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

Casting Call

for
Streets of Laredo
starring James Garner

Brackettville

Friday, Feb. 10, 1995

Brackettville Civic Center

All ages and faces are wanted for the casting call of the CBS mini-series "Streets of Laredo" which will be held on Thursday, February 9, in Del Rio at 2114 Ave F (behind the Pizza Hut) and Friday, February 10 in Brackettville at the Kinney County Civic Center from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

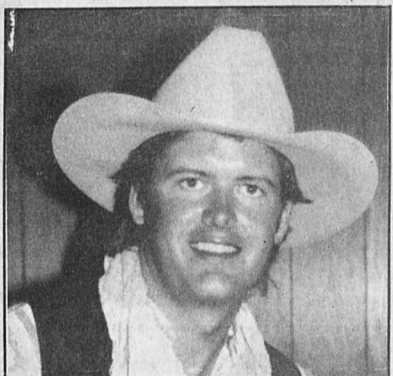
Based on Larry McMurtry's novel, the television series is about the retired Texas Ranger, Woodrow Call (played by James Garner) who is searching for the cruel, hateful, young guero outlaw, Joey Garza (played by Alexis Cruz). Other stars include Sissy Spacek, Sam Shepard, Sonia Braga, George Carlin, Randy Quaid, and Wes Studi.

Filming began in Lajitas which is close to the Big Bend Park area and will start in the Alpine area February 3. The company will begin filming in the Brackettville-Del Rio area close to the 21st of February and will wrap around mid-March.

LaShawn Wardlaw will be in charge of casting and encourages everyone who is interested to meet her at the Kinney County Civic Center February 10. Robert Hooker is designing the sets for the production.



Lashawn Wardlaw



Robert Hooker



JTPA Success Story

Fully funded for 90 days by Middle Rio Grande Development Council's JTPA program, Mary Rivas Shadwick is interning in office procedures at the office of County Judge Tommy Seargeant.

Mrs. Shadwick, who has lived in Kinney County about 20 years, was a ninth grade drop-out at Brackett High School. After marrying David Shadwick and the birth of their daughter, Ashley, they moved back to Brackettville from Del Rio. Mary decided to enter the GED program to advance her education.

She contacted Joy Ralston, JTPA Field Specialist in Brackettville, and got enrolled in GED classes. She has

now completed all the class room work and will soon take the state exam. She feels very confident that she will pass the exam and receive her Certificate of Equivalency which is acceptable in lieu of a high school diploma for employment or college enrollment.

Mrs. Shadwick began working at the judge's office January 10. Ninety days is the maximum time JTPA can fund a work experience program. By the end of the 90 days, Mary will have gained valuable experience while the county will have received valuable, and appreciated service, from Mary and the JTPA service.

JTPA does work.

Sheriff Norman Hooten Is On The Job As He Has Been All Along

After a series of events that occurred late last week, Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten graciously consented to talk to *The Brackett News* personnel Monday morning. He confirmed that basically the "happenings" were that he was served notice that he was charged with perjury as an aftermath of an October 1994 trial where a jury pronounced a guilty verdict on a

Class C misdemeanor charge against him. That charge was that he had been a spectator at a dog fight. Sheriff Hooten had entered a "not guilty" plea and stood trial in a Bastrop Justice of the Peace court. Immediately following the jury's verdict, his lawyer filed an appeal to

county court-at-law gaining a trial de novo; you go back to the presumption of innocence, the status Sheriff Hooten claims. February had been the scheduled trial date but it has now been postponed with no date given.

Sheriff Hooten said he had been aware of the continuing investigation before search warrants were presented Thursday. He also asserted that he is innocent of the perjury charges.

Friday, he reported to Bastrop officials and was released on a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond on the aggravated perjury charge. He assured this paper that he was "on the job" serving the people of Kinney County as he had been all along.

A Full Commissioners Court Met Tuesday In Special Session

Tuesday morning, January 31, 1995, the Kinney County Commissioners Court entered into a special session with Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Cordelia Mendeke, and Paul O'Rourke present. Judge Tommy Seargeant presided.

Action was tabled on a lease renewal from TDHS until they could present the actual contract.

Joy Ralston, representing the newly organized Arts Council, received permission to use the Civic Center April 21, in case of bad weather, for a performance of the San Antonio Brass. Commissioner O'Rourke and Mendeke, respectively, made the motion and second, and the vote was four in favor with the judge not voting.

Permission was also granted for a casting company to use the Civic Center February 10 to enlist "extras" for the filming of "The Streets of Laredo."

Mendeke and O'Rourke made the motion and second authorizing the judge's signature on bank cards for all accounts. The vote was four for with the judge not voting.

A request to modify the check-in/out counter at the public library to accommodate children and handicapped was tabled until one or more commissioners could go by the library and apprise the situation and estimate cost to bring it into ADA compliance.

The county clerk was authorized to purchase a lock for a cash drawer but action on window blinds was deferred until another cost estimate could be obtained. Commissioners Mendeke and O'Rourke made the motion and second and the vote was four in favor with the judge not voting.

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow briefly discussed the deficiency list of the elevator at the court house and reported that Mr. Allen would meet with the court in February to discuss ADA compliance.

The judge displayed a letter of intent from MRGDC to continue the agreement with the Kinney County Aging Services nutrition program.

On a motion by Mendeke, seconded by O'Rourke, money will be transferred from the county judge's budget to cover the DPS secretary, an unfunded position as of January 1, for the first two weeks in January. The four commissioners voted for the motion, the judge voted no.

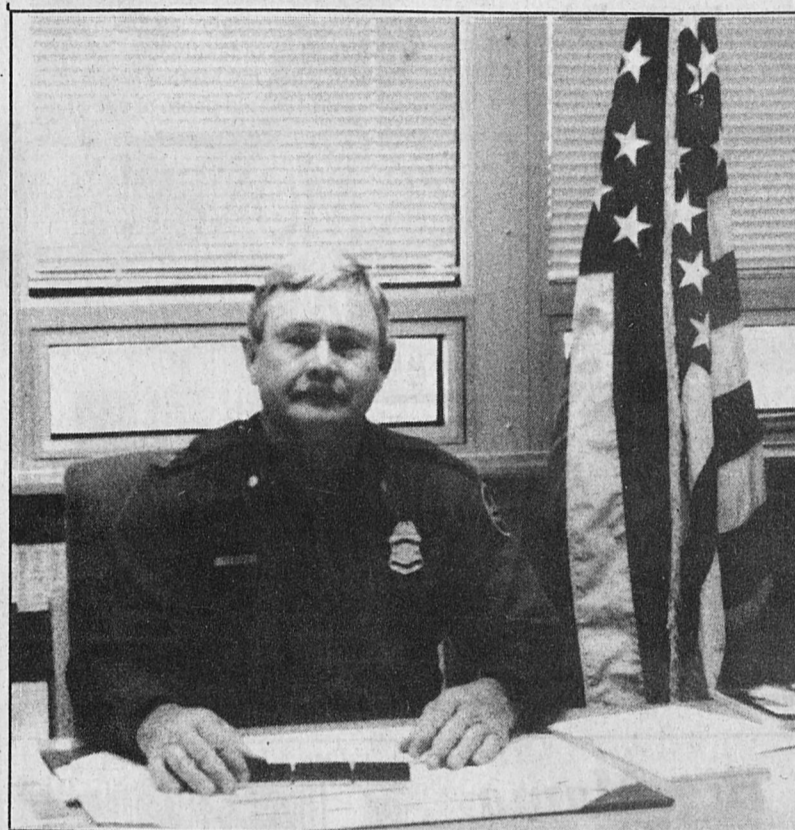
County bills were reviewed and approved for payment with the exception of registration fees for two to attend an area clerks meeting rather than three as requested. Freddie Frerich made the motion, the second came from Joe Montalvo, and the vote was four for. The judge did not vote.

Consideration and review on courthouse improvements was deferred until February when a representative from the Texas Historical Commission is scheduled to meet with the court.

Commissioner Mendeke stated that the EMS budget was developed for eight attendants but only six were active. She recommended the budgeted funds be used to increase the stipend to attendants from \$100 to \$150 monthly base, and retain the \$20 per run. Ambulance calls average 15 runs per month. She said the attendants agreed that if the money was not sufficient, they would continue their service with no compensation if necessary. On a motion by Frerich, seconded by Montalvo, O'Rourke joined them in passing the item. Mendeke abstained from voting since she made the recommendation. The judge did not vote.

Mendeke added that Bea Kuntz was scheduled to attend a Phase II grant writing seminar; grants were being prepared requesting funds for two additional attendants and the co-ordinator position; fifteen people had pre-registered for a March EMS class; and EMS Volunteers had purchased \$1,907 in radio equipment for the staff to use in the ambulances.

The court entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Back in open session, no action was required. The court adjourned on a motion by Frerich, seconded by Mendeke. All voted to adjourn.



Patrol Agent In Charge, U.S. Border Patrol Brackettville Station

On January 8, 1995, Gene Meeks formally became the Patrol Agent in Charge, United States Border Patrol, Brackettville Station. Jim Runyon formerly held the position before being transferred to Del Rio.

Agent Meeks is a 24 year veteran with the Border Patrol and has served in Eagle Pass before he was transferred to Brackettville in 1976. He is highly qualified for the position and is completely familiar with this area of the state. He has the experience and the expertise to

lead this station and is excited about the assignment.

His wife, Angie, is a long time teacher with the Brackettville Independent School District. Two of their children, Brandy and Jerrett, are students at Brackett High School. Their son, Steven, also a graduate of BHS attends an Oklahoma college.

As a family, the Meeks are involved in school and community activities.



Cavalry Returns To Fort Clark

Saturday morning, January 28, 1995, a Cavalry mount stood at Fort Clark's Palisado Building patiently waiting for his mount, Jim Ryan. Jim, in full Cavalry uniform was inside presenting a very interesting program to the Fort Clark Historical Society.

Mr. Ryan, a long time Fort Clark Springs member, makes his home in Sabinal. He and Mrs. Ryan, who was with him Saturday, spend as much time as possible at the Fort.

He displayed a number of items that he had found on the Fort and said 90% of the brass on his and his horse's regalia had been recovered from various areas on the Fort.

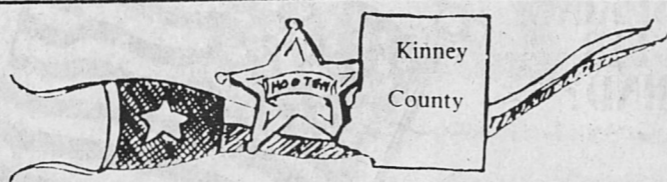
Following the program, Emet Huntsman, Historical president, conducted the business of the Society's Annual Meeting. Among reports given were 3,149 visitors to the Guardhouse Museum in 1994. Three directors were elected: Rick Searle, Diane Walker, and Willie "Dub" Warrick.

The Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District cordially invites you to the Dedication Ceremony of the Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library Sunday, February 5, 1995 Four o'clock in the afternoon Reception to follow

RSVP 210-563-2491

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



There is an old adage that states: "There are some things in this world worth having, but they come at a price." And, there comes a time in every man's life when he is faced with choices and must either take a stand for what he believes in, or, like a coward, take the easy way out, which a coward will do every time. "A coward dies a thousand deaths, a brave man only once."

As most of you know by now, my office and my home were "raided" on Thursday, January 26, 1995, by 24 state and federal officers and agents armed with two federal search warrants issued out of the U.S. District Court in Austin, Texas.

What were they looking for? Well, basically they were instructed by the warrants to search for and seize: "Books, records, receipts, invoices, notes, ledgers, bank records, cashier's checks, money orders, audio tapes, and documentation and/or other papers relating to, but

not limited to, illegal transfer, sale, purchase or other illegal use of "fighting dogs" and the illegal transfer, receipt of "dog fighting publications" through the U.S. Mail or affecting interstate or foreign commerce."

The phrase "but not limited to" is the key to what has happened to me over the past 8 months as there is NO limit to what the government will do and has done in the violation of my civil rights and the privacy of my home in their attempts to discredit me, crush my will, and destroy my professional and private life. They have totally disregarded my rights that are guaranteed by our Constitution.

During the search of my home and office numerous items of a personal and private nature were taken by the over-eager agents. Items such as a box of family photos dating back to when my Mother was a little girl; a 26-year old photo of one of my

bulldogs with my two daughters (at that time 6 or 7 years old) standing by him with their arms around his neck. Items such as all my household accounts, records of outstanding bills such as utility bills, car payments, doctor bills, etc. Which by the taking has virtually left me with no record of what I owe, to whom, how much, or when due. Items such as the LEGAL dog registration papers on my dogs which are registered through and by the American Dog Breeders Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. All my shot records on my dogs, all medical records demonstrating that I take exceptionally good care of my dogs at a sizeable expense to me. NOTHING illegal in that!

Items such as audio tapes of several phone conversations with my son during his initial training in the U.S. Army Special Forces back in 1981. ILLEGAL? Not by any means! Items such as numerous files and records of my weekly column, the Sheriff's Corner, and two magazines, one titled "The New American" and the other titled "Operational Vampire Killer 2000", both related to the trend this country is taking towards being a "POLICE STATE"! The list goes on and on. Why would they take these items when they are NOT named in the search warrants and have absolutely NOTHING to do with what they are trying to accuse me of? BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO, THAT'S WHY!

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



One of the most outstanding occurrences of the year in Kinney County and Brackettville is the Annual Junior Livestock Show. The days of the show and sale are truly highlight days.

Many people from throughout the county and surrounding area gather to view the show animals, the exhibitors and watch and participate in the sale of the animals. This is the final culmination of weeks of activities. This is the reason for careful and hard work by the young people for weeks.

In addition to the weeks of energy and efforts by the youth there is extensive work in preparation by many people. The County Agent and the

Ag Teacher spend many hours with their young charges to get their animals ready. The efforts of those conducting the show are making all the arrangements.

To one who has never been involved in such activities it is difficult to understand all the details that demand so much attention. Many days of intensive concern and action are necessary to guarantee a successful show.

All parents of the exhibitors spend weeks in support of the activities of their children. Many interested supporters not directly involved spend much time just for the benefit of the young people participating.

The many people, businesses, and organizations who support the sale demonstrate a deep interest in the activities of the exhibitors. So, it takes many people to make the show a success.

And it is all more than worthwhile when the sale is over and the young people have their money in hand and have learned that work and careful grooming actually pay financial dividends.

No effort by anyone involved in the show is wasted or badly spent. When the sale is over each person who has been in the least involved can be justly proud that he has played a vital part in the real development of young people. This makes it all worthwhile.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

"Have We Lost Our Freedom of Speech?"

This past Thursday, January 26, 1995, there was a massive raid made on Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten. It was said to be because of his alleged involvement in the illegal fighting of dogs.

In a forth-right statement to me a few years ago, when I asked him point blank did he fight dogs, he did say that many years ago he had fought dogs, but that he has since seen the error of his ways and is now strongly against this inhumane sport.

The real reason behind Thursday's massive multi-agency raid, (I'll give you the unbelievable line up shortly) was because our Sheriff Hooten had the courage to mention a publication and the group of patriot citizens who are working toward raising the consciousness of our nation's citizenry to this threat, in his weekly newsletter in *The Brackett News* newspaper on January 19, 1995, one week before the raid.

Recently I had given Sheriff Hooten a copy of a booklet titled "Operation Vampire Killer 2000", published by a group of courageous law enforcement officers who have formed an organization named Police Against The New World Order. They have the vision to see our nation is moving toward a police state. Using a national epidemic of crime and violence (not unlike that which occurred in Germany that launched Hitler into power) as the justification, that media pundits and collectivist politicians are aggressively campaigning to disarm private citizens and strengthen illegal law enforcement powers.

It appears that the Sheriff's news column keyed-up this massive raid, led by a woman in a jacket emblazoned with STATE POLICE in bold letters -- it should have read POLICE STATE. Especially, with a line-up like this

- *10 DPS Criminal Intelligence Agents
- * 2 DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Agents
- * 4 DPS Texas Rangers
- * 2 Deputy U.S. Marshals
- * 2 IRS Investigators
- * 1 U.S. Dept. Agriculture Agent
- * 3 DPS Narcotics Agents

*24 Law Enforcement Officers
Who would be fool enough to believe this shameful waste of tax payers money was to investigate the alleged offenses. These are the same tactics taken by the Nazis in curtailing any freedom of speech!

/s/ George E. Foster, Jr.

PLEASE REMEMBER that 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 number of errors within our publication.

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Library Notes



By Sara Terrazas

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

Do you find yourself bored with nothing to do? If so, then you need to come into the library and check out a few good books or maybe a good movie.

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

Kinney County Library Staff and Volunteers

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



There really is a lot to do here. We also have some good news for those of you who would rather not come in because you have a book or books that are overdue.

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Club met Tuesday, January 25, with 8 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould won first place in the N/S direction. Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pingnot won second place with Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford taking third.

Dena Scott and Mona Miller won first place in the E/W direction. Arnie and Gertie Trautwein won second place with Mary Edgar and Walt Geeze taking third.

Beta Sigma Phi Shows Community Spirit

Our sorority sister, Nancy Frerich, asked for assistance with the Project Show during the Kinney County Livestock Show.

Nancy has been the project chairman for four straight years. This year there were 302 entries. Nancy is already encouraging all citizens to enter exhibits next year.

There were several fine paintings, some lovely crocheted articles, and many good looking home canned preserves and relishes.

School students entered many drawings and Science projects.

We hope to see many more exhibits next year and if you don't enter the show come by and see the projects others have entered.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



A lady moved to our community a few years ago and became affiliated with the school system. She has worn several hats in her service years and indeed even now is involved in a variety of activities.

She is capable and efficient in the tasks assigned her. She is a likeable and pleasant individual.

Her responsibilities entail some most difficult and at times distasteful actions. She is highly respected by those who work with her.

Surely Judy Blankenship is an "Unsung Hero."

Around the Fort



Ladies Exercise

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

Ceramics & Crafts Hours

Monday, 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Fort's Recycling Center Open

The Dorothy Gore Recycling Center is now open for business in the Fort's Maintenance Compound and will be available to receive members' recyclable materials between the hours of 8:00 - 4:00 each work day.

Paper products must be separated into three categories: newspapers, magazines and mail flyers, and office and computer paper. Anything that comes with the newspaper such as ads and magazine sections may be recycled with the newspapers.

Aluminum cans may be placed into a receptacle near the labeled boxes for paper products. All profits from selling aluminum cans will continue to go to the Historical Society to help support the Old Guardhouse Museum.

Recycling these items will reduce the Fort's expenses for contractor hauling of trash and will also help protect the environment.

Give it a try! /s/ Frank Cheaney

Mountain Laurel Garden Club To Meet

The Club will meet February 9, 9:45 a.m. at the Adult Center.

The program will be "Texas Wild Flowers," with speaker Elizabeth Armijo, Amistad Park and Recreation Department.

Everyone interested in garden club activities is welcome to attend.



The drum is the oldest musical instrument.

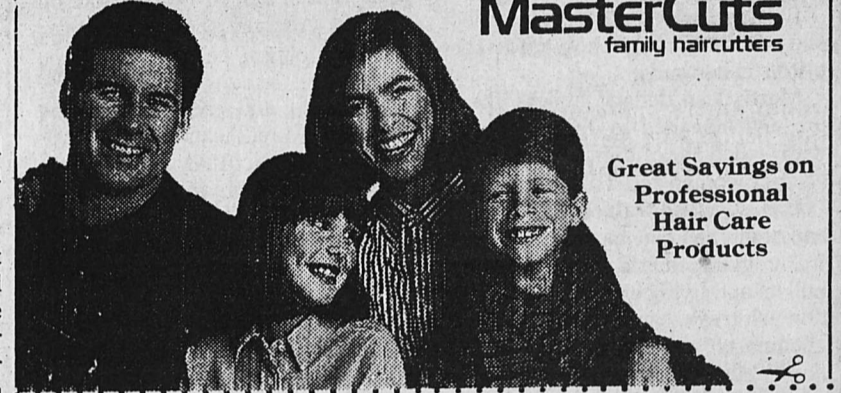
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spotlight on health

The Migraine Diet

by Dr. Roger Cady Shealy Institute of Comprehensive Health Springfield, MO

(NAPS)—Most people learn about a connection between food and headaches early in life—the first time they wolf down an ice cream cone.

Later, they may discover the neurological hazards of monosodium glutamate (MSG) or of having one beer too many.

But for people who suffer from a migraine, almost anything they eat can result in a headache—if they have a sensitivity to it.

Usually, no single food is responsible for causing migraines. It's believed, however, that a combination of natural and artificial bio-chemicals, acting during a time of heightened susceptibility, may cause the changes in a person's body chemistry. This, in turn, triggers the headache.

One theory is that certain foods cause expansion of the blood vessels in the brain. This sets off a chain of physical reactions similar to those of a migraine. Alcoholic beverages (particularly beer and red wine) and nitrite-containing foods (such as cured meats like hot dogs, bacon, sausage and ham) cause this blood vessel expansion.



Here are some of the foods you might wish to avoid if you suffer from migraines.

Contradicting this theory, however, may be foods that contain the amino acid tyramine or other amines (like chocolate, citrus fruit, aged cheeses, yogurt, sour cream, beans, nuts, herring or liver), or beverages that contain caffeine (coffee, tea or colas). These are also believed to act as migraine triggers, but the reasons why are not clearly understood.

You may find it helpful to keep a food diary to record what you have eaten prior to a migraine attack. This can help you identify your food triggers. Then, speak with your doctor about making appropriate changes in your diet.

If you suffer from migraines, consult your doctor. There are treatment programs that may help.

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Community Calendar



- 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 Tuesday, 7 pm, Lodge Hall, Ann St. Make reservation at Adult Center. FCS VFW #3860 & 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.

Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power. —George Bernard Shaw



Long Ride Back

People, the fight that took place in that quaint little hotel lounge that night will be talked about for years to come.

It was great. Filmed by a lady that had no fear of getting hurt, maimed, mauled or mutilated.

The official damage totaled out at just under \$9,000.00 and our little camera lady made a killing on selling copies of her tape. The El Paso television station crew got to replace a few pieces of equipment, the El Paso newspaper reporter will probably get a promotion after the swelling goes down in his eyes, and the hotel will get a pert-near new lounge.

I never figured Hortense carried one of them mega-shot automatic pistols in her purse.

Marthalean dodged bullets like a pro and managed to defend herself with what little dignity a blitzed warrior woman could muster up.

B.B. survived with only a few cuts and scratches that he received from flying glass caused by ricocheting bullets and flying chairs, not to mention ash trays, candle holders, and a genuine old time style juke box. (I knew Marthalean was stout, but I would 'ave never guessed she could throw a whole juke box across a dance floor.)

By the time the cops got there, the place looked like a war zone. Yep, it was awful. There was dogs barking, women screaming, men hiding, and babies crying in the street.

All of the involved fighters were arrested and taken to jail. Arlo, the camera lady, and me managed to stay out of the way till the last minute.

As the cops were dragging old Virginia Cities out to the car to be hauled off, I made my appearance and made damn sure old Virginia saw me. (Arlo and the camera lady stayed out of sight.)

I thought it worked out perfect. All those "God's Chosen Few," were not only going to jail, by the time they got there they would know that I had seen 'em and they knew what kind of story I would make up about it. (Actually, the truth is better than anything I could ever dream up.)

Old Arlo and me paid off the camera lady and headed home. Content with the fact that we were now in control of a situation that might not get us elected, but it sure as hell would keep some one else from running for office.

MAJOR PROBLEM...

Karl had to be in the dark about his wife and old B.B.

How was this wreck going to effect him.

Here we had the most perfect, long lasting, power that any one could ever dream of having and if we used it, a friend of ours would have his life wrecked.

It was a long ride back to Querecho Flats.

Moncus' Musings



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The Fishing

Only within the last hour or so did it turn this gray. Quite a few boat fishermen had been fishing, several still were. Their boats seemed positioned over the deeper water and instead of casting and reeling in, most lines hung straight down like they appear when there's bait on the line and they're fishing deep. Most if not all of my fishing is done in the shallows and with lures. Steady casting out and reeling back in, but I'm not known for great catches. My brother gave me his canoe and I was enjoying the smooth motion and quiet going when the clouds came and covered up the sun.

I began to think of how many things I had to be grateful about. I hoped for the few things that weren't just real good. I began to believe that even those things would be good if I could see them and everything else the way they would look when they were good. I began believing this was not just another way of deceiving myself but as a way to allow the good that does come and can come to come by removing my outlook that was bad and gloomy or otherwise unfavorable from my mind.

Sound simple? No! Well, it's not. It takes letting go and giving up my natural tendency to control that never has worked anyway and it takes believing this with faith which comes from the heart instead of my head.

I looked out again across the water. Boat fishermen were still fishing and beginning to fade into the early darkness. I thought about how my shallow fishing maybe should become deep and my casting out and reeling in should become patient line-holding stillness. Maybe then my catches would be more than my wishes and so might my understanding. Deeper water may be an answer and might require a different bait; however, a change of heart might even make the shallows and the casting start to work again. Fishing and hunting are both like that. They work best when there's no work at all.

At dark the boat fishermen cranked up and ran toward the boat ramps. I slowly paddled quietly and smoothly back to my place. There was a very heavy peace I didn't want to disturb.

POSTMASTER'S COLUMN

BY FELIX HERNANDEZ

You Mail It, We'll Deliver It

The U.S. Postal Service, while serving its role of binding the nation together, delivers everywhere, every day - and almost anything.

Anything? Just ask any postal veteran and he or she will tell a story about an unusual item that has been handled, sorted, or delivered.

On a regular basis, post offices accept packages containing ashes mailed by crematoriums, medical specimens, newborn chicks and ducks, and live bees.

Some of the more famous stories of unusual mailings: the postal customer from northern California who mails a frozen goose every year to her family in New York City to enjoy for Christmas dinner; the young man from North Carolina who mailed an entire Volkswagen to a friend - piece by piece; the Alaskan who planned to relocate to the mainland and mailed all his household belongings after learning

it would cost less than hiring a mover; the heart patient who had his medication sent by Express Mail to a remote lake in Michigan where he was vacationing; the homesick newlywed husband who, upon learning that the partridge had been reclassified as a bird that could be legally mailed, sent his wife a partridge and a pear tree for Christmas; and, the high school football team that, while on the road, discovered its team mascot chicken costume had been left behind, and knowing that Express Mail is delivered on Sundays, had it shipped overnight to arrive in time for the big game.

While some of the items in the mail may provoke interesting conversation or humorous anecdotes, they also underscore the Postal Service's continuing commitment to deliver whatever to whomever - wherever.

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1995

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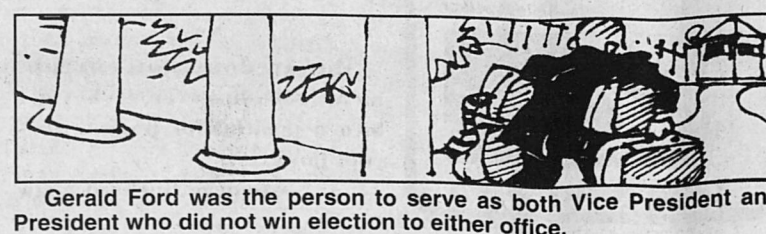
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- RACE / WALK
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FEBRUARY 28, 1995
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By February 22, 1995
For More Information, Call Elaine Wardlaw, 774-6859.



Gerald Ford was the person to serve as both Vice President and President who did not win election to either office.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Set For February 4 - 19

The 46th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo will take place February 4-19, 1995. The 16-day event will be held at the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum in northeast San Antonio.

The Western Parade will run through downtown San Antonio on Saturday, February 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the Stock Show and Rodeo trail riders leading the way.

A special feature this year will be Chuckwagon Gatherings on the afternoons of February 4 and 5. Authentic chuckwagons will be used to prepare a variety of dishes common to the cowboy trails of the 1800's. Visitors will be able to purchase a Tasting Bowl for \$1.00 and sample the various foods.

Exhibits include the Family Fair which offers a variety in education, entertainment, food and attractions. The Hall of Heritage takes visitors on a trip through the Old West. While on a visit to the World of Agriculture, one can view and sample the best from the state's top cooks and craftsmen. The World of Animals allows children to pet and hold cute and cuddly animals.

The Carnival Midway offers daring rides, games of skill and amusements that even the little ones can enjoy. Outstanding music, dancing, comedy and magic round out this unbeatable formula of fun.

The best in bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, and other displays of rodeo skill will form the

event's 17 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) sanctioned championship rodeo performances. Performances will be nightly at 7:30 except February 5 and 19 at 4:00 p.m. Matinee performances will be at 1:00 p.m. on February 11, 12, and 18.

Top country and western music entertainers scheduled are Brooks & Dunn, Clay Walker, Reba McEntire, the Pointer Sisters, The Mavericks, Hal Ketchum, Emilio Navaira, Tracy Byrd, Tricia Yearwood, Alan Jackson, John Anderson, Pam Tillis, Ricky Van Shelton, and Clint Black.

The Stock Show and Rodeo is a salute to agriculture everyday as exhibitors and buyers meet to buy and sell the very best cattle, swine, sheep, poultry, and horses. Young people from all over Texas exhibit animals they have carefully nurtured to maturity, seeking the title of Grand Champion of America's largest Junior Livestock Show. Exhibitors of all ages travel from around the country to take part in the Open Shows.

During the auction sales, prominent producers and agriculturists from many countries come to take part in the fast-paced bidding.

For more information on the 46th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo call 210-225-5851 or purchase tickets through all TicketMaster locations.

BHS Basketball



JV Tigers Fall To Junction Eagle JV

Saturday, January 21, the Black JV team of the Brackett Tigers fell just short of the Junction Eagle JV, 44 - 49.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Jorge Rodriguez with 12 points. Brian Flores had 8 points, Beau Smallwood scored 7, Rene Luna scored 6, Eric Rivera had 4, Kirkland Hill had 3, and Luis Guajardo, and Jose Gonzalez each contributed 2 points.

Black JV Tigers Fall Just Short Of Dilley Wolves In Double OT

Tuesday, January 24, the JV Dilley Wolves came to Brackett to see what the JV Tigers Black team had to offer. It was nothing short of the best matchup of the year. In double overtime, the Tigers fell short by a total of 2 points, 71-73.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Beau Smallwood with 26 points. Rene Luna had 12, Brian Flores had 11, Eric Rivera had 8, Patrick Munoz had 4, Luis Guajardo had 3 points, and Joe Gonzalez had 2 points.

JV Tigers Fall Short Of Lackland Eagle JV

Friday, January 27, the JV Tiger Black team traveled to Lackland AFB to face the Lackland Eagles. The Tigers fell just short of the Eagles 64-55.

Beau Smallwood led the way with 20 points, Rene Luna had 10, Eric Rivera had 7, Jorge Rodriguez had 6, Patrick Munoz and Brian Flores each had 4, Jose Gonzales and Luis Guajardo each had 2 points.

Tigers Lose A Heart Breaker To Lackland

Friday, January 27, the Tigers traveled to Lackland AFB in San Antonio to face the Lackland Eagles. The Tigers came up just short of the Eagles 44 - 46. The "game winning" lay-up came for the Eagles with only 5 seconds remaining.

"We went out there and gave 100% once again. We had a tremendous effort in the third quarter, down by 15 points, and never gave up, fought our way back out of the hole to tie the game. With a few questionable calls going in our direction we would have won the game. I'm proud of the effort the Brackett Tigers gave," said Head Coach Gary Grubbs.

Leading the scoring for the Tigers was Michael Padron with 19 points. Next was Ramon DeLeon with 15, Wil Shahan and Kelly Henrich each had 8 points, Ruben Terrazas and Brian Hooker each chipped in 2 points.

I'm sorry to inform you of my mistake in last week's paper. The story about the Tigers beating the LaPryor Bulldogs had a mistake in it. I accidentally left out Ruben Terrazas' name. In that game, Ruben scored 6 points. Sorry Ruben!

Golden Tigers Fall To Uvalde JV

January 19, the JV "B" team from 4-AAAA Uvalde came to Brackett to play our Gold team.

The Tiger JV Gold team fell just short of Uvalde losing 52-62.

Leading the way was Brian Hooker with 19 points. Next was Tim Hale with 12, Michael Meyer added 10, Josh Crumley had 6, and Demetrius Williams had 5 points.

Golden Tigers Roll Past Eagle Pass JV

Saturday, January 21, the JV Tiger Gold team suited up to face the JV Eagles from Eagle Pass. The Tigers rolled past the Eagles by a score of 45-32.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Saul Hidalgo with 10 points. Next was Tim Hale with 9, Michael Meyer and Josh Crumley each added 6, Butch Lopez and Nat Terrazas each added 4 points. Raymond Talamantez, Carlos Martinez, and Demetrius Williams each added 2 points.

Golden Tigers Whip Del Rio White

Thursday, January 26, the JV Tiger Gold team suited up to play the Del Rio White team.

The Tigers had no match and blew their opponent away by a final of 40-28.

Leading the way for the Tigers was none other than Kirkland Hill with 12 points. Josh Crumley and Michael Meyer each added 9, Tim Hale added 6, Saul Hidalgo had 4, Nat Terrazas had 3, and Demetrius Williams had 2 points.

Golden Tigers Lose Closely To Uvalde JV

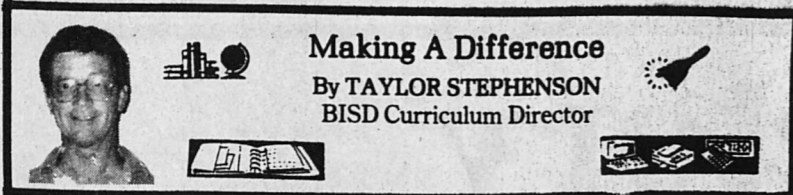
Saturday, January 28, the JV Tiger Gold team traveled to Uvalde to take on the Uvalde "B" team JV. The Tigers fell just short with a score of 51-54.

Brian Hooker led the way with 15 points. Demetrius Williams followed closely behind with 10 points. Chris Hale had 7 points, Jared Shahan had 6, Josh Crumley had 4, Joey Pena and Raymond Talamantez each had a 3-pointer, Tim Hale had 2, and Butch Lopez had 1 point.

Tigerettes Grab A Win Over D'Hanis

Friday, January 27, the Tigerettes traveled to D'Hanis to face the Lady Cowboys. They went with one thing in mind, winning! That's exactly what they did by a score of 67-62.

Lolly Hernandez had an amazing game scoring 33 points. WOW! Amanda Meek had 14, Jennifer Terrazas had 10, Courtney Harrison had 4 points. Denice Frerich, Lindy LaMascus, and Sandra Hernandez each chipped in 2 points.



Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director

Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library

Please come to the Dedication Ceremony of our new library this Sunday, February 5, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Reception to follow. Brackett ISD cordially invites YOU to attend. It's easy to find. Next to the gym. Next to the high school. Park in the front parking lot. It's right next door. Named after one of the fine teachers in Brackett's history, Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt, who left a lasting impression on lots of folks, the library is something to behold. You know what? It would be real class for a large town. We're so proud of it. Won't you come and help us celebrate this occasion?

SETTING THE STAGE. Lots of folks helped with this project. Go back to a bond issue to improve school facilities in (I think) 1992. A library should be the showplace of a public school. Our job is education. A library provides an educational link with the past and a window to the future. It all started with a vision from the Board and the Superintendent. Bob McCall helped the Board find the resolve to ask for a bond issue to give Brackett ISD first class facilities. Upon Bob's leaving, Steve Mills prioritized building a library-media center. The Board agreed and moved quickly to get things done. We had lots of financial help from grants provided by the Hillcrest and Meadows Foundation. Most of the library furniture, bookcases, and a great deal of the technology (computers & such) were funded by these two foundations. D. Harold Byrd has walked through the facilities with me on two occasions. He seems to be as proud of the library as I am. Mr. Byrd is well known to Brackettville and is an integral part of the Hillcrest Foundation work.

So, what was it like before? A small crowded secondary library in the high school served grades 6-12. The elementary library was crowded into a portable building and was totally inadequate. The librarian and library aide had to curtail services to children so that they could assist children in two separate locations. Computer classes were spread hither & yon. Work had just begun on computerizing the card catalog. Night access to the BHS library gave you access to the entire building. The library was not carpeted. The elementary library was small, and it was very difficult for entire classes to work in the library. It was usable. That was about all in my opinion.

What's it like now? Gr-r-r-rr-eee-

at!! That's right, great! Carpeted. New furniture. Computerized check out of books. Computerized card catalog. Ten student computers for research that include CD Rom with word processing and Compton's Encyclopedia. Entire classes, in fact several entire classes, come into the library at the same time. It's a hub of activity. There's an elementary section that includes story steps for students in Grades K through 2 for sharing of stories. We also have general seating for library skills work for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. How about a reading section for students and adults. Recreational reading, periodicals at your fingertips, newspapers, or bring a book. A nice comfortable place to sit and read that we didn't have before.

There's a professional section that includes the latest in instructional strategies in professional journals. The facility is used for alternative school at night. It's also used for GED classes and for night computer classes for school personnel. We hope to expand some day and offer computer classes for adults in Brackett that want to keep up with the latest. The book collections are better. There are more students and adults using the library than ever before. **BEST OF ALL**, this is an all-school library.

The Library Assistant, Celia Ramon, and the Librarian, Pauline Hilliard, can serve all children in the district from the same facility. Pauline has been a librarian six years, having moved here from North Texas. She spent 18 years in the classroom before coming to Brackett. She is a superb librarian.

Computer labs. WICAT for elementary students. PLATO for high school students. A general computer lab -- a big one -- for students who study business applications of computers in grades 6-12. These are all super instructional programs. They are utilized almost every period of every day. Our BISD students are receiving the most up-to-date instruction in a beautiful setting.

OKAY, IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO THE DEDICATION. Sunday at 4:00 p.m. I hope that you will come and see for yourself. Like its namesake, the library is making a difference.

Come on out and help us celebrate the new library Sunday. You'll be glad that you did!

Thanks for providing the best for the children of Brackettville!

All Level Science Fair Scheduled

There will be an all-level Science Fair Thursday, February 23, in the library. The winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each division) will go to the Del Rio Regional Science Fair at the Del Rio Civic Center on March 10.

Grade level divisions will be K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Categories for judging will be Life Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Physical Sciences.

This local science fair is designed to feed into the Del Rio Fair so the rules for the Brackett Fair will be the same as the rules for the Del Rio Fair. Students have a chance to win twice.

The Science Club will be providing nice trophies for the winners and more recognition will be given at the end-of-year awards ceremonies.

RULES/REGULATIONS

••No project will be displayed unless the entry form has been turned in to Mrs. Crumley by Thursday, February 21.

••All projects must be set up by the student by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 23.

••Judging will be at 10:00 a.m. ••Public viewing will be from 2:00 until 4:00 on Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

••All projects must be taken down and removed before 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

••All projects must include a display board no larger than 36 inches in height and 48 inches in width.

••All entries must include a written report.

••Any project dealing with live specimens must follow normal guidelines concerning the ethical, humane treatment of animals.

••No project will be accepted that poses a hazard due to the creation of open flames, poisonous gases, extreme electrical voltages or contact with any pathogenic materials.

••No live animals will be displayed. If additional information is needed, contact Mrs. Crumley.

Kinney County Arts Council Will Sponsor "San Antonio Brass"

The Kinney County Arts Council organized to promote the arts and to bring art and music to the Kinney County area. At an organizational meeting Friday, January 27, temporary officers were elected:

- Rozetta Pingnot, Chairman
- Lynn McNew, Vice Chairman
- Hector Jimenez, Treasurer
- Joy Ralston, Secretary
- Allen Kreiger, Fund Raiser

Taylor Stephenson, Publicity
The first concert is scheduled for Friday, April 21, which will feature the San Antonio Brass in a concert of classical, semi-classical and patriotic music. This is a well known brass quintet from the Alamo City that includes two trumpets, trombone, French horn, and tuba. The quintet will play three short concerts for BISD students and faculty to include elementary, secondary and the brass section of the local band. At

8:00 p.m., a concert will be given at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater. There will be an admission charge of \$3 for those who attend this concert.

Funding is a priority of the local arts council. A grant request has been made to the Texas Commission on the Arts to help pay for this concert. Contributions of time and money are needed from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations. If you would like to belong to the KC Arts Council or would help financially, contact any officer or members Frank Cheaney, Shirley Holloway, Jewel Robinson, or Betty Slatterer.

KCAC needs your help! Please come join us. We could use your support. Think about giving a check to the Kinney County Arts Council so that we may continue to bring programs to Kinney County.

Kinney County Little League Election of New Board Members

All Interested Persons Needed
Thursday, February 2, 1995, 6:30 p.m.
Kinney County Court House

PTO Bake Sale
Tuesday, February 14
Behind Jones Elementary School
Cakes and Cookies will be sold 2:30 - 3:30

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You may be making changes in a home improvement plan. Pressing career matters could keep you from spending as much time as you'd like with family members. Make up for this over the weekend and lavish some attention on relatives.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're on the same wave length as a business partner and will accomplish much this week. However, you find it hard to get some people to understand your goals. Guard against any quarrels.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll be able to bring a career project to a successful conclusion. However, where money interests are concerned, there's an inclination to quarrel with your significant other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's one of those weeks when if you don't phone on time, a partner will become upset. Be sure to keep others abreast of your comings and goings. Doing so contributes much to peace.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) If a project is slow-going this week, try not to lose your temper. Not everyone is as quick-thinking as you. Later in the week, you feel a bit too busy and will welcome the weekend's chances for enjoyable quiet time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll have a meaningful dialogue with a friend this week which leads to new career opportunities. However, some social plans are subject to last-minute changes. Someone you deal with is temperamental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Being in two places at once is not your forte this week. Though matters pertaining to career will run smoothly, some home concerns may be left unattended. The weekend is a good time to catch up with this.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Though you're certain in your convictions, this week is not the best time for getting your viewpoints across to others. Stay clear of those who love to disagree. Such people are part of the problem, not the solution.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The week brings some positive business and financial developments. However, you could find yourself in a heated discussion about a mutual monetary concern. Family members provide solace.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your desire to do your own thing may not sit well with a close tie who would like to spend some time with you this week. Try to be more accommodating in order to avoid a messy quarrel. Compromise works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There could be a few false starts on the job this week but a project will get off the ground by week's end. It's possible that you'll be asked to put in extra hours over the weekend as a result. This pays off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Though it's a busy time for you on the social scene now, the week is not without its dissatisfactions. A friend could prove to be a bit overbearing and opinionated. Avoid this person for now.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 2	Baltazar Espinosa
Feb. 3	Martina Arrellano
Feb. 3	Margaret Lenz
Feb. 3	Oscar Sierra III
Feb. 4	Ester Lamborn
Feb. 4	Dorothy Roberts
Feb. 4	Julie Ann Castillo
Feb. 5	Clarence Ward
Feb. 5	P.H. Coates
Feb. 5	Rumaldo Martinez
Feb. 5	Mary Lee Trollinger
Feb. 6	Hazel Tridle
Feb. 7	Les Hudson
Feb. 7	Gertrude Harber
Feb. 7	Frances Beene
Feb. 7	Tomasa Avila
Feb. 8	Andre Bushart
Feb. 8	Juanita Rivas
Feb. 8	Bill Stout
Feb. 8	Freddie Frerich
Feb. 8	Agnes Vondy
Feb. 8	Robert Wilson

MagicMaze

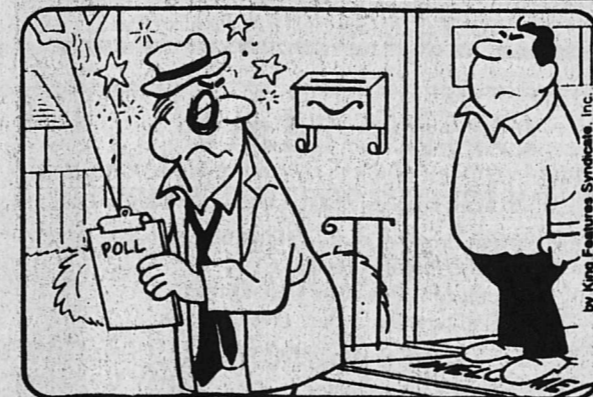
THINGS THAT ARE BLUE
Puzzle Answers On Page 3

A V S Q N K I F D A X V T Q O
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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|-----------|---------------|---------|----------|
| Bluebell | Forget-me-not | Litmus | Sapphire |
| Blueberry | Indigo | Mood | Sky |
| Bluebird | Jay | Peacock | Violet |
| Eyes | Jeans | Ribbon | |

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is taller. 2. The is shorter. 3. Welcome mat is removed. 4. Handrail is missing. 5. Mailbox is missing. 6. Mailbox is different. 7. Pollster is added.

BRACKETT ISD
February 1995

3 Friday
BAND SOLO-ENSEMBLE
4 Saturday
10:00am HSBB JV B UVALDE H
7:00pm COMMUNITY CONCERT - DEL RIO
BAND SOLO-ENSEMBLE
5 Sunday
4:00pm HUNT LIBRARY DEDICATION
6 Monday
5:00pm JHBB B/G SACRED HEART - DEL RIO T
7 Tuesday
5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB LYTLE T
8 Wednesday
10:00am MILLS - REGION XX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10 Friday
2:00pm AGENDA WORKSHOP - BOARD
5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB NATALIA H

BISD Cafeteria Menu
Parents Welcome To Join Their Children At Breakfast Or Lunch.

BREAKFAST
Milk Served At All Meals
Three choices for breakfast
1) Printed Menu; 2) Cereal, Toast, Fruit or Juice; 3) Two Toasts, Fruit or Juice.

LUNCH
Milk Served At All Meals
Salad Bar Available Everyday
"B" Line Everyday

MONDAY
Meat Loaf w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes - Choice of Veg.
Roll - Pudding Cake

TUESDAY
Lasagna
Seasoned Peas - Fruit Roll

WEDNESDAY
Cheeseburger - Burger Salad
French Fries - Whipped Jello

THURSDAY
Carne Guisada
Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans
Flour Tortillas - Peach Cobbler

FRIDAY
BBQ or Baked Chicken/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes - Choice of Veg. Roll

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Call Me --"	favorite drama?	86 Lama turf	Barker hangout	38 Split citizen in the Balkans	Bright Water" critter
6 Baylor Univ. locale	54 Mine find	87 Bunyan's tool	2 Heidi's hangout	39 " -- She Sweet"	78 Williams or Davine
10 Diffuse	55 Prefix for center or graph	90 Voyages	3 -- es Saleam	40 Est's favorite color?	77 Famous fort
14 Applaud	56 A Four landmark	92 "Little Women" character	4 Corday's confidant	41 Spine tingling	80 Place in society
18 Texas	57 Skirt feature	94 Sling in the abbr.	5 Asian land	42 Disreputable	81 Short story
19 Out of town	58 Biting	97 Catchall	6 Sing in the way of base?	45 Ultimate	82 Do more than stow
20 Native New Zealander	59 Mil. unit	98 Thames town	8 Alice's restaurant?	46 Knight's game	83 Speckled songbird
21 Film holder	60 Kangaroo's favorite appetizer?	99 Edgar	100 Cry from Archimedes	48 Joshua's companion	89 Hurry
22 Kangaroo's favorite appetizer?	62 Willie Shoemaker, e.g.	64 Snake-bite poison	65 Cock and bull	101 Leopard's favorite fabric?	80 Teach on the side
24 Helps a hood	66 Cock and bull	67 Maestro	68 Klaus, for one	102 Cry from Archimedes	81 Energy source
25 Mr. Saarinen	68 Klaus, for one	69 George	70 Can't stand	103 Used a scuffle series	82 Sumphous
26 Building feature	71 Can't stand	72 -- Dink Diem	73 Hawaiian harbor	104 Art deco design	83 Absqua-tilates
27 Lion's favorite song?	74 -- Dink Diem	75 -- Hawaii	76 Burr or Neville	105 With 9 Down, Popeya's love	84 Opera
29 Go from place to place	76 Burr or Neville	77 Nod off	78 "Spare tire"	106 Stable moms	85 Cross swords
32 German spa	78 "Spare tire"	79 Out of sorts	80 Zebra's favorite TV show?	107 Memo words	14 Beliefs
34 Word form for "earth"	80 Zebra's favorite TV show?	81 Folk song	82 Unsafe at Any Speed" author	108 Stable moms	15 Actor -- Cobb
35 He wasn't well-heeled	82 Unsafe at Any Speed" author	83 Conductor's grade	84 Conductor's grade	109 Flying start?	16 Flying start?
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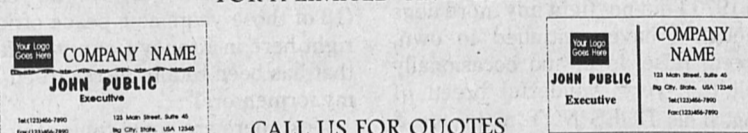
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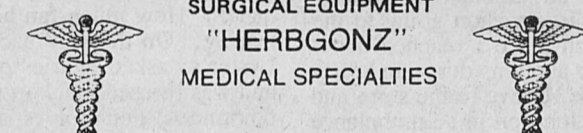
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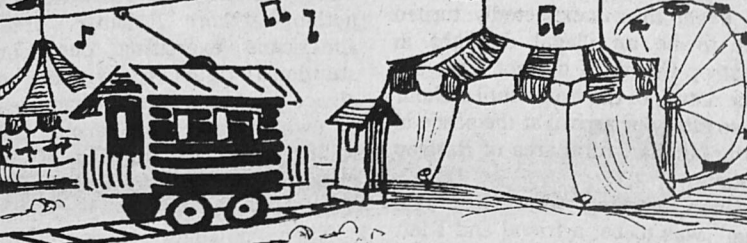
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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

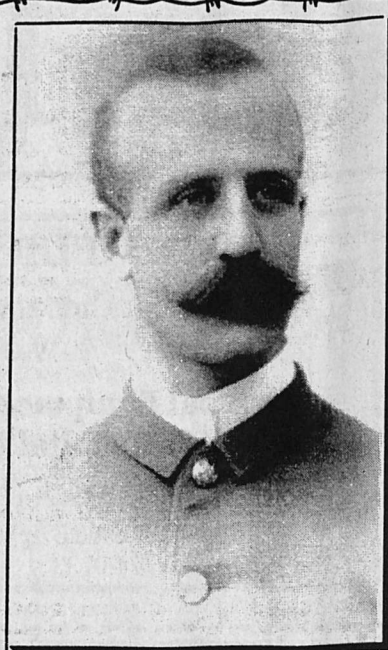
At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

Lt French has been in camp, as commander of the Seminole Scouts, at Mayer's Spring (now Meyer's Spring) near present day Dryden. He is struggling through his infatuation with Marie and slowly developing a bond with the Scouts. He is also witnessing the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He returns by rail briefly to Fort Clark.



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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French
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2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA, '79)

with him. Dr. Heger came along and looked at my hand and then told me to go to the hospital with him to have the hand fixed up. While washing Eckerson came in. After changing my clothes went to hospital and let the Doctor bandage my hand properly. Returning, Miss Johnson invited me to lunch at Gen's Smith's, which I accepted and went in. While at lunch the General came in and seemed pleased to see me. The General, Mrs. Smith and Miss Johnson were very kind to me inviting me to stay with them. But I had arranged to room with Eckerson and mess as before with Capt. Vance. After lunch went to Col. Lyster's and met Mrs. L and Marie out on the porch and went into the house for a while. Of course, I enjoyed this, but was disappointed on not finding Marie alone. She seems the same as ever. Called on Capt. Vance and met some others. Found everybody preparing for a german next Monday evening. Asked Mrs. Guard to dance with me, but did not settle the matter definitely. Saw dress parade from the porch at Col. Lyster's and enjoyed it very much. About seven o'clock went to the hop room to practice for the german. Ives is to lead with Miss Marie, but as he was busy instructing, he asked me to dance that evening with her, which I did with pleasure. After the practice went to Col. Lyster's and was very glad to find nobody there but Marie. Wanted her to take a walk, but she refused. We went into Dr. Heger's and ate some cake there. Wonder if she has changed in her opinion of me. Like a fool I am beginning to be jealous of Dr. Maddox. The Medical Corps seems to be honored with a great deal of my jealousy. Before leaving Mayer's Springs, I anticipated such a pleasant evening today with Marie and felt rather disappointed with the reality.

Sunday, February 4, 1883

Quite cold today. Spent most of the day writing letter home as Guest and Geary were in the room during a large portion of the time. After retreat, attended services at the chapel with Mrs. Hall. Saw Marie there, but only to bow to her. After chapel called on Mrs. Guard, but she had retired; then called at Dr. Heger's on the Misses Ffoulkes whom I met before going to Mayer's Springs. Made a fool of myself by not going to Col Lyster's, but thought I would hurt Marie's feelings. If she doesn't care for me, this is exactly what she wants.

Monday, February 5, 1883

Still quite cold. Helped decorate the hop room, in the course of which it was necessary to go to Col. Lyster's two or three times where I had the happiness (?) of finding Dr. Maddox and Marie working together. Mrs. Guard and I were late and almost missed the first figure. In consequence I did not get one of the pretty caps; fared very well however. Enjoyed the affair very much. Dr. Maddox spooned Marie at supper time which of course made me happy. I am a fool to be so jealous and she does right to treat me as she does. Well, I shall soon be back to Mayer's Springs where I shall have a fine opportunity to recover. Ives was sick tonight. After the german went to Dr. Heger's for some medicine for him. Afterwards went to Dr. Maddox's and stayed there with Hewitt until about 3 A.M. talking. Poor Eckerson is jealous of Dr. Maddox also, but the lady is Miss Florence Ffoulkes. Looking at the matter from any other standpoint, it must be ridiculously funny to see both Eckerson & myself jealous of the same man. Thank goodness, I can control myself but Eckerson made a little spectacle tonight.

Tuesday, February 6 1883

Spent the greater part of the day in trying to receive property from Guest, but was unable to get everything straightened out. So I had to remain over until tomorrow. I had intended to leave tonight. Called at Col. Lyster's this evening and spent most of the time alone with Marie, but our conversation was rather general. As I was leaving she accompanied me to the door and held out her hand to say good night. I wonder if I

am making a fool of myself for nothing like I did with Dr. Gorgas. If I am, I am a brute in my treatment of her. Called at Hewitt's afterwards.

Wednesday, February 7, 1993

Finished up the property business except Ordnance this morning. It kept me so busy that I forgot about the engagement to lunch at Mrs. Smith's until one o'clock, and was invited for twelve. Rushed over and found them at the table with Mrs. Heger and Miss Ffoulkes. Was very much mortified, but they all treated me so nicely that I was soon at my ease. The lunch was very good. After it, Miss Ffoulkes played on the piano and we talked for about an hour. Walked home with Mrs. H and Miss F and then took a long walk with Marie and Mrs. Lyster, and was invited to dinner at four o'clock with them. The dinner was strictly en famille and all the more enjoyable. Afterwards made some final preparations and then called on the 19th people including Mrs. Wells and Dr. Heger. Finished, of course, at Col. Lyster's and to my thorough disgust found Hewitt there. He stayed until I had to leave and accompanied me to Eckerson's to see me off. As a consequence, I had no opportunity to have a private conversation with Marie and must write her a letter. At 11 o'clock the ambulance came up and bidding Eckerson and Hewitt goodbye, I started for Spofford Junction, a rather cold lonely ride of nine miles, on a dark night over the prairie. So everything was favorable for a good think and the conclusion is that my pleasant anticipations have not been realized. I may have exaggerated matters, but it seems to me that Marie does not care for me.

(To be continued next week)

Thursday, Feb'y 1 1883

Rather warm today. My hand was better but not entirely healed yet. Spent the most of the day packing, changing clothes and preparing to leave. Took off my beard which has been growing since I left Clark. About 3 o'clock with Dr. Harmer rode over to Thurston in the wagon and after waiting there a short time the first regular through train from San Francisco came along and I boarded with many anticipations of a pleasant time at the end of my trip. I wonder how the reality will be. Dr. Harmer introduced me to the conductor, Mr. McGeary whom I found to be very pleasant. Took supper at a place called Langtry now; the former name of Eagle's Nest was much preferable in my opinion. About 30 minutes after supper the train was stopped by the derailing of a freight train just ahead of us. Here we were detained about seven hours. I caught cold in my hand by going in and out the train to see the workmen put the train back on the track and my hand commenced to swell, but without much pain.

Friday, February 2 1883

Reached Spofford Junction, the station for Clark, about 7 A.M., when we ought to have been there at 2 A.M. Found no conveyance there and no opportunity to telegraph for an ambulance. Finally got a ride in a wagon going to the Post, which place I reached about 11 o'clock about as dusty and dirty as could be. Drove to the store and saw Miss Johnson in an ambulance there, who was soon joined by Mrs. Hall. Found that Eckerson and I had been moved out by Hammond and wife, but went to Eckerson's room and intend to remain

Saturday, February 3 1883

Cold Norther commenced today. Spent most of the day in trying to straighten out accounts and in calling on After dark called on Mrs. Hall with Marie. Hewitt came in and made some of his usual remarks. How much fun he takes in teasing. On the way back to Col. Lyster's, asked Marie to kiss me and was refused much to my disappointment. Found Ives and Maddox at Col. Lyster's and left Maddox there when I went home. Young man, I guess you are in for an experience similar to the one you had last summer.

SHERIFF'S CORNER (Continued from page 2)

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What happened the night of Saturday, May 21, 1994, that triggered this on-going nightmare? I was invited (probably set up) under false pretenses, along with three other friends from Real County to attend a "dog show and B-B-Q", an event that unexpectedly turned out to be an illegal dogfight in Bastrop County. I did not learn the true nature of the event until an hour or so after our arrival at the scene in an unfamiliar, rural area of Bastrop County.

Upon learning what the "real deal" was to be, a friend and I left the scene and soon became hopelessly lost in the thick, jungle-like underbrush, walking out onto a public road the next morning,

unaware that the "dog fight" had been raided some two hours AFTER our departure. We were joined by another man just at daylight who told us that he too had left the scene shortly after we did and had also become lost in the underbrush. As we walked along the public road, in broad daylight, several miles from the scene of the event and some ten hours AFTER the raid, we were approached and illegally arrested without a warrant by Bastrop County Sheriff's deputies and charged with "Being a Spectator at a Dogfight", a Class C misdemeanor in the same class of violation as a traffic ticket.

Following my illegal arrest I was held in an isolation cell (illegally) in the Bastrop County Jail for over 30 hours before being taken before a magistrate (and a pre-staged courtroom filled with television cameras and reporters) to be advised of the charge against me. Another procedure that was illegal in that the proper procedures mandated by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure were NOT followed.

The nightmare continues! Since that time, various friends, and other dog owners and breeders in this state and even in other states such as Oklahoma, have been targeted by state and federal police and have undergone constant and extensive investigations into our professional and private lives, harassment designed to discredit us and make us appear to be some kind of major criminal conspiracy when most of us, including this writer, are nothing more than "free" Americans exercising our Constitutional rights to freedom of choice and the pursuit of happiness in owning, breeding, raising, and selling the breed of dog of our choice, the American Pit Bull Terrier.

This on-going governmental harassment has been instigated and perpetrated primarily by a Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Intelligence agent

headquartered in Bastrop County who has set herself up as a self-styled "Joan of Arc" out to save all American Pit Bull Terriers from the hands of those who "might" use them for fighting purposes even if she has to have them (APBT) **all killed to do so!**

This statement WAS made by her in the presence of a credible witness. This is the type of person and mentality we are having to deal with, one who would KILL every Pit Bull Terrier in the United States in order to "save" them from the hands of those who "might" use them for fighting purposes! What kind of thinking is that? I wonder if she has ever stopped to ask the dogs how THEY feel about that! Maybe, just maybe, they had rather fight than be slaughtered at the hands of one trying to "save" them!

This same person has stated emphatically that she "will not rest until Sheriff Hooten is out of office, in jail, or both!" Objective, fair-minded law enforcement? You be the judge of that!

The Real County people were "raided" at their rural home on November 3, 1994, by some 40 local, state, and federal officers and agents. Their home, property, and personal privacy was violated by the government agents "armed" with two questionable search warrants and they were forced to sit by and watch their home being ransacked by the government and numerous items of personal and private property belonging to them being

sacked up and seized much as mine was on Thursday, January 26, 1995. The wife of the house was forced to answer the call of nature in the presence of two MALE agents who did not even have the decency to turn their backs until she finished, even though this same "Joan of Arc" female agent was present on the property at the time. In fact it was SHE who gave the order to the two male agents to watch the wife while she relieved herself! Honest,

fair-minded law enforcement or governmental terrorism?

Their dogs were "seized" and put under "house arrest", in other words they cannot move, sell, or in any way carry on with their regular business of being dog breeders and must house, feed, and care for the "seized" dogs at their own expense while the government tries to figure out what else it can do to them (and to me). In past cases "seized" Pit Bull Terriers have all been destroyed! This includes old dogs, brood bitches, and puppies! Genocide!

Now, in addition to all else, both I and my Real County friends have been indicted on felony perjury charges by a Bastrop County Grand Jury! And who is the primary witness against us? You guessed it! The self-declared "savior" of American Pit Bull Terriers who would rather see them all dead! And, this indictment stemming from testimony in a case that has been appealed to a higher court and has not yet been resolved.

The federal government has now joined in with "Joan" and the Texas Department of Public Safety in an attempt to "develop" evidence against me related to allegations cooked up by "Joan" that I own, breed, raise, and sell American Pit Bull Terriers for illegal fighting purposes! A totally false allegation, but in these days and times one is apparently guilty until proven innocent, which is a reversal from the way it is supposed to be under our Constitution.

Yes, I own, breed, raise, and sell American Pit Bull Terriers, as I have for nearly 30 years now, but NOT for any illegal fighting purpose or for any other illegal purpose! I am an owner and breeder of this wonderful breed of dog because I love them and admire them for their courage, loyalty, honesty, and beauty! Traits sorely missing from many humans I know!

Yes, some 26 years ago I owned, and loved very deeply, a bonafide

UNITED STATES SENATE
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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Providing Retirement Equity for All

Several innovative ideas aimed at providing Americans with better opportunities to save for their retirement are percolating through the 104th Congress.

But before such proposals are enacted, lawmakers first need to make a more basic change in the rules of the game: Provide retirement savings equity to those who work at home.

As the law stands now, non-wage-earning spouses — the majority of whom are women — are allowed to contribute only \$250 annually to an Individual Retirement Account. Wage-earning spouses are allowed to set aside \$2,000 annually exempt from income tax.

This means that the Smith couple, in which both partners work outside the home and earn a salary, is permitted to set aside \$4,000 a year in an IRA and deduct the entire contribution from its taxable income.

But the Joneses, a single-income couple, can deduct only \$2,250 to set aside for their retirement. In other words, the federal government punishes those who stay home to take care of their families when it comes to saving for retirement.

Last week I introduced a bill designed to redress this situation, which I consider to be a glaring inequity in our tax code — and one that, in practice, discriminates against women. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 23 percent of women over the age of 16 in this country are one-wage-earning spouses. So, while the existing law appears gender-neutral, referring only to "spouses," in reality it adversely affects almost a quarter of the adult women in our country.

My bill, which I am co-sponsoring with Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, would allow homemakers to make contributions equal to that of their spouses to an IRA account.

This reform is critical to the longterm financial security of women. Women live longer than men and earn less money. They leave the workforce to bear children and care for their families. As a result, they begin saving for retirement later than men and save less.

It is unconscionable for our government to sustain a policy that puts so many women at an even greater disadvantage.

This will mean real help for families: Deducting the larger IRA contribution will make a substantial difference in the size of a couple's retirement savings. If a couple is able to contribute \$4,000 a year over 30 years, and earns 6 percent on the investment, their nest egg would be \$146,650 greater than what they would be able to accumulate under the current law.

Equality before the law is a standard in which this country takes great pride. The Homemaker IRA Bill would uphold that standard. There is no defensible reason why those who have chosen homemaking as their life's work should be left to an impoverished retirement.

And it is time for our government to acknowledge that work performed in the home is as important to American society as what goes on in the workplace — maybe more so.

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Champion fighting dog known as "Ch Butcher Boy." But after he died in 1973 I did not fight any more dogs though I have continued to own, breed, raise, love, and occasionally sell this very wonderful breed of dog. This DOES NOT make me a criminal as the government would have the public believe, and it most certainly DOES NOT justify the hate, persecution, and harassment that has been unleashed upon me and other fellow dog owners and breeders in this state and country. It would seem to be that there are far more important and serious crime problems that need to be addressed, investigated, and handled by the many governmental agents that have been assigned to this on-going travesty.

What are the REAL reasons behind the governmental terrorism being suffered by me and other dog owners and breeders? I strongly believe that I have been set up as a primary target because of my somewhat vocal stand in the support of the Constitutional rights of American citizens to freedom of choice and the pursuit of happiness in our personal and private lives! And, I have fought back against the wrongs being committed against me and others by the government and this has angered them. They have now declared me their enemy and have set out to destroy me politically, professionally, personally, and financially.

I AM NOT a criminal. I AM a trained, dedicated, professional law enforcement officer who has served the people of my community, coun-

ty, state, and country with ability, honesty, and honor for over 25 years (18 of those years as a peace officer right here in Kinney County), a fact that has been totally disregarded by my tormentors!

Yes, there are some things in this world worth having, things such as personal and private freedoms, the pursuit of happiness, and the freedoms of choice to own, breed, raise, and sell the breed of dog or other animal one chooses, all without governmental interference, domination, and control! BUT THOSE THINGS DO COME AT A PRICE! I'm willing to pay that price in order to guarantee those freedoms. Are you?
That's All!

TxDOT Installs Phone Line For The Hearing Impaired

Hearing impaired Texans now have convenient access to information about motor vehicle titles and registration. A special phone line is in place to accommodate calls that are made with a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD).

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Contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioners Court February 13, 1995, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas
/s/ Tommy Seargeant, County Judge

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Attention Bicyclists and Interested Parties in Webb, Duval, LaSalle, Dimmit, Zavala, Maverick, Kinney, and Val Verde Counties
The Laredo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is announcing the opportunity for a public hearing on TxDOT projects that might affect bicycle use. Anyone who would like to attend this public hearing should submit a written request to the address below. If at least ten individuals submit a written request by March 8, 1995, then the public hearing will be held. If there are fewer than ten written requests, then there will not be a public hearing.
The Laredo District will have this opportunity for a public hearing on bicycle issues only once each year. Therefore, if you have questions, comments or suggestions that you would like to have discussed in an official setting, please submit your written request. Remember: If you do not request this public hearing, it will not be held.
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CPL Introduces Service Systems
Central Power and Light Company today formally unveiled two new customer service systems designed to increase the company's ability to respond to customers calling the company with questions or concerns. CPL's Customer Service Center, which can be contacted by dialing 1-800-274-2611, currently handles approximately 6,000 calls a day.
The new systems are expected to more than double the number of phone calls that CPL's Customer Service Center can handle at one time and substantially reduce the amount of time that customers have to spend on the phone when calling the company.
The Voice Response Unit, or VRU, uses an interactive recorded message to direct customer calls to the CPL representative most qualified to help the customer, according to Jack Herndon, manager of the Customer Service Center. For example, the VRU is ideal for directing customers needing to speak with a telephone service representative who speaks Spanish.
The VRU will be used in conjunction with CPL's new Quick Response System which allows customers to access account information, request payment extensions, or even report outages without having to wait for an available telephone service representative.
"By punching in their phone number, social security number or CPL account number, customers can access the system," Herndon said.
"However, we must have on record the number that the customer uses to access the system. That's why we're asking customers to fill out the Quick Response form included with this month's bill and return it with their payment or call in the information by dialing 1-800-944-9444."
"With these new systems, we are more than doubling the number of phone calls that the center can handle at any given time," Herndon continued. "That means we can now handle up to 180 calls at the same time during the day and up to 100 calls at the same time during the evening."
Over the last year, CPL's Customer Service Center began handling phone calls for the company's 44-county area. "Taking this direction has made it easier for customers to report concerns or ask questions without having to go to a local CPL office," Herndon said.

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Texas Prisons Expect Savings, Profits From Use & Sale Of Meat Supplement VitaPro
The Texas Department of Criminal Justice expects to save money on the inside and make a profit on the outside with a new vegetable protein meat supplement TDCJ plans to use in its own kitchens and distribute nationally to other prisons and public institutions.
The agency has entered into an innovative agreement with VitaPro to nationally market, package and distribute the new soy-based chicken and beef supplement.
"The prison system and Texas taxpayers win all the way around. We save money, we have a chance to make a profit and we create new jobs for inmates in a new prison industry," said James A. Collins, executive director of TDCJ.
Collins said the soy-based product is already used in Texas prison meals and "it appears that the inmates can't tell the difference."
He said the savings to the state comes from the fact that the product needs no refrigeration, has no shrinkage, requires less cooking time, has a long shelf life, is easy to transport and converts to an edible product four times its dry weight.
TDCJ will buy bulk loads of the product from VitaPro manufacturing plants in New York and Canada, and Texas inmates will repack it for distribution both to Texas prisons and to other buyers. Prison and jail authorities from several other states and many Texas counties have expressed interest in the product.
TDCJ will make a 15% commission on sales to other public institutions, but Collins said that "while that is important, the money we save and the inmate jobs we create in distribution are equally important."
Collins said it is too early to put a dollar figure on potential profit, but he noted that if the sales volume warranted it, Texas prisons could become a VitaPro manufacturer as well as distributor, thereby creating even more prison industry jobs.
"This is the kind of innovation and entrepreneurship that benefits both the taxpayers and the institutions," Collins said.
With the Texas prison and state jail population going from its current 98,000 to 146,000 by the end of the year, there will be no reduction in the use of Texas beef even with the addition of the VitaPro supplement, Collins pointed out.
TDCJ raises cattle but sells its animals on the hoof on the open market and in turn buys back much cheaper beef "trim" in bulk which the prison packing plant in Amarillo grinds and packages for use by TDCJ prison units and other state agencies and schools. (Twice monthly brisket is the only Texas prison inmates are served anything other than ground beef dishes.)
VitaPro is used as a supplement in some dishes and a complete meat substitute in some dishes.

ICA Urges Texas Beef For Prison Inmates
Texas prison inmates should eat beef produced in the Lone Star State rather than a soy-based meat substitute imported from Canada, the head of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) said today.
Jim Selman, ICA president from Gonzales, urged the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to take another look at plans to serve inmates at more than 60 prisons a soy-based product known as VitaPro.
Beef production is a major Texas industry, with more than half of the state's total agricultural cash receipts coming from the sale of cattle. According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas had 14.3 million head of cattle in January 1993 - more than the entire human population of Florida.
"Instead of sending our tax money out of the state to buy a Canadian product, we should be supporting an industry that provides Texans with jobs," Selman said.
"Beef production is the economic mainstay for many of our rural communities, it's an industry that we must and should support," Selman said. "So, let our prisoners eat beef - that's what I say."
The prison system earlier this month announced plans to market and distribute VitaPro, produced in Montreal by VitaPro Food Inc. At state prison units, it will be used as a meat substitute in such dishes as spaghetti, hamburgers, and casseroles.
ICA represents more than 6,000 cow-calf producers in Texas.

Texas Prison System & Houston Food Bank To Supply Produce For Needy Texans
Senator John Whitmire, (D) Houston, and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice announced today Texas Fresh Approach, a first-of-its-kind program in the nation that joins together the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (HCCSCD) and the Houston Food Bank in a unique effort to provide an estimated 680,000 pounds of fresh produce during the 1995 Spring/Summer growing season to help feed Texans in need.
Texas Fresh Approach will supply fresh green cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, onions, green peppers and squash, grown and harvested by Texas inmates on rich, fertile Prison System lands, to thousands of hungry Texans at no cost to Texas taxpayers, Whitmire said.
"Texas Fresh Approach is not only a model program for the nation, but a great start for Texas," said Whitmire. "This program is all positive. What I'm really excited to announce is something good resulting from the criminal justice system. By using some good judgment, it shows what folks can do when they think. The program is a win-win situation that allows individuals who owe society a debt to give back something positive. The inmates who participate in this program have got to feel better about themselves. I'm proud of the fact their efforts will feed the hungry in Houston. It's a great benefit to the Food Bank."
The estimated 3¢ per pound will be born by the Houston Food Bank through private donations to the non-profit organization, explained Whitmire. The inmates already plant hundreds of acres of produce each year to feed the thousands of Texans incarcerated in state prisons. The idea is they will plant a few extra acres during the planned planting season that will be harvested and distributed directly to the mouths of hungry Texans. The Food Bank will be responsible for containers, transport, storage, and distribution to the hungry through a network of 466 certified non-profit agencies. These organizations include church groups, food pantries, child programs, community centers and many others associated with the Houston Food Bank. The produce will reach thousands in the 31 counties surrounding the greater Houston area.

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First Baptist Church
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"The Pastor's Pen"

Sunday, January 22nd, I sat in my usual place on the platform. As the music began the newly formed choir began in a voluminous voice. Oh, the pitch was not perfect, or the timing exact, but what I heard was a beautiful sound to my ears. The song was, "We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him. Worship Christ the Lord."

I know God was pleased as well to hear the voices of His people coming together praising Him. You see, that is all God ever wanted since the beginning of time with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He wanted a people who would worship and develop a relationship with Him.

The more I get to know Him, the more I realize how much I don't know Him, and the more I want to know Him. Most people don't understand this. All I can say is that, there are two ways to know God. You can know Him with head knowledge; that is knowing facts about God. The second way is to know him with heart knowledge; that is with our emotions as well.

The heart is the seat of emotions in our western culture. As the head knowledge of God is applied to life, as a person recognizes who he is as compared to who God is, then he will have a reverent fear of God. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (KJV).

The person with wisdom will have a relationship, a close personal relationship with God, and all because of the knowledge of the holy they sought brought understanding.

Hispanic Worship Services

Each Friday Night At 6:00 P.M.
Spanish Service By Rev. Israel Rodriguez
First Baptist Church, Ann & Veltman Streets
Everyone Welcome!

Sunday School and Worship
Each Sunday beginning at 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church



St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.
Psalms 103:11-13

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SUNDAY SERVICES
9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship Service; 6:00 pm Bible Study

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Church Directory



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 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 Elin 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



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

In a world where there is so much insecurity and where so many things change so often and dramatically, it is good to know there are some things that never change.

Where the current mode is to revise history and change the Constitution and laws it is good to know the Bible stands firm and unabashed.

The reason the Bible stands so solid is because truth is unchangeable. God, in the Bible simply adds His emphasis to the truth. The teaching of the Bible is not true because God says it; God says it because it is true.

God in the Bible adamantly condemns homosexuality. God condemns it because it is solidly and basically wrong. Abortion is certainly condemned by the Bible and God, not to put restrictions on actions but because it is basically wrong.

Radical feminists can write a translation de-sexing God but this does not alter the Fatherhood of God. God is unchangeable.

From before the creation of the world until the end of the world God is the same. His word, His teachings, His character never vary.

Another unchangeable fact is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is Redeemer to those who place their faith in Him. He is and always will be our eternal High Priest before the Father. Through Him we know we have an eternity with God in heaven.

The eternal truths of God never vary. The eternal love of God never fails. The eternal redemption through Jesus can never fade. The glory of heaven can never dim.

In spite of the vagaries of the world, there are fundamentals that never change.

Sunday will be the time of observance of the Lord's Supper followed by the fellowship luncheon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend worship and the ensuing activities.

Come and see!

Gallego Appointed To Key Committees

House Speaker Pete Laney announced that he has appointed Representative Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, to serve as chairman of the House General Investigating Committee. He also will serve on the Appropriations Committee and the Higher Education Committee.

"I believe Representative Gallego's skills and expertise will be very useful in these committee positions," Speaker Laney said. "I know Representative Gallego will be working long hours to represent constituents' views in the legislative process. He will be a very valuable member of these committees."

The committee process allows House members to closely study legislation before sending it to the full House for a vote. The committee system also lets the public get involved with legislation through testimony on bills and direct contact with lawmakers as they turn concepts into specific proposals.

The 5-member House Committee on General Investigating has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the conduct of public officials.

The 27-member House Committee on Appropriations has jurisdiction over all measures appropriating money from the state treasury and proposes a state budget bill for the House's consideration.

The 9-member House Committee on Higher Education has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to state colleges and universities and oversight over several state agencies, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Henry Bonilla

Regulatory Hypocrisy?

During his State of the Union address, we heard the President say that he was working on getting rid of unnecessary regulations and "making them more sensible" to the average American. However, on that very same day, the administration had issued 304 pages of new regulations. In the next few days, almost 500 more pages of regulations were issued! Didn't the President say that smaller government is better? Doesn't he understand that the government should be closer to the people it's supposed to serve and out of Washington's hands?

It's obvious that people in South and West Texas know better what the needs of their community are than, say, some bureaucrat sitting at a desk in Washington. In cities and states around the country, people are echoing the same sentiment -- less is more. The less government interference in our daily lives, the better off we are. Government has grown unchecked and uncontrolled for the last 25 years, but we all know citizens in the private sector can do a much better job at running their lives.

So far this year, the federal government has issued 5,307 pages of new regulations, the largest amount since Jimmy Carter left the White House. By saddling businesses with these costly regulations, the government is effectively stifling the spirit of entrepreneurship, ingenuity and incentive in every American man and woman.

The President said during the State of the Union address he wants to cut government bureaucracy. He should listen to the message that farmers, ranchers, shopkeepers and small business owners have sent to Washington. Congress has certainly heard it loud and clear. Our country is sick and tired of regulations that strangle initiative and choke opportunities to create jobs. If the government wants to play doctor, it should stop hurting its patient.

Representative Gallego was re-elected in November 1994 from District 74 which includes Kinney County.



Chamber Sponsors Town Band

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Town Band." Under the coordination of Chamber Director Allen Kreiger, Jr. fourteen people have signed up and are taking lessons each Tuesday evening at Town Hall. With only one or two exceptions, none of the band members had ever played a horn before.

Tony Badrack, Alamo Music

Company of San Antonio, is the instructor and has been lavish with praise for his "class of beginners."

Already these enthusiastic musicians are looking forward to presenting a concert at the Fort Clark Band Stand.

Anyone interested in joining the band are cordially invited to contact Mr. Kreiger.



Dietrich Davis Big Winner in Kerrville

Dietrich Davis, along with his

family and friends, had a special day in Kerrville Saturday, January 21, 1995.

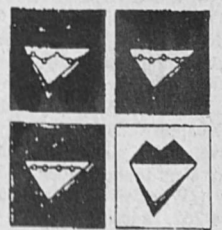
He had the Grand Champion Doe of the Show, the Reserve Champion Registered Goat of the Show, and the Reserve Grand Champion Goat

of the 1995 Texas Open Youth Angora Goat Show.

Shown with Dietrich are Sarah Davis, Brent Smith, Tillman Davis, Isaac Gutierrez, Zachry Davis, Susannah Davis, Robert Davis, and Duquesa Hunt.



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