



Happy Birthday
Virginia Shahan
February 15



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



JTPA Success Stories

The two ladies featured this week as JTPA success stories took advantage of the "On Job Training" (OJT) phase of the program. Both completed Brackett High School and then received OJT in library operations.

Maria Woodson, left, has been on the library staff as assistant librarian for 5½ years. JTPA paid her salary during the training period. She and her husband, Rory, have a 14-month old son.

Sarah Terrazas was appointed librarian by the Commissioners

Court six months ago and JTPA has paid the equivalency of 3 months salary during her training period. Sarah completed high school and one year at Southwest Texas Junior College, and is working toward a degree in Business Administration. She and her husband, Joel, are parents of 14-year old Cecilia, 8-year old Celina, and 1½-year old Joelson.

JTPA does work, and Kinney County has certainly received huge dividends from the program administered through Middle Rio Grande Development who is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this month.

Casting Call

for
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Brackettville

Friday, Feb. 10, 1995

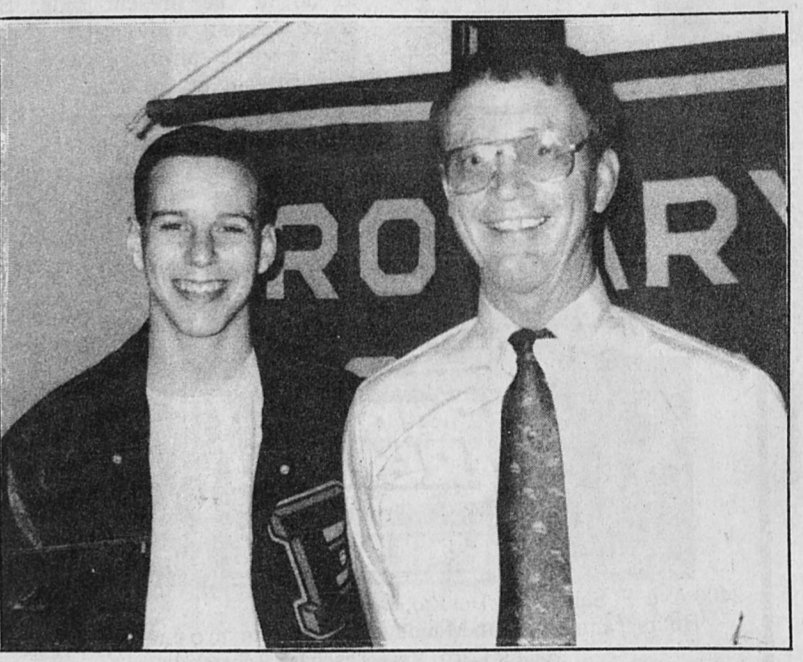
Brackettville Civic Center



Herndon's 83rd Birthday Coming

Sometimes schedules just won't fit so Saturday evening, February 4, 1995, was selected as the alternate time to celebrate Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon's 83rd birthday.

At the elaborate birthday party held at the Service Center, FCS, the announcement was made that February 15 (Herndon's actual birthday) would be J.B. Herndon Day in Spofford, Texas. (see page 12).



Hooker Selected To Attend RYLE

Brackett High School junior Brian Hooker, based on his all-around leadership qualities - academics, athletics, extra-curricular, was chosen and sponsored by the Brackettville Rotary Club to attend a RYLE seminar in San Antonio January 20-22, 1995. Thursday, he related the positive experiences of the seminar and expressed his appreciation to the organization for selecting him to represent Brackettville at the seminar.

Brian presented the program at the club's Thursday noon luncheon meeting.

With this issue
The Brackett News
completes its sixth year
of publication

Thank You For Your Support

Dedication Of Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library



Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1995, Tillman Davis and Robert Davis joined a capacity crowd to participate in Dedication Ceremonies for the Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library located on the BSD campus facing Ann Street. Tillman and Robert are sons of Zack and Kayla Davis and great grandsons of Mrs. Hunt, a former teacher at Brackett High School.

Mrs. Hunt's three surviving children paused briefly at the entrance to the library that bears Mrs. Hunt's name. They are Eloise Davis, Clay Hunt, and Mary Helen Kreiger.

BISD Superintendent Steve Mills served as Master of Ceremonies. In his welcoming remarks he thanked those responsible for making the Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library a reality. He said "the Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent

School District recognized the need for and provided the impetus to construct this edifice. This building demonstrates the ever present commitment to education by the Board of Trustees."

He acknowledged the taxpayers of Kinney County for passing a bond issue at a time when many schools were unable to do so, and cited it as another example of the community's commitment to education.

He also recognized the Meadows and Hillcrest Foundations for generous grants so that the interior of the library could be finished and state of the art technology provided.

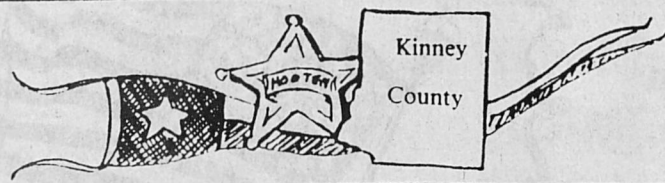
Mr. Mills concluded by saying that the Library was not just a capital investment in cement and steel but a milestone on the pathway to educational excellence for the citizens of Kinney County.

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Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



For well over 12 years now I have been writing this column on a weekly basis for print in the various local papers that have come and gone during these many years. The primary reason for this column has been, and is, a means to keep the citizens and residents of Kinney County apprised of up to date information on local law enforcement activity, primarily that which is handled through the Sheriff's Department. I have also used my allotted space to tell stories of men, dogs, and horses who had such a profound effect on my young life while growing up in the ranch country of Central Texas in the San Saba-Lampas areas. And, on numerous occasions I have exercised my Constitutional rights to freedom of speech to editorialize and voice my concerns on various subjects, especially as to the disturbing directions this country (and law enforcement as a whole) is taking towards

government domination and control of the thoughts, actions, and lives of the American people, both public and private.

I have tried to be fair-minded and open to the people of my community and county and have not attempted to excuse myself from reports in this column as to what has happened, and is happening, to me over the past eight months or so since I have come under attack by various governmental agencies and officers, joined, of course, by my personal and political enemies within Kinney County and elsewhere.

I realize, more so than anyone, that I have a hardcore group of personal and political enemies that will stop at nothing in their radical attempts to discredit me, destroy me, and bring me down, as they continue to do at the present time. By acknowledging and accepting the fact I have always placed my political fate in the hands of the

people, as should be, and have on many occasions been both humbled and pleased by the overwhelming support given me by the majority of the people I have tried so desperately to serve with ability, honesty, and honor these many years now.

As most of you know by now, I have been troubled with dark times these past eight months or so by attacks, allegations, and accusations being made upon me by the various authorities and officials of Bastrop County, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and more recently, the federal government. Why? Not because I am a dope dealer, ax murderer, burglar, thief, child molester, or any other type of "criminal", but because I happen to own, breed, raise, and sell a breed of dog known as the American Pit Bull Terrier. The state and federal governments have yielded to the demands of various "special interest" groups and passed "special interest laws" that are so loosely written and interpreted by law enforcement authorities that the mere owning of the breed can be, and often is, considered to be a crime! FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN AMERICA? DON'T BET ON IT!

At the radical, the attacks on me by the radical agencies and agents of the government have been joined by the hate group of my personal and political enemies here in Kinney County in a feeding frenzy similar to that of sharks smelling blood. They are but jackals that feed off the scraps left by lions and have not the courage to face their victim(s), but run in like cowards to snap and bite where they can.

So be it. Because this has turned into a heavyweight title fight and though I have taken some heavy shots and have been punished and stunned, and have been knocked about a bit, I am not yet down and out, and, as the old saying goes, "it ain't over till it's over, and it ain't over yet!" I ask no quarter, because when the worm turns, as it most certainly will, I will give none!

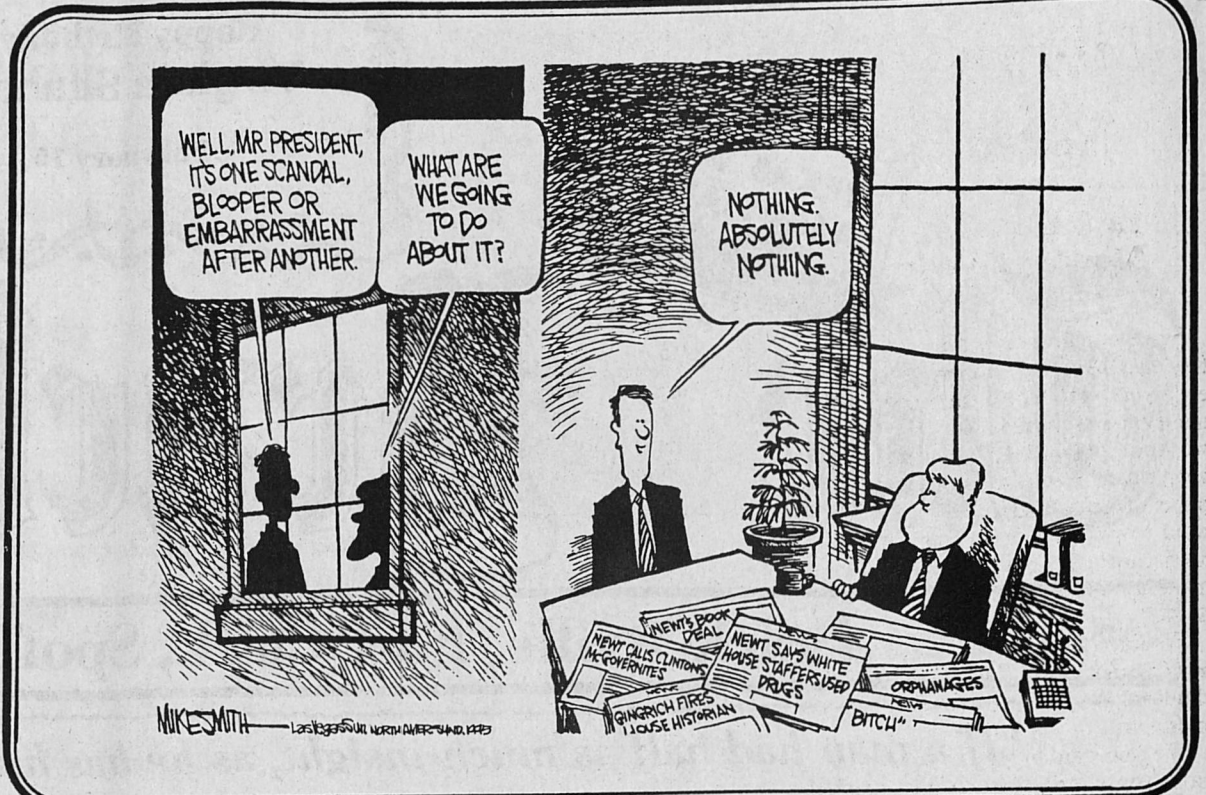
The dirty dealings being endured by me during these dark times seem to be pre-planned like a time-release capsule, with new charges and allegations coming along every few weeks or so in order to keep the public inflamed. That there IS a large scale conspiracy being perpetrated against me by my tormentors is most obvious. They will stop at nothing in their efforts to destroy me. What they WILL NOT succeed in doing however is to weaken or destroy my will to keep fighting for what I believe in and my rights as a free American citizen!

The latest dirty trick being pulled by my personal and political enemies in Kinney County are the threats made by the new county judge, Tommy Seargeant, and at least one county commissioner, Cordelia Mendeke, that if I remain as Chairman of the Control Board of Governors of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force that the Kinney County Commissioners Court will no longer support the task force and will, in fact, see to it that it is dissolved. In other words, Mr. Seargeant and Ms. Mendeke will use their influence to harm the efforts of the drug task force, thereby doing an injustice to the people, just to get at me!

Upon learning of this fact on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, I called a meeting with the Project Director and the Field Commander of the AANTF to discuss the threats made by Seargeant and Mendeke. During the meeting I also contacted three of four of the other Control Board members by telephone. I was advised by all those I talked with that the threats had indeed been made and they were concerned that the drug task force would be dissolved if Seargeant carried out his threats. This came as no great surprise to me as Cordelia Mendeke has voted AGAINST the drug task force in EVERY instance that required a vote by the commissioners court, and it is well known that Tommy Seargeant ran for election on the primary platform that he "would get Hooten and kill the drug task force."

As stated before in this column, it is well known that I have been a

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I have been asked by a number of people to comment on the treatment of our sheriff. It's difficult to be critical of the whole affair without blowing my mind. These actions were a replica of Gestapo tactics of Nazi Germany.

Had the man in question been a convicted murderer or a drug "King", the use of 24 agents would have been totally ridiculous. To simply serve a search warrant and execute should have required no more than four men at the most.

To use 15 D.P.S. officers (including 2 from motor theft division and 3 from narcotics) was asinine. To add 4 Texas Rangers adds to the asininity. To have 2 from U.S. Marshall's service in San Antonio is certainly untenable. To have an agent from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - odious. To have 2 agents from Internal Revenue Service adds to the inanity. All of this because a breeder of pit bulls was set up but eluded the trap.

Because he defied small town glory seekers who openly violated the law and continue to do so these same glory seekers want to destroy a good sheriff, overwhelmingly elected by the people of Kinney County.

A very few dissidents who do not dare to write their venom in the local paper but who try to convince the officers and people of Bastrop that the Sheriff has no following and calling on the powers that-be in

Bastrop do everything to "run the sheriff out of office" but reveal their character. Why don't they on the home court challenge the sheriff?

Such long distance cowardice describes their character. They have not yet learned that what goes around comes around and the chickens come home to roost. The polish they put on their own halos are doomed to turn to canker and rust.

It took 2 men to arrest O.J. Simpson and 4 to search his house. And yet it takes 24 agents (not just local police as with O.J.) to search an office and house.

To go into what they took is even a more ridiculous story. Every taxpayer in Texas should be incensed at the money wasted in this search and seizure. It simply states loudly we pay the high salaries of too many agents. If they have nothing more to do they should be fired from the top down.

I guess it's more important to them to prosecute a man for attending (supposedly) a dog fight than spend their time chasing drug dealers, rapists, and murderers.

It's high time for changes to be made from the top of these agencies to the bottom.

NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF KINNEY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be held on the 13th day of February 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - 1.1 County Judge to call meeting to order and determine a quorum
 - 1.2 Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of January 9, 13, 31
 - 1.3 Court to examine and approve all accounts and department reports
 - 1.4 County Auditor/Treasurer to make Financial Report to court
 - 1.5 Court to select County depository. 2546 52.3
 - 1.6 Consider payment of County bills.
 - 1.7 Consider Appraisal District to sell property less than appraised value. Re: Lot 7, Block L, Brackett - Rescind motion (Vol. 12, Pg 44)
 - 1.8 Consider AANTF supplementary grant application to Texas Narcotics Control Program and review January report
 - 1.9 Consider approval MRDGC Nutrition/Supportive Contract and authorize signatures.
 - 1.10 Consider TDHS lease extension as per agreement with General Service Commission at County Annex
 - 1.11 Consider Historical tax exemptions as present policy
 - 1.12 Consider use of the concession stand at County Pool by the Volunteer EMS and Volunteer Fire Department (Mendeke)
 - 1.13 Report on indigent health
 - 1.14 Consider Personnel Policy - Discuss/Review/Amend (Mendeke)
 - 1.15 Report on grants for Phase II Seminar (Mendeke)
 - a. EMS
 - b. Law
 - c. Pool
 - 1.16 Consider Sheriff's budget, jail operation, jail contract and personnel. Discuss/Review/Amend, if necessary (Frerich/Mendeke)
 - 1.17 Consider Library Report and construction changes as required by ADA
 - 1.18 Texas Historical Commission comments and review of courthouse improvements
 - 1.19 Consider elevator inspection and certification
 - 1.20 Consider amendment to Kinney County Model Subdivision Rules
 - 1.21 Consider interlocal agreement Kinney Co./City of Spofford Roads and clean-up

Dated this 8th day of February 1995.

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

...received and posted on the Courthouse Doors and the bulletin board at the Courthouse...on the 8th day of February 1995, 9:00 a.m. ...

/s/ Dora Elia Sandoval, County Clerk

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Participation at a recent Texans Against Gambling meeting demonstrated that the organization has broadened its Baptist base of support to include not only Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, and Assembly of God representatives, but also Muslims, Mormons and Roman Catholics, Martin noted.

Thirty emissaries of various denominations, faith groups and ecumenical organizations attended the annual Texans Against Gambling board of directors meeting February 3 in Dallas.

A "Say No to Casinos" letter recently was mailed to Churches of Christ by the presidents of Abilene Christian University, Lubbock Christian University and Southwestern Christian College, the chancellor of the Sunset School of Preaching and six prominent Church of Christ pastors.

And at least 500 Texas Muslims have signed petitions opposing casinos. The petitions, circulated primarily in North Texas mosques, include admonitions against gambling from the Koran.

Library Notes



By Sara Terrazas

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

Since our library is a member of the San Antonio library system, each year we receive an amount of money to purchase books.

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



We have already received several new books both for adults and children.

We also want to remind you if you have any overdue books just drop them off.

New books: Original Sin by P.D. James, All Fall Down by Lee Gruenfeld, Death Sand by Brendon Dubois.

A big thank you to all our volunteers, board members, and all those who donate books, magazines, videos, and newspapers to our library.

We are also grateful for memorials: Rick Batchelor from Walter and Tina Bauguess and Ruth Wilks; Mrs. Roane from C.D. and E.L. Fritter, and Buck and Jari Thompson.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our friends for the prayers, cards, calls in the death of our son, Richard.

There is no way to convey how much it helped us to know that you cared.

Marge & "Batch" Batchelor



The oldest known American Valentine is a handmade card from the early 1700's containing a handwritten verse in German.

On Tuesday, January 31st, 9 1/2 tables of bridge was enjoyed at Shafter Hall.

Lamont and Marie McCandless won first place in the N/S direction. Ben Pingent and Tina Bauguess won second place with Nita and Fred Clayton winning third.

In the E/W direction there was a tie for first place between the pairs of Evelyn Whitley - Ray Kurtz and Mylo Unruh - Peggy Woolston.



It's the custom in Denmark to send pressed white flowers called snowdrops on Valentine's Day.

Unsung Hero by Joe Townsend

There is a fine lady here who is well along in years and has been here all her life. She and her husband have reared an outstanding family.

For the last several years he has been totally unable to care for himself. Through these years she has patiently and lovingly cared for him.

Mrs. Jesus Davalos is surely 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 Tree Planting

Members and friends of the Fort Clark Springs Association are invited to assemble in the Service Club at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, to participate in this year's phase of the Fort's tree planting program.

The first phase of the program last year saw more than 50 oak and pecan trees planted around the Fort, in honor or in memory of members, friends, and loved ones.

The Association has now received enough donations, at \$25 per tree, to plant an additional 54 trees.

Maintenance will pre-select the locations and dig the holes and then members and friends will do the actual planting.

Everybody who participated last year had a lot of fun helping to beautify our lovely old Fort. So, bring a shovel or other hand tool you want to use to help fill in the holes after the trees are planted, and join us at the Service Club on Wednesday.

The Association will furnish coffee and donuts to get the workers in the mood to tackle the project.

This is a continuing program, and \$25 per tree donations are still welcome.

/s/ Frank Cheaney Chairman, Planning Committee



NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED

The Fort Clark Historical Society Board of Directors met Monday evening, Feb 6 in the Adult Center to select it's new officers for 1995.

- President - Bill Haenn Vice-President - Walt Bauguess Secretary - Dorothy Frank Treasurer - John Frank Membership - (TBA) Plans & Ops - Rick Searle Logistics - Tom Collins Dir at Large - Dub Warrior Curator - Bill Haenn Suter Store Mgr - Diane Walker

Bill Haenn reported on the imminent approval of a gift to the Society of a 1926 Buick touring car from Big Bend National Park, which can hopefully be restored as a 5th Cavalry staff car.

Planning continues for the 5th U.S. Army Band performance to be held on Saturday, March 11 at 2 P.M. in the Bandstand. The Society is seeking sponsors to defray the cost of motel rooms for the soldiers and is negotiating organizational sponsorship of meals with the Association, Community Council, and Old Quarry Society.

Our next program is Saturday, Feb 25 at 9:30 A.M. in the Palisado Building.

Fort Clark Art

The monthly meeting was well attended. Items of business were discussed. The Jerry Stone oil landscape workshop was deemed a positive learning experience.

The Second Annual Art and Crafts Bazaar sponsored by Fort Clark Arts will be held Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Member's Services. Table rental is \$10.00. Reserve your table by signing up and paying your fee at the Adult Center. A few still remain.

Frances McMaster will offer a one hour weekly session, Basic Drawing Skills. These will be held each Saturday for four months from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., no charge, for interested members.

To encourage further drawing experience and offer subjects for paintings, a still life table will be organized and changed monthly.

Future workshops in February may be attended by anyone interested.

Bud Breen - Oil Landscape February 17 & 18

Frances McMaster - Portraits February 24 & 25

Register ahead of time by dropping by the Art Center at Fort Clark on Saturday or Monday mornings or call Frances McMaster at 563-9542.

Golf News



Mens League

Wednesday, February 1 1st place, 144, Julio Garza, Ken Bell, Ernie Hall, P.M. Moore

2nd place, 146, Bob Lee, Rick Bacon, Larry Piroth, Tom Sampson

3rd, 148, Bill Mills, Ruben Martinez, Don Herron, John Osborn

Ladies Golf

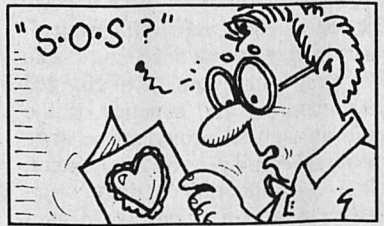
Tuesday, January 24 Florida Scramble 1st, 67, Pat Nelson, Joyce Williamson, Teresa Stephens

2nd place, 69, (tie) Carol Benfield, Betty Gibbs, Doris Eckenroth, Helen Miller; Luella Gilliland, Gene Graham, Betty Inman, Marian Hamill

Tuesday, January 31 Odd Holes - 1/2 Handicap A Flight, 1st, Louella Gilliland, 31, 2nd (tie) 33.5, Helen Miller and Pat McKelvy

B Flight, 1st, Teresa Stephens 28.5, 2nd, Marty Isenberg 30.5, 3rd, Barbara Miller 33

C Flight, 1st, Clara McCord, 31, 2nd Doris Eckenroth 33.5, 3rd (tie) 34, Jane Divine, Margot Kendrick



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- Fort Clark Gun Club, 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Center. AI-Anon: CAN HELP. Call 563-9205 for time & location of meetings. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall. BIRD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm, School Board Room. Beta Sigma Phi R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 pm Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Laureate Iota Epsilon (All year) 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, (Sept-May) 10 am Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cavalry Room. City Council, Brackettville: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6 pm, City Hall. City Council, Spofford: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Spofford City Hall. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 am, Court House. Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon, San Felipe Country Club, Reservations required. FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils. Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall. FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday 11 am, meeting 1st Monday, 1 pm, Art Studio. FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall. FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 am, Board Room. FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 10 am, Shafter Hall. FCS Museum/Sutlers Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 pm. FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservation at Adult Center. FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7 pm Meetings, Service Club. FCS Bingo: Friday, 7 pm, Shafter Hall. FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm. KC Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 pm, Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Service Club. Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall. Lions Club: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant. Masonic Lodge #444: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, Lodge Hall, Ann St. Order of Eastern Star #204: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell St., Del Rio. Shriners: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations. Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 am, Golf Club Snack Bar.



"Love Is Blind"

The day of the big fight was a little more than just enlightening. It was so chocked full of new facts that we could 'ave made it on that goofy talk show that Habenero Sierra has on week day mornings.

All the way back to Querecho Flats, old Arlo and me worried about how Karl was going to take the discovery of his wife and old B.B. having a fling.

When I went to drop off Arlo at Garlan's store so's he could get his pickup, we noticed the light on in the back room where Garlan kept his home brew.

It was 3:30 in the morning and not even Garlan got up that early or stayed up that late taking care of his wonderful bubbly liquid.

We banged on the door till Garlan came and let us in. What we found with Garlan kinda spooked us a little.

Yep, it was old Karl. Karl was not in real good shape.

Garlan looked pretty rough, but old Karl looked like he had been run over by a big wet buffalo (several times).

Garlan commenced to explain. "Fellows when you left day before yesterday things started going to hell around here. First off Juan and me found out that in Kortman County you guys ain't gonna be able to register for nothing, not even a 4-H raffle ticket. At least for a while."

"Karl came over yesterday morning and started the damnest series of conversations I've ever heard. I had to get my wife to watch the store and the post office while I tried to calm old Karl down. Seems as though old Karl was telling Marthalean everything he could about us in order to keep the goofy old bat at home."

"Did you know that Marthalean and B.B. was having an affair?" "Did you know that Hortense and Virginia was paying some of them young studs in El Paso to squire 'em around town?"

We found out that poor old Karl had known about Marthalean and B.B. for quite a while.

I don't know for sure what old Karl seen in that overbearing, obnoxious, prone to violence old bat but he did prove the saying true, LOVE IS BLIND.

Marthalean had informed old Karl that she was going to El Paso and there was nothing he could do or say to keep her with him.

That's when old Karl started drinking out of his home supply of Garlan's wonderful bubbly stuff and started talking.

I would like to 'ave had the Alka-Seltzer concession at Garlan's for the next couple of days.

Arlo and me told Garlan what we found out in Santa Fe and what we had witnessed in El Paso. Then we plugged in the video of all of it on the television he had in the store. Karl has passed out for the time being so we figured we could let Garlan see for his self what kind of ammunition we had to fight with.

Talk about a good video. Complete with sound and action.

We was all laughing at the wreck that was on the screen especially the part where old Marthalean laid out a city cop when we heard some of the deepest laughing ever to be heard.

Karl had come around finally and he was watching it with us.

Karl's exact words were (although some what slurred) "boys that video is not only gonna get ya'll elected to some kind of political office, it's gonna get me the Kitchen and Kar Kare Salon paid for free and clear with me as the sole owner. Not to mention the cabin in the mountains and that new Buick."

With that statement old Karl passed smooth out and fell over yet another brand new gum ball machine scattering assorted colors of little gum balls all over the store one more time.

We bedded old Karl down in Garlan's back room and went on our merry way content with the knowledge that things was fixing to change in Kortman County.

Moncus' Musings



Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

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My Father's Voice

If the weather just heats up a little I'll get out and so some things but I ache more in cold, wet weather than I use to. I plan to replace the wood on the canoe and then row out to visit some of the changes and happenings that I've been missing.

It's a good day to think and wait for better days. Hoping to remember something is better than forcing a good day out of a bad one. I can read and maybe write, rain and cold are good for that. As a boy when it would rain my dad being a farmer sometimes he would come home and read to me and my brothers and I really felt he loved Robinson Crusoe. I wouldn't fall asleep when he read. I fall asleep when I read a lot to myself.

Those would be great days of fathers and sons. Sometimes we'd carve or whittle as most of the work was called and most of it would be just taking a stick down to toothpick size. We listened to the radio a great deal and couldn't imagine the days of TV yet.

I wouldn't want those days back. I've changed a lot and can respect those times now they're gone much better now than I ever could have then. I've grown to love reading many different things and have a love for words but realize that if people before me hadn't had a love for it neither would have I. No story meant so much as one read by my father but so many meant so much because my father loves to read.

What has really made me glad is writing now and having my father read what I write and appreciate it like it was good reading. I read some to my boys but TV and music were hard to compete with. I would like that they would like to read someday because I like to read but they probably won't.

Fathers and sons don't seem to get it right as much as in the old days but all the votes aren't in on that. Getting it right seems to have gotten it weakened or watered down and I don't know what contributed to that the most. For me it was probably a faster pace in a world swamped by a slick supply of media and resources added to a wandering selfish generation.

I think I tried hard to hang on to "Special Values" that cheapened every year it seemed. Cheapened because of the same kind of lies the serpent whispered to Eve in the garden. "Violence ain't bad as long as it's Games and Fiction." "Eroticism don't make a whole Good movie...Bad." "Leave in or add a few hells and damns, you just watch in a few years not an Award Winner will come out that don't use the harsers more disgusting words." The serpent is still the serpent and it seems and doesn't care that he's lost, he just wants us lost with him.

"No one can try hard to hang on to 'Special Values' and remain cool." Well, most all of us have gone along with the little lies and even grown to accept most of the big fat ones. Human as I've become, when I pick up my pen and it's cool and wet and I remember my past, I peel off my coat of lies and listen to my father's voice reading me clean adventure and sunny fantasies. I'll also wait. I'll wait and listen for that sometime when I'll hear the universe crack open as gently as my daddy opening a book and I'll see that childhood light come pouring back in.

POSTMASTER'S COLUMN



BY FELIX HERNANDEZ

Mail Security An Added Value Of Every First Class Stamp

Every time you purchase a First-Class stamp, you also are receiving the added value of mail security provided by the Postal Inspection Service - America's oldest federal law enforcement agency.

"Sanctity of the mails" is a phrase familiar to most postal employees, but to the users of the mails it stands for security and public trust, a long standing tradition and the cornerstone of the United States Postal Service's commitment to its customers.

The origin of sanctity of the mails is found in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which provides safeguards against unreasonable search and seizure. Since mail is considered the property of the mailer, the Postal Service has been given the responsibility of protecting every citizen's mail from unlawful activity.

Maintaining sanctity of the mails has proven to be a formidable task. As the population of the country expands, so do mail volume and the threat of mail tampering, theft, and fraud. Fortunately, the Postal Inspection Service devotes its energies to safeguarding the nation's mail.

The idea of such an organization dates back to 1737 when Philadelphia postmaster Benjamin Franklin was assigned the additional duty of "regulating the several post offices and bringing the postmasters to account." Franklin visited and audited the accounts of existing post offices, and also improved methods of transportation, devised better ac-

counting methods, and established new post offices to keep pace with the growth of the country.

Franklin was appointed Deputy Postmaster General in 1753, but continued to be responsible for the additional accounting and auditing duties until he was given a new assignment in Europe.

John Foxcroft then was selected to handle the colonies' postal affairs. During Foxcroft's tenure, the job expanded to the point where he could no longer give proper attention to regulating post offices and auditing postal accounts. So, a surveyor position was created to assume those responsibilities.

By 1880, the title of Chief Post Office Inspector was created, evolving into the present position of Chief Postal Inspector, whose office is located at Postal Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Chief Postal Inspector oversees 30 division offices across the country.

Although 75 years have passed since postal inspectors gained notoriety by solving the last known stagecoach robbery, their basic mission remains unchanged. Modern day postal inspectors, like the early surveyors, are charged with ensuring the sanctity of the mail, as well as providing security for postal employees and customers, while conducting daily investigations into postal related crime.

And all of these added services are provided at the cost of a First-Class stamp.

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



The official opening of the Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library was a day of pride for everyone in Kinney County. The children of our area have an outstanding opportunity for research, computer learning, recreational reading, and video instruction. Displayed throughout the building are hundreds of school trophies and the Tiger guards it all. What a peaceful, quiet environment for learning. Do visit your school library soon if you were unable to attend the dedication.

Valentine's Day is almost here. Our local merchants have all sorts of unique ideas to express your feelings to that special person. The Giftbox offers ideas for under \$5.00. Fresh flowers are now available at both Gracie's Gifts & Flowers and The Rose Petal as well as the Giftbox. If you are having people in, a cake from Lopez Bakery would be nice. They prepared the huge decorated sheet cake for the library dedication. It was delicious.

On Tuesday, February (Valentine's Day) the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is holding a bake sale behind Jones Elementary School. The ladies in town always bake their very special recipes for these functions and the price is always right. Cakes and cookies will be sold 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon.

The Annual Science Fair for all levels of competition will be held in the new library on February 23rd. The public is invited to view all projects on Thursday, the 23rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon and Friday, the 24th, in the morning from 8:00 into the afternoon. The viewing will close at 2:00. Put this on your calendar for the future.

If anyone invites you to hear the playing of English Chimes say YES. A group of ladies has joined together

to practice and conquer the timing necessary to produce the soothing, melodic sounds of the English Chimes. They have played at luncheons and churches. Don't miss them if you are offered the opportunity of hearing them.

Are you ready to launch into your acting career? Casting call here in Brackettville will be held Friday (tomorrow), February 10 at the Kinney County Civic Center from 10:00 in the morning til 6:00 in the evening. The movie to be filmed is "Streets of Laredo" starring James Garner. Experiencing the excitement and methods of movie making is worth the time spent. Our own Lashawn Wardlaw is the Casting Director and knows her stuff. She handles her duties in a professional, serious manner. All ages, sizes, shapes, and gender should give it a try. It's fun.

SEE YOU IN THE MOVIES!

Curiosity is one of the permanent characteristics of a vigorous mind. -Samuel Johnson

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Some people say St. Valentine's Day became a day for lovers because of the confusion caused by the similarity of the saint's name and the Norman French word *galantime* meaning "lover."

Free Income Tax Assistance

Help with your 1994 Income Tax will be available at the Kinney County Aging Services, 103 S. Ann, Brackettville, beginning February 24 through April 14. Tax-Aide volunteers will be at the Aging Services on Friday afternoons from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Tax-Aide volunteers are Dorothy Nelson and Elizabeth Gibbs. The Tax-Aide program is sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons AARP in co-operation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Counseling for the Elderly

(TCE) program. Tax-Aide assistance is always free of charge and intended to help low and moderate income older persons with their tax return.

If you want assistance, bring your current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return to the Aging Center on any Friday afternoon beginning February 24.

For more information call Dorothy Nelson, 563-2664, Elizabeth Gibbs, 563-9084, or the Kinney County Aging Services, 563-2015.

SPONSORS NEEDED

THE FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY BAND WILL CHRISTEN THE BANDSTAND AT FORT CLARK WITH A PERFORMANCE OF MILITARY, POPULAR AND COUNTRY & WESTERN MUSIC ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1995, AT 2 P.M.

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Area Farmers Urged To Approve Boll Weevil Eradication Program

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry encouraged cotton growers in the Coastal Bend/Wintergarden zone to approve the Boll Weevil Eradication Program at a press conference in Corpus Christi on February 6.

"Cotton growers in the Southern Rolling Plains, the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Central Rolling Plains zones have all approved the eradication plan. Eradication efforts have begun in the Southern Rolling Plains counties and are progressing well. Now, farmers here have a chance to join the campaign to knock the boll weevil out of Texas," said Perry.

"I'm proud to say eradication has begun, and we won't stop until we get all the zones on board and the boll weevil out of Texas. I will do whatever I can to make that goal reality over the next four years. Texas has been the top producing cotton state in the nation, and we don't intend to let it slip. We're getting rid of the boll weevil and finding new markets for our cotton to keep everybody prosperous," Perry continued.

Election in the Coastal Bend/Wintergarden zone will end February 16, with ballots mailed by February 1 by the Farm Service Agency. Voting will be by mail or at county

extension offices. In addition to deciding whether to participate in the eradication program, growers will vote on a director for the Foundation board and on the maximum assessment rate for the program's funding. The proposal will pass if two-thirds of those voting approve, or if more than 50% of the zone's cotton acres are represented by a favorable vote.

The Coastal Bend/Wintergarden zone includes Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Frio, Goliad, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kinney, Kleberg, LaSalle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wharton, Wilson and Zavala counties, as well as all other Texas counties east of I-45. This zone has approximately 436,000 acres of cotton.

Eligible voters are producers or landowners who shared in the proceeds of cotton production in 1994, based on Farm Service Agency determinations. In a cost-share lease situation, the operator and landowner vote their share of the acreage, based on the lease agreement. Acreage may be voted only once.

A toll-free number (800-687-1212) has been set up to answer questions.

Criminal Justice Agency Launches Minority Job Recruiting Campaign 9,000 Jobs To Be Filled, 7,000 New

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has launched an aggressive minority recruiting campaign to help fill 9,000 jobs the agency expects to staff in the coming year, including 7,000 new openings in the prison expansion program.

"We intend to meet or exceed the statewide minority employment goals in every job category mandated by the Legislature in the appropriations bill," TDCJ executive director James A. Collins said of the recruiting drive.

Collins said the agency will stress recruiting Hispanic Texans "because that is our weakest area and it is the area where we have the greatest opportunity as we open

new facilities in the southern half of the state."

Although the prison system will hire the greatest number of new employees because of expansion, the recruiting campaign will equally promote careers in TDCJ's other divisions, including pardons and paroles, community justice assistance, the Windham School System and the new state jails, Collins said.

The recruiting drive will include college campus visits, contacts with ethnic-based organizations, job fairs and community outreach. Collins said a special effort will also be undertaken internally within the agency to assist minority employees with career development and enhancement.

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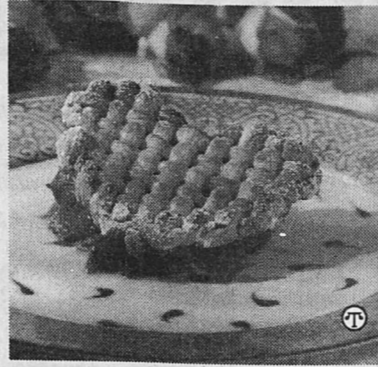
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Valentine's Day Then And Now

(NAPS)—Valentine's Day celebrates the tradition of love. Its origins go back to the Roman festival of Lupercalia on February 14, when men found partners for future parties and dances by drawing names from a bowl. The tradition of Valentine cards began in the 1400's when the imprisoned Duke of Orleans wrote romantic verses to his wife from the Tower of London.



By the 1800's, lovers were sending each other elaborate gifts. Today, Valentine celebrations often take a whimsical tone. It's the perfect time to try your hand at poetry or learn to say "I Love You" in many different languages.

But there is nothing more romantic than an elegant dinner for two. Most of the menu may be inspired by favorite culinary achievements, but be sure to save room for this ultra romantic dessert.

The heart-shaped lattice of puff pastry rests on top of a quick-to-make saute of raspberry-flavored apple slices, mounted on a pool of vanilla yogurt sauce. Use Washington State Fuji apples, rich in flavor and tangy sweetness, which stay firm even when sliced and cooked. For convenience, weave the hearts in advance and refrigerate, unbaked, overnight.

- APPLE-RASPBERRY VALENTINE CRISP**
- 9 1/2 x 10-inch sheet puff pastry (sold in grocery freezer sections)
 - egg beaten with 1 tablespoon milk
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - Fuji apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/4-inch thick slices
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 3 tablespoons seedless raspberry jam
 - 1 eight ounce container lowfat vanilla yogurt
 - 1/4 cup water
 - Confectioner's sugar

On floured surface, roll puff pastry into 14 x 10-inch rectangle. Cut pastry into two 7 x 10-inch pieces. Using a ruler to guide knife, cut each half into 22 7-inch long strips about 1/4-inch wide.

To make each lattice heart, lay 11 pastry strips, 1/8-inch apart and parallel, across an ungreased baking sheet. One by one, weave 11 more strips through parallel strips to create lattice square. Cut out center of lattice with a 4-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter or stencil and discard trimmings. Refrigerate heart 10 minutes.

Heat oven to 400 F. Brush hearts with egg mixture and bake 15 minutes or until golden brown. In skillet, melt butter and add apple slices, sugar and cinnamon. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes or until tender. Stir in one tablespoon of jam.

To serve, blend yogurt and water. Divide mixture between two large serving plates. Mound apple slices in center. Dip edges of each heart into confectioner's sugar and place atop apples.

To make heart-shaped designs in the sauce, heat remaining jam in microwave for thirty seconds. Drop dots of jam onto sauce. Drag a toothpick tip through center of each dot to make heart.

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February 1995	
10	Friday 2:00pm AGENDA WORKSHOP - BOARD 5:00pm HSBB JV/VG/VB NATALIA H
11	Saturday 10:00am HS BB JVB UVALDE T 7:00pm MIDDLE SCHOOL VALENTINE DANCE
12	Sunday Lincoln's Birthday
13	Monday 5:30pm SEXUAL HARRASSMENT WORKSHOP - BOARD 6:30pm BOARD MEETING
14	Tuesday 5:00pm HSBB JVB/VB LAPRYOR H PAYDATE CUT-OFF DATES LAST DAY OF THE FOURTH SIX WEEKS 28 DAYS Valentine's Day NO TTAS
15	Wednesday 3/5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
16	Thursday 4/5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
17	Friday 5:00pm HSBB JVB/VB DILLEY T 5/5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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.

MONDAY
Waffles/Syrup
Fruit or Fruit Juice
TUESDAY
Treat MOM to Valentine Breakfast!
Donut
Fruit or Fruit Juice
WED, THUR, FRI
Staff Development Days

LUNCH

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

FEBRUARY 13-17

MONDAY
Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese
Potato Rounds
Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY
Pepperoni Pizza Wedge
Veggie Sticks
Peanut Butter Cup
Fruit
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SALE ENDS FEBRUARY 14

HEY, ENOUGH WITH THE CANDY AND FRUIT... WHERE'S THE CASH!?"

In England, Valentine's day is often celebrated with gifts to children of candy, fruit and money.

PTO Bake Sale

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

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A friend will show you how to make a business idea more practical this week. Though social interests are highlighted, there's a tendency to overspend now. A good friend shows you how to have a great time without having to spend a fortune.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could be working overtime on a business matter this week. Still, it's important to save some quality time for family. Some are feeling rather neglected and your attention is needed.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's an extra need to be sensitive to the feelings of others. Guard against careless remarks. Though tempting, the use of a glib tongue isn't always as "cute" as you think it is.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll meet with more than one temptation to be extravagant this week. Try to keep costs down when out having a good time. Couples could revise their plans about investments and finances.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With partners, there's a need for give-and-take this week. Be sensitive to each others viewpoints and feelings. Try not to go overboard when entertaining others this weekend. A small gathering is better than a huge fete.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Work is very much on your mind this week but you have a tendency to be rather absent-minded. Try to harness your usually commanding powers of concentration. Be sure to be on time for all appointments and dates.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could overdo it this week when out partying. This takes a toll on your health and could interfere with your work week. Avoid this temptation and get enough rest. Try not to waste your time with those who are superficial.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) In business, don't reach beyond your grasp now. It's a time to be level-headed and practical. While you admire another's strategy, it really isn't reasonable in the long run. Search your own mind for answers.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't fall behind on your duties this week as you have a tendency to daydream. A travel plan requires further thought and planning. Some could begin a new project of an intellectual nature.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend's business proposition could be off the mark. Be sure to examine all sides of this before making any firm commitments. It takes a special effort on your part to avoid extravagant spending now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're feeling quite self-confident and even cocky this week. It's a time for new beginnings. However, don't let self-insistence be the cause of relationship disharmony. Your partner can be as strong-willed as you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your enthusiasm to get going on a new project could cause you to neglect some immediate tasks. Though familiar and even boring, these things need to be done. Know your priorities.

MagicMaze

WATER WORDS

Puzzle Answers On Page 3

V U Q E N J F C Y V R O L H E
B X U R T O E L C I E B Y V S
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Baptize	Drench	Rinse	Spray
Boil	Drink	Saturate	Squirt
Christen	Immerse	Soak	Wet
Clean	Mist	Splash	

Super Crossword

ACROSS	49 Part 2 of remark	65 Did a Little bit?	7 GI's address	47 Slip	body — My Gal?
1 Medieval weapons	55 Cugat consort	87 Last name in gossip	8 Max — Sydow	48 Santa's problem	79 Blast-to-be
6 Al Hirt tune	56 Reached a decision	90 Juliet's perch	9 It's shed in winter	50 Took turns	81 Take in
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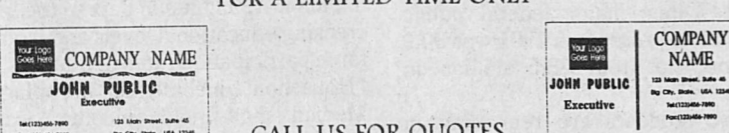
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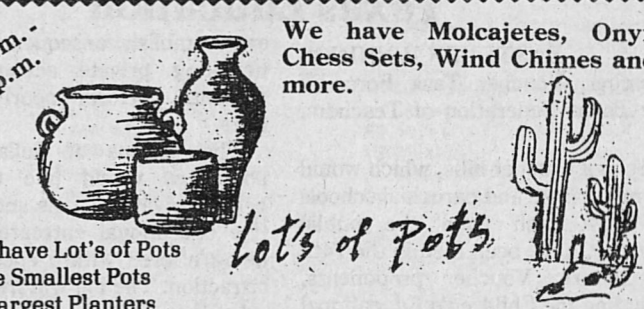
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At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

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.

Thursday, Feb'y 8, 1883

Reached Thurston in due time. Was rather disappointed in the scenery along the Rio Grande and in the size of that river. Two young men, Mr. Flint and Mr. Wilkins got off at Thurston on their way to Wilkins' Ranch about 25 miles from the Springs. As there was no place for them, I invited them to put their traps into the wagon and come over to camp with me, which they did. The Doctor was waiting for me and seemed glad to see me. It must have been lonesome for him. After getting something to eat, spent the rest of the day in doing some necessary writing, so as to send it off in the mail tomorrow. Could not practice today.

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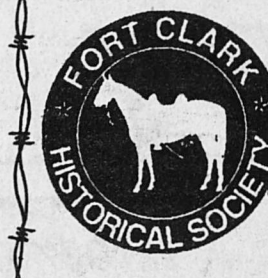
By STEVEN JENNINGS
Member, Voucher Task Force of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

School voucher bills, which would permit private and parochial schools to draw cash from the public treasury, have been filed in the 74th Legislature. Voucher proponents, including the Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation, have been stressing the need to provide low-income parents a "choice" of schools for the education of their children.

One of the voucher bills, House Bill 301, is directed at students eligible for the federal free and reduced-lunch program. According to a report in the March 14 issue of "Texas Education News," 44% of Texas' 3.6 million public school students are enrolled in the free lunch program. That means that ultimately billions of public tax dollars could be given to private, parochial and home schools each year. And, these numbers don't even include eligible students already enrolled in private institutions or schooled at home.

Although part of HB 301's stated purpose is to promote competition between public and private schools, the bill will almost certainly transform the existing structure of private schools as well. The billions of dollars made available through vouchers will be far too tempting for eager and enthused entrepreneurs to ignore. HB 301 likely will generate a whole new education industry to tap the voucher market.

Religious sects, extremist organizations, cults and for-profit businesses will develop and implement educational programs to take advantage of the opportunities handed them by HB 301. As long as their students merely take the appropriate standardized tests, as mandated by law, the participating private schools will be free to proselytize their customers while being paid by taxpayers to do it. Moreover, the voucher bill does not



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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French
Old Fort Clark Guardhouse Museum

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Friday, Feb'y 9, 1883

Spent the day in Camp writing and straightening out matters. Wilkins is rather homesick, but Flint is all right. Poor Wilkins has not been away from home much and coming here is a very unpleasant change for him. Yesterday found a letter from Marie and one from Ogle, which came during my absence, besides several O. B. letters. Could not practice today. Sent couriers with mail and also two to Wilkins' ranch to inform them of the arrival of our guests. Played cards in the evening. Sent off vouchers for mileage and also application for certificate upon which to draw mounted pay. Hope these will enable me to get through without touching this month's pay.

Saturday, February 10, 1883

Spent most of the day fixing desk and arranging papers. Couriers came in from Wilkins' ranch this evening and much to the disappointment of young Wilkins brought word that the wagon would not come until Monday. So they intend to hire two horses from the men and I shall accompany them with four men and stay four or five days in that vicinity hunting. Wrote letter home and one to Eckerson this evening and also to Vedder to hurry up the corn for this place. Did not practice today. Our guests are quite verdant, but are good-hearted young men and will soon be as rough and as much of cowboys and I am.

Sunday, February 11, 1883

Started this morning with four men and the two young fellows from Wilkins' Ranch, via Fielder's Ranch. Did not like to start on Sunday, but Wilkins was very homesick and was very anxious to get to his brother. I ought not to have started and perhaps it would have been best to have waited. I am becoming very negligent about my religious duties and allowing myself to give place to doubts and frequently omit to say my prayers. We rode all day, reaching the Pecos near dark. At Fielder's we were told that it was seven or eight miles to Wilkins'. As it was dark and raining and we were hungry, camp was made. During the night it rained a little, giving the young men a little experience of a

herder's life. I had a fly over my bedding and kept dry as could be. Felt ashamed to lie there so comfortable and know that those young fellows were not so well sheltered as I.

Monday, February 12 1883

Reached the Ranch about nine o'clock A.M. and found Cyrus Wilkins alone. He seemed like a very pleasant gentleman. Graduating at Amherst, he practiced law in Mass. until he had an attack of pneumonia and was compelled to come to Texas for his health. (note added: "This sentence is incorrect. Frank Wilkins whom I did not meet graduated at Amherst etc. Cyrus was a traveling man for a dry goods firm.") After conversation with him, I concluded it would not be advisable to go into the sheep business and must write Mrs. Heger to that effect. Said good bye and went into camp two or three miles up the river. Hunted but found no game. Felt lonesome without anybody to talk to. If I retain command of these scouts, must get accustomed to



2nd Lieut Francis Henry French
(USMA, 79)

this. Next time, I shall take something to read with me. Today is Mother's birthday.

Tuesday, February 13 1883

Today's march was less than 15 miles, but part of the way the trail was very rough compelling us to lead the horses. Saw some wild turkeys and tried to shoot them but could not. Camped near Gettis Spring near Pakenham's Ranch. Found him to be a Texas cowboy who owns about 400 head of cattle now. Hunted for an hour or two but without success. Pakenham's herder gave me some fresh milk that tasted very good indeed. Felt tired when I went to bed.

Wednesday, February 14 1883

Started for Mayers Springs and got into camp about two o'clock after a long warm ride. Was glad to be back. After a bath and dinner felt much better. Found everything going along as usual in camp with Doctor in charge. In the evening tried to read my papers was too tired. Wrote some official letters, and prepared requisition for fuel and forage, and ration return for next month to be sent to the Post, tomorrow and also another letter to Vedder about the supply of forage here. Must write to Marie tomorrow. Was too tired to practice.

(To be continued next week)

Texas Firefighters Relief Fund To Benefit From U.S. Tobacco Salute

Texas firefighters and their families will receive substantial financial support for emergency relief efforts as the result of a three-month salute launched throughout the state Wednesday, January 25, by United States Tobacco Company (U.S. Tobacco).

For a ninety-day period from January 25 through April 24, U.S. Tobacco will donate a portion of its Texas Copenhagen and Skoal smokeless tobacco sales revenue to provide emergency aid and college scholarship assistance to families of firefighters in Texas.

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"This is our way of giving back to the Texas community on behalf of our many loyal consumers across the state," Garrison said. "We believe our consumers will be pleased to demonstrate appreciation and support to the courageous firefighters who risk their lives daily for everyone." He noted that Texas is one of the company's strongest markets, and that a similar pilot program in Fort Worth last year was very successful.

Texas State Association of Fire Fighters President Don Greene said the partnership with U.S. Tobacco will make possible the establishment of a new statewide relief fund. This

money will be available for the needs of all firefighters throughout Texas, regardless of affiliation or location.

"This is by far the most generous support that firefighters have ever received from the corporate community, and the first ever from a Fortune 500 company," he stated. "Hopefully, it will encourage others to follow suit." He noted that firefighters and their families often face emergencies and other financial needs beyond the resources available to them in local communities.

The funding contributed by U.S. Tobacco will be used solely for the aid of firefighters and their families in times of crisis and provide college scholarship assistance to needy students of firefighter families. The fund will be administered by an independent board composed entirely of statewide firefighters.

United States Tobacco Company is a subsidiary of UST Inc., based in Greenwich, Connecticut. Through its subsidiaries, UST is the leading producer and maker of moist smokeless tobacco products, including Copenhagen, Skoal, Skoal Long Cut, and Skoal Bandits. Other consumer products marketed by UST include premium wines sold nationally through the Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Crest, Domaine Ste. Michelle, Conn Creek, and Villa Mt. Eden wineries.

4th Graders To Learn How They Can Protect The Environment

From STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Fourth graders throughout the state will plant trees this spring to meet the Texas Tree Challenge, a program that helps children learn the importance of trees to the environment. Students and educators will undertake a project that teaches how trees fight air pollution and how to select, plant and care for trees suitable for growth in their area of the state.

The Texas Tree Challenge, now in its third year, is co-sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Students participating in the project will gain important firsthand experience in science and social studies as they perform the tasks of learning about and planting trees.

"Caring for the environment is a life-long commitment. The Texas Tree Challenge teaches students how to take positive and responsible action to preserve the earth's resources," said TYLA president Roland Garcia, Jr. of Houston. "More than 15,000 students were involved and hundreds of trees have been planted."

John Hall, chairman of the TNRC said, "One of the best ways of ensuring the protection of our natural resources is through education. I see the Texas Tree Challenge as a way to create the environmental stewards of the future. I am proud that TNRC and TYLA are sponsoring the program, and I'm encouraged by the enthusiastic response from classroom teachers across the state."

Texas Tree Challenge sponsors sent letters outlining the project to all elementary schools in Texas. Teachers who responded received

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Bill Would Stop Prisoners From Using Public Records To Harrass Prison Guards

At the request of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Sen. Allen Hightower of Huntsville have introduced legislation aimed at stopping harassment of prison guards by inmates by denying inmates access to personal information about prison employees.

"The inmates are making a mockery of the Texas open records law when they use public information to threaten, taunt and harass prison employees," Turner said. "Not only have the inmates created an abusive and potentially dangerous situation, they force the state to waste tax dollars responding to their demands."

TDCJ executive director James A. Collins said that open records requests from inmates for prison employee information have increased dramatically in recent years, including 105 requests in the past year. He said many of the individual requests seek information on more than one employee, including one inmate demand which sought records on 108 prison guards.

Collins said that by way of example, an inmate can request personnel records about a guard who was turned down for promotion and then use that information to harass the employee. He said prison officials also worry particularly about family

and personal information which inmates might obtain about female prison employees.

Hightower, who chairs the House Corrections Committee, said it is obvious that "these inmates have nothing better to do than to clog public agencies with requests for information for which they have no constructive need or use."

"A strong open records law is essential for open government and an informed public, but obviously, a convicted felon is not due the same rights and access," Turner and Hightower said.

Collins said that as a practical matter, TDCJ has not granted inmates' requests for public information about employees but has instead referred each request to the Attorney General's office for an official ruling. The Attorney General has not ruled on any of the requests.

"It is a waste of resources for both TDCJ and the Attorney General, but it would cost us even more to actually fulfill the requests," Collins said.

The Turner and Hightower bills, Senate Bill 388 and House Bill 949, would close the records of all public agencies to inmates. Inmates would still be able to get records involving themselves, such as information as to why they were turned down for parole.

State of the Nation How We Are Changing

Report from United States Dept. of Commerce
A new report released January 23, 1995, by the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau provides a profile of the nation's social and economic status. The following are some useful and important facts contained in the report entitled *How We're Changing, Demographic State Of The Nation: 1995* (P23-188).

*Home ownership rates are at record highs, 65% of the country's homes were owned in 1993, the highest homeownership rate since 1985. The homeownership rate for married-couple families in 1993 was 79%, the highest level since 1988.

*More Americans are on public assistance. The average monthly number of persons participating in at least one major federal public assistance program in 1991 was 30.9 million, up from 28.5 million in 1990.

*More students are remaining in school. The annual high school dropout rate for persons aged 14 to 24 enrolled in grades 10 through 12 declined from 6.3% in 1973 to 4.2% in 1993.

*A growing number of people are without health insurance coverage. An estimated 39.7 million people were without health insurance coverage during the entire 1993 calendar year, 1.1 million more than in 1992.

*Fathers are playing a larger role in taking care of their children. In 1991, 20% of preschoolers were cared for by their fathers while their mothers were at work, up from 15% in 1988.

*More people are poor. The number of Americans living below the poverty level increased from 38.0

million in 1992 to 39.3 million in 1993. This was the fourth straight year that the number of persons living in poverty has increased.

*The nation's poverty rate has not changed. In 1993, 15.1% of all Americans were poor, a rate that was not statistically different from the previous year.

*The proportion of single-parent families has increased. The percent of all parent-child family groups maintained by single parents rose from 13% in 1970 to 30% in 1993. Nearly 3/4 of these "single" parents either had never married or were divorced.

*More of our preschoolers are enrolled in school. Nursery school enrollment has more than doubled from 1.3 million in 1973 to 3.0 million in 1993, due in part to the increasing educational levels and labor force participation rates of mothers.

*Household income is dropping. Median household income was \$31,241 in 1993, down 1.0% in real terms from 1992 when it was \$31,553. In central cities of metropolitan areas of one million or more persons, the real median income of households declined 3.2% from \$27,498 in 1992 to \$26,622 in 1993.

*Earnings of year-round, full-time workers have declined. Real median earnings of year-round, full-time workers declined for men and for women from 1992 to 1993.

The information in this demographic profile was previously released from three surveys conducted regularly by the Census Bureau - the Current Population Survey, the Survey of Income and Program Participation, and the American Housing Survey.

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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

Texas Department of Transportation

Sealed bid proposals for contract PICNIC AREA AND LITTER BARREL SITE MAINTENANCE (covered by Contract Number 225XXM4018) in Val Verde County will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 302 Washington St., Laredo TX 78040, until 1:00 p.m. on February 22, 1995, and then opened publicly and read.

Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the Office of Mr. Jose A. Lara, Contracts Administrator, at the above address. For further information you may call (210) 712-7478.

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Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGE) is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Secretary to fill a vacancy in the Brackettville office.

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MISSING DOG

Chihuahua dog, black with brown markings, has been missing since Saturday. He answers to "Chico" and when last seen was wearing brown harness.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Chico please call 563-9300 days or 563-2165 after 6.

NOTICE OF INTENT

This is to give Notice of Intent to introduce in the 74th Legislature, regular session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the Creation, Administration, Powers, Duties, Operations, Financing, and Organization of the Middle Rio Grande Management District; granting the authority to issue Revenue Bonds.

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BY REBECCA LIGHTSEY
Texas Commissioner of Insurance

"Disabled Seniors Get 'Medigap' Opportunity"

IF YOU'RE A SENIOR CITIZEN who joined Medicare before you were 65, you might be able to get a better deal on Medicare supplement insurance, thanks to a new federal law.

The new law helps people who enrolled in Medicare Part B—the part that pays medical expenses other than hospital bills—before age 65 because of disability or end-stage kidney disease.

Disabled people and kidney patients who went on Medicare before age 65 have been at a disadvantage when it comes to Medicare supplement insurance, sometimes called "Medigap" because it fills some of the gaps in Medicare. Some insurance companies would not sell them a policy, provided only limited benefits or charged them more because of their medical problems.

Congress omitted these consumers from a 1990 law providing a six-month Medigap "open enrollment" period starting with the first day a person is both 65 years old or older and enrolled in Medicare Part B. (Open enrollment means an insurance company has to sell you a Medigap policy, regardless of your health.)

The new law corrects this omission.

People on Medicare because of disability or end-stage kidney disease now get the same six-month Medigap open enrollment period as everybody else after they reach 65.

Congress also reached back in time to give this opportunity to those who originally missed it because they already were on Medicare Part B due to disability or kidney problems.

If your 65th birthday fell between November 5, 1991, and January 1, 1995, and you missed out on open enrollment because you already were on Medicare Part B, you have a special window of opportunity. Until June 30, 1995, an insurance company must offer you any Medigap policy it sells, at the lowest price available to you, without regard to your health.

This special open enrollment is important if you could not get Medigap in the past, if you want a better policy or if you are paying a higher rate because of your disability.

Remember, you must act by June 30 or you will miss this chance to shop smart for Medicare supplement insurance.

The Texas Department of Insurance offers two free booklets to help you. *The Texas Rate Guide for Medicare Supplement Insurance* compares prices charged by all companies selling Medigap in Texas. *Medicare Supplement Insurance: A Guide for Texas Consumers* explains Medigap insurance and your rights as a consumer. Call toll-free 1 800-599-SHOP to order your copies. ★

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We were especially blessed as the "Prime Chimes" (a newly formed musical group) were our special guests and opened the service with a call to worship. They really set the tone of the service in such a wonderful way.

It just got better with each progressing moment. An instrumental duet was played as an offertory by Cathie Conrey at the piano and Elizabeth Nichols at the organ. The congregational singing was out of this world, well, heavenly sounding at least.

That was followed by the "Prime Chimes" again as they played several selections closing with "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The service continued with a message concerning the life of Samuel, and Eli the High Priest and surrogate father. From God's Word were found several principles for parenting, that if used will change and make easier the role of a parent and of children. For several weeks a family life series of messages will be preached that families may find hope and encouragement for the future in Jesus Christ. In no one else can we find hope.

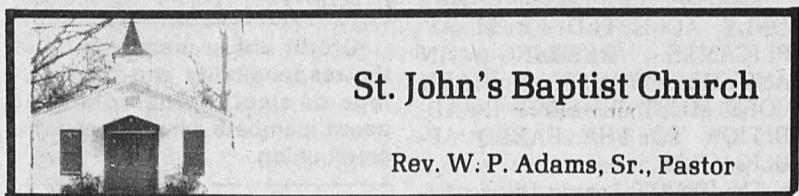
NOW, mark this down. You may never see something like this in print again. This Baptist pastor is inviting you to attend...the Methodist Church. That's right! If you have never heard the "Prime Chimes" they will be participating in the service this coming Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church located on James Street (next to the Clinic) in Brackettville, Rev. Gordon Miller, Pastor.

If you have heard them you need to be faithful to God in your own Church and wait for another opportunity for the chimes to come to you. Have a great day!

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The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed. Psalms 28:6-8

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped. Therefore, my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise Him.

Thursday, February 9
Special Guest Preacher
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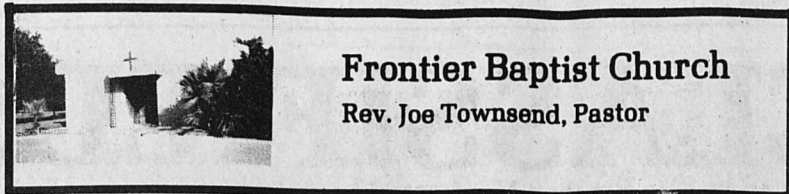


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Baptist Hispanic Mission, 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 pm, Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.
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First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 am, Church School Classes 9:45 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.
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Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Sunday was another outstanding day at Frontier Baptist Church.

In the morning the pastor posed the question, "How far are you from Jesus" the final days with Peter before the resurrection.

When Jesus told those at the Last Supper that one would betray Him, Peter loudly proclaimed that though he would follow Him even unto prison and death. Jesus told him at the time, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

When Jesus was taken into the common hall for harrassment and a mock trial, Peter stayed behind with the soldiers and guards and stood, warming by the fire. Three times he was pointed out as one being with Jesus. He vehemently denied it, even swearing an oath that he was not one of His.

This was not a planned reaction but was in reaction to the present. "Birds of a feather flock together" was the measurement of the moment. He was separated from Jesus.

He could have rallied the others to Jesus' call, he had before. He could have defied the mob; he had at the Garden of Gethsemane, even took out his sword to fight the mob. But now he had separated himself from Jesus.

He was confused. He was afraid. He was uncertain because he had lost contact with Jesus. Being separated from Jesus, it was easy to sin. It was easy to deny his Christ.

He went out and wept bitterly. He showed remorse and repentance. Jesus was then able to use him.

It is always more important to be useable than to be useful. When Peter became useable Jesus used him. The apex of his usefulness where Jesus used him as the preacher at Pentecost.

He had dreamed before of being the next in power to Jesus but was rebuffed. Now that he recognized his sin and turned, Jesus made him the leader of the group.

When he was away from Jesus, he went headlong into sin. He lost his peace of man. He lost the zest of his cause, he lost the joy of life.

This always happens when a person separates himself from Christ. Nevertheless he finds Christ with open arms waiting to welcome him back to joyful life.

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Jessica Arden Dunbar

Proud parents Stanley and Leslie Dunbar and 2 1/2 year old daughter Taylor Lynne, of Brackettville, announce the birth of Jessica Arden Dunbar.

Jessica Arden was born February 2, 1995, at 3:33 p.m., at Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital, San Antonio. She weighted five pounds and twelve ounces and measured eighteen inches long.

Delighted grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis, Jr. of Del Rio, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dunbar of Rocksprings. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis Sr., Del Rio, are the great grandparents.

Theta Sigma Phi

Theta Sigma Chapter met in the home of Bobbie Waddill February 6, 1995. Bobbie served refreshments of cake and ice cream to 14 members. Dee Gaston called the meeting to order and Betty Gathier led the opening ritual. Minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Service Chairman Jan Chism read a thank you note from the Lions for the cash contribution to the Christmas baskets project.

Membership chairman Luella Gilliland reported that pledge training was held January 30, and that pledge training is on-going.

Nancy Frerich thanked the chapter for their assistance with the Kinney County Project Show.

Pat McKelvy reported on the highway cleanup of February 4 and the wonderful brunch served the workers at the Frontier Baptist Church.

Following the business meeting, Gaye Kurz presented a program on "Reflections of Love."

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Obituary
Howard W. (Pete) Monzingo

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Del Rio, Tuesday, February 7, 1995, for Del Rio resident Howard W. (Pete) Monzingo.

Mr. Monzingo was born April 2, 1920, in Harrison County, Texas, and died at his residence Sunday, February 5, 1995, at age 74.

Rev. Mike Eklund officiated and Gary Leonard gave the Eulogy. Burial was at Del Rio Memorial Park with the San Felipe Del Rio Veterans Honor Guard presiding during military graveside rites.

Bill Lewis, Jr., Bill Cauthorn, Henry Mills III, Tuffy Whitehead, Fred Rose, and Will F. Whitehead served as pallbearers.

Funeral services were under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, Del Rio.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, of Del Rio; daughter and son-in-law Rebecca and Dr. David Segrest, M.D., Bryan; son Clayton Douglas

Evelyn Powell, Longview and Eloise Melton, Birmingham, Alabama; grandsons David Segrest, Jr. Waco, Christopher M. Segrest and wife Margaret of Bryan and Matthew P. Segrest of Bryan.

Donations may be made to Texas A&M Development Foundation (Corp of Cadets), First Baptist Church of Del Rio, Val Verde Hospices Care, or The American Cancer Society.

Mr. Monzingo was a graduate of Texas A&M University and served as County Agricultural Agent in Val Verde County from August 1, 1947 until December 31, 1950. He was chairman of the Val Verde Committee to eradicate Screw Worms in Texas and under his leadership in Val Verde County raised more money than any other county in Texas for the program.

He was active in many other community service projects and had served a deacon at the First Baptist Church, Del Rio.


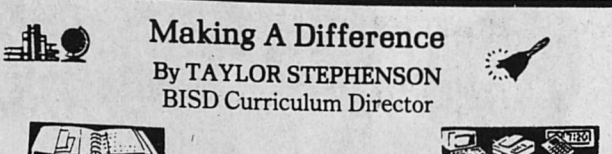
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Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
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Thoughts By The Smidgen!

I confess. I wrote the article before the title. Kind of let my fingers do the walking through the word processor. When I finished, it read like a smidgen of lots of different thoughts. My mom, Mae, used to tell me about smidgens (could be spelled smidgeon or smidgen). She used it in such a way that it meant a little bit. When the article was completed, it looked like I had written a little bit about a lot of things; thus my topic this week, "Thoughts By The Smidgen!"

Weekends? Weather is A-OK. No wind. You have to find the time to get outdoors and rejuvenate your spirit. In Kinney County, Texas, we have some of the best weather that can be found anywhere in the world. Today, Tuesday, reminded me of another state that I once lived in where the wind seemed to blow day after day. That state had beautiful Fall weather -- some of the best. There were four seasons, but you had to earn them by living through the Spring where you had to batten down the hatches from the wind's impact. Point #1: It's beautiful here. Enjoy it. Wipe off that winter scowl! The Huisache trees have started to bloom at FCS golf course. I know it's early, but what a show we're fixing to have. I couldn't hear the bees buzzing around the yellow flowers in trees Sunday. My golfing partner couldn't see far enough to know where we hit the ball. We kind of traded abilities on handicaps. Had some fun! Get out of the house and enjoy the outdoors.

How about the dedication of the Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library? Members of the Davis and Hunt families were there as were lots of friends and supporters from the area. It was well done. Folks were impressed with the building and with the ceremony. What a grand lady Mrs. Hunt must have been! Enjoyed the poem and the beautiful daffodils, and Else Sauer, another grand lady. Speeches and remarks were just right. Tulisha Wardlaw did a good job with the speaking role. BISD cafeteria folks had done a grand job with refreshments. The program was well done. Steve Mills and staff produced a quality product. The BISD Board was there, and they took justifiable pride in this beautiful edifice. I was impressed. To you folks who gave of your time to come and help with the dedication, thanks. Your presence enhanced the day. In the future, please remember that one nice way of remembering friends and loved ones is to create a memorial for the library where our kids will keep reading and reading and reading. We also have landscaping needs for trees, flowers, and the like if you prefer. This is a great way to make sure that we keep this library as

modern with its books as it looks. Nice show!

Middle School: I had hoped this week to feature Middle School students and their attendance at the community concerts. Apparently, they have earned lots of compliments for their behavior and their appearance. They set the standard for other schools. Things got busy and I didn't get the information, but wanted you to know that folks still appreciate good conduct and appearance. Good going Middle School. More later.

A safety tip: My dad, Andrew, is 87 years old. Does pretty well. Lives by himself. Loves baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves. Hope the strike is over with. Lots of folks spend hours watching their favorite baseball team. Okay, the tip. Look at electric blankets once in a while. Are they safe? About 4:30 one morning, my dad woke up and the bed was on fire. He doesn't smoke, but the blanket did. The fire was apparently caused by a short in the blanket. Sheet and bedspread soon joined the blanket in a show of unity. All were now on fire. My dad threw the blanket to the floor and somehow got it to the bathtub where he put the fire out. It burned a hole in the carpet. Good thinking dad! He had one burn on his foot, but it is curing up finally thanks to Dr. Luz and the great clinic and nursing staff. Point: Check those blankets! Check them for hot spots and make sure they're safe. Wouldn't hurt to buy a new one once in a while.

Basketball: Our Varsity Girls will make the playoffs -- probably an undefeated district season. Boys will try to finish strong, but I am sure they look forward to Spring sports. Watch the playoff schedule for Coach Nowlin's girls. It's a good team that is fun to watch. Good going, girls.

Curriculum: Very busy with curriculum and the new Abacus thrusters. Carol Salladay deserves a pat on the back for volunteering to help me with this monumental task. What a nice lady. Thanks. If you see her, tell her thanks from the Brackett students. Her efforts will help insure a better future for BISD students.

A smidgen of philosophy: this week, look for good things. I, too, see grouches occasionally. Not many, but enough. Found a thought for the day that will help when we deal with these folks:

"It's hard for a person to keep a chip on their shoulder if you let them take a bow!"

Remember to celebrate the changes in your life. Without change, you can't grow. Let the grouches take a bow. You'll be glad that you did. Have a good week celebrating life in Kinney County.



BASKETBALL

Tigerettes Skim Past Lady Cowboys BH

On January 27, the Tigerettes suited up to play the Lady Cowboys of D'Hanis. The Tigerettes earned a 67-62 win on the road over the Lady Cowboys.

Leading the way in that game was none other than Lolly Hernandez with 33 points. Amanda Meek followed with 14 points. Jennifer Terrazas had 10, Courtney Harrison had 4, and Denice Frerich, Sandra Hernandez and Lindy LaMascus each chipped in 2 points.

Tigerettes Rip Lady Cougars BH

On January 31, the 8-0 Tigerettes suited up to face the 1-7 Lady Cougars of San Antonio Cole.

The Lady Cougars pleaded "No Contest" getting blown away 73-25.

Every Tigerette scored in the blow-out. Leading the way was Lolly Hernandez with 19. Sandra Hernandez had 14.

Debra Frerich, Chica Garza, and Amanda Meek had 7 apiece, Windy Goodloe had 6, Denice Frerich and Lindy LaMascus each had 4. Jennifer Terrazas scored 3 points and Courtney Harrison added 1 point.

DISTRICT CHAMPS

Last week the District 29-AA Basketball Championship for 1995 was clinched for the Brackett Tigerettes.

When LaPryor grabbed a win, it sealed the position for the Tigerettes who have gone 9-0 in District play with only a couple of games left.

Be sure to come support the Tigerettes Friday when they suit up for Natalia, don't worry...it's here! So, come on out...Tigerette Fans!

Tigerettes Win Over Lady Pirates BH

Tuesday, February 7, the Tigerettes traveled to Lytle to face the Lady Pirates. If the Lady Pirates defeated the Tigerettes they would have a play-off with Dilley. That wouldn't and didn't happen.

The Tigerettes skimmed past the Lady Pirates 51-40.

Leading the way for the Tigerettes was Lolly Hernandez with 18 points. Amanda Meek had 16, Sandra Hernandez had 5 points.

Freshman Reccia Jobe and Jennifer Terrazas each had 4, Lindy LaMascus and Windy Goodloe each chipped in 2 points.

Think before you throw away!



RECYCLE

Tigers Fall To Cole Cougars BH

Tuesday, January 31, the Brackett Tigers fell to the San Antonio Cole Cougars by a score of 48-75.

The district champion Cole had only an 8-point lead at half-time.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Ramon DeLeon with 18 points. Next was Michael Padron with 8 points, Kelly Henrich had 6, Ruben Terrazas and Wil Shahan each had 4 points.

Patrick Melancon had 3 points, Kirkland Hill and Brian Hooker each added 2 points.

Tigers Fall To Pirates BH

Tuesday, February 7, the Tigers traveled to Lytle to take on the Pirates. The Tigers fell to the Pirates 51-73.

Leading the scoring for the Tigers was Ruben Terrazas with 20 points. Behind Ruben was Brian Hooker with 8 points. Kelly Henrich and Ramon DeLeon each had 6, Michael Padron had 5. Michael Munoz and Kirk Hill each chipped in 3 points.

JV Tigers Grab A Win From Lytle BH

Tuesday, February 7, the JV Black Tigers took on the JV Lytle Pirates in Lytle.

The Tigers grabbed a win by a final score of 49-26.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Beau Smallwood with 16 points. Next was Rene Luna with 9. Eric Rivera had 7, Jorge Rodriguez and Jose Gonzales each had 6. Luis Guajardo had 3, and Michael Aguirre had 2 points.

SAD!

It's a Sad Day in high school sports when games involve fighting, kneeling, pushing, and even fans rushing the court.

Last year when we played Natalia here, there was a fight. Last round when we played Natalia there was a fight.

Tuesday, February 7, when the Tigers traveled to Lytle for a HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME it became more than that. When Ramon DeLeon and a Lytle Pirate each went for the ball, the Pirate proceeded to push Ramon down, then give him a knee to the forehead. Ramon had no choice but to try to get him off by simply pushing him off.

Then a so-called "fan" of Lytle's jumped out of the stands and pushed Kelly Henrich who was on his way to HELP Ramon up.

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County Agent News
by Alan L. McWilliams



Pruning Time Is At Hand

February is an ideal time to prune most flowering shrubs in Texas, whether they are in dormancy or not. Horticulturalists at Texas A&M say one plant that needs pruning is the crepe myrtle, which has become so popular in the southwest over the last ten years. The most important thing to remember when pruning crepe myrtles is to keep the shape of the plant intact. For crepe myrtles, the most beneficial pruning is on the dormant seedpods and any dead branches. Cutting back the seedpods is important because the leftover seedpods are sending a small chemical signal to the rest of the plant telling it that it's already done the job of setting a bloomhead. Because you need to keep the natural shape of the shrub, do not be led into butch cutting -- or a straight cut across the top of a full grown crepe myrtle -- which can greatly deter regrowth later on this spring.

While we're on the subject of pruning, February is also the ideal time in Texas to prune back roses. Now, while we said earlier that keeping the natural shape of most flowering shrubs is essential, the pruning of hybrid tea roses is completely different. It is essential to know whether your roses are ever-blooming or once-blooming, because if you prune the once-bloomers now, you are pruning back this year's growth of flowers. You should only remove dead wood, twiggy growth or shaded growth. Giving so-called severe "haircuts" will cause trouble for the plant during the spring growth. Since pruning is actually a wounding process, the plant must use extra energy during the healing process.

Check Into "Deals" Before Your Buy

Retailers will attempt to attract customers with specials on Chilean fruit and roses on Valentine's Day. Extension economists say that while prices may be lower than usual on grapes, peaches and plums they may not be of the quality consumers are used to getting. Chilean fruit is often picked well before it's near ripeness. If the fruit you choose is hard, just let it ripen in the open air or a win-

dow sill. Peaches and plums will be a good deal at 79¢ a pound, while grapes will average 99¢ a pound. Economists say also that the best deals on roses will probably be at the grocery store. Orders in advance are running \$15 to \$20 a dozen. Good deals continue to be found for beef, pork, and poultry. Hams can be found for \$1.00 a pound, as well as bone-in chicken breasts. And the best beef buy will probably be on ground beef for around 99¢ a pound.

Garden Checklist For February

- Do not fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.
- When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially with bare-rooted plants. The medium to small sizes (4-6 foot) usually become established faster and will become effective in the landscape much quicker than the larger sizes.
- Complete the bar-rooted planting of woody landscape plants this month. Container and ball and burlapped plants are in good supply and can be set out most any time. Winter and early spring planting provides an opportunity for good establishment before hot weather comes.
- Now is a good time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill those bare spots in your rose garden.
- When pruning shrubs, follow these steps:
 - a. Prune out dead or damaged branches first.
 - b. Thin out by removing about 1/3 of the canes or stems at ground level.
 - c. Shape the rest of the plant but do not cut everything back to the same height.
- Now is the ideal time to plant a pecan tree in your home landscape. Trees planted after March do not have as good a survival chance as those planted now.

If you would like more information about any topic mentioned in this article, come by the Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Dedication Of Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt Library

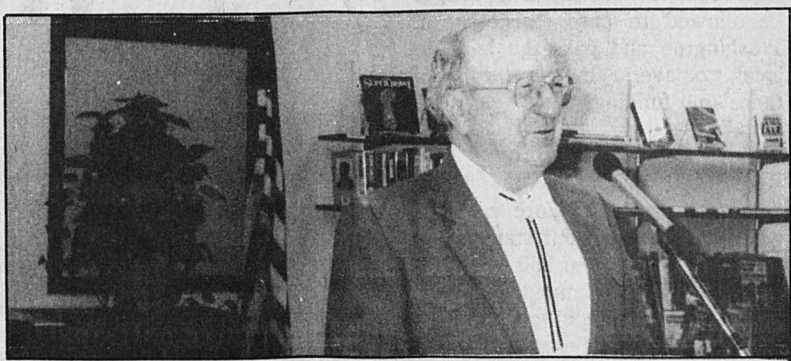
For Sunday's Dedication of the Hunt Library, 200 chairs were set up. They were all filled and people were standing. A tremendous crowd of appreciative people enjoyed the program, viewing the library, and the fellowship time complete with luscious refreshments.



Clay Hunt, Mary Helen Kreiger, and Eloise Davis presented a book of "Higginbotham Family History" to the library in memory of their mother, Mrs. Hunt.



The "Hunt Children" were surrounded by family and friends at the dedication. The proceedings were filmed by Richard Curilla of Alamo Village.



ELMER KELTON

West Texas novelist Elmer Kelton, San Angelo, gave the dedication address. Mr. Kelton has served on several newspapers in the San Angelo area, has written a number of books and is featured in "Texans: Oral Histories From The Lone Star State," written by Ron Strickland and published in 1991.

An Investment In Brains Pays Handsome Returns

Myrtle Higginbotham Hunt was a case of unusual interest. She was simply starving for an education while she worked at manual labor for her daily bread. An orphan, she was obliged to work for her living when but a little girl and helped support the family of her aunt, Mrs. Butler, by working in the soap factory in North Fort Worth.

She had been able to get what might be called an eighth grade education, and at fifteen was eating her heart out for a chance to delve into the mysteries of the unknown that only books can give up, while without money with which to pursue that expensive vocation.

She gained the interest of a kind Fort Worth woman who financed Miss Higginbotham's tuition and books while Myrtle worked for her room and board to attend Mary Hardin Baylor.

In 1913, Miss Higginbotham was hired to teach English and Latin and to coach literary events at Brackett High School. At that time she was the only person in the school system who held a degree.

In 1914, she married M. T. (Tillman) Hunt of Brackettville, and so her teaching career was cut short after two years because she moved to their ranch. By 1922 the Hunts had three children and Mrs. Hunt moved into town and resumed teaching. With the arrival of a fourth child, Mrs. Hunt again took a leave of absence.

Following the death of her husband in 1952, she returned to teaching for several more years.



ROSEMARY SLUBAR

Rosemary Slubar, who was a student of Mrs. Hunt's, recognized Mrs. Hunt's former students and Hunt family members who were present. Mrs. Slubar currently serves on the BISD School Board.



LLOYD LEE DAVIS

A grandson of Mrs. Hunt's, Lloyd Lee Davis introduced Ms. Else Sauer, a former student of Mrs. Hunt's and herself a long time teacher in the local school system, who recited the poem "Daffodils," which she had memorized 80 years ago.



J. WAYNE BALLEW

Great grandson of Mrs. Hunt's, J. Wayne, son of Jamie and Jimmy Ballew, introduced Tulisha Wardlaw. J. Wayne's introduction in itself was a humorous tribute to a cherished heritage.



TULISHA WARDLAW

Also a former student of Mrs. Hunt's, Tulisha Shahan Wardlaw, recalled memories of receiving an education from Mrs. Hunt.

SHERIFF'S CORNER (Continued from page 2)

strong advocate of the drug task force since it was formed back in 1987 in Del Rio, first known as the Tri-County Drug Task Force, then the Del Rio Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, later as the Amistad Area Narcotics Task Force and most recently as the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force. The drug task force has been, and is, very instrumental in maintaining at least some control over illegal drug trafficking and use in our county and the other areas of its jurisdiction and is very important to the people of our counties and communities it serves in that respect. In addition it provides jobs for 14 people and brings in a minimum of \$125,000 to the Kinney County economy annually!

It sickens me to realize that those such as Tommy Seargeant, Cordelia Mendeke, and others have such a hatred of me and would stoop to the lowest level in trying to abolish the drug task force just to get at me. THAT, my friends, is criminal!

And it is ironic to me that I who have been such a strong advocate for the drug task force, and who believes so strongly in the good that it does for the people of this community (and others) would now be held up as a detriment to the drug task force. It causes any intelligent person to wonder just what the REAL reasons are behind those who are fighting so hard to have it dissolved.

At any rate, with all the above in mind and following the conversations with other drug task force supervisors and Control Board members, I have voluntarily removed myself as Chairman of the AANTF Control Board temporarily until I get my legal problems cleared up one way or the other. In NO way do I want to be responsible for the demise of the drug task force in our county and in this area because I

very strongly believe in it and I strongly support any and all efforts that can be made towards drug enforcement and the investigation and apprehension of illegal drug traffickers and users in our county and area. I am still Sheriff of Kinney County and I pledge the full and undying support of myself, and the officers and staff of the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to those efforts. I ask that the same support be given the drug task force by the concerned citizens of Kinney County also.

It will be interesting to see if Mr. Seargeant and Ms. Mendeke, and others of the Kinney County Commissioners Court will now support the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force since I have voluntarily removed myself and stepped down temporarily as Chairman of the Control Board. What excuse will they use next?

In closing this week's column I wish to express my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the many, many friends and supporters who have stood by me, and are standing by me, in these dark times. I will forevermore be so very grateful for the many cards, letters, phone calls, and personal visits from you very good people. We will survive this thing with our hearts and minds intact, for my enemies will be denied the one thing that they desire most, and that is my will to survive. They can never take that from me. I was a man when I first put on the badge and gun, I have been a man in these many, many years that I have served my people, and should the time come that I must put away the badge and gun of my profession, I will still be a man. The honor of serving you has been, and is, mine, and you have honored me in allowing me to do that. I owe you, you do not owe me.

That's All!



In the 1700's, Englishwomen celebrated Valentine's Day by writing men's names on pieces of paper and dropping the paper into water. The first paper that rose to the surface supposedly had the name of the woman's true love.

NEWS FOR WOMEN

Migraines: What You Should Know

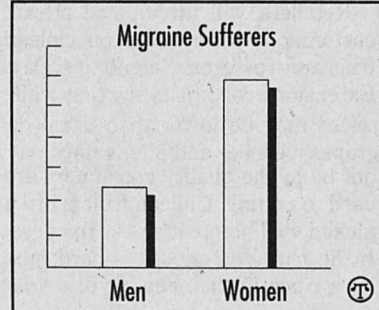
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(NAPS)—Migraine is definitely not an equal opportunity headache. By a ratio of over three to one, it afflicts women more than men. Migraine is a biologically-based disease. Almost 18 million American women suffer from migraine and about 40 percent of them suffer from it at least once a month.

Typically, these migraines begin at, or just before, menstrual bleeding. Recent studies suggest that migraine symptoms can be triggered by an abrupt drop in previously high levels of the hormone estrogen. This is known as "menstrual migraine syndrome."

In at least 60 percent of women with migraine, headaches occur before or during menstruation. For one female sufferer in seven, the headaches occur only in relation to her menstrual cycle or during treatment with artificial hormones, such as birth control pills or estrogen supplements after menopause.

These women may not always get a migraine at the time of menstruation, but when they do, it may be set off by a shift in hormone levels. In some cases, a trigger such as alcohol, a particular food, or irregular sleeping habits will cause one in a susceptible woman when combined with premenstrual or



Migraine afflicts women more than men by a ratio of over three to one.

midcycle hormonal shifts. One theory is that estrogen has an indirect effect on the chemical messenger in the brain that influences such things as pain and muscle contraction and can cause inflammation of the blood vessels.

If you suffer from menstrual migraine, here are some things you can do:

- Avoid the triggers that you've noticed cause your migraines—alcohol, cheese, irregular eating or sleeping habits.
- Be careful about what medications you take. If you're taking birth control pills or estrogen supplements, speak to your doctor.
- Exercise—it's believed to be helpful because it stimulates the release of pain-relieving endorphins.
- If you suffer from migraines, consult your doctor. There are treatment programs that may help.

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Protection From Unfunded Mandates

Although opponents managed to delay legislation ending unfunded mandates for more than two weeks, U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla and the majority of the House of Representatives voted today to protect states and taxpayers from the hidden cost of unfunded mandates.

"This is a victory for taxpayers across the country," Bonilla said. "For years, Congress has been imposing mandates on states and communities without providing any way to pay for them. Those expensive federal mandates have cost local taxpayers a huge amount of money over the years," Bonilla said. "For instance, a couple of years ago, many communities in my district were being hammered by EPA landfill requirements," Bonilla said. "These regulations required all communities to drill until they hit water, without considering how far you have to drill in dry areas. Towns in West Texas paid thousands and thousands of dollars to drill into the ground, and many of them couldn't even find water anywhere near the surface."

"This type of silly, one-size-fits-all requirement costs local taxpayers money," Bonilla said. "When you're trying to provide for your family, these hidden taxes really hurt."

"Every dollar spent to pay for federal mandates is a dollar less to spend on local needs like police, education and medical services. That just doesn't make sense."

"With the passage of today's legislation, Congress will no longer be allowed to pass legislation in Washington and pass the buck to local taxpayers. In the future, if there's no funding, there's no mandate."

Opponents of H.R. 5 offered more than 150 amendments which delayed the vote for more than two weeks. In spite of their stalling tactics, the House voted 360-74 to ban unfunded federal mandates. The Senate passed similar legislation last week. House and Senate conferees will work out minor differences between their bills and send the final bill to be signed into law by the President.

Line-Item Veto Powerful Tool To Cut Spending

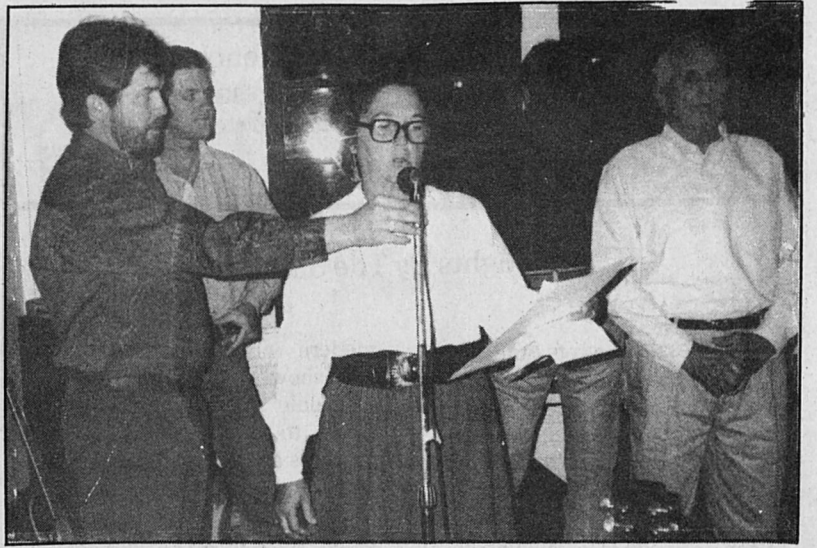
This week, Congress will vote on the line-item veto, a bipartisan bill that adds fiscal responsibility to government spending. A line-item veto will enable the President to delete pork barrel projects which politicians tuck into legislation. For years, American taxpayers have tried to get Congress to pass the line-item veto only to encounter roadblocks set up by protectors of pet projects and defenders of deficit-spending.

The line-item veto would be used to cut wasteful spending from bills. With a line-item veto, when Congress sends a spending bill to the President, he will have 10 days to veto unnecessary individual spending measures. If Congress believes a project or program is too important to cut, it then has 20 days to overturn any of the President's line-item vetoes by a 2/3 majority vote in both the House and Senate. Already, 43 of America's governors enjoy this power and have been

able to cut billions from their state budgets. The line-item veto works.

For too long, Congress has found ways to get around the few budgetary restraints it has set for itself. This is the equivalent of having the rooster guard the henhouse and it just doesn't work. A few examples of wasteful, pork-barrel spending that Congress tucked into last year's legislation include:

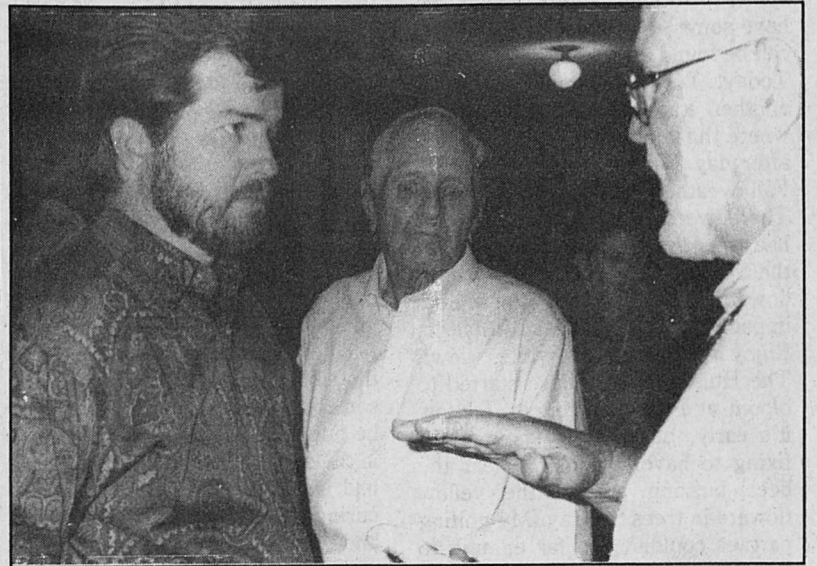
- *\$1 million for chiropractic demonstrations in Iowa
- *\$11.5 million for modernization at the soon-to-be-closed Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
- *\$58 million to bail out millionaire New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner's American Shipbuilding Company in Tampa, Florida.



J.B. Herndon Day



Tim Ward, left, served as Master of Ceremonies as Spofford City Councilwoman Margaret Martin read the proclamation declaring February 15, 1995, as J.B. Herndon Day in Spofford.

Mayor Herndon is at right. Also pictured is Bob Champion, one of the many musicians, who volunteered to provide music during the evening of February 4 as the Service Club overflowed with well-wishers. A lavish dinner was served.



Tim Ward and J.B. Herndon listen intently as Tom Faulkenberry explains(?) something! They were among the many family members and friends who showed up to wish J.B. "many more" happy birthdays.

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