

Not only did the Tigers and Tigerettes host their annual Christmas Basketball Tournament but both teams competed well.

DAILY EXERCISE FOR THE NONATHLETIC

Making the rounds is a calorie guide citing a recent medical association report. "Proper weight control and physical fitness cannot be attained by dieting alone. Many people who are engaged in sedentary occupations do

not realize that calories can be burned by the hundreds by engaging in strenuous activities that do not require physical exercise."

Here's the guide to calorie-burning activities and the number of calories per hour they consume:

	A. W. A.
Beating around the bush	75
Jumping to conclusions	100
Climbing the walls	150
Swallowing your pride	50
Passing the buck	25
Throwing your weight around (depending on weight)	50-300
Dragging your heels	100
Pushing your luck	250
Making mountains out of molehills	500
Hitting the nail on the head	. 50
Wading through paperwork	300
Bending over backwards	75
Jumping on the bandwagon	200
Running around in circles	350
Eating crow	225
Tooting your own horn	25
Adding fuel to the fire	150

No applications were filed for Democratic County Chairman nor County Precinct Chairman. At election time, those positions can be filled by write-in.

Currently only Precinct 1 has a chairman which is Les Roper.

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COMMISSIONER, PREC. 4 Bill Bizzell

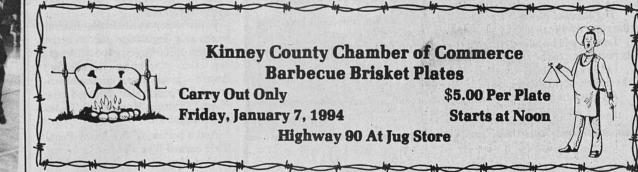
Paul O'Rourke

Bill Bizzell had been elected Precinct 4 chairman but he formally resigned before he filed as a candidate for commissioner of that precinct.



Dogs Slaughter Angora Herd

Evans U-Bar Ranch Foreman Doug Davis made the grim discovery of slaughtered registered Angora goats, pictured above, early Wednesday morning. Details reported in Sheriff's Corner on page 2.



what others expect of you; play your own game, at your own pace.

The Legend Of Raven's Bluff

A tale recounted and related by Sheriff Norman H. Hooten from his storehouse of boyhood memories of growing up in Central Texas.

When I was just a young lad, many years ago, my family was numerous and close knit. We used any excuse to gather the clan together for holidays, birthdays, family reunions, fishing trips, and most exciting of all, hunting trips, though most of the womenfolk declined that bloody tradition of

exercising our manhood and keeping alive our basic hunting instincts inherited from long dead ancestors.

One of my favorite places that we frequently used as a base camp during our fishing and hunting trips

was located on the Colorado River along the eastern boundary of San Saba County in Central Texas, a place called Raven's Bluff. It was a wild, tangled place, quiet and beautiful during the daylight hours, but dark, brooding, and mysterious in the late evening dusk and at night.

The night calls of unseen birds and animals, glowing eyes reflecting the light of our campfire, and strange rustlings in the underbrush close to our camp caused the hair to rise and the back of the neck to tingle many a time on young lads who had the good fortune to experience those times. We would shiver and draw closer to our campfire and lean back against the solid, comforting warmth of the legs of fathers or uncles and let our eyes half-close as we listened to stories of men, dogs, and horses that had made their mark in this wild, beautiful area in days gone by.

The remote wildness of the place quickly made one forget that a modern world existed "outside," a world filled with cars, planes, and trains serving the worrisome bustle of other less fortunate folks going about their seemingly meaningless business. It served to cause one to drift back in time and one such as I

could easily imagine wild Indians, mountain men, outlaws, bears, and other wild critters lurking just out of sight behind the tumbled boulders and the thick, tangled windfalls of old dead trees and underbrush. The deep blue hole of water that formed the headwaters of a narrow, rushing stream that quickly fed into the muddy red waters of the Colorado River a short distance away held its mysteries too, and the numbing cold of fresh water springs boiling out of the rocks beneath the surface only served to increase the mystery of the place and add to one's imagination of what lay beneath in the deep, dark waters.

All of this beauty and mystery lay at the foot of a towering, 300 foot high limestone cliff overhanging the wildness below. Caves, ledges, and multi-colored mineral rocks that glistened in the sunlight made up the face of the cliff, and those of more adventuresome spirit often climbed up along the cliff face and explored some of the more accessible caves, occasionally discovering the bones of long dead "Indians" and "Mountain Men," bones that were most often described by disappointing parents or other adult members of our party as "nothing more than animal bones left behind by some sick old goat that had climbed up in that cave to die."

We of adventuresome spirit knew they were wrong and would look at each other in that wise, all-knowing way of youth. But, we were respectful and did not argue with our elders, a trait that had been learned the hard way by a few cuffs across the ears from a hard old hand in more rebellious times past, so we held our tongues and later would hold ceremonies in honor of the long deceased "warriors and Indian fighters" that had given their lives in this wild place in terrible battles of hand-to-hand combat. The fact that some of those bones did have four cloven hoofs attached, and some even had heads with horns growing out of them did nothing to weaken our certain knowledge that what we had found was most certainly the bones of brave warriors and mountain men.

We explained away the "animal bones" theory with the thought that those brave fighters had used the animals for food before their final tragic battle.

We had been going on week-long hunting and fishing trips in the Raven's Bluff area for several years before I was old enough to truly appreciate and understand the history of the place and wise enough to ask how it got its name.

The story, as told around the campfire one night, was that the place was named in the honor and memory of a working cowboy who had lived and worked on ranches throughout Texas in the late 1800s and around the turn of the century. Legend had it that John Raven's speciality was going after wild cattle that other cowhands couldn't catch. These cattle, mostly big steers that had grown big, wild, and wise to the

ways of their arch enemy, man, drifted up into the less accessible areas in the rugged, rough hill country of San Saba and Lampasas counties. When the ranchers decided that enough man had been injured and enough good horses ruined trying to clear their country of those big, wild cattle they would send out word for John Raven and he would soon drift into the area and start bringing in the wild cattle that others couldn't catch, sometimes in groups of twos, threes, and sometimes maybe only one at a time, but he was catching them. And, in a month or two he would have the country cleaned of the wild cattle and would drift on into the next area in need of his special services.

This particular time there was a big red bull of questionable ancestry that had escaped capture for many years and had grown to become a thorn in the side of area ranchers due to his wild and dangerous nature. He had gored several horses and injured men in attempts to bring him in. In addition to that, he would

occasionally join other groups of cattle, siring undesirable calves and making the cattle he came into contact with wild and hard to manage. Nobody really knew where he came from but he was described by those who had had the misfortune to challenge him in his domain as being part longhorn, part Mexican fighting bull, and all bad! After John Raven had pretty well cleaned up the country of the wild cattle a special request was made of him by the area ranchers to bring in that big, red bull, so aptly called "Big Red." John Raven agreed and took dead aim on "Big Red" and the battle lines were drawn.

As the story goes, John Raven rode for weeks trying to track down and capture "Big Red," all to no avail. He occasionally came across sign that "Big Red" had been in a particular area but was unable to even get a look at him much less a throw at him with his rope.

The rope snares, dead falls, and other traps used so expertly by John Raven over the years that had been the demise of many less wise and smaller wild cattle just did not work on "Big Red." After weeks of picking up broken ropes (this was in the days before nylon ropes came to be), repairing destroyed dead falls and other traps, John Raven decided that the only way he was going to catch "Big Red" was to "brush up" in the area known to be used frequently by the big bull and silently study his habits. Once he got a handle on how, when, and where "Big Red" moved he would make his play and attempt to ride him down, rope him, jerk him down, and tie him. John knew that once he got "Big Red" on the ground his size and fierce disposition would not be such an advantage for the bull.

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The Brackett Hens.



Domestic animal depredation by town dogs has always been a recurring problem for local ranchers in the Kinney County area who conduct their ranching operations near town. An expensive example of this costly problem was experienced by local rancher Sterling Evans and his ranch foreman, Doug Davis, during the night of Tuesday, January 4, 1994, when a prowling pack of town dogs killed and mained at least 25 blooded Angora goats in a field on the ranch approximately two miles east of Brackettville just north of Highway 90.

Mr. Davis came by the Sheriff's Office early Wednesday morning and asked me to ride with him to the scene of the costly carnage caused by the pack of dogs. Several dead and dying goats were found, some with large chunks of flesh torn out of their bodies and several with their bellies torn open and their entrails pulled out of their still living bodies and strung along the ground by the vicious killers. Others had been badly crippled, many with wounds that will never heal and will eventually prove to be fatal.

Packs of town dogs that have for years created this costly depredation (many of the goats lost by the Evans Ranch were registered Angoras valued at between \$200.00 to \$600.00 each) by preying upon domestic farm and ranch animals do not hunt and kill for food, they hunt and kill for the sheer pleasure of killing and can virtually wipe out a herd of sheep or goats in one night's killing spree, most often catching the victim animals on the bed ground thus having large, closely packed groups of animals on which to exercise their killing instincts.

Yes, there is a leash law (City Ordinance) within the city limits of Brackettville, and yes, that leash law should be enforced. But, this is just one more example of an unenforceable city ordinance that is unenforceable due to the refusal of the Brackettville City Council and the Mayor to take action regarding a Municipal Judge that would allow the Sheriff's Department to take action via the existing Interlocal Agreement with the City against violators of the City leash law and thereby cut down on the losses from depredating town dogs suffered by not only area ranchers, but also by local kids who raise sheep, goats, and hogs in 4-H to be shown in

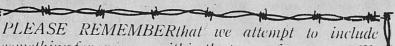
livestock shows. with livestock Ranchers operations near town who suffer livestock depredations can, and will, legally shoot and poison dogs (or coyotes) that prey on their livestock. And dog owners, if identified, could and probably will be held liable for the damages incurred by their pets that have been allowed to roam free. Local dog owners who keep their dogs penned or tied during the day and then let them roam free at night are basically giving their dogs a license to kill and are not only violating the local leash law but are also leaving themselves open to lawsuits for damages caused by their dogs. And some of those dogs won't be coming home if killed or poisoned by livestock owners legally protecting their property.

All dog owners within the city limits of Brackettville are urged to

obey the leash law and keep your dogs penned, tied, or on a leash at all full. times, both day and night. Leash violators will be firmly law York Rite Bodies Of Del Rio Thursday, January 13 Grand High Priest Official Visit

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Big Mama Sez! Are you genuinely happy for a friend's good fortune? Let them know of your admiration.



prosecuted if and when the Brackettville City Council and the Mayor finally decide to do their duty and accept their responsibility for and to the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County by taking affirmative action to eliminate the vacuum in local law enforcement that currently exists due to the lack of a Municipal Judge which leaves the Sheriff's Department and others no place in which to file charges against violators of City Ordinances such as the leash law.

In the meantime victims of depredations by town dogs must cope as best they can with this recurring and costly problem. That's All!

State Bar Recognizes Laughable Lingo

Maybe it will inspire a few New Year's resolutions by legal writers to get back to the "simpler" things (or language) of life. Then again ...

The 1993 State Bar of Texas Legaldegook Awards have been announced, and they're just as bad as they've ever been. The third annual celebration of the baddest of the bad honors a dozen or so examples of tongue-twisting verbiage gleaned from a variety of statutes and court filings across the nation.

Take the "Here! Here!" Award, For A Sentence That Knows Where It's At: The Court may take judicial notice of such pleadings which are on file herein and such pleadings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as if copied here in

Well, that ought to settle that.

If not, consider the "Here, There, and Everywhere" Award, which honors the phrase It all fully appears from the affidavit of the publisher thereof heretofore herein filed for its "impressive succession of locatives. The Bar's Legaldegook Awards were launched in 1991 as a pet project of the State Bar of Texas Plain Language Committee.

"We wanted to come up with a good-natured way of pointing out the obtuse and needless language found in many legal writings," said Bryan Garner, a Dallas attorney, who chairs the committee.

An interesting concept in chronology found in Internal Revenue Code 3302: For purposes of such sentence, Jan. 1, 1978 shall be deemed to be the first Jan. 1 occurring after Jan. 1, 1974 was appropriately awarded the "Time Out Of Mind" Award.



By Joe Townsend.

There is a constant flow of efforts by bureaucrats to dictate and control life.

We are in the midst of a maelstrom of fanciful child abuse and child protection by people in political positions rising in bloated arrogance to try to create problems to control lives. The recent case of some do-gooders to try to force a mother to have a Caesareansection . because her child "might" suffer brain damage if carried to natural birth. Luckily and most surprisingly court rulings sustained the mother. The fetus was carried to term and a healthy baby was born naturally.

It is amazing the political and medical profession will allow a fetus to be murdered in the mother's womb but will want to force a woman to have a C-section against her will.





The mother, a devoted Christian, had faith in God to believe God would take care of her and her baby. This thinking is mocked and scorned by those who do not really know

God. The humanistic arrogance so rampant in today's society has sought to relegate God to a nevernever land of fantasy. This does not mean God is not viable and real, it simply means that those who refuse to recognize Him in every avenue of life are themselves fools.

The Scripture says, "A fool hath said in his heart 'There is no God'." A refusal to recognize and vitalize God is simply to say "There is no God."

The ridiculous arrogance of those proven to be wrong in this case have avowed to continue to interfere in cases their fanatics tell them there is

a disregard for their advice.

When will America wake up and throw out of authority such non compus mentis misfits?

Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

This week was often the most difficult time of the year for me after my discharge from the service. I would be caught up in the holiday mood, only to be let down hard after New Year's. That's when I'd think about a lot of good people who didn't live to see the New Year in with me. It was a very lonely time. I could only share this feeling with someone who had also been there. I didn't feel anyone else could understand and I wouldn't have accepted anyone else's attempt to try to understand. In time, I got over the worst of it.

I mention this now to remind you to search out a buddy who may be having a hard time with his or her memories at this time of the year. Don't intrude. But be there for him or her. Believe me, it helps to know that someone who can empathize with you is there if you need him.

On a related note, the VA has added 34 fiew or expanded posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) centers around the country, bringing the number up to 110. I'll have more on this next week.

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

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Oh well. The government giveth, and the government taketh away. 'We exempted the Internal Revenue Code last year, but couldn't bring ourselves to this year," said Garner. "It's too fertile a document to ignore." Evidently so -the code received two awards in the 1993 list of crippled clauses and garbled grammar.

Folks who tracked the federal health-care legislation might agree that the 1,300-page proposal deserves the "Splitting Headache" Award -- given for an impossible-tointerpret paragraph deemed the "Legal Drafting Most Likely To Induce Migraines.'

And a portion of the Texas Penal Code earned The Plastic Surgeons' Lobby Award for the hard-tocomply-with mandate A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly possesses knuckles.

Back again is the every-popular Serpentine Sentence Award -- this year's winner found in a contract, exceeds 300 words.

Garner said the committee hopes, by injecting humor into its otherwise serious task (of simplifying legal language), that lawmakers, judges and attorneys will think about their hapless reader.

'It's no wonder the general public is afraid of courtrooms and other legal arenas," said Garner. "For the average person, its like entering another country, where a foreign language is spoken. Usually, lengthy sentences and pompous wording is needless. Cut to the chase, make your point, and end it there."

Winners (cough) of the State Bar Legaldegook Awards don't get cash prizes or other gifts. "We think a few fleeting moments of welldeserved fame are sufficient," Garner said.

Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.

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City Hall of Brackettville

From the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Funds for this project provided by The Governor's Energy Office.

December 30, 1993, issue of The Brackett News incorrectly stated The correct date had been printed in previous issues and also posted on the Commissioners Court bulletin

Seven easy steps to building your own compost heap.

1. The Location An area with equal sunlight and shade. Make the pile freestanding or enclosed. 3 to 5 square feet.

2. The Base

A.3 to 6 inch layer of old tree branches for aeration.

3. The First Layer 6 to 8 inches of leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, or kitchen

scraps (fruit and vegetable only). 4. The Second Layer

1 to 2 inches of garden soil, manure, or a compost activator.

5. Successive Layers

Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your pile is 4 to 5 feet high

6. Keep it moist Like a wrung-out sponge.

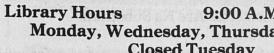
7. Turn it

The more compact, the more often you turn it (once a week to once a month). It's ready when it'scrumbly and a uniform brown.





Library Notes



As you read in my newsletter last week, January is officially named "Amnesty Month" at the Kinney County Public Library. Due to the fact that we have over 12 pages of patrons who owe us books and/or money, we decided to help everyone wipe the slate clean.

During the entire month of January all overdue books may be turned in without penalty. Millions of tax dollars are wasted every year on the replacement of unreturned or lost library books. Here is the perfect opportunity for you to return those misplaced or forgotten books without penalty to you and at the same time saving the library both time and money.

What about the people who owe us money for overdue fines on videos or books? Also during the month of January, we will be reducing all existing fines to \$1.00 or less per book. What if you lost a book or simply cannot find it? We will charge only 25% of the cost for replacement. As of this week, we will be calling and sending notices reminding our patrons which overdue books they have or if they owe any fines. Please, check your closets, bookshelves, and under the bed. The time is now to settle up with the library.

Oh No, It's Tax Time! Although we have not received our entire shipment of tax forms yet, we have set up our front table with what we do have. The publication office said it may take a while before everything is shipped so we may not have every form or publication that you need. With patience and a little luck we'll receive our completed order in a few weeks.

> No Winner Look Again

Identify **The Picture** The first person to come by The Brackett News and explained my problem. correctly identify this picture will receive Brackett News cap!



9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **Closed Tuesday**

Yes, we now have a FAX machine and it is ready for public use. At the present time, we are running a test cost of \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 per page there after for outgoing fax, and \$1.00 per page for incoming fax. Give our fax a try. At the library, we always get the "fax straight."

Genealogists and historians, the library now has our very own microfiche microfilm reader/printer. This coin-operated printer is reconditioned and is ready for your use.

Many thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines to the library this past week.

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

Kinney County Library Staff & Volunteers



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, December 28, with nine pairs playing the Howell Movement.

The winners were: 1st place, Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pingenot; 2nd place, Betty Fitch and Peggy Stock; 3rd place, Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford; 4th place, Walt Geeze and Richard Mountain.

Happy New Year!



A few days ago I was on my way to Del Rio. Just this side of Laughlin Air Force Base my car sputtered and died. I'd forgotten to gas up and my car won't run without gas.

I pulled to the shoulder, lifted the hood, and stood and waited. Soon a car pulled up and a man got out. I

He took me to a station, waited a while I got some gas and took me back to my car. He waited until I started my car and he was sure all



NOTICE

There will not be any arts and crafts classes for the balance of December. Classes will resume on January 3.

Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Ceramic Shop Hours

Sat: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mon. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fort Clark News

There were New Year's activities at Fort Clark for all as several gatherings took place. The annual traditional party was held at Town Hall with over 130 members dancing until the wee hours. For those who didn't want to dance, the Las Moras Inn Lounge hosted a party. A group gathered at the Adult Center to play cards and sing. The younger set held their party at the Activity Center. As you can see, there was something for everyone.

Attention Fort Clark Members

Tuesday nights - Country/Western Couples Dance Lessons. Instructors Ray and Jo Entrikin will hold classes at Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday nights at Town Hall is Country/Western Line Dancing. The class is growing and the fun starts at 7:00 p.m.

How's your Spanish???? Maybe a little rusty - would you like to join a class and brush up, or do you need the full treatment??? Sign up at the Adult Center. The instructor is Gene Graham.

You can't miss Everybody's Birthday Party at the Service Club, Saturday, January 8. Refreshments and lots of surprises!!! Come join us at 7:00 p.m. for a fun time.

Mountain Laurel Garden Club

What better way to start the new year off than to join the Mountain Laurel Garden Club! The first meeting of 1994 will be January 13, 1994, 10:00 a.m. at the Adult Center.

Patsy Callnan and Pat McKelvy will co-host and Kinney County Extention Agent Allen McWilliams will present the program.

Members need to read the by-laws before the meeting as they will be revised.

Everyone is invited!

American Heart Association

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

Quick-and-Easy Baked Beans

2 tablespoons acceptable

margarine, melted*

2 tablespoons molasses

2 teaspoons dry mustard

sugar

or firmly packed brown

- 2 16-ounce cans no-saltadded vegetarian baked beans in tomato sauce
- 16-ounce cans no-saltadded barbecue beans cup chopped onion
- cup no-salt-added tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Place ingredients in a 3-quart casserole dish in the order listed. Toss lightly to mix well. Bake, uncovered, 45 to 60 minutes. Makes 12 servings.





THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

Brackettville Lions Club's contribution to our local community, as well as to the state and International Lions projects, have steadily increased during the almost 40 years of existence. As we end a successful and satisfying 1993, a review of activities seems appropriate.

1. Collected 200 pairs of glasses and 70 lens which we sent to the District 2-A2 Eyeglass Chairman for refurbishing for needy people.

- 2. Awarded two \$300.00 scholarships to deserving high school seniors.
- 3. Screened 958 students for hearing.
- 4. Screened 342 students for vision.

5.Cooperated with other community service clubs, fraternal organizations, churches, and individuals to provide Christmas cheer with food and toys for 80 families.

- 6. Purchased eyeglasses for 6 people.
- 7. Co-sponsored Kinney County Health Fair serving 320 people.
- 8. Sold snocones at the Little League games.
- 9. Helped a child with transportation to the eye doctor in Houston.
- 10. Donated a water heater to Little League concession stand.
- 11. Donated to the Santa Rosa Children's hospital in San Antonio.
- 12. Helped two families who lost their homes to fire.
- 13. Held a rummage sale.
 - 14. Furnished a TV de-coder for a deaf student.

With dues, fund-raising and "tail-twisting" the Brackettville Lions also provide support for Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, District 2-A2 Sight Research Foundation, LCIF, District 2-A2 Human Needs Board, Leader Dog Program, Texas Lions Foundation, District 2-A2 Ear Board

To our community we extend a most sincere "Thank You" for your great support and wish all a healthy and peaceful 1994.

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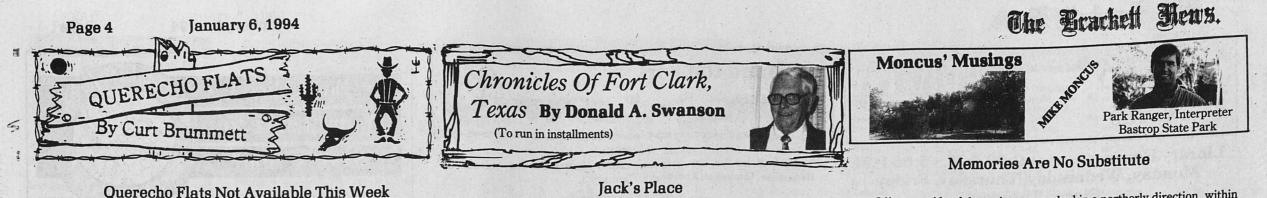
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John Raven usually rode a string of 8 to 10 top cowponies provided by the ranchers he had contracted with on his cattle gathering jobs, but his own personal horse, one that he had raised from a colt and trained in the ways of gathering wild cattle, was a big dapple-gray horse, 16 hands tall at the shoulder and weighing 1400 pounds in good conditioned flesh. John called the horse "Salty" and it was talked up around the various cow camps and ranches where John had worked that "Salty" was the epitome of a top cowhorse.

He had speed, size, and cowsavvy, and that, coupled with the knowledge and experience of John Raven, would bring to an end the reign of aggravation and terror of "Big Red." When word got around that John Raven and "Salty" were going in after "Big Red," cowboys and ranchers in a hundred mile radius were making bets, bets not made as to if John Raven and "Salty" could bring in "Big Red" but bets were made as to how long it would take them. Now John Raven was a loner and

most often worked alone and

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unaided with his horses in the wild. back country, going about his special task of tracking and gathering wild cattle. Not to say that he did not like the company of others from time to time and on occasion other cowboys who happened to cross trails with him would ride along with him for a few hours or even a day or two, camping with him in his lonely camp at night and sharing his grub. Most often though, observations of John Raven were made by working cowhands from a distance, they knew he did not like to be disturbed and that extra traffic in the country where he was working tended to alert the wild cattle he was looking for and just made his job that much harder. Such an eyewitness account was, in the end, the manner in which an account of the final confrontation between John Raven, "Salty," and "Big Red" became legend.

John and "Salty" had trailed "Big

The cowhand further stated that the sight and sounds of those two bearing down with such power and speed was such that no living creature could stand up to it, and this included "Big Red." That wild old bull took one look, throwed up his tail, and ran, all 2000 pounds of him. But, he was too late and too slow to outrun "Salty" and John Raven's loop went out, over, and around "Big Red's" horns.

That's when everything started going bad according to the eyewitness account of the watching cowhand, and what happened next remains a mystery to this day. When "Big Red" felt the loop tighten at the base of his horns, he turned and ran straight for the edge of the towering 300 foot high cliff. Though old "Salty" tried, he could not stop, or even slow, the blind charge of "Big Red" towards the overhanging edge of the cliff. Again, according to the eye-witness account of the cowhand, everything seemed to slow down to half-speed, though in reality it could not have been and must have happened in seconds.

"Salty" was squatted on his hindquarters and sparks were flying from the steel shoes on his feet, gouging deep furrows in the limestone rock as he desperately tried to stop the headlong charge of "Big Red" towards the cliff's edge. John Raven was said to have reached back for the large knife he wore on his belt for just such an occasion, hesitated, and then moved his hands to "Salty's" neck.

When "Big Red" reached the edge of the cliff, he gave a mighty lunge and leaped out into space beyond the edge. He seemed to hang there for a moment before beginning his long fall downward. John Raven, said the cowhand, disregarding the knife that could have cut the rope ness, Ft. Clark). and saved both he and "Salty" thenastonished the watching cowhand by urging old "Salty" to greater speed.

When "Salty" reached the cliff's edge, he never hesitated, as if to demonstrate that if that's where John Raven wanted to go, then that's where old "Salty" would take him. He gave a mighty leap outward and over the edge, still tied to "Big Red" with that fatal loop.

When the former Sergeant John B. Charlton returned to Brackettville, he did nothing for some time. An unnamed friend who lived in the vicinity borrowed some money from Charlton with which to invest in the saloon business. This friend failed to repay the loan so Charlton took over the place afterwards known as "Jack's Place."

Jack's Place was located on the property now known as the B&S Grocery, Highway 90, Brackettville, Texas. It became quite popular for certain officers and men alike from Fort Clark, most probably because of the convenience of the location to the main gate.

Charlton stated that two officers, one I knew was Lt. John M. Cunningham and the other I think was Col. Albert B. Brackett, both I think were in the 19th Infantry. (This is an error as Lt. Cunningham was in 19th Infantry and Col. Brackett was C.O. 3rd Cavalry). They were court martialed for coming to this place so often. (Most probably not correct but I haven't obtained a copy of the Court martial proceedings. Special Orders of Department of Texas No. 45 of July 1889 list the General Court Martial as: Nathan W. Osborne, Colonel 5th Infantry, Ft. Bliss, President; Edward W. Woodruff, Major, 5th Infantry, Ft. Ringold; Louis T. Morris, Major, 3rd Cavalry, San Antonio; Emerson H. Liscum, Captain, 19th Infantry, I Company, San Antonio; Henry W. Wessells, Captain, 3rd Cavalry, H Company, Ft. McIntosh; George F. Towle, Captain, 19th Infantry, K Company, San Antonio; Frank D. Baldwin, Captain 5th Infanty, K Company, Ft. Davis; James D. Burbank, Captain 3rd Artillery, F Company, San Antonio, Prosecutor; Edward C. Randall, Captain 5th Infantry, A Company, Ft. Ringold, Defense Council; John M. Cunningham, 2nd. Lt. 19th Infantry, F Company, Ft. Clark, Accused; Joseph H. Harmier, AA Surgeon USA, Witness, Ft. Clark; Albert G. Brackett, Colonel, 3rd Cavalry, wit-

Charlton stated he was the principle witness and may have been since he was at that time a civilian that would have had to been subpoenaed as witness for a military trial. (He later became eligible for a ness he was subjected to a sort of the third degree by Captain Burbank, the prosecuting officer. He tried by personal and legal threats. and by soft persuasion to induce Charlton to give evidence against the (two?) officers.

Charlton flatly refused to answer his questions. The President cleared the court twenty-seven times and on bringing the witness in, the prosecutor said, each time, "the court has decided the witness will answer the questions." Each time Charlton would answer, "and I have decided I will not answer the questions as it concerns a private matter between me and another man." The trial of the (two) one officer resulted in an acquittal which left the prosecutor open to more or less ridicule.

The next day after the trial closed Capt. Burbank came with another officer to "Jack's Place." The other officer walked in a casual manner around behind Charlton, and then suddenly threw his arms around him, holding his arms to his sides until Capt. Burbank drew his pistol; then he sprang aside as Capt. Burbank fired. Charlton coolly dropped to his knees and the ball passed harmlessly over his shoulder entering the wood of the bar. Capt. Burbank, with the other officer, ran out and got in their ambulance. Charlton got a rifle he always kept behind the bar, ran to the door and raised the gun to fire, but was prevented by some of the crowd who gathered there.

Charlton dug the bullet out of the bar and mailed it a few days afterwards to Capt. Randall. He stated he was not quite certain it was the 19th Infantry (3rd Cav and 3 companies of 19th Infantry were at Fort Clark) stationed there, then, but I think it was.

Charlton met his wife, first in July, 1890. She was then a school girl fifteen years old. They were married two years later, on the 11th of May. After a few months in Brackettville, Charlton sold out all his interest there, everything except his horses, and bought a ranch in Uvalde County situated on the Nueces River.

Pages 159 and 160, "The Old Sergeant's Story," Robert G. Carter Post Returns, Fort Clark, July 1889, MIC 617, Roll 215. (Names were

Trooper Kevin Wilkie is a Texas Highway Patrol

Association board member, and works in north-

west Texas

sealant for minor tire leaks, a jack and lug

wrench, and a blanket. Have a mechanic

or auto part store clerk help you find the

items that may need to be "custom fitted"

for your car, such as spare belts, fuses.

water hoses (Carry some duct tape in case

one breaks!). It's also essential to test out

what you have, such as making sure your

FILL 'ER UP?

Q: I stopped at a gas station on a trip between Waco and Dallas and pre-paid

the clerk \$10 before filling up my tank. I

put the nozzle on "auto-pilot" (those

notches that keep the handle up) and went

to check my oil. Well, the clerk didn't set

the pump and it ran all the way up to \$18.

I didn't have any more money and she said I had to pay! I ended up filling out a

promissory form to pay, but gave a false

name and address (The way I see it, they

are responsible for the error). Who is

responsible, and can I get in trouble for

A: You are responsible, as long as

you or someone with you actually put the

gas in the tank. You could have been

charged with theft for filling out the false

information and leaving. Obviously, the

clerk should have stopped the pump, but

you can't always count on them. It's

unfortunate that you found yourself in a

position where you felt you had to lie. So

in the future, go ahead and leave the

nozzle off "auto pilot" and watch the

lug wrench fits your lugs.

refusing to pay?

F.S., Waco

Off to one side of the maintenance shed in a northerly direction, within about fifty yards, is a pond. It is fairly deep for its size. For many years I have neglected it. It's really a nice secluded place and years ago I fished in it, catching many fish.

I mention it now because I wish to make a deduction or draw an analogy about it. My musings aren't always successful.

Sometimes when you've been struggling to hold things together, or trying to keep things the way they have always been, you overlook or fail to see the beauty all around. You have become jaded and it takes trauma or shock or holidays to make you see things anew.

I go a long time walking with memories and they make me believe it's unnecessary to visit certain places. Even if those places are very pretty and very comforting and very accessible.

I don't know why I neglected a place like the pretty little pond. Perhaps it's because I'm so spoiled by being surrounded in the Lost Pines by so much beauty. I wonder at the validity of being selective for so many years that I left that pond completely out of view.

The pond had a great blue heron wading knee deep among some rushes by its shore. As I neared, he squawked and glided easily away. Every step of my approach was accompanied by the spring and plop of frogs escaping to the dark water. Young willow trees stood in the waters' edge. I love the green of willows and the way their leaves hang.

Water striders and whirlagig beetles played on the tea-colored surface. A fish snapped at a damselfly. A cloud dulled the sun a little and tree frogs and cicadas rang as a breeze rippled the water, first one way, then the other.

I skipped a rock on the pond before I left.

Memories remind us of beauty we neglect, but memories also keep us away from the beauty we could encounter so easily. I thought my memories were as pretty as the real thing. I found out that I was wrong.



Plant Pecan Trees Properly

One of the keys to growing pecans, whether in the backyard or in a commercial orchard, is to plant the trees properly so that they get off to a good start.

Tree planting time is at hand --January and early February are the best times -- and here are a few guidelines.

To begin, select a tree 4 to 8 feet tall as soon as nurseries get supplies. Plant as soon as possible, using care not to let roots dry out or freeze.

Dig the hole only as large as the tree's root system. If the hole is too deep, the tree will settle and this can cause poor growth or death.

The taproot should sit in the bottom of the hole. If the hole cannot be as deep as the length of the roots, cut back the taproot to fit the hole.

Pack original soil around roots as tightly as possible. Packing the soil soil. The tree can drown in rainy weather if light fill soil is used on clay land.

Plant the tree at the same depth it grew in the nursery row. Look at the colors to determine the soil line; the bark is gray and the root is dark brown.

Cut off the top half of the tree at planting to balance the stem and roots and to force growth close to the soil line.

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

Build a basin around the tree to hold water and give each tree five gallons of water immediately after planting. Make sure trees do not go longer than 14 days without water.

Red" around through the countryside for several weeks, silently gathering information about his habits and where he ate, drank, and slept. John had finally determined that one particular trail was used more frequently by "Big Red" than any of the others.

This trail was used by the big bull two or three times a week to go to water and sweet grass at the base of . a big limestone cliff overhanging a large pool of springfed water. All animals, even those as crafty and woodswise as "Big Red" are creatures of habit and over time often develop careless, unconscious habits that sometimes lead to their downfall. Such was the case of "Big Red."

The trail used so frequently by "Big Red" wound its way out of thick, tangled brush and crossed a large open space on the plateau of the big cliff, and the fact that "Big Red" would even consider using such a trail crossing an opening, and use it in broad daylight, gave proof to just how confident and secure he felt in that wild, tangled country. That and the fact that he had outsmarted and outfought the best horses and men that had come after him in all those many years past.

'Big Red" just hadn't counted on the savvy and tenacity possessed by John Raven and "Salty" and in fact didn't even realize that they were in his country and on his trail. On the day of their final encounter he casually walked along the trail, no doubt his mind on the fresh water and sweet grass that lay waiting for him at the bottom of the cliff. When he had walked out of the brush and was about half-way across the clearing that bright sunny morning he suddenly heard the sounds that always put both fear and anger in his mind and heart at the same time, the sounds of a running horse and a rope cutting the air above his head.

According to the eye-witness report of the cowhand watching from a ridgeline overlooking the final battleground, John Raven and "Salty" were upon "Big Red" before he knew what was happening, charging out of their hiding place near the trail like two demons from hell. The cowhand, said to be an honest man of lofty character, stated that John Raven's eyes were like burning coals of fire and that smoke was billowing out of "Salty's" nostrils at every powerful stride.

It was never understood why John Raven would choose to do what he did though many cowhands and ranchers speculated in the years to come as the legend grew that he was so caught up in the chase and the capture of "Big Red" that he would follow him to hell, and some said, that's just what he did.

Out of awe and respect of and for the mighty three, the bodies of John Raven, "Salty," and "Big Red" were left as they lay at the base of the towering cliff. And, legend has it, even the wild animals of the area left them untouched and their bones eventually bleached white in the sun.

Some say, with a brooding wonder in their voices, that on certain moonlight nights in the full of the moon you can see "Big Red" running across the night sky with John Raven mounted on his loyal horse, "Salty," close on his heels. Those that claim to have seen them swear that their eyes burn like coals of fire and smoke billows out of their nostrils as they charge across the night sky, condemned forevermore to their endless flight and pursuit. Most of the oldtimers used to speculate that they, John Raven, 'Salty," and "Big Red," wouldn't have it any other way.

Well, that's the legend of Raven's Bluff as it was told to us wee lads those many years ago as we huddled around our campfire, hugging our knees, and looking back over our shoulders into the darkness beyond.

As the years went by and we grew older in the changing times, our family began to drift apart as the oldtimers were called to a better place and those of us younger ones left behind moved away to start new lives. I returned to Raven's Bluff only once after I reached full manhood, trying somehow, and failing, to regain those magic moments of my boyhood, moments that were now realized to have been so wonderous, and so fleeting.

I never did see the ghostly trio charging across the night sky, and I don't know if the legend is true or not, but if it "ain't it oughta be."

> Norman H. Hooten Brackettville, Texas

pension as Indian War Veteran). Charlton claims as the principle wit-

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enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write Ask The Officer care of the Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.

Many of the Highway Patrol officers killed in the line of duty have died from being struck by vehicles. This fact came to mind the other day when I had pulled a car over on the right shoulder, was talking with the driver, and a car whizzed by uncomfortably close. If you are ever pulled over by an officer, try to get as far as possible on to the right shoulder. And if you're approaching the scene of a traffic stop, pull into the left lane (if there is one) or try not to drive too close to the right shoulder.

DON'T PUNCH COPS

Q: What are rules regarding off-duty policemen (or women!). If I'm outside a bar, and I don't know they're cops, and they're giving me trouble, can I punch 'em out and not be sent to the electric chair for attacking a cop?

V.K., Nacogdoches

A: It's likely that you are talking about security personnel or "bouncers, and you should leave the establishment if you disagree with what they are telling you. When you're in this situation, ask yourself, "Is this person really giving me trouble for no reason, or are they doing their job?"

Remember, a lot of police officers work off-duty as security personnel. Assault is a Class-A misdemeanor, while aggravated assault on a police officer is a third-degree felony. The offense won't send you to the chair, but it might land you in jail. Look, you shouldn't be hitting anyone. If someone who works for the bar is giving you "trouble," then leave. If the person doesn't work for the establishment, leave or have someone contact the police.

SANTA'S ROAD KIT

Q: I want to buy my husband an emergency road kit in case he ever gets stranded this winter in his "project car. But I want to put it together myself, because the ready-made kits seems to have cheap stuff. Any suggestions as to what I should include?

B.L., Liberty

A: You can simply copy down the items included in a "ready made kit," then buy them yourself. Remember, you get what you pay for, and it doesn't help to have cheap products that won't work in a bind. Make sure you have jumper December 15, 1993, cables, basic tools, water, oil, flashlight,

in 2 to 3 inch layers is better than watering to pack the soil. Use adjacent soil to complete filling the hole, not light soil, sand or potting tion in a few years.

These are some basic steps in planting pecan trees that can lead the way in getting them into produc-

The Old Quarry Society Presents

A Cabaret Dinner Featuring **Blondie Calderon** Friday January 14, 1994 7:00 P.M. **Cavalry Room** Ft. Clark Springs Tickets \$13.50 Each Cash Bar Open 6:00 P.M.

> Tickets Available At Adult Center Or Call Ruth Wilks 563-2751

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Information that is mailed will be accepted if it is signed and reaches the paper by the deadline. If received after the deadline, consideration will be given to printing it the following week.

If it is important news to you, it is important news to us, and to our readers.





SOURCE: Social Security Administration, House Ways and Means Committee

The Tiger Booster Club Encourages You To Support Basketball

Friday, January 7, 5 p.m. JVG/VG/VB Monday, January 10, 6 p.m. VG Tuesday, January 11

JVG/VG Saturday, January 8

Monday, January 10, 5 p.m.



School Menu

Three Choices For Breakfast 1. Printed Menu; 2) Dry Cereal, Toast, Fruit or Juice) 3. Two Slices Toast, Fruit or Juice. Milk served with all meals.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 **Bean Burrito** Fruit TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 **Banana Muffins**

Comstock, There Sunnybrook, San Antonio, There *Dilley, There *District

Nueces Canyon Tournament JHG/JHB Nueces Canyon, There JHG/JHB

Salad Bar & "B" Line **Open Every Day** Milk Served At All Meals **MONDAY, JANUARY 10** Grilled Ham & Cheese Vegetable-Beef Soup **Fresh Fruit TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11** Pepperoni Pizza Vegetable Salad Dressing **Green Beans** WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 Hamburger - Burger Salad **French Fries**

Interpersonal Communication For Teachers

Middle School Principal George "Stoney" Burks **Increasing Parental Involvement To** Achieve Improved Student Success

Curriculum Director Taylor Stephenson Instructional Strategies And The Written Curriculum

The staff thought it was the best inservice in years. We used school facilities with general sessions and lunches in the cafeterial and small group sessions in the Middle School. The facilities were wonderful. We had small groups of teachers and instructional assistants: using 5 classrooms with about 13 in each class. Teachers became students while the administrators did the teaching. The students (teachers) moved from room to room in five different groups.

Lunch was served by June Kaminski and her superb staff of Antonia Pena, Diana Reschman, Honey Bee (Anna Belia) Gomez, Mary Koch, and Mary Hernandez.

Great food on the first day - baked chicken, vegetable casseroles, peach cobbler and relish plate. I thought that there was no way they could be better Tuesday, but guess what? The second day we had chili rellenos, 3 different kinds of enchiladas, hot sauce, flour tortillas, Spanish rice, beans, and a great tertaining. We tried to allow time for teachers to interact and to reflect about school directions and problems.

The second day was easier than the first. After the first day, I was worn to a frazzle...nothing left. A hot soaking bath helped me make it to the easy chair, but standing up for five or six hours is tough if you haven't done it in a while. Teachers who do it daily have my respect!

The teachers were good sports. They knew we didn't know everything about the subjects. They also knew that what we were teaching would be more interesting if they joined in the discussion. That's exactly what they did! Teachers and administrators worked together in a positive way and learned together. We have great teachers in Brackettville that work after-school snacks? hard every day to teach the children. For two days, we had fun, learning together while teachers talked school and put pressure on administrators of the district by sending us back into the classroom.

It worked well! Teachers liked the plan and enjoyed seeing the administrators teach. Evaluations and reflections on the two days were very positive. They liked the structure, the topics and the fact that we were all in the trenches together working for BISD children. Administrators got to know the teachers better. Teacher aides came to school with the teachers. We all learned together.



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1	Basketball	646,678	26.2	
2	Bicycle riding	600,649	54.0	
3	Baseball, softball	459,542	36.1	
4	Football	453,684	13.3	
5	Soccer	150,449	10.0	2
6	Swimming	130,362	66.2	
7	Volleyball	129,839	22.6	
8	Roller skating*	113,150	26.5	
9	Weightlifting	86,398	39.2	
10	Fishing	84,115	47.0	
11	Horseback riding	71,490(a)	10.1	
12	Skateboarding	56,435	8.0	
13	Ice hockey	54,601	1.8	
.14	Gymnastics (b)	44,877	n/a	
15	Wrestling	43,894	n/a	
16	Golf (c)	38,626	24.7	
17	Tennis	29,936	16.7	
18	Ice skating	29,047	7.9	S.,
19	Water skiing	26,633	9.0	100
20	Bowling	25,417	40.4	1

*Bicycling and swimming figures are for those who participated six or more times per year; (a)1989 figure; (b) excludes trampolines; (c) excludes golf carts

SOURCE: National Safety Council; Consumer Product Safety Commision, National Sporting Goods Association aundry Training for Beginners

It's no secret that most microwave cooking experts nowadays are kids. But have you noticed that these school-agers are doing a lot more around the house than just zapping

They're also helping with the evening meal, handling the trash, loading and unloading the dishwasher.

And, say home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, with just a little training, today's kids can also be a big help with the family laundry.

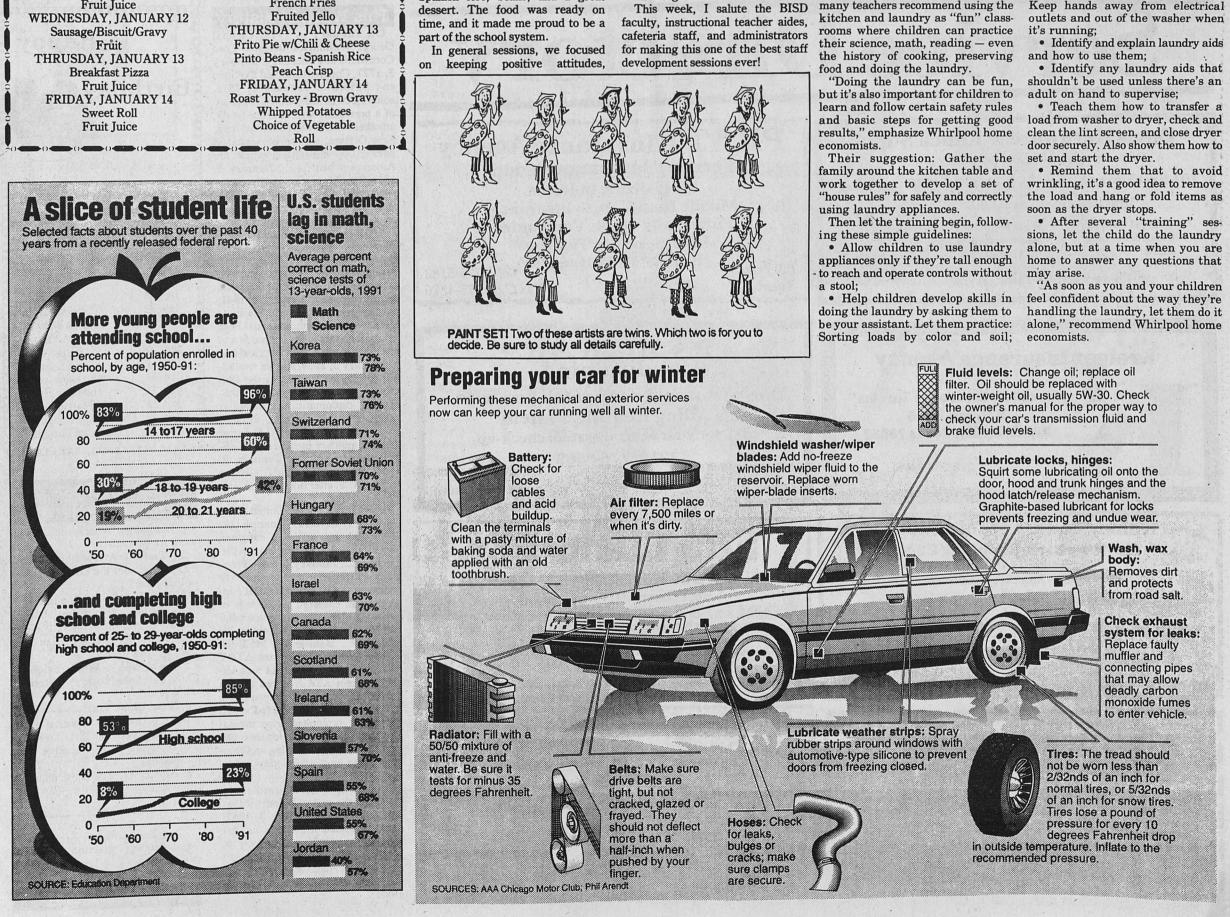
"The key to children using laundry appliances correctly and safely is one-on-one training with parents," report Whirlpool home economists. While doing the laundry may seem pretty simple to experienced adults, it can be a pretty complex process for youngsters," they add.

From a child's perspective, doing the laundry can be like doing a classroom science project. In fact,



emptying pockets of foreign objects; measuring and adding detergent to the washer; loading clothes into the washer; and operating controls.

• Cover safety steps as you go:



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Natasha's Stars

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A partner may be busy this week helping out a friend with a problem. You need to guard against quarrels about financial interests now. Charm is your ally in both business and personal dealings. Original ideas will bring you success.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Unresolved issues between you and a close tie could surface. Try not to argue. Seek amicable solutions. You'll meet with chances now to improve your income. Travel may be on the spur-of-the moment this weekend. Romance and recreational interests are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Impatience and temperament could undermine efficiency this week and differences between you and a coworker may arise. Financial backing for a project comes from an unexpected party. You'll want time now for yourself and family. Home life is favored over outside interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could become upset about a child's choice of companions or other interests. It's a better week for visiting with others than entertaining company. Singles are likely to meet with romantic introductions. Partners are in synch now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Guard against disputes about career concerns or with family members. A partner wants to think over a plan of yours. You'll impress those you contact now. Money prospects improve. A freelance opportunity looks promising. Local sightseeing is of interest this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A chance to make extra money arises but you may feel the pay offered could be better. Try not to quarrel with an irritating co-worker. Those who travel now meet with romance. Some will sign up for an unusual course of study.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Child rearing concerns take up part of your week. It will be difficult to reach agreements with others about financial matters. Try not to force issues. You'll be making beneficial changes at home this week. Surprise company may drop by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) If you want to get along with close ties this week, you'll have to avoid cutting remarks and bossy behavior. You'll change your usual routine. Spontaneity is your keyword now. Partnership interests are highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Small details in connection with a work project loom as potential obstacles this week. Try not to lose your patience. Business will mix with pleasure. You'll be making some important business contacts now. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Important new ideas about a career project come to you this week. You may take up a new hobby. Romance may come unexpectedly. Some are busy now making plans for a pleasure trip. You're in an independent and funloving mood.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week's financial developments are positive. However, you may run into some snags with regard to either business or domestic interests now. Be patient. It's a good week to tend to a do-ityourself project or to get some unfinished tasks out of the way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A partner is your best confidante this week. Some you deal with now are either critical or argumentative. Pay attention to the rules of the road when driving. You'll be meeting some interesting people this week. ©1993 by King Features Synd.

Jan. 22-March 13-The Light Fantastic, Austin. Visit Laguna Gloria Art Museum for a unique exhibit. This year's family exhibition features light as subject and inspiration for contemporary visual arts. Organized by the museum's curatorial and educational staffs, selected paintings, photographs, and videos will be on display. An illustrated educational brochure and a participatory gallery for children will be available. The museum hours are 10 am to 5pm Tuesday-Saturday and 1pm to 5pm Sunday. Contact the Laguna Gloria Art Museum, 3809 W. 35th Street, Austin, 78763. 512/458-8191.

Jan. 28-29-Texas Mohair Festival, Kerrville. Even though cattle drives put Kerrville on the map, some of the town's first pioneers settled here to raise goats. Kerrville, located 46 miles northwest of San Antonio, is the angora goat capital of Texas. Naturally Kerrville is host to the world series of goat shearing during this weekend tribute to the mohair industry. Activities include competitions for stock dogs and cutting horses trained to work with goats and a trade show. Browse through the arts and crafts booths, and attend spinning and weaving demonstrations. Be sure to catch the Miss Mohair beauty contest. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, 78028. 210/896-1155.

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Vision Teaser

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This Week In History

On January 3, 1777, General George Washington defeated Lord Cornwallis at Princeton ... January 3, 1777, Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes ... January 8, 1815, some 5,300 British soldiers, unaware of a previously signed peace treaty, attacked U.S. entrenchments near New Orleans; the British sustained over 2,000 casualties, while the Americans had 71 ... January 5, 1914, Ford Motor Co. raised its basic wage rates from \$2.40 for a ninehour day to \$5 for an eight-hour day

.. January 8, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson set out his 14 Points as a basis for peace ... January 5, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked for a hike in the defense budget ... January 6, 1941, in a speech to Congress, President Roosevelt defined the essential Four Freedoms as freedom of speech and religion, freedom from want and fear ... January 3, 1959, Alaska was admitted into the Union was the 49th state ... January 3, 1961, the U.S. severed diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba after disputes over nationalizations of U.S. firms, the U.S. military presence at Guantanamo base, etc. ... January 9, 1964, Panama suspended relations with the U.S. after riots in the streets

. January 5, 1970, United Mine Workers official Joseph A. Yablonski, his wife and daughter, were found shot in their Clarksville, Pa. home ... January 4, 1980, President Carter announced punitive measures against the U.S.S.R., including an embargo on the sale of grain and high technology, in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan ... January 8, 1982, the 13-year-old lawsuit against AT&T by the Justice Department was settled wherein AT&T agreed to give up the 22 Bell System companies but in return was allowed to expand into previously prohibited areas including data processing, telephone and computer equipment sales, and computer communication devices ...

January 5, 1987, President Reagan produced the nation's first trilliondollar budget ... January 8, 1987, the Dow closed at 2002.25, its first finish above 2000 ... January 6, 1989, the Labor Department reported that unemployment was 5.3 percent, a 14-year low, at the end of 1988.

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Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. Language: What is the German word for Munich?

2. Tourist Attractions: How many steps does the Leaning Tower of Pisa have?

3. **History**: Who was the first U.S. president to survive being shot by a would-be assassin?

4. Birds: How many front toes does a parrot have?

5. Geography: What region of China is referred to as the "Roof of the World?"

6. Television: What was the difference between Mr. Spock's blood and human blood on "Star Trek"?

7. Disease: What is another term for tetanus?

8. Music: What was the name of Little Anthony's backup group?

I. Munchen; 2. 296; 3. Ronald Reagan; 4. two; 5. Tibet; 6. it was green; 7. lockjaw; 8. The Imperials @1993 by King Features Synd.

Trivia Test Answers

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Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. office will be taking new applications for the commodity distribution program. All persons previously qualified must be recertified before January 14, 1994.

Starting in January, commodity applications will be taken on Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 to 5:00, except the first Tuesday of each month.

Proof of residency, identification and income on everyone in the house and benefits verification is requested from all persons filling out an application. Applicants need to bring white identification card.

Applications will be accepted at: Community Council Office, Brackettville, Texas, or call 563-2422.

Please bring copies!

TAKING BIDS

Kinney County will be accepting bids for the following: 1. Lawn maintenance of all county

grounds. 2. Garbage pick up for all county buildings.

Bids should be sealed and presented to the County Judge no later than January 14, 1994.

This is an Older Texans Employment Program. This is an Older Texans **Employment Program PUBLIC AUCTION**

Applications may be picked up at

The Nutrition Center located at 508

S. Ann Street. You may call 563-

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plicants only.

RE: 1987 Chev. P.U. Serial #1GCBS14FOH8113295 **Registered Owner:** Manuel Chavez Torres 1195 W. Goleta Way Hanford CA 93230

The above described vehicle was towed in by Kinney County Towing Service on December 10, 1993.

The last registered owner and recorded lienholder have failed to claim vehicle, within the required time of being notified, by paying towing and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle in custody and garagekeeper's charges for storage of vehicle.

This vehicle will be sold at a public auction by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to the highest bidder on Friday, January 14, 1994, at 10:00 a.m.

1990 Ford Escort

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1993 Dodge Colt Auto A/C

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SS SCOTT & WHITE **Options For Health**

Quit Smoking Without Gaining

Paul E. Ogden, M.D.

Question: I have decided to quite smoking but I'm afraid I will gain weight. How can I kick the habit without adding pounds?

Answer: Quitting cigarettes isn't easy. Many people are discouraged when the pounds start creeping up after they crumple their last pack of cigarettes. fact, recent studies show that nearly 80 percent of smokers gain an average of 5 to 10 pounds in the first month after quitting. Heavy smokers are more likely to gain weight due to their greater dependence on



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To avoid weight gain after you quit smoking, consider these steps:

- Eat a well balanced diet, low in sugary sweets and fatty foods.
- Keep low calorie foods on hand for nibbling. Raw vegetables, plain crackers, bread sticks, popcorn, sugar-less hard candies and chewing gum are good substitutes.
- Drink six to eight glasses of water a day. The more liquid you can drink, the faster the nicotine leaves your body.
- Start an exercise program. Walk 30 minutes a day or take

claimed livestock exposition lists more than \$500,000 in show premiums, rodeo purses, and educational scholarships. The livestock exhibits include cattle, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, horses, donkeys, mules, Weight poultry, and rabbits-more than 17,000 head of quality livestock in



from manufacturer. Save up to 50%, prices low enough to start a business. Call for information and pricing! Quantity discounts. 1-800-38-TEJAS.

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feasting on classic barbecue and Mexican food. Be sure to attend the welcome sit-down dinner and dance the night away at the Del Rio Civic Center. Contact Barbara Plyler, 4220 Hwy. 90 West, Del Rio, 78840. 210/775-9715. Jan. 31-Feb. 6-Texas Citrus Fiesta, Mission. The city of Mission, located five miles west of McAllen,

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community of Del Rio in welcoming

Texas' winter visitors. This arts and

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enjoy the mild and favorable weather

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Browse through the various arts and

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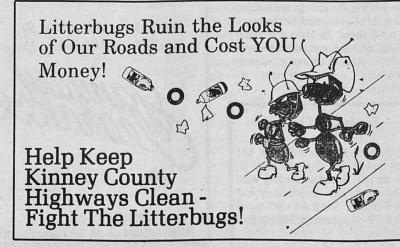
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nicotine

Nicotine is a stimulant which affects the body's metabolic rate. When you quit smoking, you burn fewer calories. If you don't change your eating habits and your activity level, you're likely to gain some weight after kicking the nicotine habit.

Ex-smokers who gain weight find themselves eating more because the craving for a cigarette is often confused with a hunger pang. The worst symptoms usually occur during the first two weeks the person quits. After that, the cravings decrease substantially.

up running, cycling or swimming. Your primary care physician can advise which program is best for you.

If you do gain a few pounds after you quit - don't panic. You would have to gain 120 pounds of excess weight to equal the health risk of smoking.

Dr. Ogden is a Community **Internal Medicine Specialist** at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White Public Affairs Dept., 2401 South 31st, Temple, Tx 76508



First Price Increase

The first issue of <i>The Brackett News</i> was pu and sold for 25¢.	blished February 9, 1989,
Since that time it has been printed every wee	ak and continued to sell for
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25¢; annual subscriptions have been \$15.00.	
Advertising charges have also remained the	same.
Alas, the time has come when we are forced	to increase prices.
Beginning January 1, 1994, the rack price	will be 50¢. Subscription
rates will be:	I want and then the mark in the
In Kinney County	\$20.00
Outside Kinney County in Texas	\$25.00
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San Antonio **Livestock Show** & Rodeo

February 5-20, 1994 **Freeman Coliseum** 3201 E. Houston St. San Antonio

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is known for its grand opening performances that feature the biggest names in the country music industry and this year will be no exception: Alan Jackson on February 7-8; Mark Chesnutt, February 9; Gladys Knight, February 10; Marty Stuart, February 11; Doug Stone, February 12; Emilio Navaira, February 13; Tanya Tucker, February 14; Reba McIntyre, February 15 and 16; Clint Black, February 17; Tracy Lawrence, February 18; Diamond Rio, February 19; Wynonna Judd, February 20. Tickets are already on sale. For information call 210-225-5851 or 210-225-5237.

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January 6, 1994



First Baptist Church Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

The Pastor's Pen"

Sitting here on the couch, looking across the room I see a Christmas gift that has yet to be put to use. It is a puzzle. Its title is Home, Sweet Homestead. It is a beautiful spring picture of a rustic farmhouse in a lush green valley. The barn needs paint, the corral needs mending. There are mountains in the background with snow still showing in the higher elevations. The sky is blue with just a hint of clouds behind the mountains. It is beautiful! Home, sweet homestead!

I have fond memories of childhood homes. Most of us do. Most have either gone back to those old homes or have the desire to do so. A few weeks back while making a trip to Tucson, Arizona, I began to pull those memories up of the homes that I lived in from age 8 until about 13 or 14. The first home, the one on Pennsylvania Avenue, I painted a perfect picture in my mind but in attempting to actually locate it, I could not. It either no longer existed or I had a faulty picture.

Another home, the one on Wetmore Road, just three blocks east of the Tucson Mall (it wasn't there in the 60s), I could find. But that homestead was much less than I pictured. The front yard that I remember all the neighborhood kids gathering in to play kickball and soccer was much smaller than I recalled. Things just weren't the same. My homesickness was cured.

I have another childhood home. It is one my father built for me. I never have lived in it. As a matter of fact, I have never even seen a picture of it, but He has told me all about it. It is a wonderful place that I look forward to getting to see and live in. It is built in the state of "Heaven."

I have the assurance that it is there, and that it will be even better than I picture it.

In the gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 2, it is written, "In my house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you.'

Yes, I'm getting a little homesick but it won't be long before he comes to take me there.

In the next verse He says, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am you may be also." That is security.

I've got a mansion waiting for me. Have you talked to "Him" about building one for you?



St. John's Baptist Church Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

The Lord's Emcompassing Protection

They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

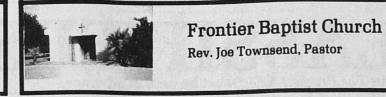
For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteousness put forth their hands unto iniquity. Psalms 125:1-3 **Praise The Lord! Praise The Lord! Praise The Lord!**



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 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.,



Sunday was the time for the observance of The Lord's Supper and the regular Fellowship Dinner.

The emphasis in the message of the morning high lighted the New Year. The traditional time for resolutions is the New Year. Many times we make resolutions that soon fade because they are self serving.

Many resolve to quit smoking or to lose weight or such, which in the end prove to be empty and futile.

One of the best resolutions to be made is "To Be Happy." This is a resolution that can be kept and can be meaningful. If problems come, be happy. If sickness comes, be happy. If someone trashes you, be happy. If financial times turn hard, be happy. this can be done.

If one recognizes he is truly somebody he will realize that he controls his happiness.

If one allows circumstances or other people make him unhappy, he admits he is less than good as a human being. If one realizes he is a child of God, if indeed he has trusted Jesus Christ as Savior, he must know he truly is an important somebody.

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With God as guide, leader and sustainer, one can be happy if only he determines to be.

To remember that one is bigger and more important than sickness, sorrow, money, or someone's debasement will help to be happy.

To resolve to extend one's self will make the year better. Every Christian is an extension of God on earth, an extension of His love, His compassion, His care. To let this be uppermost in life brings the greatest joy, contentment and thrill to living.

These resolutions are based completely on ones walk with God.

A close relationship with the Heavenly Father makes possible happiness in any circumstance and motivates a good relationship with all the world. God's love and companionship is the secret to a great year ahead.

Next Sunday there will be another opportunity to be blessed in worship at Frontier Baptist Church. The apex of worship will be a message from the Bible by the pastor, Joe R. Townsend. Come and see.

Theta Sigma Draws For Secret Sisters

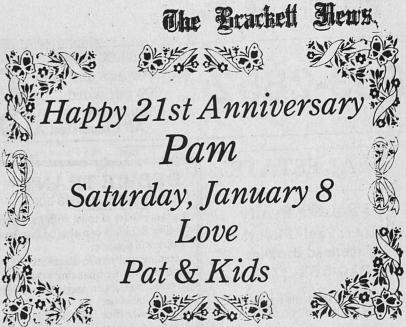
Theta Sigma members of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center Monday evening, January 4, 1994. President Marty Isenberg conducted the business session.

Membership Chairman Dee Gaston showed the video A History Of Beta Sigma Phi.

Names were drawn for secret sisters. Service Chairman Dee Curry had get-well cards to be signed to send to members and friends.

Members were reminded of the Cabaret Dinner on January 14 at Las Moras Inn, and the Community Theater Group, Uvalde, presentation of The Cemetery Club on February 18 at the Grand Opera House.

Mylo Unruh presented the cultural program using the quote "You meet a friend - your face brightens - you have struck gold." She then served cake and coffee to Luella Gilliland, Dee Gaston, Shirley Hadsell, Marty Isenberg, Barbara Niemann, Doraline Kellar, Nancy Frerich, Pat McKelvy, Dee Curry, Lou Green, Jan Chism, and Betty



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Valeria Vela, daughter of Jose§ and Graciela Vela, was born in Del Rio at 12:36 a.m. Saturday, January 1, 1994. She was the first baby born § at Val Verde Memorial Hospital ind 1994 and to our knowledge, the first baby born to Kinney County parents in 1994.

Valeria weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and has three older sisters and § one brother. Ann Ash, Brackettville, was the§

attending nurse. manananananananana

Tax Changes Watch For These

As a public service, Roland Boysen has pointed out some changes people need to be reminded of as they prepare 1993 tax returns.

Tax laws have changed very much this year. The biggest change affects only those with incomes over \$250,000. The change to the taxable amount of Social Security starts with the 1994 return.

Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

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 7:00 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. Fr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor. First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Morning 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., Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett Street at Keene Street. Sunday services, Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Worship 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00 P.M. William P. Adams, Sr. Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, 6:00, Fort Clark Golf Club. 563-2047.



Mens Scramble

Wednesday, December 29, 1993 1st, 61, Julian Garza, Rick Bacon, and James Stafford.

Three teams tied for 2nd at 62: Jack Legg, Bill Woolston, Vance Jones; Marv Maderich, Vern Ebert, Charles Descheemacker, Bob Miller; Tom McNew, Ken Frost, Roger Kurz, and Richard Weddell.

Two teams came in with 64; three teams scored 65, and two teams ended with 66.

Couples Scramble

Thursday, December 30, 1993 At 8 under par 62, the team of Ladd and Houk placed first. Taking second at 6 under par 64 was the team of Bob and Barb Miller and the Petajas.

Tied at 5 under par 65 were the teams of McKelvy/Genualdi; Mills/Mayberry. At 4 under par 66 was the team of Gooch-Green/ Eckenroth.

Other teams and scores were: 3 under par 67, Chism/Kendrick; 1 under par 69, Derrickson-Benfield/Herron; 1 under par 69, Horning/Koons-Graham; 1 under par 69, Mathison/Westrich; 1 under par 69, Stafford-Nichols/Reivitt; even par 70, Frost Kurz; and 2 over par 72, Phil-Luane/Bacon -- Schlatterer.

Ladies Golf

Tuesday, January 4, 1994

After 24 Ladybugs finished play, James Stafford drew from the

"mystery box" the game of the day which was "most 9s." Winners of this exciting game was Betty Tarbell, Betty Mathison, Gail Campbell, Helen Westrich, and Pat Long who each had one 9.

Skins were won by Gwen Ladd with 4 points, Fern Dyer had 2 points, and Barbara Miller had one 1 point.

Chip-ins were won by Edith Zipperer, Janet Christenson, Gwen Ladd and Helen Westrich. Fern Dyer won low gross with 88.

The 9-hole group played "Low Putts." Winner was Alice Seargeant with 14 putts. Gene Graham was second with 17 putts, and Betty Gibbs came in third with 18 putts.

Tri-City Tournament

Fourteen ladies participated in the Tri-City group. Five were from Del Rio and fourteen from Brackettville. Lou Green won overall low gross with 78. Helen Miller won overall low net with 80 (-19 for 61).

In the first flight, Maxine Lawson had low gross with 84. Luella Gilliland had low net.

In the second flight, Darline Horning won low gross with 88. Willie Null won low net.

Third flight low gross was won by Patti Barnett with 90. Low net was won by Kitty Monroe.

If you are paying or collecting interest on a seller financed note, each return will have to show the other person's name, address, and Social Security number.

Charitable Contributions Beginning this year you will need proof of any donations of \$250 or more - this includes cash. Other property must include a good faith estimate of the value of the goods. If you receive anything in exchange for your donation -- including the potluckdinner or raffle-ticket - the fair value of this item must be deducted from the amount of the donation.

Earned Income Credit This year some childless individuals will be able to claim the low income credit. If this might apply to you, check for details.

IRA Transfers If you are a beneficiary on an inherited IRA from someone other than your spouse and want to transfer it to another financial institution, do not take the money or change it into your name, only the trustee's name. Otherside, you will be taxed on it.

January 17th is the due date on the final installment on your 1993 estimated income tax. If you have not made all payments yet, this is your last chance to catch up, you can increase or decrease the amount on the voucher.

This year you should get something new from IRS. A 1040 V (voucher) which will have to be sent with your check if you owe a balance when you file. Be sure to use mailing label and the estimated tax forms, if you need them. Be sure you verify spelling, address, and social security numbers. Also note any change in dependents and remember all children must have numbers.

Hole-In-One

An excited Margot Kendrich had hole-in-one Sunday, January 2, 1994, on hole #6 while playing with her husband, Del, and Eileen and Herb Voracek. She used a #3 wood and an 80 compression Maxfli golf ball.

