex Torres had 12.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY  
Brackett's Brian Flores (12) puts up a three-pointer against Dilley as Beau Smallwood (20) and Moses Hernandez (43) look on.

## J.V. Tigerettes claim title at tournament

Brackett topped Nueces Canyon 34-31 in the championship game of the Brackett junior varsity basketball tournament Saturday to finish with top honors.

Stephanie Terrazas scored 10 points to pace the junior varsity Tigerettes in the finale.

La Toya Wright scored eight points, Jamie Bader had six, Hilda Aguirre finished with five, Jennifer Ashabanner scored three and Laura Lee Ballew pitched in two.

The junior varsity Tigerettes opened the tournament with a 50-33 victory over Rocksprings.

Aguirre scored 13 points and Ashabanner had 12 to pace the Tigerettes against the Lady Angoras.

Bader finished with eight points, Terrazas had five, and Ballew, Wright and Crystal Juarez all added two.

Brackett's freshmen team dropped a 39-21 decision to Rocksprings in Saturday's third place final.

Tara Eckenrod and Trisha Robinson both scored six points, Jessica De Leon and Connie Castro had three apiece, Samantha Payne scored two and Tiffany Eckenrod made a free throw.

The freshmen Tigerettes opened the tournament with a 34-29 loss to Nueces Canyon.

Robinson had 21 points against the Lady Panthers, the Eckenrod sisters scored three apiece, and Michelle Melancon and Jania Finkenbinder each added one.

The junior varsity Tigerettes will participate in the Rocksprings tournament on Saturday.

## Tigers finish second

The Rocksprings Angoras defeated the Brackett Tigers 69-52 Saturday in the finals of the Brackett junior varsity basketball tournament.

Coty Williams and Phillip Juarez both scored 10 points to lead Brackett's scoring attack.

Eric Segovia finished with eight points, Justin Turner scored seven, Caleb Crumley had six, Moses Villarreal chipped in five, and Demitrous Williams, Jacob Mann and Tommy Sandoval all had two.

The Tigers opened the tourney with a 61-48 win over Nueces Canyon.

Juarez led the way with 17 points, Villarreal finished with 12, Demitrous Williams scored eight, Coty Williams had five, Crumley scored four, Turner had three, and Segovia, Mann and Daniel Hernandez had two apiece.

## Cubs, Cubettes win over Sacred Heart

DEL RIO - The Brackett Cubs and Cubettes swept a double-header with Sacred Heart here Monday night in junior high basketball action.

Schiller Hill scored 19 points to lead the Cubs to a 32-22 victory. With the win, the Cubs improve to 5-2 on the season.

Sam Hunt had six points for Brackett, Damion Toms scored four, Martin Garcia had two and Brian Collier sank a free throw.

The Cubettes upped their overall record to 6-3 after picking up a 26-21 victory.

Mary Ann Rivas paced the Cubettes with a 10-point performance.

Duquesa Hunt and Erika Garcia both had four points, Queta Garza and Marty Payne each scored three, and Savannah Massingill pitched in two.

## BN-FI Tigers come up on short end

DEL RIO - From Signs Now defeated the Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers 56-52 Monday night in City League basketball action at the Boys Club.

Brackett News-Fritz Insurance outscored From Signs Now 29-28 in the second half, but it wasn't enough for the victory.

W.T. Hunt paced the Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers with a 16-point performance.

Ferney Quiroz scored 14 points. Gary Grubbs had 10, Steve Clementz scored eight, and Richard Slubar chipped in four.

## Meek leads Tigerettes over Dilley

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

Amanda Meek scored 25 points Friday, leading the Brackett Tigerettes to a 36-29 win over the Dilley Lady Wolves in District 30-2A basketball action.

"It was a real big win," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "They gave us all we wanted in the first half."

"They controlled the tempo. They slowed it down and were real deliberate with their shot selection."

"They had a good game plan coming in," he said. "They shut Courtney (Harrison) down."

Harrison had been lighting it up from the outside, but Dilley's zone defense harassed her through-

out Friday's contest, often leaving Meek in one-on-one situations.

Meek was 12 of 21 from the field, and added one of four free throws to lead all scorers.

"Amanda had a real good game," Nowlin said. "They decided to stay in Courtney's face, so that turned Amanda loose."

Harrison finished with five points in the contest, while Lindy La Mascus, Chica Garza and Tina Meek all added two points.

Amanda Meek pulled down 10 boards as the Tigerettes out-rebounded the Lady Wolves 33-22.

Garza, the Tigerettes' point guard, had nine rebounds, four assists and four steals. La Mascus added five steals and four assists for Brackett.

## JV Tigers break even in conference action

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

NATALIA - The Brackett Tigers junior varsity suffered its first district loss of the season Tuesday, falling to Natalia 74-49.

With the loss, Brackett's junior varsity evens its District 30-2A record to 1-1.

Tommy Sandoval paced the Tigers on Tuesday with an 11-point performance.

Coty Williams and Moses Villarreal both had nine points, Eric Segovia scored seven, Daniel Hernandez pitched in six, Phillip

Juarez scored five and Steven Hagler had two.

The junior varsity Tigers opened their district slate on Friday with a 51-40 victory over Dilley.

Williams scored 16 points in the victory and Sandoval finished with 12.

Segovia had seven points, Juarez and Justin Turner both scored six, and Hagler and Villarreal added two apiece.

Brackett resumes district play Friday as they travel to Center Point. On Tuesday, they travel to Comfort. Both games begin at 5.

## BISD Cafeteria Menu

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### Breakfast Menu

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Waffles  
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Monday, January 27  
Ham & Cheese  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Tuesday, January 28  
Fruited Muffin  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Wednesday, January 29  
Whole Wheat Cheese Toast  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, January 30  
Tiger Toast  
Fruit or Fruit Juice

### Lunch Menu

Friday, January 24  
Chicken Fried steak  
White Cream Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Choice of Vegetable  
Whole Wheat Roll

Monday, January 27  
Chili Cheese Dog  
Oven Fries  
Veggie Stks  
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, January 28  
Meat Loaf W/Rich  
Brown Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Choice of Fruit  
Roll

Wednesday, January 29  
Hamburger  
Burger Salad  
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Thursday, January 30  
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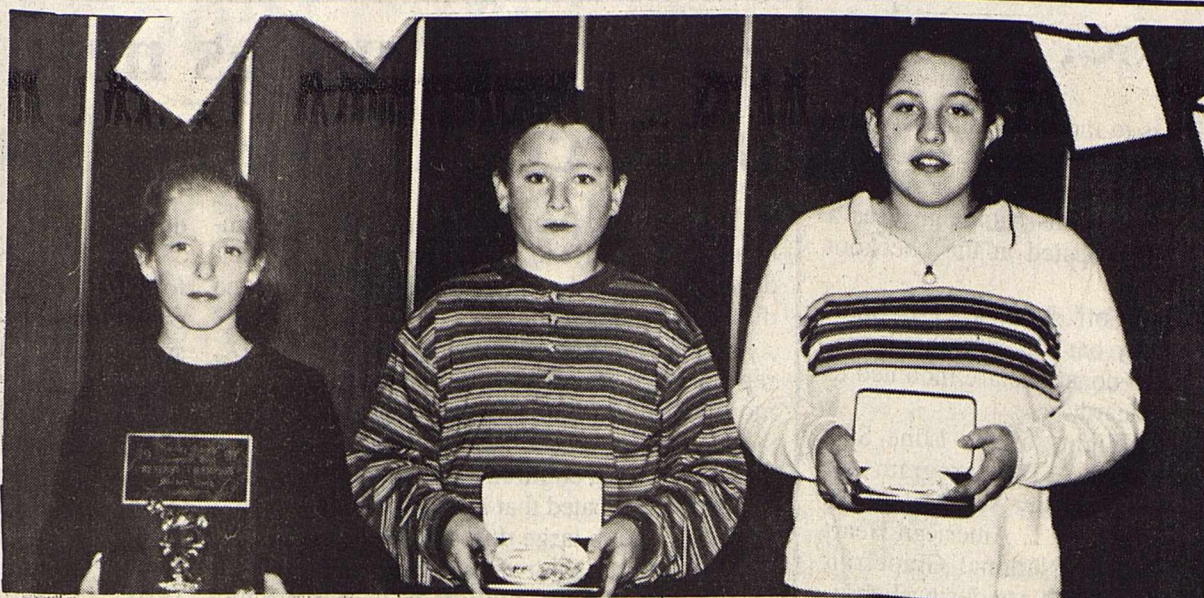
By Frances McMaster  
Jeffery Parsons speak of the recent increased efforts to enforce Rio sector of the Border Patrol. In recent years, more and more smugglers try to avoid trouble. The flow has now increased in the Kin-

**Council agrees not to fill vacancy until May**  
The Brackettville City Council declined to fill the seat left vacant by Charles Bushart Tuesday night at their regular monthly meeting. Alvin Stocks Construction Company's low bid of \$77,160 was under the \$87,200 allotted in the budget.

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JoLee Jones won showmanship in the finewool ewe lamb division. Misty Rose (not pictured) had the grand champion.



Winning honors in the meat goat division of the 42nd Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Saturday were Whitney Hobbs (from left), reserve grand champion; Whitney Massingill, showmanship; and Savannah Massingill, grand champion.



Cheryl Vernor won the grand champion, reserve grand champion and showmanship awards in the market swine division.

Record books needed from participants in K.C. Livestock Show

Record books are needed from children who participated in last weekend's 42nd Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show, FFA Instructor John Paul Schuster announced.

Participants can take their record books to Schuster at the high school, or to the County Extension Agent's office at the Kinney County Courthouse.

Those who participated in the stock show also need to pick up a list of buyers in order to write thank-you letters.



In the lamb division at the Kinney County Livestock Show, Laura Lee Ballew (from left) won reserve champion finewool, J. Wayne Ballew won grand champion finewool and reserve champion crossbred, and Beth Ballew won grand champion crossbred and showmanship.

# Livestock Show dubbed a success

Continued from Page 1

In the angora goat division, Susannah Davis had the grand champion buck kid, which sold for \$300 to Del Rio Bank and Trust. She also had the reserve grand champion doe kid.

Dietrich Davis, who won the showmanship award, sold his reserve grand champion buck kid for \$350 to Super S.

Amy Bader showed the grand champion doe kid, which sold for \$450 to Blue Ribbon Feed Mill.

Jessica Payne won the Most Improved Feeder Award, which is given to a livestock shower who has never exhibited an animal at a major stock show.

Cheryl Vernor won the showmanship award in the swine division. She sold her grand champion market hog for \$700 to Howard Chevrolet.

Vernor also had the reserve grand champion hog, which went for \$600 to Del Rio National Bank.

David Melancon had the grand champion rabbit meat pen, rabbit buck and rabbit doe. The meat pen sold for \$550 to Uvalco, while his rabbit doe was sold for \$300 to the First State of Brackettville.

Michelle Melancon, who won the showmanship award, had the reserve grand champion rabbit meat pen, which went for \$300 to West Texas Bancorp.

Melancon sold her reserve

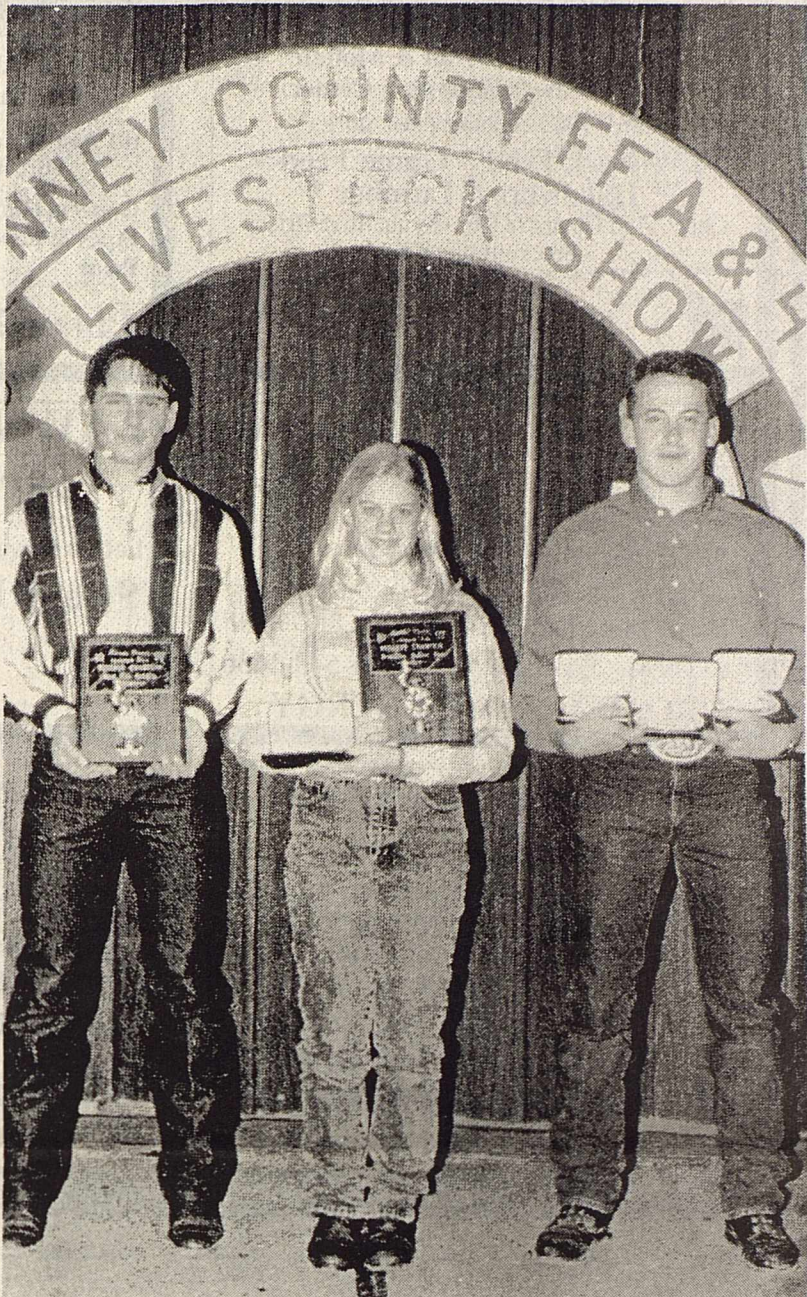
## Joey Key York Award

The following is a list of winners of the Joey Key York Award, presented at the Kinney County Livestock Show:

1972	Minot Pratt III
1973	Bill Ballew
1974	Candy Smallwood
1975	Kaye York
1976	Marcelino Valdez Jr.
1977	Mark A. Baxter
1978	Brenda Foust
1979	Joel J. Voss
1980	Doug McCarty
1981	Tana McCarty
1982	Seth A. Kaplan
1983	Lashawn Wardlaw
1984	Westley White
1985	Toby Frerich
1986	Tammy Frerich
1987	Kasey Lee Hall
1988	J. T. Will Shahan III
1989	Jesus Aguirre
1990	Stephanie Ahrens
1991	Jennifer Shahan
1992	Kimberley Ahrens
1993	Justin Coates
1994	Charlotte Rose
1995	Susannah Davis
1996	Amber N. Davis
1997	Savannah Massingill

grand champion rabbit doe to the First State Bank of Brackettville for \$300.

Jerritt Meeks had the reserve grand champion rabbit buck, which sold for \$350 to the U.S. Border Patrol, the Brackettville Lions Club and Rio Grande Electric.



In the rabbit division, Jerritt Meeks (from left) won reserve champion breeder buck; Michelle Melancon won reserve champion meat pen, reserve champion breeder doe and showmanship; and David Melancon won grand champion meat pen, grand champion breeder buck and grand champion breeder doe.

## Windbreaks establish a living boundary and protection

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins.

In Kinney County, such windbreaks establish more than a living boundary, they also provide protection for the residence.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter, which in some regions may also involve snow.

Such protection increases the heating and cooling efficiency of the residence, according to Robert Fewin, a TFS area forester from Lubbock.

Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

To ensure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four row farmstead windbreak; an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year round security; and an inside tall deciduous row, extending the zone of protection.

Within a homestead windbreak, each row and its species play a unique and yet concerted role in the life and effectiveness of the break.

In regions where snow drifting is a concern, a north side shrub

row planted 40 feet from the main windbreak, be it of nanking cherry or aromatic sumac, will prevent snow accumulation.

And for landowners desiring wildlife, the shrubs produce fruit, cover and browse which will attract and sustain wildlife populations.

The interior evergreen rows, the backbone of windbreaks, create year-round surveillance and foliage for up to 75 years or more.

The deciduous tree row, which produces a tall barrier quicker than the evergreens, provides earlier protection and also extends the maximum zone of protection on the leaside.

Regions characteristic of heavy snow fall benefit from homestead windbreaks, also referred to as living snow fences.

These living fences prevent snow build-up against the house and along the entry way or drive way leading up to the home or headquarters.

To create a farmstead windbreak in the spring of 1997, seedlings produced by the TFS West Texas Nursery can be ordered today through participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Editor's note: For more information, contact your local district or the TFS WTN at (806) 746-5801.

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**Monday January 27, 1997 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner**  
Fresh 4 oz. Chicken Fried Round Steak  
Buttered Fresh Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Tossed Salad  
Cloverleaf Roll  
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**Tuesday January 28, 1997 Enchilada Dinner**  
Two Cheese Enchiladas with Luby's Chilesauce  
Seasoned Pinto Beans and Spanish or Jalapeno Rice  
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Jalapeno Cornbread  
Luby's Fresh Baked Flan  
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**Wednesday January 29, 1997 Spaghetti Dinner**  
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# Program fights heart disease, stroke

The Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH), in partnership with the American Heart Association - Texas Affiliate (AHA), the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the Texas Produce Industry, will kickoff the Lone Star Way to 5 A Day program Sunday in grocery stores throughout Texas.

With a message of "Buy Texas - It's Good for Your Heart!" this educational and merchandising campaign advocates the consumption of at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day to re-

duce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other chronic diseases. The Lone Star Way to 5 A Day also educates Texans about the variety, quality and year-round availability of Texas produce.

Grocers participating in the program are Gerland's Food Fair, H-E-B, Kroger Company - Houston Division, Randalls/Tom Thumb Food Markets, Rice Food Markets, Super Kmart Centers, Walmart Supercenters, and Winn-Dixie Stores.

The PBH and AHA have also participated with divisions of the Fleming Companies throughout

Texas to mobilize smaller chains and independent grocers.

The fund raiser is a scanner program. This campaign uses a placard located at the checkout aisle.

Tear off donation cards individually bar coded with \$1, \$3, and \$5 donations are mounted to the placard.

Highlights of the Lone Star Way to 5 A Day program are Texas 5 A Day Week, Jan. 26 through Feb. 1, American Heart Month and National Grapefruit Month, which are during February.

# FDA announces new rules to protect children from poisoning

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced new rules to protect children from accidental poisoning from iron-containing drugs and dietary supplements.

FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler, M.D., reported that, despite child resistant packaging, more than 110,000 incidents of accidental exposure to iron have been reported since 1986. Most significantly, 35 children died from iron toxicity.

Kessler indicated that iron containing products "can be toxic in large doses, and even fatal."

Most serious injuries occurred with products having more than 30 milligrams of iron per unit

dose.

This includes most prenatal iron (and vitamin) formulations. Therefore, packages of all products containing iron or iron salts for use as dietary supplements or for therapeutic purposes must display a special warning statement.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers of young children must become vigilant in the use and storage of all products containing iron.

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<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Stiller's partner	6 Gnome	11 Part of USSR	14 "Casablanca" character	17 Emphasis	19 Navy builder	20 Cherbourg crony	21 On the — vive (watchful)	22 Start of a remark by John Yeck	25 Colorado native	26 Director Browning	27 Behalf	28 Ersatz	30 Actress Moore	31 Fiesta target	35 Little guys	36 Feed the kitty	39 Zagreb native	40 South American herbivore	43 Part 2 of remark	48 Machine part	51 Hold the title	52 Military command	53 Wishes undone	54 Wolsey's successor	55 Shriner's chapeau	56 Orchestra section	57 Wide-mouthed pitchers	59 It suits some	60 Rope in	62 Tina's ex	63 Pianist	64 Prickly plant	66 Requirs	68 Part 3 of remark	71 Maintain hat	72 Mourns	75 Part of Q.E.D.	76 Octopus	78 Outer limits	81 Permission	82 Tarzan, for one	84 Stringed instrument	86 84 Across accessory	87 Melodious Murray	88 Famed orca	89 Serpent	90 Take advantage of	91 Computer acronym	92 Part 4 of remark	96 Classical physician	97 Composer Copland	98 Word with fry or freeze	99 Stowe sight	101 Medicine-show	102 Exclude	103 Frequent traveler?	106 Scone smear	109 Inventive sort?	110 Highlander's hat	113 "Birds — leather ..."	114 End of remark	120 Env. abbr.	121 Easy as —	122 Britten's "Peter —"	123 Legendary Colt Johnny	124 Essential	125 Affirmative vote	126 You'll get a rise out of it	127 Restaurateur	128 Shor	<b>DOWN</b>	1 "Friends" address?	2 Return address?	3 Served well	4 Ring counter	5 Relative of 92	6 Asian holiday	7 Team scream	8 Sapporo sash	9 Ford of football	10 Aboveboard	11 Scottish storyteller	12 Exclude	13 Town that knows its onions?	14 Cuttlefish kin	15 Mustangs and Pintos	16 Demeanor	18 Soho streetcar	19 Sault — Marie, Mich.	23 Aspen item	24 Novice	29 Pitch	30 Aachen article	31 Preserve a petunia	32 Actress Skye	33 "Uh-uh!"	34 Put away a pizza	36 Overhead	37 Less dilapidated	38 Dar-es-Salaam denizens	39 Was "it"?	41 "This is only —"	42 Ltr. addenda	44 Capture a crook	45 Walk confidently	46 Spineless	47 Dancer Jose	48 Kick in, in a way	49 Turgenov	50 Autri or Wilder	54 Man of rare gifts?	57 Violinist	58 Textile term	59 Actress Ullmann	61 Get one's goat	63 Ambiance	65 Ophelia's love	67 First lady?	69 "Song of the South" uncle	70 Fresno fruit	72 Elated	73 City on the Truckee	74 Be generous	77 Supreme leader?	79 Dayan of Israel	80 Tidy the terrace	83 Illustrious divider	84 Sun screen	85 Fireplace	88 Whalers' grp.	89 Mata —	92 Flavorful seed	93 — chi (martial art)	94 Pop artist Peter	95 Fuss	96 Practical joke	99 Sam of "Ben Casey"	100 One of a bunch?	102 Like the Rockettes	103 Thwack	104 Molokai's neighbor	105 Sportscaster Musberger	106 Mindy's mate	107 Morning wear	108 Atahualpa, for one	109 — Gatos, Calif.	110 "Rosanna" rockers	111 MD's area	112 Kid's creation?	115 Literary preposition	116 Acapulco aunt	117 Morning hrs.	118 Badminton	119 "Flying Down to —"
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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### Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Social activities include friends and co-workers. Later in the week, turn your attention toward romance. Singles, especially, find their love lives heating up over the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're at odds with a friend early in the week. However, this is resolved as the week wanes. You find, though, that you have to do a bit of compromising. The weekend is favored for great social times.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Couples set aside special time to be with each other, even as they go about from chore to chore. This isn't the time to be overly concerned about a career matter. Feel free, instead, to get together with friends, especially over the weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Stick with the tried and true when it comes to dealing with difficult family members this week. The accent later in the week is on romantic pursuits. Plan a special outing for just the two of you this weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Although you have a minor tiff with your significant other early in the week, a new closeness is the likely result from this. Travel is favored this week, be it for business or pleasure. This weekend, tend to finances.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You want to get out and about early in the week, but some routine chores beckon. Once these are out of the way, feel free to enjoy yourself. Couples share quality time together this weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Those on the road could face some unexpected expenditures. However, that won't stand in the way of good times you'd planned to have with friends. A romantic interest becomes more important over the weekend.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Something you thought was so easy to do turns out to pose quite a problem this week. Swallow your pride and ask for help from that certain co-worker who has the expertise in this field. The weekend is favored for entertaining guests.


**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're not thrilled with the stubbornness of a friend who is not about to relent anytime soon. Past run-ins should give you a clue. It's best to try to go your own way. A social contact becomes a help to you in business.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) As the week begins, you can't understand why those around you are sniping at each other so much. Don't let these people get you down. You have too much to do to get involved with this. As the week goes on, all is resolved.

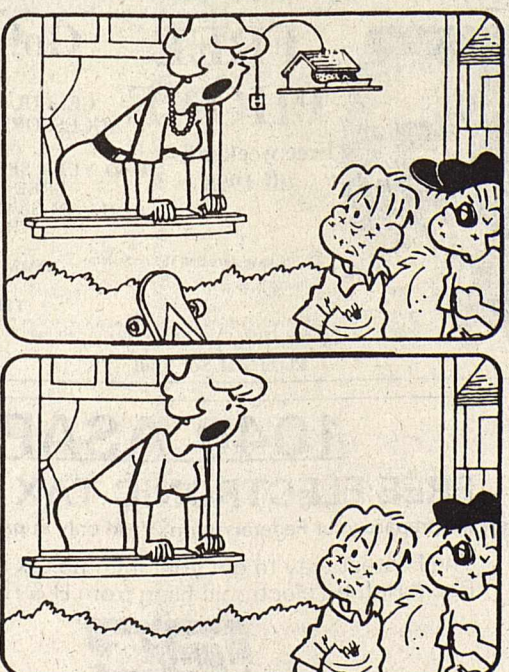
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You won't find the solution to that problem on the job easily. Put it aside for now and come back to it later. Happiness in romance makes a wonderful weekend for you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Interests this week center around the family and a special dinner party. Since you know well how to graciously entertain, the party turns out to be a smashing success.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**



Find at least 6 differences between panels.

Differences: 1. Beads are missing; 2. Bell is missing; 3. Stairboard is missing; 4. Feeder is missing; 5. Color is different; 6. Cap is different.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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Jan 23	Candy Dyer	Jan 29	Preston Taylor
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Jan 24	Jimmy Bader	Jan 29	Judith Adams
Jan 27	Tiara Ward	Jan 29	Bill Tom Ferguson
Jan 27	Margarita Garcia	Jan 29	Valerie Davis
Jan 27	Mary Alice Dimery		

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

The news daily paints for us a picture of sin. The rape and brutal murder of a six year old girl. The brutal murder of an elderly lady in San Antonio, another graphic picture of sin. The senseless murder of Bill Cosby's only son, a picture of sin. The senseless drive by shootings everytime is a picture of sin. Gang related and drug related shootings are always a graphic picture of sin. A mother drowns her two sons, another horrible picture of sin. These however are only window dressing. If we want to see a true picture of sin at its worst we must stand at the foot of Calvary's Cross and look into the face of Jesus Christ. The very Son of God, perfectly sinless, doing nothing but good in his life is a graphic picture of what sin can do. Greed, lust for power, jealousy, pride, arrogance, these are the sins pictured in stark reality on the cross. This is a true picture of sin.

A soldier on a battlefield gives his life for his comrades and his country gives us a picture of love, Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend." A mother, heart broken and weeping stands weeping loudly at the grave of her child. This is a picture of love. A man wheels his disabled wife wherever she needs to go but cannot walk. This is a picture of love. An aged mother, stooped and forlorn stands outside a prison wall sobbing because her son was to die at midnight, ending a string of murders, thefts, rapes and violent crime. Between sobs she says, "I wish I could take his place."

This is a stunning picture of love. If however you want to see a true picture of real love you must stand at the foot of Calvary's Cross and see Jesus Christ dying because He loved. Sinful man, he loved; thief, he loved; woman taken in adultery, he loved. There can be no greater picture of love than God's love demonstrated at Calvary.

We are reminded daily of great gifts given for many causes. A pro football player sets up a foundation and funds it with millions to help a worthy cause. A pro basketball player gives millions to a foundation to help fill a need. A wealthy business man gives millions to help a facet of need. Millions of people give millions of dollars daily as gifts to worthy causes. Jesus stood by the depository for the temple. He said, when he saw a poor widow put in her two mites, "Some have given their gold and some their silver, but this dear woman has given more than them all because she has given all she has." These are all demonstrative of great gifts. If, however, you want to see the greatest gift for all time and eternity you must stand at the foot of Calvary's Cross and behold God's greatest gift of His Son and behold the great gift by Jesus as He gave His life. All the gifts in the world cannot touch the hem of the garment of God's gift and the gift of Jesus. A recognition of these facts should help us to know our value in the eyes of God.

There will be another message from God's Word at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and see.

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

A little girl was touring Carlsbad Caverns for the first time. Her father followed just behind her, carrying her young brother. That arrangement was fine as long as the path was broad and level. But the path grew narrow and a bit steep. She said, "Daddy, hold my hand." Her father reassured her at once.

"Honey, you are just fine, I am right here with you." It happened a few more times as the girl cried out for her father's hand. Finally the father impatiently called out, "You're all

right. Why don't you believe me?" The girl's instant reply was: "Because only my ears know you're back there, my hand doesn't!"

Psalm 37:39 says "The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord: the Lord is their refuge in the time of trouble" (KJS). Somehow we always seem to put more faith in reassurance that is "hands on". If you are needing reassurance to get through this day or any day, reach for the righteous right hand of God. Reach out to Him. He is reaching out to YOU!

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor**

Recently I was asked to serve on a committee that would interview seminary students seeking to become Methodist pastors. The interviews are to be conducted in Dallas. Although I enjoy serving in this capacity, I declined when I discovered that it was cost prohibitive to fly from Del Rio to Dallas. I simply didn't want to drive there and back, or so I thought.

I told the chair of the committee that it's a sad commentary on my life that the determining criterion on whether or not I will do something is how far I have to drive in order to do it.

The more I thought about that, the sadder it got. In fact, it really began to bug me. Did mileage really have that kind of power in my life? Was I just being lazy? Then other instances came to mind, instances in which I had willingly traveled many miles (not always happily, but very willingly).

I realized that, for me, mileage translated into time away

from my family and my church. Do I enjoy driving long distances? Not really, but the real factor is time spent away from those I love most. Yet like I said, I do quite willingly spend time away from them. This means that there must be an even deeper criterion by which I decide what I will and won't do.

I know what I would like to think that that criterion is. I have to be honest, however and admit that it's not always what I wish it were. Other things have a way of creeping into the decision making process.

It's been a helpful process, for me, to step back, analyze, and re-evaluate why it is I do what I do (and don't do the rest). Sometimes life forces us to make hard choices (much harder than how far we're willing to drive), and it's good to be clear on what we really value and to whom we give authority in our life.

God bless.

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We would like to extend our special thanks to Mr. Harold Byrd, The Hillcrest Foundation, for having bestowed upon our Department, a Grant in the amount of \$73,000.00.

**St. John's Baptist Church**  
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I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord. My sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night; I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off forever?

And will he be favorable no more?  
 Is his mercy completely gone forever? Doth his promise fail for evermore?  
 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

And I said, this is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most high.

I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is as great a God as our God? Psalms 77:1-13

**Gateway Ministries**  
**Pastor Charolette Corey**

With new resolutions, a new year and the world speaking new beginnings, one would think everyone is filled with fresh resolve and joy but some are being attacked by Satan with post-Christmas slump, trying to convince them that God doesn't listen to or care about their prayers and needs, or else is trying to convince them that God is not really in control, spreading seeds of doubt. You are not alone. The body of Christ all over the world is being attacked with this, but Satan is defeated.

First of all, Satan is the Father of all lies and he comes to steal, kill and destroy. If you've had thoughts of suicide, or felt that God's word doesn't have power any more, then you know where those thoughts are being sent to you from.

Those thoughts do not belong to you. They did not originate from your own mind. They were placed there by the enemy who wants to destroy you. Repentance, rebuke, get rid of them.

Second, place yourself and all your cares upon the altar of the Lord and trust in him. Stop trying to handle things yourself, but enter into His rest. Cease

from your own works. Give your sorrow to Jesus. He endured the cross so that you would not have to die spiritually or die eternally.

Third, take care of your own self and your relationship with God. Get in His presence, He will shelter you. Read Psalms. Put on scripture tapes and scriptural songs. Get with believing Christians. Look at the answer (Jesus!!!) not the problem. You are not strong enough to carry "the problem", but Jesus is.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." (Ps. 126:5)

"He that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works..." "Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

"Seeing that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:10, 11, 14, 16)

Stand in Faith, Rest in Hope, Walk in Love.

**Thank You Note**  
 I wish to thank a few people. But first of all, Thank God for sparing my life, giving me a second chance, after having a massive heart attack and a quadruple by-pass.

I want to thank my children, my sister and brother and all my relatives for their love and support, giving me the strength to live on.

I want to thank my friends and co-workers for their prayers, thoughts, concerns and gifts.

I also thank everyone for their effort in raising and donating funds in my time of need. I am truly grateful to each and everyone of you.

May God Bless You, Also.  
 Johnny Joe Reschmann

**Thank you**  
 The Brackett Volunteer Fire Department members extend our sincere thanks to every individual who donated in any manner to our annual New Year's Eve Dance fundraiser.

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**Unsung Hero**  
 By: Joe Townsend

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF SPOFFORD, TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT.** The City of Spofford is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 1994 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to include the upgrade and improvement of individual deficient wastewater systems. The improvements included in this contract amendment request are to take corrective measures and upgrade the individual wastewater systems deemed as substandard within the City, in order to meet any and all provisions set forth by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Texas Water Development Board. These improvements will be in the general vicinity of the permanent water transmission line to be constructed using TCDP and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funds.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 27, 1997 - 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall

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located in Spofford, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's 1994 TCDP project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. The city is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact Mayor J.B. Herndon residence to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact Mayor J.B. Herndon's residence prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall in Spofford, Texas. For further information concerning the City's 1994 TCDP project and/or this proposed contract amendment, please contact Mayor J.B. Herndon, City of Spofford, at 210-563-2046.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Renna Payne, Deceased, were issued on 1-21-97, in Cause No. 913, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: Dixie Lee Brown. The address of the Independent Executor is Post Office Box 1412, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas 78832.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 21 day of January, 1997.  
Tully Shahan  
Attorney at Law  
Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann  
Brackettville, Texas 78832  
Phone: 210/563-2462  
Fax: 210/563-9240  
By: Tully Shahan  
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