

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

Kinney County Livestock Show January 20 - 21, 1995

PROJECT SHOW, January 20, 1995

Kinney County To Apply For AANTF 1995-1996 Funding

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met at 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 9, 1995, with Judge Tommy Seargeant presiding. Commissioners present were Freddie Frerich, Cordelia Mendeke, and Paul O'Rourke. Commissioner Montalvo was unable to attend.

Minutes of meetings held December 12, 19, and 29 were approved as corrected. County bills were examined and approved for payment.

After brief discussions the court approved the following:

---Bonds for all elected and appointed officials and deputies; ---Placing all county officials on a

Salary Basis for 1995; ---Advertise Notice of Intent to select a county depository, TEX.

LOC. GOV. Code 116.022(a); ---Historical Commission Annual Report which included opening of the Heritage Museum in the Filippone Building;

---Historical tax exemptions as per present policy;

-- Uniform shirts for Albert Payne; --- Emergency repairs and inspection for termites at the County Annex Building;

---Distribution of commodities at Kinney County Civic Center on a trial basis

County Attorney Tully Shahan; County/District Clerk Dora Sandoval; County Treasurer Janis Floyd; and County Tax Assessor-Collector Martha Hooten.

A resoltution was passed authorizing the county judge to sign and submit a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division/Texas Narcotics Control Program. Included was a statement that Kinney County agreed to contribute \$42,773 in matching funds if Generated Program Income (GPI) is not available. Project Manager Steve Woollen reported that the Task Force currently has funds to carry them through 1996 even should no additional revenue be generated; the task force has historically generated adequate funding so it is highly unlikely Kinney County will have to fund any part of the operation.

Road Administrator Clif Fritter and County Librarian Sara Terrazas submitted both written and oral reports. County roads receiving attention were Shubach, Standart, Spofford Streets, Mud Creek. The court agreed to provide the use of a county-owned water truck and driver to the city for some work being done at the city's garbage collection site.

The library, even with the

Can You Believe This Happened?

When you live in Kinney County its easy to become complacent, look at the world through rose-colored glasses, and believe everybody is good, caring, and loving. However, the reality is that there either is, or has been, one or more sick, sadistic physhopaths in our midst.

Tuesday, January 10, the Animal Control Division at City Hall received a call from a resident that a "strange acting" dog had been spotted and that rabies might be a possibility.

Rabies was not involved...this determination was made by Randy Castilla and David Martinez. The poor creature (which was wearing a collar) had its back legs bound tightly together with wire. Another wire was looped around the dog's neck constricting passage or food or water down its throat even if either could have been obtained.

Starvation and dehydration was obviously limiting the dog's very existence to a very short period of time.

Ownership of the animal was established from the tags on the collar. Sadly the distressed owner asserted he'd been looking for his pet about a week. Being unable to locate it, he'd assumed it dead.

The animal could not be restored to health and had to be destroyed by city personnel.

Several hours later those who had viewed the abused animal were still visibly shaken at the deplorable act committed against this once fine dog, the absolutely senseless cruel treatment of someone's trusting pet. and heart breaking job of ending its life. Common vocabularies are not adequate to depict the true condition of that animal when discovered Tuesday, nor the anguish of the owner and city personnel...neither character the can of anybody(ies) who would treat anything the way that dog was "wired up" and left to demise. And horrors beyond horrors, it happened right here in Brackettville!



4th Graders Tou

The court agreed to an arrangement for Erminia Hernandez to continue paying for use of the Civic Center on a Thanksgiving Dance and add payment for a Christmas Dance both of which lost money for Ms. Hernandez. She will pay \$50.00 per month until the balance is paid off in September.

Names were drawn from the 1994 Grand Jurors to serve on the 1995 Grievance Committee: George Burks, Tom Faulkenberry, Elia Estrada, and Sondra Meil. These people will be contacted by the County Clerk and if they decline to serve names from the remaining jurors will be drawn as replacements. Automatically on the Grievance Committee: County Judge Tommy Seargeant, chairman, non-voting member; Sheriff Norman Hooten; holidays, had a circulation of 2709 books, 695 patrons, and 11 new cards issued in December.

Items discussed and deferred until Friday, January 13, 10:00 a.m., included:

---Interlocal agreement with City of Brackettville, Brackett ISD, Volunteer Group, on construction of a sports complex;

--- Law Enforcement Liability Policy: ---Budget amendment to fund secretary position at DPS office; ---Hiring roof inspector for county roof repairs.

Judge Seargeant requested that all agenda items for future meetings of the Commissioners Court be in his possession by Wednesday 10:00 a.m. prior to the meeting to allow time to publish agenda in the local newspaper.

Vietnam Vets To Meet At LAFB

The Texas State Convention of the Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. (VVA) will be held at Laughlin Air Force Base Community Center January 13-15, 1995.

Activities will begin Friday at 5:00 p.m. with a Border Buttermilk mixer at the LaSiesta Motel then moving to the Eagle Room on Bedell Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Registration for the State Convention will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Laughlin AFB in the Community Center on Liberty Drive. The convention will open at 9:00 a.m. with an address by Col. Timothy Peppe, Commanding Office, LAFB. Jane Douglas, representing the City of Del Rio will also speak. Ms. Douglas served in Vietnam as a stewardness on an in-country airline.

State level committees will meet during Saturday. The convention will recess at 5:30 p.m. for the banquet to be held at the Community Center, LAFB, that will begin at 7:30 p.m. Banquet tickets may be purchased at the time of registration. Gen. Gerald Prather, USAF (Ret.) will be Master of Ceremonies. The guest speaker will be Robert Daughtry, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.) a former POW.

A local band will provide music for the dance that is scheduled for 9:00 p.m.

Other activities on Saturday will include the Official Dedication of the Del Rio Mobile Veterans Memorial.

A shopping trip is also planned for Saturday. A \$10.00 fee will cover transportation and insurance during the trip. Lunch in Mexico will be on an individual basis.

Sunday the convention will conclude with all unfinished business 9:00 a.m. until noon with discussions on local problems, and possibility of future events and any item of concern of an individual or chapter member.

Larry Johnson, VVA Chapter 551 president, extends an invitation to every member to support the Convention with attendance, meet out of town Vietnam Era Vets and support the New Veterans Initiative that will be discussed at the convention. Anyone interested in attending the convention will be welcome, especially Vietnam Era Vets.

Rabies Bulletin!

On January 1, 1995, Roy J. Harris of Del Rio reported to Val Verde County the following attack by a fox which proved to be rabid.

"The fox entered Mr. Harris' dog pen where it fought with three dogs. The dogs killed the fox. Mr. Harris submitted what was left of the fox for rabies testing. There was no human exposure.'

For more information, or for education on rabies, call Zoonosis Control in Uvalde at 210-278-7173.

Goodloe Seated For Meeting

Tuesday evening, January 10, 1995, City Manager David Luna administered the Oath of Office to Brackettville City Council appointee Rudy Goodloe just prior to the 6:00 p.m. regular meeting; thus, Goodloe was seated as a full fledged councilman as he joined Mayor Carmen Berlanga and other Council Members Mary Flores, Jean Seargeant, Charles Bushart, and Ralph Gonzalez in answering roll call.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed. The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Bids for Follow-Up Archeological Testing on Fort Clark Springs (waste water project) were received from Dr. Tom Guderjon of San Antonio and Hicks & Co. of Austin. After reviewing them, the council accepted the Hicks bid of \$53,140.00 over Dr. Guderjon's of \$75,377.00.

The appointment of a fire marshall was tabled.

A revised agreement between the City and School baseball field project was approved. Also approved was the Historic Site property Tax Exemption on the Molly Schroeder property.

Councilman Goodloe drew the name for Random Drug Testing.

Luna reported Mr. staff promotions to the council and recognized the men involved: Public Works Superintendent David Martinez; Utilities Supervisor Randy Castilla; and Director of Parks and Recreation Gilbert Sanchez.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.







Goodloe Is New City Councilman

Tuesday evening, January 10, 1995, City Manager David Luna, right, congratulates Raymond (Rudy) Goodloe after administering the Oath of Office qualifying Goodloe as a City Councilman replacing Chuck Hall who resigned a couple of months ago.

Local Historical Sites - Hear Lore

Friday, January 6, 1995, 23 Jones Elementary School 4th grade students who had achieved more than was actually required of them were awarded with a Field Trip that teemed with local history.

Accompanied by teachers Judy Hooker and Candy Hobbs (Lynn McNew was the other member of the instructional team but was ill that day) the students first walked to Burger-N-Shake for lunch. Next they walked to Fort Clark where they were met at the gate by Guardhouse Museum Curator Bill Haenn who gave them a narrated walking tour of the historical district. He showed them how to identify various characteristics of the buildings and related the history of the well preserved structures (picture 1). The last Fort Clark stop was the fantastic Guardhouse Museum which is both a military and a pioneer museum.

From there the class walked to the Kinney County Heritage Museum in the historic Filippone Building. They were met by Peter Pohl, David Olesen, and Lisa Conoly. Mrs. Conoly gave them a hands-on interpretation of her fossil collection all collected in Kinney County. (pictures 2 & 3).

Mr. Olesen presented an object and asked "who can guess ... " No one could. It was an early day "flashlight." (picture 4). Mr. Olesen also displayed his "Freeway," a red, 3-wheel car, one of approximately 750 manufactured by H. M. Vehicles Corporation in Burnsville, Minnesota. The car has a onecylinder, air cooled, 16 horsepower, gasoline motor (about the equivalent of a riding lawn mower motor). The car is single passenger but does have a jump seat that will carry a passenger.

Kinney County abounds with history and folk lore. Take time to see it either by a walking or driving tour. You will appreciate what we have here in Kinney County.

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Sheriff's Corner Kinney County By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten SHERIFF'S CORNER NOT AVAILABLE *TEXAS* **Organic Gardening:** GARDENER **Tips For Beginners** TIPS

The idea of practicing organic gardening can overwhelm some people. It may help to know that you don't have to switch all at once. Here are some ideas that can be incorporated as you go.

Start a notebook. Record first and last frost dates, compost applications, dates you notice diseases or pests. Next year you'll know when they are likely to occur and be ready for them.

Make compost. Dead plant residues decompose to nourish new life.

Use compost. Make your own or buy it to amend soil and side dress plants.

Use appropriate plants.

This includes proven, your garden. They will help adapted plants as well as natives.

Use organics to manage the landscape. Build the soil with compost, aerate compacted soils, mulch with organic matter.

Invite nature into your landscape. Birds, lizards and frogs will return once you allow organics to work in

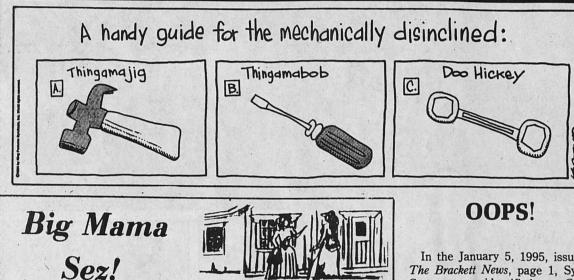


you by eating many insect pests.

Use least toxic control measures. Insecticidal soaps, beneficial microorganisms, botanical pesticides, diatomaceous earth and horticultural oils are the choice of organic gardeners, but only in limited amounts and on target pests.

These are only a few techniques to organic gardening. Try one or more in your garden this season.

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PLEASE REMEMBERthat we attempt to include 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

In the January 5, 1995, issue of The Brackett News, page 1, Sylvia Gomez was identified as County/District Clerk. The correct title is County/District Deputy Clerk. Dora Sandoval is the County/District Clerk and Elaine Sheedy is County/District Chief Deputy Clerk.

A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.

-H.L. Mencken **Smithsonian Grants**

FOUGHT IN THREE WARS. A COMMUTER PLANE. MIKESYITH

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

No right thinking person would justify the killing of the doctor at an abortion clinic nor the two killed more recently at another abortion clinic.

While the clinic is an abortion mill where unborn infants are brutally murdered this gives no license to radical activists to become murderers.

If one believes the teachings of the Bible, it goes without saying that abortion is morally a sin.

My mother had a saying she used many times: Two wrongs do not right a wrong. Regardless of what the doctors, nurses, and others do in the abortion mills, this is at present legal and this precludes anyone killing them.

If it were not legal it still does not give leave for anyone to kill them. After saying this I hasten to suggest a close look needs to be made at the current furore.

It is unconscionable that tax money from the citizens should be used to promote and perform abortions. To do something that is immoral in the corrupted idea of "choice" is ridiculous.

If choice is the commanding factor there is no need for law and anarchy is the rule. Now for loud mouthed feminists and practicers of abortion to demand the government spend millions of dollars to protect" them is ludicrous.

These clinics have one purpose in mind, "make money." If a law were to be passed preventing any charge to be made for abortion, the practice would end immediately.

There are more convenience store clerks killed in San Antonio any month than all murders of abortion personnel from the beginning. If the U.S. government should spend millions of tax payers dollars to protect abortion mills, more and greater the demand to protect convenience stores and banks and service stations etc., etc., etc.

If a person becomes involved in an abortion mill, the halo they claim should be discarded and they should take their lumps.

More people are killed on the job or in their place of business than any conglomerate or murders in abortion clinics. Strangely, we don't hear a hue and cry from these "do gooders" about all these murders.

Even the U.S. Supreme Court has gone berserk in the latest ruling on demonstrations around clinics. Maybe the message from the last election will awaken politicians and judges to the importance of moral



Perennials are plants that live at least three years.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Commisisoners Court Of Kinney County, Tex

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be held on the 13th day of January 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

1.1 Budget changes for TAC Law Enforcement Liability

- 1.2 Civic Center rental contracts reviewed and proposed changes
- 1.3 Termite control on Filippone Building

1.4 Roof inspector for hail damage repairs to buildings and set fees 1.5 Approve/disapprove filing of new Subdivision Plat, Unit 37 in Fort Clark Springs

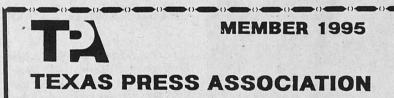
1.6 DPS secretary/change budget line item to fund first weeks of work or part-time

Consider agreement on Silver Lake caliche pit at Tularosa Road

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The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context.

Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens.

Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect. the beliefs of this newspaper.

All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!



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According to U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla the Smithsonian Institution is offering a six-week internship to qualified high school students who will graduate this year

"This internship gives students the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital and participate in an educational experience that they will never forget," Bonilla said.

Graduating seniors may apply for positions in a variety of departments in the Smithsonian Institution, injournalism, biology, cluding photography, history, veterinary science, art, library science, and computer science.

The six-week session will begin on June 24 and end on August 5, 1995. Applications must be requested by March 10, 1995, and completed applications must be postmarked by March 17, 1995. For an application and complete information, write to: Intern '95 Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

A&I Building, Room 2283 **MRC 444** Smithsonian Institution Washington DC 20560

Local Blood Center **Not Involved In Recall**

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) wishes to inform the community that blood involved in reports that veterans may have received tainted blood or plasma was not collected by STBTC.

The tainted blood was taken from a donor with "Creutzfeldt-Hakob disease," which is a virus that may be spread to persons who receive contaminated injections of growth hormone which is made from pituitary extract. The STBTC excludes anyone from donating blood who has received growth hormone injections.

The STBTC collected nearly 95,000 units of blood in 1994, and projects that even more units will be. needed in 1995 due to increasing patient demand. There is a desperate need for blood donors, especially now in this post-holiday season, to help replenish the blood supply.

For details on becoming a blood donor, please call the STBTC at 210-731-5555.

This being true, why can't these clinics pay for any needed protection?

LETTER TO EDITOR

I would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and especially Clinton Brown. I took advantage of free Adult and Infant CPR and First Aid classes that Clinton offers to anyone who is interested. Over this past weekend, I had an occasion to use what I had learned.

We had a family at our ranch hunting and a ten year old boy had an undiagnosed seizure leaving him with no pulse and not breathing. The father and I gave him CPR all the way to town (15 miles) and we were able to regain his consciousness and a fairly regular pulse before he was given into the hands of our very alert EMT and Ambulance crew!

Thanks again to all that aided us and for the very valuable training that I received.

This story could have had a very tragic ending instead of a happy one without Clinton Brown and Rio Grande Electric Coop.

METAL MART

/s/ Linda Woodson

Dated this 10th day of January, 1995.

Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas /s/ Tommy Seargeant, County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, of the Kinney County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I received and posted said Notice on the Courthouse Doors and the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Kinney County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 10th day of January, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 10th day of January, 1995.

/s/ Dora Elia Sandoval **County Clerk**



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venienced anyone with all the rearranging and re-modeling that has been taking place this past two weeks. We have been very fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers come in and help re-arrange to make room for the computer and some more shelves.

We are having the mens and ladies rest rooms re-modeled to accomodate the handicapped. We are well off to a good start.

We would like to congratulate the students that have been coming in for the phonics classes. They are doing remarkably well. We hope to take some pictures of them soon.

We had some very interesting new books come in that we hope you will enjoy. Guns, Crime, and Freedom by Wayne Lapierre, donated by David T. Blair and son in memory of Verle W. Blair. We also have To Build The Life You Want - Create The Work You Love.

LETTER TO EDITOR

As I was preparing to leave town on Christmas vacation, my cat bit me when it became frightened by a dog. Although the cat had had rabies shots, I took myself to see Dr. Luz who insisted the cat be quarantined.

So the cat spent the holidays in the local city animal control complex (or the animal slammer).

was past 10:00 p.m. on a rainy Sunday. I called City Manager David Luna who in turn contacted Animal Control Officer Randy Castilla. Those two met me at the animal shelter and released the cat to me.

Not only did my pet receive excellent care during its confinement but those two gentlemen went far beyond their "duty" for me, and did so with courtesy and compassion.

want the community to know they care! And I appreciate them.

/s/ Stephanie Wallace

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Fort Clark Gun Club, 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.

Al-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall. BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm, School Board Room. **Beta Sigma Phi**

R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 pm Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Laureate Iota Epsilon (All year) 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, (Sept-May) 10 am Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cavalry Room.

City Council, Brackettville: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6 pm, City Hall

City Council, Spofford: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Spofford City Hall. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 am, Court House.

Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, San Felipe Country Club, Reservations required.

FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.

Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.

FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 am, meeting 1st Monday, 1 pm, Art Studio.

FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall.

FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 am, Board Room.

FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall. FCS Museum/Sutlers Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 pm.

FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservation at Adult Center.

FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7 pm Meetings, Service Club.

FCS Bingo: Friday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall.

FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm.

KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 pm, Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Service Club. Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall.

Lions Club: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant. Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Lodge Hall, Ann St. Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio.

Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations.

Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 am, Golf Club Snack Bar.



ROBERT HUNTER Texas Insurance Commissioner

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THEN YOU REACH 65 you face a whole new set of insurance decisions. Aging also can make you a target for unethical sales pitches. You can get help from the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).

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You might need a Medicare supplement policy to fill some of Medicare's gaps. Companies can't reject you because of your health if you buy within six months after signing up for Medicare Part B. TDI's Texas Rate Guide for Medicare Supplement Insurance can save you hundreds of dollars in premiums.

You can learn even more by calling TDI for a free copy of Medicare Supplement Insurance: A Handbook for Texas Consumers and HMOs for Medicare Beneficiaries. Get both of these free brochures when you are considering Medicare supplement insurance.

Seniors often get sales pitches for long-term care insurance, but do you need it? Some financial advisers consider it a poor choice for couples with assets (excluding their home) below \$100,000.

TDI's free booklet, What You Should Know Before Buying Long-Term Care Insurance, can help you decide. We also offer Continuing Care Retirement Communities, a brochure about alternative living arrangements also called "life care communities."

Seniors are advertising targets for some bad insurance buys. Cancer insurance is a waste of money. Medicare and your Medicare supplement policy already pay for cancer treatment.

Another bad buy is "guaranteed issue" life insurance hawked on TV with pitches like "You can't be

turned down" and "Only pennies per day." Problem is, if you die within two years, all your beneficiary usually gets is a premium refund. Besides, if you have no dependents or if you have adequate assets, you probably don't need life insurance.

Most companies and agents behave ethically, but some bad apples take advantage of seniors. No matter what insurance you're buying, take your business elsewhere if an agent:

 Objects to your taking notes or having somebody else present. (I believe it is a good idea for seniors to involve their children in these insurance decisions.) • Tries to borrow money from you.

• Insists you pay your initial premium in cash.

· Asks you to sign a blank application.

You can complain to TDI if an agent or company mistreats you. Call 1-800-252-3439 for a complaint form. TDI's Seniors Action Task Force is working on better ways to. help older Texans with their insurance problems.

Seniors usually need car and home insurance just like younger people. To find the best deals, call TDI at 1 800 599-SHOP for free copies of the Texas Automobile Insurance Rate Guide and the Texas Homeowner Rate Guide.

Some companies offer car insurance discounts to older drivers. Ask about these when shopping around.

J. Robert Hunter was president of the National Insurance Consumer Organization (NICO) for 13 years before becoming Texas Insurance Commissioner in 1993.

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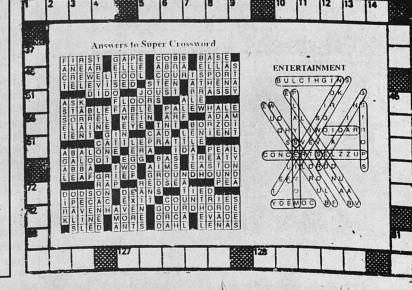
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January 12, 1995



Super Looper

Greetings from the Dry Country!

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Well, it's been a long time since I've had the opportunity to get involved in some really deep and well thought out conversation, but I finally got a chance to get involved in a discussion concerning everything from taxes to old Hillary.

Yep, I made it to a roping over at Roswell a few weeks back and I did enjoy myself something fierce. Since this was the first roping I had been to in over a year, I spent a lot of time catching up on all the latest gossip concerning USTRC, Denny Gentry, and some of the other unimportant people and associations around the country.

One of the organizations we discussed was Old Hillary's fund for legal defense. It was a pretty well established fact that none of the ropers were all that concerned about . her financial problems.

I did get some rather strange looks when I said I was going to donate to her little fund. Fact of the matter is, I heard a discouraging word from a couple that had their home on the range.

I got 'em shut down just before they lynched me by explaining I was gonna donate verbally. You know...legal advice. I mean who else is more qualified? I've managed to get into more trouble simply by voicing my opinion and so far I've never lost a law suit.

Actually my advice to her would be --- throw yourself on the mercy of the court. I believe she could get by simply by keeping her mouth shut when the prosecutors and judge gets done with her. And of course her personal appearance is important.

It always worked for me to be clean shaved and dressed in a manner that although conservative didn't offend the jury. If she tries this tactic she may get off.

One of them ropers mentioned that my mouthing off about Old Hillary almost made everyone mad. They thought I might be on her side. It was at this time a young lady

rode up to me and asked me to head for her. (I liked to 'ave fell off my horse).

I did agree to rope with her.

This one roper got in on the conversation and I thought he was pretty tacky about the subject. So I won't mention his name, I'll just mention what he said.

Roper, "Well now if that don't set a world record I don't know what will."

Me, "What do ya mean by that smart remark?"

Roper, "Good Lord man, look what just happened, right here in front of witnesses. A woman that knows who you are, has read your column, has heard you talk about women and has seen you rope just asked you to head for her. Now to me that's some kind of world record."

I asked, "What the hell do you mean by seen me rope?"

Roper, "Curt, you have infuriated pert-near anyone that's ever been involved in the roping industry except the flaggers and the announcers.Why you haven't hit on them I'll never know. But the only thing I can think of that would top off this record setting event tonight would be for a horse trader to come up and ask you to rope with 'im."

It was obvious to me that this roper didn't know come here from sic 'em about journalism.

After some rather deep thinking on my part I responded, "What the hell do you mean 'seen me rope'?" Catch ya later...



Moncus' Musings

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A very cold and wet norther came in the night and a lion cloud rolled up out of the lake scratching and clawing at buildings and trees and me. It was young and relentless in its playful spreading of cold wet wind. Birds and leaves flew ahead of the lion cloud squalling for mercy. One of the escaping oak leaves stuck flat and hard on my damp cheek and I turned out of the onslaught and the leaf skipped on the parking lot pavement till it caught in the dead bluestem beneath the barbed wire fence.

Where I would go was blocked by this lion cloud's fury and yet I had known it lived there in the warm waters of Lake Bastrop all summer but then it was soothed and pampered by the spoiling nanny sun. I knew from past experience weather could stir it up and it become a raging beast and yet my place to write lay beyond that fury. I didn't feel equipped to challenge the young lion. I stepped back inside my trailer and the warm quiet seemed so inviting.

I thought to write by a flashlight's glow but realized my cowardly behavior would produce weak and insignificant dribble. I donned my armor (goose down jacket) and stepped out to face the lion cloud and every step I was attacked by claws of ice. I was torn and tired when I reached where I would write. The winds had scratched hardest at my toes and nose and finger tips but surprisingly enough the youth and inexperience of the lion cloud had given me an advantage. It had found the scurrying leaves and waving trees so responsive to its furious onslaught that the writer easily ducked beneath its violence most of the way. The sun came to help me. It arose on the clouds left flank and began to warm its heart and by the time I was done writing I could just make out the beast's tail as it exited the lake and jumped my trailer and plowed its way into the thick oak forest southwest of the park.

I was glad I had faced the lion cloud but worried that years ahead I may not be as strong. That day I wrote of birds and songs and sunlight playing on the sandbar in the shallow water.



Background Information - New Postage Rates

PRESENT SITUATION On December 12, 1994, the nine presidentially-appointed Governors of the U.S. Postal Service voted to implement the recommendations of the Postal Rate Commission, effective January 1, 1995.

On March 8, 1994, the Postal Service Board of Governors filed a request for a 10.3% rate increase across-the-board in all classes of mail.

When the new rates went into effect January 1, it was the first time since Postal Reorganization in 1971 that the Postal Service had maintained rate stability for four years. That fulfilled Postmaster General Marvin Runyon's commitment to the American public not to raise rates before 1995 and to keep the new rates at or near the cumulative rate of inflation for the period 1991

through 1994.

productive than in France and the United Kingdom, and one and a third times more productive than in Japan.

Even at 32 cents, the cost of mailing a letter in the United States will remain among the lowest in the

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industrialized world.

The Postal Service beat its budget targets for 1994 by \$430 million. Audited financial results show that the Postal Service finished fiscal year 1994 with a net loss of \$914 million. This compares favorably to a loss projection of \$1.344

Postal managers oversaw an increase in revenues of \$1.8 billion, while keeping expenses under control.

Postal products and service con-



4-H and FFA Livestock Show is fast approaching. This year's show will Center January 20th and 21st. There will be approximately 265 entries

The 40th annual Kinney County and 65 exhibitors. The adult and youth project and craft show typically has about 175 enries parbe held at the Kinney County Civic tcipating. This year's schedule will be as followed:

The Brackett Rens.

Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1995 Weigh-in of all animals 8:00 - Noon **Project Show** 8:00 a.m. Angora Goat Classes 1:00 p.m. Meat Goat Classes 2:30 p.m. Market Steer Class 4:00 p.m. Rabbit Classes 4:30 p.m. Market Pig Classes 6:00 p.m. SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1995 Market Lamb Classes 8:30 a.m. Commercial Finewool Ewe Lamb Classes 10:30 a.m. Buyers' Bar-B-Q Lunch 11:30 a.m. Stock Show Awards Presentations 1:00 p.m. Junior Stock Show Premium Sale 2:00 p.m.

Everyone in the community is welcome to come out and enjoy the activities. This is the single most important event to some of our 4-H and FFA members.

The noon meal on Friday will be hamburgers served by the BISD coaching staff and Saturday's noon meal will be catered by Haby's Bar-B-Que of Uvalde. You may purchase tickets in advance for the bar-

b-que which will be \$6.00 per plate from 4-H and FFA members.

Proceeds will go towards stock show awards and member's project work.

Plant Pecan Trees Properly

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

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

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

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

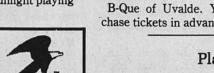
Wrap the lower 18 inches of the trunk with aluminum foil to prevent side shoots, sun scald and rabbit damage. On large plantings, use a mixture of white latex paint and water (one part paint to three parts water).

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. Basins work well on brand new trees but should be leveled after trees have become established.

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

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not like the rest of the country with its winter storms and flooding. How lucky we are to be in our little oasis way out here in West Texas.

The library is happy to accept magazines for its readers. Often school children can cut out articles or pictures to use in their studies. Thumbing through a "Texas Highways" or other publication can open up a whole new world to young people. It's a good opportunity to recycle your old magazines. Another place to drop off magazines is the receptacle in the parking area of the Service Club at FCS.

Be sure not to miss the Junior Livestock Show on Friday, January 20, and Saturday, January 21, in the Civic Center Building (behind the library) in Brackettville. Children from the entire county have been working with their animals for weeks to get them ready for the judging and auction. You will enjoy all the hustle and bustle of these two days. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. A Bar-B-Q will be served at noon on Saturday. It's our first Bar-B-Q of the season and you are invited to join in.

All you talented folks of Kinney County MUST enter your creations in the Project Show on January 20th. Categories include food, sewing, needlework, arts & crafts, photography, painting, leatherwork, woodwork, and metalwork. If these categories do not cover your

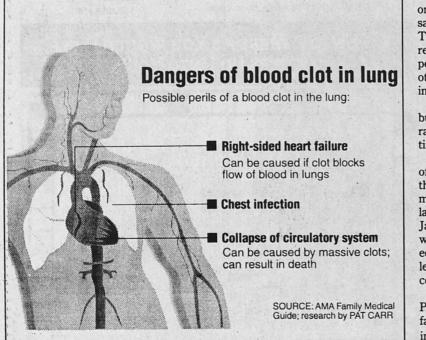
table. Awards of ribbons are given to winners. It's fun...do enter! Applications are available at Nash's (Jean's) in Brackettville, at the public library, or at the Adult Center on Fort Clark.

Are you bothered by stray dogs and cats running through your yard and chasing the birds and wild animals away? You can call Animal Control at City Hall and they will come out to assist you. Don't forget that the dogs or cats you do not want could be someone's pets so try to keep an open mind. If you do own pets, it is your responsibility to keep them close to home and to keep up their rabies shots. Be good to your pets.

One of our out of state visitors who has spent several months here for the past three years commented on how clean our town appears this time. We can all take a bow - each of us has been trying hard not to litter and to pick up a piece of trash here or there and dispose of it in the containers provided for such a purpose. Congratulations, Brackettville. Our clean-up has been noticed.

Folks from movie land have been scouting the county for appropriate sets. The Palisado building at FCS was at least one of the spots inspected.

SUPPORT YOUR FFA & 4-H YOUTH IN KINNEY COUNTY



The Postal Service has faced increased personnel and transportation costs, primarily because of growth in mail volume and delivery network, as well as ordinary inflationary trends. Congressionallymandated changes are also a major factor in the need for additional

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revenue.

This rate increase is the first in four years. Since rates were last increased, mail volume, costs and delivery points have increased significantly. Total volume has grown from 165.9 billion pieces to 177 billion pieces a year. Total annual operating expenses have increased from \$43.3 billion to \$48.5 billion. The national delivery network now reaches 123 million addresses - 6.5 million more than it did in 1991.

During the same time frame, the cost of goods and services in the United States has increased 12.1%. Newspapers now cost 18% more, bread costs 17.1% more, municipal water and sewer services cost 22.9% more. By comparsion, the cost of mailing a letter increased a very modest 10.3%. Relative to the current general level of prices, the Postal Service is actually becoming less costly.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

The Postal Service is selfsustaining. It uses no tax subsidies for operations and relies primarily on the revenue it generates from the sale of its products and services. This self-financed status is one reason that postage rates must be periodically adjusted as costs and other demands on the postal system increase.

The Postal Service operates in a businesslike manner and sets its rates to break even financially over time.

The Postal Service handles 40% of the world's mail volume, far more than any other country's postal administration. The world's second largest carrier of cards and letters, Japan handles about 8% of the world's mail, it's citizens pay the equivalent of 80 U.S. cents to mail a letter. The Germans pay 64 U.S. cents.

Automation programs at the Postal Service are showing favorable results. Postal employees in the United States are five times more productive than those in Germany, two and a half times more

tinued to grow in 1994. Parcel post volumes were 20% above year earlier figures. Priority Mail grew 15.6%, third-class mail 5.5%, fourth-class mail 17% and First-Class 2.4%.

The 1994 deficit would have been \$329 millin less had it not been for Congressionally imposed legislation requiring the Postal Service to cover the cost of reduced rate mailing of charitable organizations ("revenue forgone").

1991-1993

The restructuring of 1992-93 enabled the Postal Service to reduce what would have been a \$3.6 billion netdoss in fiscal year 1993 to \$1,765 billion, only \$371 million of which was attributable to operations. \$318 million of that \$371 million was due to underfunded revenue forgone. The difference of \$53 million is essentially a break-even achievement. The remainder of the FY 93 net loss included a \$857 million required payment under the **Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act** (OBRA) of 1993 and \$536 million in up-front costs to refinance part of the Postal Service debt in order to reduce interest expenses by \$2.2 billion over the next 20 years. In 1992, the Postal Service had a net income of \$474 million, but a total net income loss of \$536 million due to a one-time, \$1 billion restruc-

turing cost. In 1991 its income was \$594 million from operations, but the total net loss was \$1.489 billion. In each OBRA debt-reduction case, payments were significant factors to the bottom lines.

As a result of budget action taken in 1993, Congress will be providing support only for free mail for the blind and overseas balloting in the future. Nonprofit rates will be increased in steps over the next six years until nonprofit mailers are paying half of the overhead costs associated with their mail.

HISTORY OF POSTAGE RATES 1971-1995

May 16, 1971 8¢ March 2, 1974 10¢ December 31, 1975 13¢ May 29, 1978 15¢ 18¢ March 22, 1981 November 1, 1981 20¢ February 17, 1985 22¢ April 3, 1988 25¢ February 3, 1991 29¢ January 1, 1995 32¢



Congressional Accountability and Common Sense

The 104th Congress has an opportunity to put government back in contact with what this country really needs: less regulation, fewer laws and less federal meddling.

At the top of Congress' new agenda is the Congressional Accountability Act, a measure that would require the Senate and the House of Representatives to comply with the same rules and mandates they impose on the rest of the country

The House passed this measure January 4, its first day of business, and the Senate began its debate on similar legislation the next day. We are going to end, once and for all, Congress' practice of exempting itself from the laws and regulations under which the rest of the country must live.

Whether rules are good, bad or indifferent, this practice has made voters in this country increasingly unhappy with their elected representatives. Unlike government, the people measure such laws against a yardstick of common sense. If a law or regulation is a good idea for the country at large, surely the public good requires that it be imposed across-the-board - no exceptions.

As it is, individuals are finding the government's rules more and more onerous. Our laws and regulations impede business and distort free-market competition. They make our exports more costly. Yet often they do little to achieve the social good their proponents have promised.

The American people believe that those who govern are not in touch with their needs. They believe that we in Congress have given ourselves special treatment — and set ourselves above the law. In that we have exempted ourselves from the rules, those are fair charges.

In recent decades Congress has fastidiously avoided any first-hand experience with the results of its own rulemaking. Now we have fired the first shot in what will be a real revolution in government by moving forward with the Congressional Accountability Act. The battle has begun.

This legislation requires Congress to observe the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act and the Federal Labor Management Relations Act, and others, all of which Congress has imposed on the private sector but not itself.

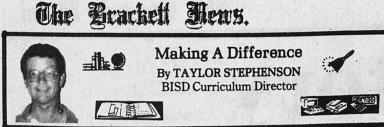
By making accountability our first order of business, we are sending a clear signal to the American people who voted last November: We heard you!

I have owned my own small business. I have felt, personally, the effects of too many federal laws and regulations. I did not like it then, and I do not

It is high time that Congress experience first-hand the consequences of the laws it passes.

I sincerely believe that, by voting for the Congressional Accountability Act, I will be casting my vote to reduce the number of unwanted, unneeded and downright destructive laws in the future. I think that once Congress has a taste of its own medicine, we will rewrite

the prescription.



Show Time: The Winds Of Change

The news has been big this week! Texas Gov. elect George W. Bush fired Commissioner of Education Skip Meno. In Washington, D.C., Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has controlled most of the news. In Texas, we are hearing stories from Bob Bullock, Lt. Gov., that two years on public assistance is enough. After that, you're on your own. In every state, Legislative sessions are kicking off with some new twists. The winds of change are blowing. It's show time. The American people are ready for change.

POLITICS: Funny, but being the incumbent is not the enviable position it used to be. We're saying, 'You should have made it better while you had the chance." For years, politicians came to us and made promises, election after election. The recent turn of events showed that folks are tired of the same old, SAME OLD! Tax and spend just won't cut it anymore. Folks are angry about porkbarrel projects that shouldn't ever have been approved to begin with. They're tired of the skyrocketing national debt. They're tired of giving America's bucks to others while we have needs in our own country. They want income tax increases under control. We're tired of Lotto bucks going to increase the size of Texas government. Today, the electorate is saying balance a budget. Gov. Ann ran a campaign about things being okay in Texas. didn't agree. Folks just Congressional candidates said give us four more years, and we'll fix it. The nation said no.

EDUCATION: Skip Meno did some good things. He gave more power to teachers called site based decision making. He gave more local control to school district. BUT, THE FOLKS WANT MORE LOCAL CONTROL OF THEIR DESTINY. George W. Bush says he wants to reform education, get tough on juvenile criminals, reform the welfare system and work for tort reform. I hope that he gets it done. Most Texans agree with him. Not many would take issue with him. Gov. Bush, "don't let the system beat you." Cut the size of government. Give control to local schools and then hold us responsible for results.

Meno got us to focus on the product rather than on the process. He wanted results. He didn't care too much about the process. It was easier to get waivers from the process under Meno if you could produce results. I don't think that Meno's position is far different from the thinking of George W. Bush. Bush wants to give more power to local boards to determine how they can best get results. Texas gave a mandate to Bush, and he wanted a new commissioner. I hope that Bush finds someone from the Southwest and preferably from Texas this

time. Meno is from New York. So the winds of change are blowing. In Brackettville, our staff development days focused on producing a curriculum that could produce results. The big challenge presented to teachers was TO DETERMINE WHAT STUDEN-TS MUST KNOW WHEN THEY FINISH THE CLASS IF THEY ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT THE NEXT LEVEL. Those things that the students absolutely must know are called outcomes. If the outcome must be learned in order for our kids to be successful, it was labeled as essential #1. If the outcome was something extra above and beyond, it was labeled expected #2. If the outcome was an extension of or an application of an idea it was labeled an EXTENSION #3. We carefully reviewed outcomes and determined if they were essential (1), expected (2), or extensions (3). We added new ones and deleted old ones. All teachers tried to focus on the essential outcomes first, followed by expected outcomes with extensions when possible. This became Brackett ISD's curriculum. It's results oriented. We didn't spend time working on how to get results. Teachers are given lots of latitude in selecting instructional strategies that will achieve the results.

After outcomes were identified, BISD teachers spent time locating them in their instructional materials (like the textbook). Just where is this stuff taught in this class? If we are to be successful, the teaching of essential outcomes absolutely has to be a conscious effort, so does the lear-

ning. What's next in education reform? Look for a state finance plan that



or Juice. MONDAY Donut Fruit or Fruit Juice TUESDAY **Tiger Toast** Fruit or Fruit Juice WEDNESDAY Pancakes Fruit or Fruit Juice THURSDAY Scrambled Eggs/Toast Fruit or Fruit Juice FRIDAY Holiday

takes the tax from the local arena and moves it to the state level. Many believe that it's the only way to provide equal educational opportunities to all the students of Texas. I think that TAAS will probably be scuttled, as each district selects its own outcomes and finds ways to test them to prove that the system worked. We must provide a way of measuring the outcomes. This will probably be done by a criterion referenced test, like TAAS, or even by performance based indicators. I believe that a Texan will become the next Commissioner of Texas Education. TEA will probably become smaller with less authority. Maybe they will become an agency that helps local schools achieve results rather than a regulatory agency. I expect the dismantling of regional educational networks because of the tremendous expense. Changes! Winds blowing! Our

school is trying to focus on results rather than process. When the federal budget becomes balanced. there will be fewer bucks for education. If our kids are to have a future, it's time that the federal budget gets balanced. It's time that our local school board be given the power to spend its money for Brackett ISD's kids NOT FOR STATE MANDATES. I for one am ready for change. The other guys had their chance. Let's make it work right this time.

Show time! Let's fix it! I want to be a participant as we look for ways to make education better. How about you?

Salad Bar Available Everyday Grilled Ham & Cheese Hearty Vegetable Soup Fresh Fruit TUESDAY Chicken Nuggets/Gravy Whipped Potatoes - Choice of Veg. Roll WEDNESDAY Hamburger - Burger Salad **French Fries** THURSDAY Meat & Cheese Nachos Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans Fruit FRIDAY

Tigers Open District Play With Win

Holiday

BH Tuesday, January 10, the Lackland Eagles came to Brackett to open district play against the Tigers. It was a fairly close game but the Tigers led the Eagles the whole way.

The final score was Brackett 50. Lackland 34.

Racking up points for the Tigers were Ramon DeLeon and Ruben Terrazas with 14 each. Michael Padron scored 12, Wil Shahan had 10, and Michael Munoz had 2.

Coach Grubbs said, "We had an outstanding defensive performance. It's always nice to start district off with a win. We need that kind of effort to be successful every game."

This win brought the Tiger record to 1-0 in district, and 8-5 for the year.



BRACKETT ISD January 1995 13 Friday 5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB LYTLE H 14 Saturday 10:00am HSBB JVB EAGLE PASS

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- 6:30pm BOARD MEETING Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 17 Tuesday 7:00am HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST 5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB NATALIA T PAYDATE CUT-OFF DATES
- 18 Wednesday 11:00am MILLS - CLUSTER V
- 19 Thursday 5:00pm HSBB JVB UVALDE H
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Tigers Fall To S.A.

BH Friday, January 6, the Tigers

traveled to an air force base whose graveyard had more people than the whole town of Brackett. They went to San Antonio Cole for their second district game.

The Tigers did a good job of shutting Cole's 6'7" Marcus Culpepper down. Shutting him down, however, didn't win the game as the final score was San Antonio Cole 68, Brackett 38.

Racking up those 38 points for the Tigers took everyone that played. Ruben Terrazas had 9, Ramon DeLeon and Michael Munoz each had 6, Brian Hooker had 5. Michael Padron had 3, Patrick Melancon, Jared Shahan, Wil Shahan, and Kirk Hill each had 2 points, and Kelly Henrich had 1.

Coach Grubbs said, "We played what I think is the best team in the district but our boys still gave an outstanding effort."

The Tiger record is now 8-6 with 1-1 in district.

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Hunt Library Acknowledges Memorials

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The BISD Mary Higginbotham Hunt Library acknowledges recent memorials:

Steve and Merry Beth Mills donated Mysteries Of Mankind in memory of George Michael Gregg; Positive Moves in memory of Natividad Ramon; Forgotten Edens in memory of Oscar Neuman; Our Awesome Earth in memory of Weldon Curry.

Jimmy and Kathy Bader donated Women At War in memory of Oscar Neuman.

Judy Hooker donated Possum Come A Knockin' in memory of George Michael Gregg; Texas Big Bend Country in memory of George Michael Gregg; Thereby Hangs A Tale in memory of Weldon Curry; Heavens To Betsy in memory of Weldon Curry; and A Hog On Ice in memory of Weldon Curry.

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The time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, the -Robert Green Ingersoll way to be happy is to make others so.

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selection

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A ing weeks. However, try not to let a e begins today that is favorable

Super Crossword

for shopping. Though you may become impatient with a personal adviser, in business your charm works miracles. You'll get encouragement to proceed with a project that's been on the back burner.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll be sprucing up your wardrobe and appearance in the coming weeks. A disagreement with a friend could occur over money. Plans for travel fall into place. Plans for travel fall into place this week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week and in the coming weeks, you'll be spending more quality time with a romantic interest. Avoid confrontations in business. The evening is favored for artistic pursuits.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your social life will pick up in the coming weeks, and singles are likely to meet with a new admirer. Keep peace with a co-worker this week. You may decide to make a call on a troubled friend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your social graces will be an asset in business this week and in the coming weeks. You'll receive recognition for your work. A possible disagreement could arise this week with a loved one but avoid being stubborn.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You may be a bit restless now. Going out for good times this week is favored over staying at home. Travel is in the stars for the weeks ahead. Romance is highlighted this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Events in the coming weeks will improve your overall financial position. This week you may be impatient with an incompetent coworker. Try to be patient. Perhaps a helping hand will be what this person needs.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic cycle

begins for you this week. Bonds of affection will grow stronger in the weeks ahead. Enjoy fun amusements this weekend, but try to avoid spending too much money. You can have fun inexpensively.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new assignment which will be to your liking arises this week or in the coming weeks. You may meet with romance through an introduction made on the job. This weekend you need to keep peace with family members.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll be going out more often for fun times in the comsmall upset turn into a huge area of contention between you and a close friend. There's a special accent on romance now

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll begin a home decorating project this week or in the weeks ahead. Arguments about money are likely to arise but you've done your homework. What you want to do is really affordable. Family togetherness is important.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Travel and artistic interests are likely to be priorities this week and in the weeks ahead. Avoid forcing issues in business, even though you are impatient to make certain changes. Socialize this weekend.

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Jan. 12	Carlos SanMiguel Jr.
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Jan. 13	Donna Smith
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Jan. 14	Veronica Rivas
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Jan. 15	Mary Sandoval
Jan. 15	Regina Pena
Jan. 15	Juanita Talamantes
Jan. 16	Stoney Burks
Jan. 16	Nancy O'Brien
Jan. 17	Lorraine Watson
Jan. 18	Vickie Ahrens
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Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. Fictional Towns: What town was the policing domain of Sheriff Andy Taylor and Deputy Barney Fife?

2. Literature: What work of Robert Louis Stevenson chronicled the adventures of Jim Hawkins, cabin boy?

3. Inventors: Who had over 1.000 U.S. patents to his credit during his lifetime?

4. Geography: What country's nickname is "The Queen of the Antilles"?

5. Television: Who portrayed Superman on television in the 1950s?

6. Quotes: Who said, "Turn on to the scene; tune in to what's happening. Drop out"?

Art: Who painted "Crucifixion"?

8. Anatomy: What is the strongest muscle in the human body?

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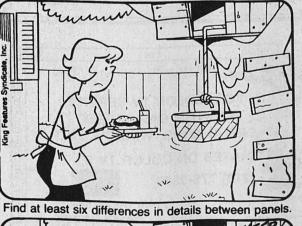
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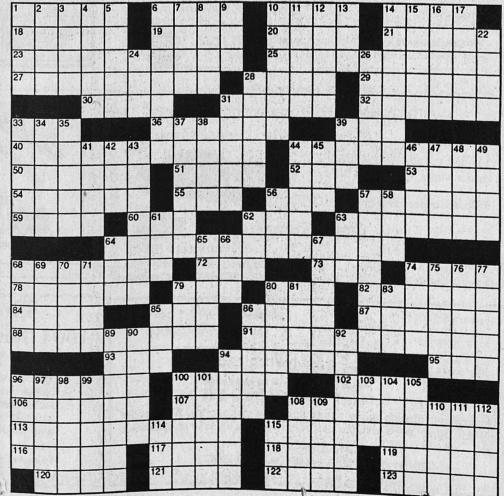
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The Brackett Mews.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In De-cember of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years. The Fort Clark period of these diaries and Lt French's letters home from Fort Clark are being shared with the Fort Clark Historical Society by Lt French's granddaughter, Mrs. Lyn Beliveau of Jericho, Vermont, who visited Fort Clark last February with an Elderhostel.

The diaries and letters are an intriguing window to late 19th century Army life at Fort Clark and to the American experience of the Victorian Era. You will find Lt French to be a caring and sensitive man who, like us all, has opinions on people and politics. He is a bachelor and immersed in the "society" of Fort Clark. However, always in the background is his profession of being a soldier and an officer, which he takes quite se-riously. This is his diary.

Friday, January 12, 1883

This morning the Doctor left for Thurston to take the train for Clark, and strange to relate I did not envy him much although he intends to go where Marie is. The day was spent quietly in camp reading The Scarlet Letter most of the time. There are certain parts of that book or rather of the introductory sketch that fit my case exactly. In one place the author speaks of occupying a place under the Government which brings him in a sure income, so that he is not bound at all to think where his next money is to come from; all that he is obliged to do is to hold his place. In this way he was gradually becoming a mere machine and losing all desire for writing, when a general election occurring, the opposite party succeeded and

he was forced out of his place. In this way he was compelled to work again, and we have The Scarlet as the result.



Monday. January 15, 1883

Commenced to practice on my violin today and to exercise my voice. And now, I am resolved to keep up both whenever possible. On a scout, of course, the violin has to be abandoned, but I can carry a pitch pipe with me all the time. Rode over to the railroad in a wagon this morning with the Doctor, and spent the remainder of the day in camp after seeing him leave on the cars. In the evening with Luce and an extra horse rode Harvey over to see if the Doctor had returned and found that he had. Harvey has very easy gaits; I am very well satisfied with him. This morning, I bought several pieces of Chinese money from

some Chinamen at Thurston. One of the gang had given out and was dying of consumption. The others showed their utter heartlessness by putting him out of the house in little tent, with a bed on the ground. and no stove or other arrangement for heating the tent. There far away from home and friends, with no comforts, in that desolate place that poor wretch was dying. It was a horrible sight, rendered still more so by the way his comrades treated him. In the evening felt more tired than I have been since coming to this camp; must exercise each day. I was very much interested in watching these Chinamen eat with chop sticks today. Wrote a letter to Marie this evening and shall start the couriers tomorrow for Del Rio.

Tuesday. January 16, 1883

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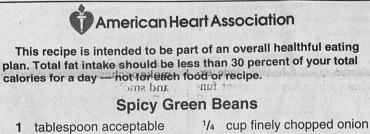
next month. Hope the other couriers will return tomorrow. Doctor and I took a walk after lunch today for exercise. He is a very genial pleasant gentleman. Poor man he has had a rough experience. Being only a contract doctor he is kept out here all the time. I dont think it is fair, but of course this is none of my business and I must not interfere. Kept up my good resolution about practicing today both vocally and instrumentally. Read a trashy novel part of the day. Do not enjoy such books much after "The Scarlet Letter".

Wednesday. January 17, 1883

Dr. Harmer and I were in hopes that the couriers might come in today with the mail, but our hopes were destined to disappointment. This evening, he went over to Thurston in the wagon to meet the train from Lozier and returned with two gentlemen, Mr. Nason and Capt. Simonds who are to stay with us for two or three days. They are railroad men stationed at Dallas, but come originally from Boston. On account of trouble among the stock holders, the road is now in the hands of a receiver

and they are out of their places for a while. So they have come out here to look at some land and find what the prospect is to put sheep or cattle on the land. Nason, the younger is a graduate of Harvard and was practicing law in Boston when he was induced to come to this state to go into railroading.

Today the couriers left with the He invested some money and is Sent a letter to Marie, one now afraid of losing it. He is a thorough gentleman; in fact both ration return and requisition for are and we like them very much



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and hope they will make a long visit. Capt Simonds is an older man, one who has seem more of the world. He used to be captain of police in Boston. He is now looking after the land in company with Nason in the interest of a Mr. Shortwell, one of the principal owners of the railroad. Practiced today as usual.

Thursday. January 18, 1883

Went to Mayer's Spring with our guests this morning. Nason seemed very much interested in the paintings made by the Indians on the rocks that overhang the Spring. After returning got some horses and sent one of the Seminoles with them to show them the land. While they were away the mail came and, much to my pleasure, brought me a bountiful supply, only one letter from Marie however. I can plainly see from home letters that Mother & Lula are a little jealous of the dear girl, but they must not interfere. I am go-ing to marry the lady I love if she will have me, and will not allow anybody to interfere with my selection in this matter. Father sent me some notes to sign in connection with my insurance money. How kind and thoughtful he is in looking after my business. I would be worse than a brute to do anything to hurt his feelings or to cross him in any way. Poor man, he has had a life of toil and trouble, and the least I can do is to help him in every way possible. Got a bill from Hatfield amounting to nearly \$50, which I must pay as soon as possible. Practiced as usual, before our guests returned. Spent a very pleasant evening in conversation. Nason is a verv agreeable gentleman to me as we could converse about books. By the way, Marie thinks I ought to write, and perhaps I am doing wrong to myself in not writing, at least, some newspaper articles. But I am too much afraid that I have not talent in that direction. I must try however.



Forgotten Frontier Defenders Buffalo Soldiers The Buffalo Soldiers endured

The truth surrounding the settling of the Old West is often lost amidst the glitz and glamour of Hollywood's movies. The stereotypical American cowboy, riding high upon his horse, is portrayed chasing Indians across the West Texas plains with a six-shooter in his hand.

Despite this image, the American cowboy was not always white. Cowboys of the Old West came in many colors, including black and brown. The forgotten saga of Texas' black frontier soldiers is another story not found in many history books. Their accomplishments were extraordinary, but achieved during an era when cultural diversity was not embraced. These brave men were called Buffalo Soldiers. They made up the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantries of the United States Army after the Civil War

harsh conditions in the Army. Perhaps the greatest indignity was the pitiful quality of horses they were assigned. Traditionally, U.S. Cavalry mounts are the finest available, but the Buffalo Soldiers only received discarded Civil War cripples, or animals who were old and barely walking. Many times, these horses meant the difference between life and death in battle. Over time, however, the Buffalo Soldiers overcame sub-par treatment and proved to be valuable fighters.

Written records from this time in Texas history are scarce. There are no letters, diaries, or journals because most of the Buffalo Soldiers were illiterate. Therefore, the history of their accomplishments has been buried over time.

Today, much is being done to preserve the memory of the Buffalo Soldiers. Due to the peace that the Buffalo Soldiers maintained, Fort Davis was deactivated in 1891. Today it is a 460-acre national historic site. More than 25 original structures and the foundations of several others have been restored as part of the National Park Service. People can step into another way of life here, a time when the West was still wild and unknown. At Fort Davis, a visitor center and museum show the challenge of life on the Texas frontier during the late 1800's. Park rangers and volunteers dress like Buffalo Soldiers, Army officers, their wives, and servants during living history programs. The park comes to life with the audio recreation of the fire of guns, the clip-clop of horses, and the call of bugles as the sounds from the Buffalo Soldiers' experience at Fort Davis unfold. The Memorial Regiment, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Soldiers in Blue are two organizations that regularly travel the state, speaking and portraying the life of the Buffalo Soldier. The two groups are made up of state park rangers and members of riding clubs, many of whom are descendants of original Buffalo Soldiers. The men put on approximately 30 programs a year in Texas schools and historical parks. The programs are lessons in multiculturalism. Their aim is to teach a generation of children of the important contributions made by African-Americans. They teach inner-city children the accomplishments of black vaqueros, soldiers, and cowboys in order to show the children that people of different colors have a place in Texas history. Their participation in the re-telling of history gives minority children a chance to see that their ancestors had a role in the settlement of the West. The Buffalo Soldiers proved that the color of one's skin does not matter as much as perseverance and dedication. Their role in taming the Texas frontier and keeping peace throughout the state was a great accomplishment. They are an example of the true spirit of the Lone Star State and a source of pride in "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country.®" For a free 272-page Texas State Travel Guide and a highway map, call 800/8888-TEX.

I am in a place where the income is sure and regular, and all that I have to do to hold the place is to behave properly. I have often thought of resigning, but have not the courage to start again. I must overcome this habit of laziness into which I have fallen, and try to do something. There is the trouble, I cannot decide what to do. I think I would like to become a correspondent for a paper or something of that kind. Then again, I get a fancy for music or painting, and as a consequence I do nothing at all. I will do something. I shall write an account of our quarantine camp last Fall, and while waiting to hear from this I'll practice my music.

The Doctor returned this evening as the railroad was not completed and he could not get through.

Saturday, January 13, 1883

Doctor Harmer started again this morning to see if he could reach Clark, hope he will be successful. Spent the day in reading and thinking about what I have read. Commenced to write to Gen'l Smith about this place and these Seminoles but did not finish the letter.

Sunday, January 14, 1883

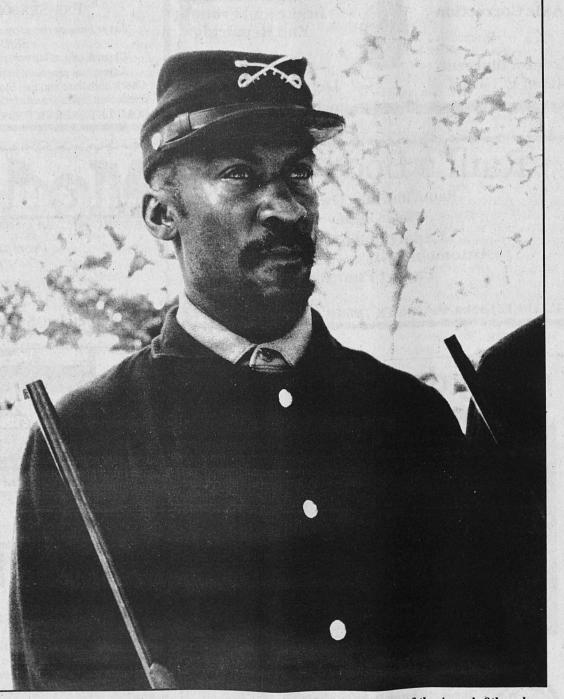
Wrote a letter to Gen'l Smith and one home, sending the latter around by way of El Paso and then to Kansas City and home. Think it will reach Fort Wayne much quicker than if it were sent by courier to Del Rio. Finished the "Blithedal (?) Romance" today, and was delighted with it in one way and disappointed in another. The book is very interesting to me on account of its style, the beautiful manner in which the thoughts of the writer are expressed. There is nothing labored about the book, but all appears to come readily and easily. Why cant I write & think this way? It must be a pleasure to write such finished works. I wonder whether this is due to the author's genius, or is the result of hard work. The plot of the story is not pleasing to me as it introduces an element of mystery in the second sight performance of Priscilla. In tales of ordinary life such marvelous acts savor too much of jugglery to suit me. They do well enough in fairy tales or something of that kind. This evening much to my astonishment the Doctor returned, as he was unable to go farther than to the Pecos.

- no-salt-added, French-1/4 teaspoon dill seed Freshly ground black style green beans
- pepper to taste 1/2 cup finely chopped celery

Place margarine and water in a saucepan over medium heat. Add frozen beans and heat slowly, using a fork to separate. Cover and cook until beans are tender. Add remaining ingredients, toss lightly and heat thoroughly. (Celery and onion Serves 4. should remain crisp.)

Select margarines that have no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

(To be continued next week)



The Buffalo Soldier helped keep the peace on the Texas frontier. Members of the Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry are remembered in living history programs and by organizations dedicated to honoring these brave African-Americans. For more information, contact the Fort Davis National Historic Site, 915/426-3224. Texas Department of Commerce photo.

Dressed in blue uniforms, the

Buffalo Soldiers were the dividing line between hostility and peace on the Texas frontier. Thinly spread on the thousand-mile border from Brownsville to El Paso, they protected farmers, ranchers, and settlers from harm. With bravery, they fought Native American warriors, cattle rustlers, murderous gunmen, bootleggers, and Mexican Revolutionaries who ventured into Texas. The Buffalo Soldiers escorted stagecoaches, cattle drives, and railroad crews through Indian territory, and built new roads and telegraph lines to maintain communication in the ever-growing community of the Old West.

They were dubbed "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Plains Indians. The men were very proud of this title, though no one is quite certain how it originated. Some believe it was because the soldiers wore thick coats made of buffalo hide during the winter months. Others believe it was in reference to the thick, woolly hair of a buffalo and its similarities to the black soldiers' hair. Either way, it was considered a term of respect because the buffalo was an important animal along the Western frontier. The buffalo symbol was prominently displayed on the company crests of both the 9th and 10th Cavalry.

When the Civil War ended, Congress passed an act that allowed African-Americans to serve in the peacetime army. African-American troops had fought since the days of George Washington, but until the Civil War, their role was limited. When blacks were finally allowed to join the Army, they were stationed in West Texas to battle Indians. Fort Davis was the main post for the Buffalo Soldiers. Located deep in the Chihuahuan Desert of West Texas, it was a location most enlisted men wanted to avoid. It was built in 1854 to secure reliable water routes that were being attacked by Indians.

Many young African-Americans were still eager to enlist because the army gave them an opportunity to make money in a society that was closed to them. They earned \$13 a month, more than they could earn in nearly any other occupation.



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First Baptist Church Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

The Pastor's Pen"

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1995

Bratwurst Fry Fundraiser Scheduled The public is invited to join Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at its 1st Annual "Good-Old Wisconsin Bratwurst Fry!" It is being held on Sunday, January 22, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall on Fort Clark.

Pena Joins Navy Jose Luis Pena of Brackettville, son of Manual and Antonio Pena, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Gunner's Mate program. Jose enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, in September 1995 for active duty, where he will undergo basic training. Upon completion of basic training, Jose will begin 22 weeks of schooling at Great Lakes in the Gunner's Mate field. Navy Gunner's Mates operate, maintain, and repair all gunnery equipment, guidedmissile launching systems, rocket launchers, guns, gunmounts, turrets, projectors, and associated equipment.



Frontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

At the close of World War II "Victory" was on the minds and hearts of everyone. A "V" formed by two fingers was flashed by that sin is forgiven because of almost everyone many times during the day. Great exhilarations was felt in the hearts of the people.

This feeling was great but dims in its impact when compared by the victory available to every person in his life and actions.

The eighth chapter of Romans sets forth this victory. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

This means there is victory over sin. Victory over the penalty, death, is guaranteed. There is victory over temptation to sin. There is victory over motivation to sin.

This is because "the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

This simply means that when a Christian sins its because he repels

Texas Winner Under NAFTA

REPORT FROM THE TEXAS DEPT. OF COMMERCE

As Mexico President Ernesto Zedillo lays out his economic plan, export figures for the first three quarters of 1994 attest to the confidence of Texas businesses in the Mexican market. The figures released today by the Texas Department of Commerce also show strong increases in trade with Canada, establishing Texas as a winner under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Texas businesses continue to increase their exports to Mexico, but the fastest export growth has been in the Canadian market.Based on the first 3 quarters of 1994, Texas exports reached \$43.6 billion, an increase of 13.3% over the same period in 1993. U.S. exports also showed a significant gain, growing 9.5% over the same period to reach \$374.6 billion.

"Almost half of Texas exports are destined for Canada or Mexico, our two partners under NAFTA," noted Deborah Kastrin, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce. "In the first three quarters of 1994, these two countries accounted for ²/₃ of our export gains. Clearly, NAFTA has been a major factor in our export growth."

With a proven track record in the Mexican export market, Texas

the leadership of the Holy Spirit in his heart and on his own commits sin. Even then it is undeniable that

relationship to Christ. If one has the Spirit of Christ in him he is basically motivated by the spirit. If one knows Jesus Christ as a personal Savior he has the Spirit of Christ in his heart. If he has not the Spirit of Christ in his heart he is none of Christ's.

Faith in Christ gives victory over death. A person who has trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior does not have a "hope" of heaven for eternity, he has the assurance of the fact. This is the only way to know of victory over the grave. The message of Romans chapter

eight is "Victory."

A message from the Bible will bless everyone who attends worship at Frontier Baptist church Sunday. Come and see.

Texas also serves international businesses as the ideal site for a U.S. location. With today's cor-

porate cutbacks and rising costs of doing business, Texas offers firms the convenience of a single location to serve the U.S., convenient to both coasts, as well as Canada and

Every beloved object is the

Whitetail Buck **Contest Results**

The 1994-95 deer hunting season marked the 1st Annual Big Whitetail Buck Contest sponsored by the Kinney Chamber of Commerce. Forty-five hunters participated. All of the bucks weighed in for the contest were great deer. The contest was well worth the effort and the Chamber of Commerce thanks Dub and Mona Miller who presented the idea and the plans, all who sold registrations, and all who helped promote the contest. Special thanks to Freddie Frerich, Frank Garza, and all the staff at Stop-N-Shop, the official weigh-in station and their deer processing plant.

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Jose Angel Nava

Jose Angel Nava, United States Border Patrol Agent stationed in Brackettville since 1990, was killed while on duty January 6, 1995, near Spofford. Although DPS personnel still held the case open for investigation at press time, the best indications available are that Agent Nava was alone in a border patrol vehicle, traveling east on Highway #1572, when he struck a large deer, lost control of the vehicle, and turned over more than one time. It is believed that he was on his way to inspect a train that possibly unknowingly carried illegal aliens.

Agent Nava was born July 6, 1958, in Brownsville, Texas. He served in the United States Army and the Air Force each for two years.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Maria Nava, of the family home in Del Rio and a son, Matthew Nava also of Del Rio; his parents Elvia and Jose Luis Nava of Belvidere, Illinois; brothers Jesus Nava and Jorge Nava

Nava and Alma Vernetti Nava of Belvidere; mother and father-in-law Maria and Antonio Chavez of Del Rio; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral mass was at 10:00 a.m.

both of Belvidere, and Noe Nava of

Del Rio; sisters Alicia Peterson

Tuesday, January 10, 1995, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Del Rio, with Rev. Blas Galeb Mokrazel officiating. Burial followed at the Del Rio Memorial Park Cemetery with the San Felipe-Del Rio Honor Guard conducting military graveside services. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home.

Border Patrol Agent Gene Meeks, Brackettville, who had been Nava's supervisor most of 1994, described the deceased as an outstanding agent, dedicated officer, an extremely positive individual, and one that will be greatly missed by the U.S. Border Patrol service.



The meal will include bratwurst, rolls, sauerkraut, German potato salad, baked beans, iced tea and coffee. There will be a \$4.00 charge per meal for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years. Additional bratwurst sandwiches can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

Redeemer Lutheran services are held the first and third Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Shafter Hall, Fort Clark Springs.

Anyone interested to play keyboard for hymns, either occasionally or on a regular schedule can call Jerry at 563-2047 or Gertie Trautwein at 563-2911.

After successfully completing school, he could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world. Joey is currently a senior at

Brackett High School.



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday Worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm, Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Baptist Hispanic Mission, 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 pm, Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.

Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Bible Study Sunday 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7:00 pm.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 am, Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 am, Regular 10:30 am, Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 pm, Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 pm, Dr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 am, Church School Classes 9:45 am, Service of Worship 11:00 am, Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 pm, Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm, Worship Service Thursday 7:00 pm, William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 6 p.m., Shafter Hall, FCS, 563-2047.

Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 pm, Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.

Jerusalem Temple, 514 East Louis St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational) 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331

businesses are 'now looking at Canada as an important market for their products. In the first three quarters of 1994, Texas exports to Canada grew more than 23% over the same period a year ago - almost twice the overall growth rate of U.S.

exports to Canada. "Mexico is still, by far, our largest export market, but Canada is actually growing at a faster rate," said Commerce's Senior Economist Susan Tully. "In 1993, Texas exports to Canada grew more than 20%; through the third quarter of 1994, we've seen a similar growth rate."

Commerce's analysis of the export figures also reveals:

*Texas trade with Mexico, which more than doubled between 1987 and 1993, has only been enhanced by the implementation of NAFTA. For the first three quarters of 1994, the state's exports to Mexico grew a robust 17.1%.

*Texas shipments to Mexico, valued at \$17.5 billion, accounted for nearly half of the \$37.5 billion that the U.S. exported to Mexico in the first three quarters of 1994.

*Combined U.S. exports to Mexico expanded even faster than Texas exports for the first nine months of 1994, posting a 21.5% gain, underlining the growing importance of NAFTA for all states, not just Texas.

"As we look to the new year," Kastrin says, "Texas needs to maintain its focus on expanding international markets. Mexico and Canada will continue to be major markets, but with the passage of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and a pending expansion of NAFTA, international trade holds great promise for Texas in 1995 and beyond,"

Many of those new opportunities may be found relatively close to

home for Texas businesses. In December 1994, heads of government from Western 34 Hemisphere nations agreed to negotiate a hemispheric free trade zone, made up of the world's largest free trade zone, made up of an estimated 850 million people and a \$13 trillion market. With an expanded NAFTA as the cornerstone of that vision, U.S., Canadian, and Mexican leaders formally invited Chile to begin negotiations to join trade pact in 1995.

The Chamber is pleased with the first year's results, and are already making plans for next year's to be bigger and better.

Most of all, thank you HUNTERS and we will look for you next year.



pounds. He won a 30.06 Savage First Place was taken by Kenneth deer rifle and scope from the Cham Odstrcil from Temple, Texas! He ber of Commerce who thanks Warren Outlaw for his help with the bagged his 17-point buck on the Mitchell Ranch. It weighed 109 purchase of the rifle.

The Woodsons and the Jug Store donated a fitting consolation prize for the lowest scoring buck officially

Second Place went to Jim Murray, Jr. from Hockley, Texas. He killed his 26 point buck on the Kickapoo Ranch. It weighed 100 pounds. He ney County Wool & Mohair for help won an electric deer feeder donated with the purchase of the feeder.

by M&S Price Company. Special thanks to Tony Frerich and the Kin-



weighed in. That prize went to

William H. Miller from Houston.

His 8 point, 108 pound buck was

killed on the Eagle Nest Ranch.

fonroe Ashworth III from The Woodlands, Texas, then took consolation third place prize. His 9 point buck was taken at the Bunger Ranch. It weighed 103 pounds and was good for a pair of Tasco binoculars from the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to Dennis Dodson at Davis Hardware for help of the purchase.



There was a third place tie which was decided by a coin toss. Jon M.

Miller, Houston, was lucky. His 11 point buck came off the Eagle Nest

Ranch. It weighed 100 pounds. He won a Stag handled case knife and sheath donated by Chuy's Deer Processing. The knife was purchased at Davis Hardware.