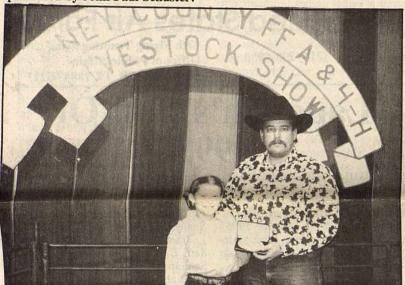
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Walt Geeze, Best of Show Award for wood carvings at Project Show, presented by John Paul Schuster.



Showmanship Award - Ewe Lamb division winner



Professional shearers: Richard



Most Improved Lamb Feeder Award winner Jolee Jones presented

41st Annual Livestock Show

For two days the 4H and FFA gave us the show of the year. I was only a spectator and only part time but they wore me out. If you missed this event entirely you really missed a lot!

Early Friday morning the place was crowded with pick-ups and trailers. Students and parents were getting the animals settled while their teeth chattered. Lambs were being shearered, quite skillfully by a crew of professionals. There were Sheep, goats, hogs, rabbits, kids, bucks, Angoras, Mohairs, does, Ewes, finewool, meat, market, commercial, New Zealand, Californian, breeding, finewool, registered and crossbred. Quite an educa-

These kids have worked hard for a number of months raising these animals and getting them ready to show. We are all very proud of these young Continued on page 5 people.

Brackett Landmark Goes Up In Flames

Fire alarms sounded shortly after 9 AM, Wednesday January 24. The old Gateway Hotel building was on fire! Fire department personnel dropped what they were doing and raced from all directions to the location. Personnel did everything possible with the equipment they have, but the old building was going fast.

It was a spectacular yet very disheartening sight. Flames leaping high into the sky and out the doors and windows. Highway patrol, Sheriff Department and Game Warden officers closed US 90 to traffic for 3 city blocks, and closed Ann Street for 1 block. All traffic was routed away from the smoke and flames. The front gate to Fort Clark was closed and the back gate on SH 131 had to be opened for an entrance. Gas service was turned off for a 3 block area by quick acting City crews. The Del Rio Fire department responded with 3 trucks, arriving around 10:30 AM.

By 1 PM the fire had been reduced to an ember and everyone was taking a well earned break. At 3 PM fire alarms again sounded, the old building was not yet willing to give up.

The old Gateway, as it is now called, was built in the mid 1930's by Alex Schubach. Alex called it the Home Oil Service Station. There was a car dealer in the back of the building and a package stars at the side. ing and a package store at the side. Bill Riley said he remembers making the trip to San Antonio with Mr. Schubach to buy gas. "That old muffler on his truck was just shooting out flames and making an awful racket all the way".

Inru the years the building has housed several businesses: a fancy hotel, apartments, Tom Roselle's law office, liquor store, bar, several restaurants, washateria, beauty shops, gift shop, insurance office and many more we are not aware of at this time.

The present owner of the building is Mike Roselle, son of Evelyn Roselle, grandson of Alex Schubach. The Community Council Office was located in the office at the back of the building. Beverly Wright, Community Council director, was in San Antonio at the time of the fire. Beverly said that was 10 years of work and many personal items gone.

The Community Council will be located at the Head Start building temporarily, phone number 563-2407.



Our Observation

Brackettville only has volunteers in it's fire department. These people who serve us have regular jobs. They do a very fine job as fire men and women. The sad thing is that they desperately need better equipment than they have. I wonder if there isn't some way to raise funds for some additional equipment. Isn't there grant money that we qualify for? Can't we as a community start a fund raiser to start the ball rolling?

You never know when your home or business might catch on fire. Think

The fire department currently has 18 members on the roster, 6 are active. They could use some more volunteers, people who are willing to go that extra mile for their community.

If you have any ideas about how to help, call The Brackett News 563-2852, contact Debra Hay or talk to any volunteer fire fighter.



Owner Mike Roselle, right foreground, looks on as fireman battle

Farewell Mr. Glass

Brackett Elementary school, said dinator for the school. good bye to teachers and faculty at a party in his honor Thursday, January

Mr. Glass has taken a position as prison system of the Windham School District in Kennedy, Tx. The family will be living in Luling, Tx.

Mr. Glass has been with the Brackett school system for almost 5 years. He coached Jr. High, JV and Varsity, football and basketball teams for 1 1/2 years and has been elementary school principal for 3 years. Mrs. Robin Glass has been the com-

Carl Glass, principle of the puter lab manager and PEIMS Coor-

At the going away party Mr. Steve Mills said that Mr. Glass had been an excellent administrator, who was not afraid to rock the boat to improve principal, of the Connally Unit in the education. The PTO presented Mr. Glass with a plaque in appreciation of all his work for the youth of this community. Mr. Glass told his faculty and teachers to always do one thing - care about the kiddos and keep caring about the kiddos.

Glass will all be missed here in Texas...that systematically addresses human health. Class III: building Brackettville. We wish you the very the concerns of the Host community materials, construction debris and in-

A Growing Concern

By Joan Strother Contributing Writer

Brackettville and Eagle Pass).

Last fall, in an interview with the Corpus Christi, Texas.... "Express News", Jim Stephens, President of Adobe, said that no waste fill" is just a fancy name, or will be shipped from Mexico. How- euphuism, for "toxic garbage pit". ever, in Adobe's prospectus they The three types of industrial wastes

Carl, Robin, Vanessa and Carley veloping a Landfill near Spofford, sive, flammable and dangerous to

and its customers across America. The Greater Rio Grande Regional Waste Management Facility is being designed...to offer competitive prices There is opposition growing to the nationwide....Adobe Eco-Systems, application of Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. has also negotiated to purchase Inc. for a state permit to dump 830 an additional 7200 acres immediately tons per day of solid municipal and adjacent to the site.... A national railthree classes of industrial wastes on way line is located east of the propa 1400 acre landfill site immediately erty and is an integral part of Adobe adjacent to Spofford and within about Eco-Systems, Inc.'s business plan for 9 miles of Ft. Clark Springs and the facility....This excellent rail ac-Brackettville, Texas. The dump site cess and handling allows the Rio will accessed by railroad cars ship- Grande facility to completely serve ping from far and wide and by trucks virtually all major metropolitan areas along Hwy. 131 (between in the United States....Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. has been contacted by Adobe, the unexperienced opera- Maquiladora companies along the tor of the landfill from Texas/Mexico Border. There is cur-Fredericksburg, will develop the land- rently a need for a safe and efficient fill site under the name "Rio Grande way to dispose of the thousands of Regional Municipal Solid Waste tons of waste generated by these com-Landfill Facility" in the same loca- panies daily. Government officials tion previously sought by Texcor, if have contracted us about solving these granted a permit. Texcor was de- problems on a long term bases (sic). nied a permit, by the Texas Natural Union Pacific has expressed an inter-Resources Conservation Commission est in Joint Venturing collection fa-(TNRCC), in their bid to dump ra- cilities in South and Central Texas. dioactive waste at the site in the fall We have also discussed Joint Venturing a barge off loading facility in

In Adobe's case, the word "land-Adobe proposes to dump with their "Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. is de- permit are: Class I: toxic, corro-

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"Refections"

Editorial By Norman H. Hooten

Forty years in prison for killing a buffalo? Replace the U.S. Constitution which is considered "outdated" by some modern day radicals who find themselves frustrated by the limits our Constitution puts on their desires for control and domination of the American people? "Special Interest" laws being passed and enforced with radical zeal by "govern-ment" agencies and agents? "Laws" which are, in reality, designed in intent and purpose as a means by which the "government" can gain it's desired control and domination over ALL Americans!

The "targeting" of certain local ELECTED officials and law enforcement officers for personal, professional, and financial ruin and destruction by "state" and "federal" agencies and agents?

replace our democratic form of government and the American way of

Fascism has been developed throughout history as a means of totalitarian rule by the "government" over the people. Under fascism the "government" is intensely contemptuous of democracy and the "right" of the people to think, act, and live their daily lives without "government" intrusion and interference. Under fascist rule, the "government" regulates commerce, industry, labor, and farming. Sound familiar? When you add suppression of freedom of speech and the press, the scenario is complete. And, I must admit that if we were completely under fascist rule ment" to intrude and interfere into that I would be at risk for writing this our daily lives and attempt to dictate column, but then who's to say I'm to us how, what, and when to think, not? There are people in this coun- speak, act, and live! try today, including this writer, who have been, and are being, "targeted", investigated, and prosecuted for "thought crimes"!

There are far too many "fascist" groups operating in America today under the guise of so-called "special interest" groups that are expending

millions upon millions of dollars on highly emotional, and far too often, false, ads in their attempts to brainwash the general American public into accepting at face value "their" way of thinking and acting. Groups such as the so-called "animal rights" activists, the "gun control" activists, "anti-abortion" activists, and all the rest of the "anti-everything" activists that are so prevalent in this country today. These groups are using the basic concepts of fascism to force free Americans (by strict "government" control) to "Think, Speak, Act, and Live as I do, or else you will be "targeted" for harassment, persecution, and prosecution"! These people conspire to ruin, destroy, and even murder those Americans who refuse to yield to "their" desires, yet "federal" Grand Juries and "federal" prosecu-What is happening in this countors have held that the "conspirators" try? Is FASCISM being allowed to have not committed acts of conspiracy to carry out "their" plans of terrorism, destruction of property, and

We most definitely do not need a new Constitution! In fact, what we most definitely need to do is to go back to the Constitution and throw out all the Fascist "special interest laws" that have been, and are being, passed and enforced by the "government" as a means of "people control" by circumventing the Constitu-

The American people are not "test tube clones", we are an independent, free thinking, freedom seeking and freedom demanding people who neither need, nor desire, the "govern-

God Bless free America, and Thank God for the Constitution of the United States of America, it has kept us free for over 200 years!

Beware of those in and out of "government" who would seek to destroy it!

THAT'S ALL!

-Marcel Proust

The Worlds Best Mom & Employee

Dear Editor:

My mom has got to be the worlds strongest person I know. Her attitude astounds me. Through hard times, tribulations, hardships and even heartaches she always manages to see the "brighter side" of things.

Our family has been through quite a lot in the past couple of years. I believe, no - I know, the hardest hurdle mom had to jump was the loss of my brother, her son. Throughout the whole ordeal mom managed to control her feelings and emotions in the presence of others, but in the privacy of her own home, behind closed doors, she'd let it all out. Mom would always tell me, "There's no greater pain than the loss of your own blood, and nothing else in this world will ever get me down." After this tragic event in our lives, mom would say that everything that happens in life, happens for a reason, but she also believed things would happen for the

In growing up, mom was not just a 'mom' to my brothers and I but she was both a mother and a father to us. My dad has commuted to work for a better part of 23 years or more, so when we woke for school he was gone and when we arrived from school he was still gone - working late into the evenings. My mother was the discipliner, the advisor, the counselor, the teacher, the listener but most importantly a friend to each of us.

It puzzles me now to think that someone as dedicated, hardworking, headstrong and intelligent as my mom could be subject to such horrible lies

and gossip in this town.

her job, I figured she'd go to pieces felt they deserved answers, which I home too! When out in a public place, they were rejected. someone can come up to her and ask, "When I was a little girl, my mom "How are you getting along?", and told me a story about a little tree in mom will usually reply, "Oh, great! our back yard. I was outside playing and I saw my mom tring a room. took in 19 years."

ishly, I'm happy for myself because tell you, I must be one of the luckiest I got my mom back. She's doing children alive to have a mother who more things and spending more time can instill values such as these in me. with the family than she's ever done in the past. I think to myself at times,

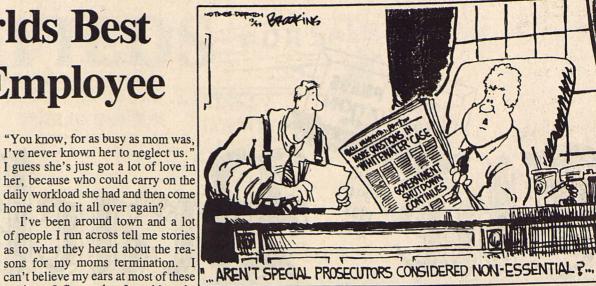
"You know, for as busy as mom was, I've never known her to neglect us. I guess she's just got a lot of love in her, because who could carry on the daily workload she had and then come home and do it all over again?

I've been around town and a lot of people I run across tell me stories as to what they heard about the reasons for my moms termination. I stories. I figure that I could probably sit down and write a book about all the reasons I hear. Personally, I think, if you get right down to it, the reason for my mom's termination is she was not as easily manipulated as the rest of those 'yes' men and woman in Commissioners Court. She spoke her mind and did her job according to the regulations stated by the Agencies guidelines. She couldn't be manipulated otherwise because she knew her job well. If anyone was robbed or cheated, it was my mom, and sorry to say it was all due to political retaliations and personal vendettas.

It's a shame that mom was terminated in the manner she was; with no proper advance notice, no legitimate reasons and no means of defending herself against all of the lies brought forth to Commissioners Court by one instigator. It all just came about with no warnings, so naturally it came as a shock to many of the centers participants too. I was appalled at what I heard when a group of participants appeared before Commissioners Court and requested to know the reasons for mom's termination and the Judge and his Commissioners declined to answer. These When mom was terminated from participants were hurt because they because all she's ever known was also feel they were entitled to. I do "work". She's never been one to sit believe however, that come re-elecfor more than 10 minutes in one place tion time, these folks will remember without doing something relative to those names and faces in Commiswork. Believe me, she's like this at sioners Court and also remember how

When I was a little girl, my mom I'm finally taking that vacation I never and I saw my mom tying a rope around this little pecan tree. She Since mom has been employed by pulled and tugged on it and then tied Kinney County, she's never taken a the rope around a stake she'd driven vacation due to her involvement with into the ground. I went up to her and the Aging program. She always felt asked her, "What are you doing obligated to be there even though she mom?" It's growing crooked and I had staff to take care of the workload. need to straighten it out and give it But, you know, something always direction, otherwise, it'll remain crooked and it was 't he as product. seemed to go wrong when mom crooked and it won't be as producwasn't around and then there goes tive when it gets big. Just like you mom - "To the rescue!" Even when kids, as you grow up you'll tend to mom was off, she always managed veer off in the wrong direction, so to make her way back up to the of- my job is to straighten you up so that fice because there was always some you'll grow in the right direction and unfinished business to take care of, be good productive citizens." When or a report that needed to be com- mom got through explaining this to pleted, or paperwork that needed at- me I started to reflect on what she'd tention, or merchandise to stock, or said and it made sense. Well, needa lawn that needed cutting, edging or less to say, mom's story has stuck in watering, or a broken down van that my head and I'm sure I'll repeat this needed repairing, or.... well, you get story to my children. The other day the picture! I guess you could say I took a look at that pecan tree in my mom was the center. I'm happy for my mom and self- tree is as straight as an arrow. I'll

/s/Regina Pena



Between Us By Joe Townsend

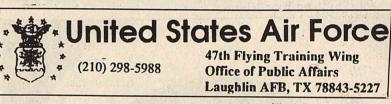
We all choose the way we waste time. I chose to listen to CBS in the hour long show featuring Hillary Clinton. I say "show" because that's exactly what it was. The audience was selectively chosen. It was clearly stacked, not including anyone who was not a devotee. The questions posed were without exception pointed to favorable replies. Not one single 'hard" question was asked. The whole idea was typical of the leftist bent of CBS and indeed the news media generally. It was timed to add to attempts to paint a halo over Hillary. Her "book" tour bombed out. She thought because Colin Powell and Newt Gingrich had raised their image status she could do the same. Revelations about Whitewater and "Travelgate" took the spin off of her attempts to raise some self glory.

The tide seems to be turning as cal chicanery are being revealed. of the same caliber, is President.

Even some writers in The Washington Post and New York Times have written some stinging items. This was totally unheard of a few weeks ago. The Clinton arrogance and outright lying to the American people have become so brash even some of their belt way buddies are fleeing like rats leaving a sinking ship.

Even her book and all it says about children rings hollow. Her treatment of sending her daughter to an elite, expensive, private school shows how hypocritical her protestations about the poor, mistreated, undercared for, children. More and more Hillary Clinton is proving to be as phony as a three dollar bill.

When as notable a commentator as Safire calls her a congenital liar in one of the largest newspapers in America its a sad day for the United States to have to call her the "First more and more revelations of politi- Lady" because her husband, who is



Laughlin's Best Of 1995

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Laughlin's "Best of the best" for 1995 were announced at the base's

annual awards banquet Jan. 19. The "Best of the Best for 1995" are: Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Julie Ferguson, 47th Aerospace

Medicine Squadron. Non-Commissioned Officer of the Chapman, 47th Comptroller Flight.

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Master Sgt. Timothy Hale, 47th Civil Engineer Squad-

First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Douglas Stephens, 47th CES. Category I Civilian of the Year: Hilda Vasquez, 47th Operations

Category II Civilian of the Year: George Hilbig, Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance. Category III Civilian of the Year:

Bill Rutledge, 47th Communications Squadron. Category I Nonappropriated Fund

Civilian of the Year: Sonia Tarango, 47th Services Squadron Driver Category II Nonappropriated Fund

Civilian of the Year: Roberto Santellanes, 47th SVS. Instructor Pilot of the Year: Capt. Sam Barrett, 86th Flying Training

Squadron. Flight Commander of the Year: Year: Technical Sgt. Maurice Maj. Ronald Graves, 87th Flying

Training Squadron. Company Grade Officer of the

Year: Capt. Charles Webb, Jr., 85th Flying Training Squadron.

Health and Safety Contributor of

the Year: Staff Sgt. Carneal Smith,

Laughlin Volunteer of the Year: Kitty King, wife of the 47th Operations Support Squadron commander.

Honor Guard Member of the Year: Senior Airman Cynthia Walnock, 47th OSS.

They will be recognized during the Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet at the Del Rio Civic

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for us, which no-one can spare us, for our wisdom is the point of

view from which we come at last to regard the world.

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We do not receive wisdom, we must discover it for ourselves,

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PLEASE REMEMBERthat we attempt to include

something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We

realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for

those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable §

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It was an old custom in England to draw lots for sweethearts on Valentine's Day, the person drawn being given a present, sometimes of an expensive kind, but more often a pair of gloves. The custom is said to have had its origin in a pagan practice connected with the worship of Juno on or about this day.



Brackett School system and the community have suffered a loss. Carl Glass, elementary principal has moved on. It was sensible for him to move closer to his mother who recently lost her husband. Carl served his school well. He is a warm hearted, friendly person. If he had a fault it was because he was too compassionate. He handled his responsibilities well. He is an exemplary husband and father. He will be an asset to the system to which he goes. We wish him the greatest success and joy in his new position. Surely Carl Glass is an Unsung Hero.



From The Desk Of Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz Kinney County Game Warden

Skunks are another of the many wild critters we see here in Kinney County and there are several species of skunks found here. Skunks generally occupy a variety of ecological areas, including open fields, prairies, croplands, fence rows, farmyards, forest edges, and woodlands, but seem to prefer brush, wooded areas, and tall grass prairies. In areas where they are common, they have a tendency to live around farmyards and often make their home under or in buildings. Some species are found in rocky canyons, cliffs, or brushy gulches where thickets or rocks piles afford protection. When natural den sites are unavailable, they may use armadillo or badger holes, fox dens and the like.

Skunks are almost entirely nocturnal and are seldom seen in the daytime. It has been said that if you see a skunk out during the day, that means it is sick or has rabies. Skunks do carry rabies but just because they are seen occasionally during the day does not always mean it is sick or has rabies. Skunks are less active during the cold periods but they do not hibernate.

Skunks eat a variety of foods. They prefer insects during the summer and fall, and small mammals such as young cottontail rabbits. birds, and field mice in winter and spring. Plant material, mostly fruit,

Spotted skunks are agile climbers capable of running up and down a tree like a squirrel, which enables them to feed on fruit and bird eggs. Skunks (and coons) are also frequent visitors to chicken houses eating both fowl

Most species of skunks produce only one litter of young per year in a nest of dried grasses and weed stems. It is possible that a second litter could be produced at times. The number of young in a litter ranges from 2 to 9 with an average of 4 to 5. At birth, newborns are blind and cannot hear. The eyes open at about 30 days and they can walk and play after about 36 days. They are capable of musking (producing the foul smelling odor that is their trademark) by 30 to 46 days, depending on species, and are weaned at about 54 days, at which time they are about half grown. They generally reach adult size at about 3 to 4 months. Skunks live as families from the time they are old enough to walk until they are old enough to fend for themselves. The mother, occasionally accompanied by the male, may often be seen feeding with her brood. The members of the family separate

in well situated dens. I have heard of some people having skunks as pets, with the scent glands removed, of course. It is never recommended that a wild animal ever be taken from the wild and tamed as any wild animal.

in the fall, but during the winter, as

many as 7 to 10 adults or mixture of

adults and young have been reported

is consumed in summer and fall. a pet. Often such an animal will appear to be tame and docile, but can be unpredictable, and could turn on the pet owner and become aggressive. If these "pets" escape or are dumped as unwanted when grown, they have no natural defense mechanisms left and will not survive in the wild again.

Their enemies, other than man, include dogs, coyotes, foxes, cats, bobcats, and owls. Striped skunks are highly susceptible to being struck by vehicles, and road-killed animals are commonly seen along highways throughout Texas. Individuals seldom live more than 2 years in the

When disturbed or startled, skunks utter a peculiar purring sound and often growl when attacked by man. They typically express their anger by rising up on their hind feet, lurching forward, stamping both front feet, and at the same time clicking their teeth. The expelling of musk generally follows this behavior. Their defensive behavior sometimes consists of a rapid series of handstands, which serves as a warning device to aggressors. If approached too closely, they drop to all fours in a horseshoe shaped stance, lift their tail, and direct their head and rear toward the potential aggressor, releasing their foul smelling musk from two large scent glands. This musk can be accurately discharged for a distance of 13 to 16 feet. It is wise to always be safe and cautious and keep your distance from

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Bank in El Paso, TX by Adobe for the purpose of procuring a 16 million dollar loan to build the "Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility" in Spofford, TX.

Supposedly "Fact Sheets" MUST tell the truth. However, statements made to the public at different meetings since last August are not one and the same as on the fact sheet, plus a few that have never been mentioned.

Articles will be submitted stating "facts" from the Fact Sheet versus verbal statements made to us, the public, with comments where neces-

Fact Sheet -- " Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. is developing a Landfill near Spofford, Texas UNLIKE any other in the nation. From it's inception, the developers have pursued a vision of a Landfill that exceeds all traditional standards. A Landfill that systematically addresses the concerns of the Host community and its customers across America. The Greater Rio Grande Regional Waste Management Facility is being designed for cost effectiveness, allowing it to offer competitive prices nationwide."

Comment -- the Host community has never expressed concern with the

present methods of garbage disposal. Here to fore, the present systems have Adobe Eco-Systems, "Rio Grande proven to be economical and practi-

Verbal Statement - Mr. Stevens The information set forth is taken has stated that the fees from the nine from the "Fact Sheet" submitted to county region would be taken and the North American Development averaged out, now it is prices NA-

Fact Sheet -- Site Location

of 1400 contiguous acres of land lothe North Property (430 acres) and the South Property (980 acres). The an additional 7200 acres immediately

"Excavation depth, 33 feet. Max height of final cover above average ground surface, 96 feet. The facility will be divided into 20 cells. Each cell will be approximately 12 acres in size." (North Property)

Jessie Tootsie Herndon

Concern - Continued from page ert materials. The third category is Special Wastes (which require snecial handling), such as: medical wastes, dead animals, pesticide containers, asbestos wastes, wastes from oil and gas and soils contaminated with same, lead batteries, etc.

Municipal wastes may also include wastes from hospitals and labs. Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc. has also PROMISES of a few jobs and

requested, in their application, authorization for open burning.

On Dec. 13, 1995, the "San Antonio Express-News" ran an article written by Staff Writer, Ralph Winingham, under the by-line "Limited Visibility Continuing to Cloud Big Bend Scene" from which the following excerpts were taken with Mr. Winingham's permission: "Crisp temperatures and winter wind have failed to clear the haze around Big Bend National Park that officials believe is caused by power plants in Mexico and along the Texas Gulf Coast....While the problem has been on-going, this year has seen records for limited visibility in an area that has a reputation for clear views of up to 150 miles.

A record low of 9 miles' visibil-12 miles were recorded as far back many other Kinney County residents as May 15, and several reports of 13- as possible. mile visilbility occurred the first week in September...

A bi-national group that includes representatives of the park service and the Environmental Protection Agency, and their counter- parts in Mexico, is working on the problem.

Park officials believe some of the

held on Thursday, January 18. This

Force Director and Clark Butler, spe-

cial Prosecutor from Del Rio, answer-

alarmed to find out how much we

didn't know about our community and

How many people have been ar-

How many drugs have been seized

What are the signs to look for in

rested in Kinney County this year?

how much you know.

in Kinney County?

drug users?

tivity?

"The site is comprised of a total cated south of Spofford, in Kinney County, Texas. The site is known as North Property is the site of initial development. Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc., has also negotiated to purchase adjacent to the site.'

Comment -- 33'x96' x 12 acres of who knows what will be contained in these mammoth, gigantic, monstrous cells. Do we need this? Think about it. The life in this landfill is 64 years. The contaminants are perpetual. The possibility of a total of 8600 acres with 12 acre cells will be bigger than Fort Clark and Brackettville put together. Next week -- Types of Waste.

Piedras Negras, across the border

from Eagle Pass...."LET'S NOT

ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN TO

LET'S NOT TRADE OFF OUR

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR

scholorships, and an increase in our county tax base! There is currently a

Petition circulating around Fort Clark

Springs and Spofford requesting our

state, county, and Brackettville

Council; members of the Border En-

vironment Cooperation Commission

(BECC); and members of the

TRNCC to deny this permit to Adobe.

council members may be persuaded

to take a stand and promulgate a Reso-

lution against this permit if enough

local people sign the Petition. People

of FCS may sign the Petition at the

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Write Your Congressman problem originates at a coal-fired Mexican plant about 130 miles southeast of the park and 25 miles south of

By Frances McMaster

ship. Stan was given a special medal

and framed certificate to be displayed.

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brief case. Setting it down very care-

that doesn't drink water. Receiving

Several years ago, before he

moved to Del Rio, he noticed small

animals that scurried across the road

in front of his car at night. He stopped

the car and caught one. It was a

"pocket mouse" that practically no

one knew existed. It doesn't drink

water, but needs to be able to absorb

it through his skin. The more Jim

revealed a glass walled case that

looked like a large ant farm. Inside

the glass was dirt with a tunnel run-

down the tunnel, we could see a small

he barreled into his story.

intrigued he became.

Contributing Writer

Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people to take an interest in writing members of the U.S. Congress. The contest is open to High School Students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens.

SUBJECTS: Why private property rights are important to your state DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 1996

elected officials; members of the PRIZES: 1st Prize - \$1,000 college Middle Rio Grande Development scholarship 2nd Prize - \$750 college

scholarship 3rd Prize - \$500 college

scholarship 4th to 10th Prizes - \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds

GENERAL INFORMATION: Letters must be typewritten and not over two pages in length. The heading should have your address. The first paragraph must state the student's age, classification in school and school attended. Then state that this taking the Petition door-to-door in letter expresses your views on propity was recorded Aug. 22. Levels of Brackettville and attempt to reach as erty rights and requires no response.

> With A Rhyme In Time, the We need to let our elected offilaughter begins as teams improvise cials and members of our regulating four-line story rhymes from words or licensing agencies know that we

Last night I had a special DATE But I was just a little LATE. Over two hours I made her WAIT.

on a card:

I got dinner on a paper PLATE. Drug Task Force Is Going Public It costs the task force \$100.00 per

present when the person is not dieting; paint on their fingers, nose or lips, tattoos on inside forearms to Are there rewards for informing cover needle tracks; long sleeves in warm weather; pipes, alligator clips, How many calls were made in cigarette papers, razor blades and hand mirrors.

Kinney County by citizens to help the task force? What happens to you when you

the task force about illegal drug ac-

make a call to the task force? What does this drug force cost

Kinney County? How do they destroy seized drugs?

How much does it cost? How much does it cost to clean up an illegal drug lab?

How much does it cost to hire a new agent?

Are drug sales considered a violent crime?

What types of weapons do drug dealers use? What are the punishments for drug

possession and sales? weapons?

Now sit back because some of

these answers will floor you! The primary drugs in Kinney County are Cocaine and Marijuana with small amounts of heroin showing up. There have been 44 Kinney County residents arrested for drug related offenses. From June 1993 to

May 31, 1994 the task force seized

6,000 lb. of drugs, from June 1994

The first Allied Area Narcotics to May 1995 they seized 20,000 lb., Task Force Community Meeting was from June 1995 to the present they have seized 30,000 lb. People do you was an extremely informative open see a trend here? Mr. Woollen gave meeting with Steve Woollen, Task credit for the growing seizures to the increase in Border Patrol personnel and the cooperation between Border ing any and all questions. We were Patrol, DEA personnel, Sheriffs department and Task Force personnel. All of the Task force deputies are qualified as Sheriff Department depu-Here is a little quiz for you to see ties and Federal DEA agents along with being state qualified Task force

Signs to be on guard for around you are: cigarette lighters, when the person does not smoke; food scales

The task force has an 800 number for you to call and there are rewards for information. This phone line has been used ONCE since it was installed in 1994 by Kinney County residents. Mr. Woollen stated that even more important than seizing the drug is protecting the identity of the informant. The person will not be asked to testify in a trial or become public in any way. The phone number is 1-800-673-9277 or you can call our local Brackettville Task Force office 563-2199. It is time for us to start doing our duty to keep our community drug free and get our heads out of the sand. The task force cannot Where do the agents get their do it without our help. Stand up and say you have had enough!

The Task force applies for a grant every year for \$620,000, of this amount the state pays 75% and our county signs a resolution that they will pay the other 25%. If the task force cannot pay it with funds collected. So far no county agency in the 6 counties that the task force serves has had to pay anything for the task force ser-

ton to destroy narcotics, they have to take the drugs to an enclosed burn area. An illegal drug lab (where persons make the drugs) will cost \$10,000 to clean up due to the environmentally hazardous chemicals involved. The cost to hire a new agent is \$65,000, for salary, benefits, vehicle, training, equipment, insurance, travel and informant rewards. The agent is responsible for supplying his own weapon, the state will not issue firearms. Drug dealers no longer use Saturday night specials, the weapons that we saw at the meeting were: Thompson machine guns, Baretta, 1911 Colt 45, 12 gauge shot gun, a Browning with a solid gold trigger, and a Weatherby rifle, for your information most people cannot afford these weapons. The drug people are much better armed than the task force.

Our state government does not consider drug trafficking a violent crime! Even if the dealer has a fire arm (and they all do) the only charge that can be assessed is an illegal weapons charge. If you steal a can of corn from the grocery store it is considered a violent crime. Our state government just passed an additional law: for up to \$50.00 in drug sales the mandatory sentence is 2 to 5 years probation and you must give this sentence 4 times before the person will get real jail time. No wonder, most offenses are by repeat offenders. Even if the dealer gets a jail sentence they will only serve 22 days of actual time for each year of the sentence.

We are very fortunate to have the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force operating in Kinney County. To me it seems like it would be a very dangerous and often frustrating job (especially when the offenders beat you

If any of you who missed the meeting would like a second chance contact Steve Woollen at 563-2199, he will be happy to talk to local clubs and organizations.

Brackettville Rotary Club seemed to want one. He began sell-

ing then. Soon he had a flourishing little side business. He now travels to Houston regularly where the mice On January 18th, Mr. Tino are displayed for sale in a pet store. Guzman officially presented Stan Jim says teachers are his best cus-Conoly with his Paul Harris fellow-

A pocket mouse and his case sells for around \$150.00. Jim's own mouse has lived about nine years, but Guest speaker at the Rotary Club that day was Jim Bush from Del Rio. he has found that his customer's of-Jim treated us to a tongue-in-cheek ten last about two or three. Theredescription of his flourishing business fore, he offers an insurance policy venture. He arrived with a canvas and a replacement service.

Water is poured into a mechanism at the top of the case, and the mouse absorbs it, according to Jim. The fully on a nearby table, he asked if mice usually dig straight ahead, but, anyone had ever heard of a mouse if they happen to dig sideways in the more puzzled stares than responses, cage, they encounter glass and have to be straightened out.

When asked about sentencing a mouse to a lonely existence, he explains that they are very solitary creatures anyway, and only come together with another mouse briefly to procreate. Besides, Jim says, when you consider that these little mice are the favorite food of rattlesnakes, doesn't its new environment seem more destudied the little creature, the more sirable?

Among the Rotary Club's visitors Pulling the canvas off the case, he that day was a gentleman from New Hampshire. One can't help but wonder what he'll tell his fellow Rotarians when he returns home about Rotary ning through it. About half the way in Texas.

We thank Sharon Tinsley, January program chairman, for discover-Jim kept it in his office, and ev- ing Jim Bush. We thank him for ineryone who came in saw the mouse troducing us to a pocket mouse.

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2. Your U.S. Representative. Use the same letter but change the addressee to your national representative. Mail the original letter to your U.S. Representative and a copy to: Doris Haby P.O. Box 1496

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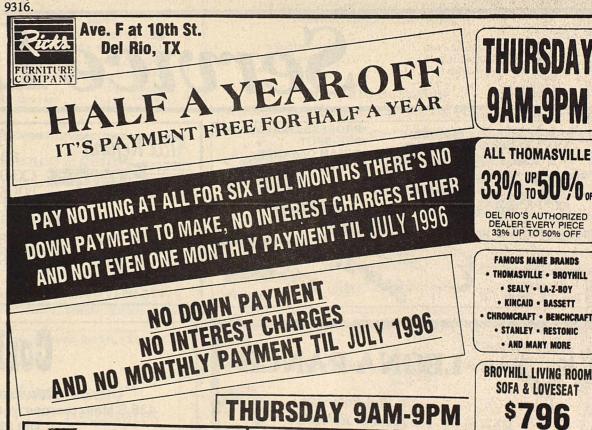
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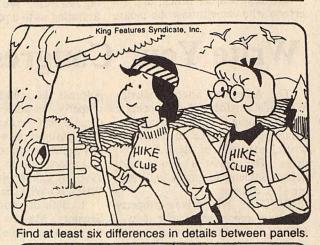
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This is the week to let go of whatever is bothering you. However, you can do this without being combative or aggressive. This weekend, a surprise invitation comes from a friend TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A

career concern has you preoccupied early in the week. Later on, some information you receive from an adviser leads you to a major financial investment. This weekend, home life is rewarding.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's goals and implement necessary changes to achieve those goals. A job offer or financial opportunity is possible for some. This weekend, someone close to you is somewhat and understanding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) your financial dealings this week. Unfortunately, someone could try to take advantage of your good nature weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Follow your instincts concerning someone whose motives you correctly suspect. This person is a phony and is misrepresenting himself. Be on the lookout now for a new educational opportunity. This weekend, group activities are favored.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business acquaintance comes to you with an interesting proposition early in the week. However, the deal isn't as good as it sounds and you should utilize caution. A personal problem is resolved by the end of the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money transactions are not favorable for you this week and should be avoided, particularly lending others money. A friend disappoints you by being less than truthful later in the week. However, you reconcile over the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're determined now to get ahead and succeed in life



a good week to assess your career and come up with new ideas to enhance your career. A loved one disappoints you as you become aware of this person's shortcomings now. However, try to be more supportive

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Singles are in for a You need to use some discretion in roller-coaster romantic time this week. Those in an established relationship experience a breakthrough. Inhibitions are thrown and generosity. Those in love come to the wind this weekend as you to a new understanding over the enjoy a whirlwind of social activities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You are self-confident now and know that you have what it takes to expand your business aspirations. Romantically, though, you need to be less demanding. If not, you could lose that very important person. The weekend is good for rest and relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You expect too much from those around you at times and this week, it's particularly evident. Stop being so hard on everyone and they won't disappoint you. The weekend is a good time for joining a club or civic organization.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a tendency this week to reveal too much to the wrong people, particularly where your business plans are concerned. Keep a low profile instead. A burden is lifted later in the week after a heart-toheart chat.

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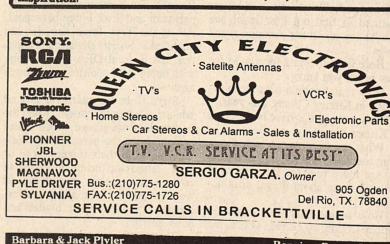
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Silver Shearers Award, awarded to the owner of the three highest placing lambs went to Jared Shahan

Showmanship Awards, selected by the showman judge were awarded to: Market Hogs - J. Wayne Ballew

Lamb - Jared Shahan Commercial Ewe Lamb - Amanda Davis Angora Goat - Dietrich Davis Meat Goat - Savanah Massingill

Rabbit - David Melancon

Most Improved Lamb feeder Award, awarded to the young person who has never exhibited a lamb at a major stock show, went to Jolee Jones. "Joey" Key York Award, awarded to the best overall showman, went to Amber Davis

The people in charge of this years show did a great job. Thanks to the board of directors: Jimbo Holland, Candy Hobbs, Woody Massingill, Pat Rose III, Stan Conoly, Oscar Payne, David Rose, Russ White and Chuck Hall. Thanks also to the Superintendents: Nolan Brandt, Tony Frerich, Jimmy Bader, David Dalton, Ronnie Hobbs, Lloyd Lee Davis and Hayden Haby. With a very special thank you to Alan McWilliams, County Extension Agent and John Paul Schuster, FFA Instructor. There are others too, the people and organizations who participated in the auction. All of these people are actively giving back to the community. Our hearts go out to you, Bravo!!

Some information is still being compiled. Watch for the rest of the Stock Show results next week.



"Joey" Key York Award winner Amber Davis presented by Mrs. Eloise Davis and John Paul Schuster.



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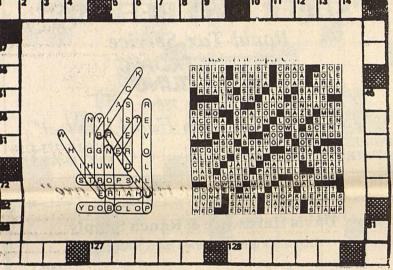


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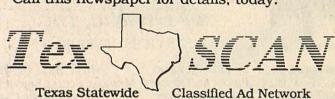
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Tigers Route Bulldogs

By Brian Hooker The Brackett News Sports Writer

Friday, the La Pryor Bulldogs came to Brackett to see what the Tigers had to offer. This 29-AA district match-up was the end of round 1 in district play.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 26-7 first quarter lead. The Tigers slowed down their 100 point pace but played better defense in the second

The Tigers blitzed the Bulldogs early, taking a 44-11 half-time lead. The Bulldogs produced a small amount of offense in the third quarter. The Tigers went into the fourth and final quarter with a 59-27 lead. The Tigers kept pushing the tempo

of the game and ended the game with a 36 point lead as the Tigers routed the Bulldogs 74-38. The Tigers played great defense

throughout the game setting a school record for steals in a single game. The Tigers had 32 steals in four quarters of basketball to break the old

record and set a new one.

Tigers Ramon DeLeon, Beau Smallwood, and Mike Padron, had great all around games. This threesome combined for 43 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists, and 23 steals. It was Brian Hooker and Moses Hernandez on the rebounding end. Together, they combined for 22 re-

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "This was a big win for us. Friday, Cole beat Dilley. This left us the only undefeated team in the district. This gives us sole possession of first place. Since district started, we have been steadily improving every game. We have great games at different aspects of fundamentals every game. Friday was a great team effort. We had great play off of the bench. We are facing our biggest game of the year on Tuesday. We have to go to Dilley and win over there. If we win in Dilley, we are looking very good for the play-off picture.

This victory gives the Tigers a 5-record in District 29-AA action. Way to go Tigers.

Players Name	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Pts. Score
Ramon DeLeon	-	-5	8	16
Mike Padron	- 1	8	9	14
Beau Smallwood	7	or the same of the	6	13
Brian Flores	-	- 1	-	8
Brian Hooker	9	- 1	-	6
Moses Hernandez	13	-	-	5
Johnny Castro	- 0	10-11-11-11	-	5
Kirk Hill	4	-		3
Ruben Terrazas	- 2 3 2 7 1	KONT WAR		2
Eric Rivera	The state of		-	2

Tigerettes Blow Past Lady Bulldogs

By Brian Hooker The Brackett News Sports Writer

Friday, the Lady Bulldogs came to Brackett from La Pryor to open round 2 of district 29-AA action.

The Tigerettes played excellent defense through out the game. Hopping out to a 16-3 first quarter lead, the Tigerettes didn't slow down a bit. The Tigerettes took a 29-13 half-time lead.

Scoring 31 points in the second half of Friday's game, the Tigerettes moved to 20-2 on the season. With a 3rd quarter lead of 43-23, the Tigerettes headed into the fourth and final quarter, where they won the game 60-35.

Tigerette Senior Denice Frerich says, "It's exciting to open the second round of district with a big win like this. We have sole possession of first place, that is very exciting. As a senior, I couldn't have asked for a better situation. We're looking good

wait and see what happens."

Head Coach Gregg Nowlin says, "It was a great win. We have a 1 game lead on Cole. We can't afford to slip up. We have to go to Cole and win there. If we do that, we ought to be set for the play-offs. The last time we played Cole we had just come off of the 16 day Christmas break. The girls are starting to put up more and more points every game. We are playing better basketball every

Way to go Tigerettes. This victory gives them a district record of 6-0 and a season record of 20-2. **Tigerette Offensive Attack In**

Their Blitz Past La Pryor **Players Name** Pts. Scored Windy Goodloebusma Reccia Jobe Denice Frerich Tina Meek **Players Name** Pts. Scored Sandra Hernandez Lindy LaMascus Amanda Meek

higher in this rematch, it was for the

championship of the annual J.V.

with the win in the 3rd round by a

score of 29-38. 4 Tigerettes built their

Ward says, "I thought game 1 was

an excellent game for us, we executed

well and had great teamwork. It is

disappointing to lose in the champi-

hours before. It was great experi-

ence for all of us. It's kind of nice to

hop out of the district race for a while

and have fun in a tournament. I

thought over-all, it was a fun and great

Tigerette Freshman Jennifer

As you can see, the Tigerettes had

The Lady Panthers came away

Tigerettes sophomore Cherrise

Tigerette tournament.

J.V. Tigerettes Take 2nd In **Home Tournament**

By Brian Hooker The Brackett News Sports Writer

The Junior Varsity Tigerettes hosted the annual J.V. Tigerettes tournament this weekend. The Tigerettes 29 point effort. battled in 3 rounds and fell just short in the championship match-up.

In round 1, the Tigerettes played an "awesome" game against the J.V. Lady Panthers from Nueces Canyon. The Tigerettes defeated the Lady Panthers by a thin margin. The Tigerettes onship to a team you beat just a few 39-37 victory in round 1 set them up against the Lady Yellow Jackets from Sabinal in round 2.

The Tigerettes had 6 scorers in rounds 1 and 2. In the second round match-up between the Tigerettes and learning experience." Lady Yellow Jackets, the Tigerettes widened their margin by 6 points. Ashabranner says, "We played great The Tigerettes laughed at the sting of basketball. It's unfortunate that we the Lady Yellow Jackets in their 34- lost but we all had fun.' 26 victory in round 2.

Being 2-0 in their own tournament, fun in their 3 round jaunt of the 1996 the Tigerettes were set to face the Tigerette tournament. After all, hav-Lady Panthers from Nueces Canyon ing fun is most important. Way to once again. The stakes were a bit go Tigerettes.

Players Name (Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Mary Ann Garza	2	国家 为是"是是"。第0 点。	4 1867
Jennifer Ashabranner	2	2	8
Zandra Negrete	2	that metral - 32 hours	700
Stephanie Terrazas	17	6	
Patty Lopez	10	14	5
Hilda Aguirre	11-19	4	2
Cherrise Ward	6	4	E OF LEASE L.
Suzie Hernandez	- 45	4	14

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Making A Difference By TAYLOR STEPHENSON **BISD Curriculum Director**

BISD's Success Story: Community Concerts

Judy Burks attributes the idea be- of local members. hind this project to music memory UIL contests. She complained to Stoney Burks that she had turned her students on to classical music, but that they would "probably never" get a chance to see or hear a live performance of classical music. Stoney listened to Judy's idea, and together they went to work to see what could be done. They enlisted the support of Supt. Steve Mills asking that BISD students be given tickets to attend community concerts. Three years ago, Mills told Judy, "I don't know where I'll find the money, but the need is there. I'll find a way". The times were tough in school finance three years ago. Mills didn't waver as he let them know that he would find a way to help. He did find a way. This week, let's explore the

Concert Association honored Brackett's representatives - the Burks — as they paid tribute to BISD for its innovative idea of purchasing 15 student tickets to community concerts for students in grades 5-12. The regional meeting of the community concert association was held in Salado, Texas, at the Stagecoach Inn. There were representatives from Midland, Corpus Christi, Tyler, Irving, Harlingen and many more communities in attendance. We received praise for BISD's commitment to the fine

How does the project work? The Burks reported that Brackett ISD is a AA school district of 618 students of which 78% are low socio-economic population. The Burks convinced Supt. Mills to purchase tickets for students to expose our students to the arts. Mills had a family membership to the concerts and had no trouble supporting the project. He agreed to 15 student tickets, and Stoney Burks volunteered to oversee student participation and to drive the bus to Del Rio for the concerts. In the following 2 years, BISD has upped its support to 20 student tickets. Brackett members of the Community Concert Association have started to offer their tickets for student use if they are not able to attend a performance. So, many times an extra 7 to 10 students can attend because of the generosity munity in Texas.

Since its inception what has happened to our students in the past 3

* They have been exposed to 10 live performances.

* Musician, John Bayliss spent 30 minutes signing our students' programs after the concert as he talked to them about his music.

* Local piano teachers, have seen renaissance in piano instruction as new students have been added to their

* The Dallas Brass showed that "even brass instruments can play classical music"

* Our students found that they could travel only 32 miles to hear what a London Orchestra sounds like.

* We found that a guitar can play more than chords. * Most important of all, about 170

This past week, the Community Brackett ISD students have attended concerts.

There were several principals in attendance at the Stagecoach Inn to hear the report from Stoney & Judy. There was praise for our school system for the commitment that we are making to the fine arts. The Burks reported that Supt. Mills supported the project by going the extra mile. He even drives the bus to the concerts when a driver is needed. Other schools and towns were amazed at the project and at its support from school administration and teachers. Several school districts - most of which were larger and wealthier — were heard to say that they were taking the idea home for implementation in their

That's about it! It was an idea that Judy dreamed about. She enlisted the help of husband and school administrator, Stoney. They followed up on the idea, found a sympathetic ear from Superintendent Steve Mills, and Brackett kids came away winners. It's a great project. Ask any of the students who have attended the concerts. Our students are the envy of the Community Concert Association. They dress well and behave better. What a success story. This week, a Tiger Salute goes out to Judy, Stoney, Steve and all those adults and students who have been a part of this grand project that is a model for every com-

J.V. Tigers Fall In Own Tournament

By Brian Hooker The Brackett News Sports Writer

Saturday, the Junior Varsity Tigers had their first tournament of the 1995-1996 season. Not only was it their first tournament, it was the annual J.V. Tiger tournament.

The Junior Varsity team from Junction ended up winning the Tiger tournament. The Eagles from Junction were stacked with 3 players over

The Tigers faced the Yellow Jackets of Sabinal in round 1. The Tigers fell just short of the Yellow Jackets in their 46-57 loss in the first round. The Tigers put up a great fight until the Yellow Jackets caught fire from 3-point range in the fourth quarter. The Yellow Jackets scored 20

f those 20 points were 3 pointers. The Tiger offensive attack came from 7 different players. Leading

scorer for the Tigers was Josh Crumley with 16 points. Luis Guajardo scored 15 points. Demetrius Williams scored 6 points. Xavier Tomms scored 4 points. David Honstein scored 2 points. Justin Turner also scored 2 points and Nat Terrazas scored 1 point.

As the Tigers advanced on to round 2 they suited up to face the big dogs from Junction. The Junction Eagles routed the Tigers 77-46.

46 Points came from 8 different Tigers. The leading scorer in round 2 was Luis Guajardo with 16 points. Patrick Munoz scored 9 points. Josh Crumley scored 8 points. Xavier Tomms had 4 points, Phillip Juarez scored 3 points, Justin Turner scored 2 points, as did David Honstein and Demetrius Williams.

In the Tigers two round view of points in the fourth quarter alone. 18 the annual J.V. Tiger Tournament, they scored a total of 92 points. Go Get 'Em Tigers!

Tigers Take First District Loss

By Brian Hooker

The Brackett News Sports Writer

Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Dilley to face the 4-1 second place Wolves. This game was the end of round 1 for the Tigers.

The Tigers took the early lead 21-17 in the first quarter. The Wolves jumped right back in it taking a 52-45 half-time lead over the Tigers.

The Wolves only increased their lead. At the end of 3 quarters of play the score stood 53-71 in favor of Dilley. In the fourth quarter the Dilley had 1 point.

Wolves handed the Tigers their first district loss by a final of 72-91.

The Tigers no longer have sole possession of first place. They are still looking good though, they share first place with the Dilley Wolves and the Cole Cougars.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Ramon DeLeon with 21 points. Just behind Ramon was Mike Padron with 16 points. Moses Hernandez had 15 points, Ruben Terrazas had 9 points, Beau Smallwood had 6 points. Brian Hooker had 4 points and Brian Flores

Tigerettes Fall 53 To 50

By Brian Hooker The Brackett News Sports Writer

Tuesday the Tigerettes traveled to

Dilley to face the Lady Wolves. The Tigerettes had the Lady Wolves beat right up until the last minutes of the ballgame.

The Tigerettes jumped out to an early lead. Starting the second quarter at 18-16, the Tigerettes stayed on top. The Tigerettes took a33-30 halftime lead with them to the locker room. After 3 quarters of play the Tigerettes were up 40-39. The Lady

Wolves grabbed the win in the fourth quarter winning the game 53-50.

The leading scorer for the Tigerettes was none other than Denice Frerich with 12 points. Amanda Meek was just behind Denice with 11 points. Sandra Hernandez had 10 points, Courtney Harrison had 6 points, Tina Meek had 4 points, Chica Garza had 3 points, Windy Goodloe had 2 points, and Lindy LaMascus also scored 2.

The Tigerettes now share first place with the 6-1 Cole Lady Cou-

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"Oh, that wasn't no calf. That was my CAT!" the man replied.

"Oh, gosh!" Dr. George exstore to make some purchases when claimed. "You didn't give it that cure, did you?"

'I shore did," the fellow said.

came the answer. "Last I saw of him, he had six of his friends out helping him. Two digging holes, two covering up, and two out scouting for new territory!"

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Fort Clark Art Club Bud Breen, one of our favorite anniversary of the deactivation of Fort

workshop artists, looking a very debo-nair cowboy, was presented by the Art Club with a framed pencil portrait sketch of himself done by Catheron Upson at our Monday art session. He was quite thrilled with it which other groups and individuals and remarked that Catheron "had will embroider and quilt. The fin-

in abundance on the oil, watercolor, pastel and pencil paintings submitted by our group at the Kinney County Livestock and Project Show.

The Ginger Test watercolor workshop to be held on February 16 & 17 has still three places to be filled. Call further information she is our new hard-working president.

are working together to create a king spacious studio. Bill is an artist. size quilt to commemorate the 50th

27, at the Palisado Building, Fort Clark Springs.

Clark Springs General Manager Bill Haenn.

Fort Clark Historical Society

To Meet Saturday Morning

The Fort Clark Historical Society will meet at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, January

After a period of fellowship, President Walt Bauguess will call the meet-

The public is invited and those interested will have an opportunity to join

ing to order for a short business session and present keynote speaker Fort

Mr. Haenn will bring a program on Lt. French's diaries.

Clark as a military base and the 25th anniversary of Fort Clark as a residential association. The Art Club members are making simple sketches of familiar landmarks on Fort Clark taken at least two inches off his nose!" ished quilt will be raffled off in the Ribbons, red, white and blue were Fall. This promises to be a very interesting project.

If any of our northern winter Texans are missing all that beautiful snow that has been falling on their northern homes, there is an oil painting of a snow scene, done by Bud Breen at his last workshop being offered by Catherine Field 563-2858 if you need raffle. Call Catherine at 563-2858 or come to the Art Room. My visitors Bill and Selma Cyopik from Several active groups on the Fort Canada were greatly impressed by our

School Breakfast Fact Sheet

higher on standardized tests and have taught early in the day. better attention spans and are better behaved in the classroom.

tial nutrients and enough energy to concentrate on and accomplish learning tasks. When students eat a nutritionally balanced breakfast they are fatigue, sleepiness and restlessness and therefore will be more attentive

FACT: School breakfast is im-Tufts University showed that children portant because in many classrooms who eat breakfast actually score the more difficult core subjects are FACT: School breakfast is nutri-

tionally balanced to provide students with the nutrients they need to sustain them throughout the morning.

FACT: The school breakfast program is available to all schools and is an inexpensive option for making sure less likely to experience headache, children start the day with the nutrients they need to carry them through the morning.

From the Associated Milk Produc-

regulations the meal pattern of the food intake throughout the year, not national school breakfast program is only during testing periods, contribdesigned to meet one-fourth of the utes to a student's performance on nutritional needs of growing students. standardized tests.

FACT: A study conducted at FACT: Students require essen-

FACT: Breakfast is as important ers, Inc. to the education process as the books



Guess Who's 50!!!! **Happy Birthday Mom**

Guest Reader

Mrs. Gutierrez, 1st grade teacher at Jones Elementary, has started a Guest Reader Program in her class. Different role models from our community are invited to visit her class, share a story with the students, and encourage them to stay in school and read in order to succeed. This week's Guest Reader: Steve

Woolen Special Task Force and Rev. William Adams.

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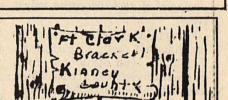
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Big Mama



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Community Calendar



Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room

Beta Sigma Phi R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May)

3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m. FC Restaurant

City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., 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 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.

FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Adult Center FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio

FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building. FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center. FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, Service Club

6 p.m.Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center. Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.

K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.

Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall. Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant. Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.

FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall, Please make reservations.

Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

the Society. Dues are \$5.00 per person per year. Fort Clark Golf News

Fort Clark Golf News Ladies Club Championship January 8-9, 1996 Championship Flight:

1st Betty Lee -77-83 = 160 2nd Jane Young -81-85=166 3rd Mary Stephenson -83-87 = 170 1st Flight: 1st Carol Benefield -94-85=179

and Pat Nelson -91-89=180 2nd Flight: 1st Betty Mathinson -88-91=179 2nd Elizabeth Dillahunty -90-

2nd Two Way Tie Luella Gilliland

93 = 1833rd Flight: 1st Betty Inman -94-90 = 184 2nd Margo Kendrick -95-

3rd Betty Schlatterer -94-104 = 198

Mens League January 10, 1996 Best Two Balls - Keep All Scores A - Flight

1st place tie at 141 - Bob Lee. Julian Garza, Pat Grant, and Jim Pratt also Gary Rogers, Carlos Garza, Bob Derrickson, and Wayne Schwartz.

2nd place at 145 - Dale Unruh, Blake Hinton, Bob Houk and Fay Gooch. B - Flight

Frost, Gordy Mathinson, Dick Wolters and Dwite Gilliland.

2nd place at 161 - Don Herron,

George Clark, Bob Barnett and Bob Zepperer and Pat McKelvy & Betty 3rd place tie at 162 - Phil Land,

Ernie Hall, Dave Yates and Phil Fordahl, John Osborn, Lyle Neil, Championship Tournament. Jack Schram and Bob Burkpile. **Thursday Couples - Scramble**

January 11, 1996 A - Flight

1st Charlie Smith, Mary Stephenson, Mo & Melba Turner at 2nd Bob & Betty Lee and Choppy

& Joyce Ambler at -63. 3rd a two way tie at -64- Bob & Jane Young, & Hinklemans. Also Pat & Clem McKelvy & Blake &

Jeanette Hinton. B - Flight 1st Roy & Jane Divine and Lee &

Eleanor Herron at -64 2nd a 5 way tie at 70- Ann Malin, John Osborn, Dave Yates & Betty Schlatterer, The Daniels & Gillens -The Unruhs, Bill Koons and Gene Graham. Pratts and Petajas. The Revitts and Zepperers.

Tuesday Ladies Golf League January 16, 1996 -Low Ball Twosome

Christenson. 2nd tie at -53, Barb Miller & 1st place at 155 - Phil Coburn, Ken Lavon McLane and Mae Roper & Margo Kendrich.

1st at 52, Joy Hinkleman and Janet

3rd tie at -55, Lou Green & Edith

Inman. Lunch at the Club House and

awards given for the Ladies Club Champion Betty Lee who has held the title for 2 years. Congratula-

1st flight - Carol Benefield 2nd flight - Betty Mathinson

3rd flight - Betty Inman Wednesday Mens Golf League **Janaury 17, 1996 - 2 Best Balls** A Flight

1st a tie at -143 - G. Lundquist, C. Titus, P. Grant & Bodega. B. Gaston, C. Garza, L. Roper and N. Eckenrod. 3rd at -146- T. Beatty, J. Pratt, L. Niel and C. Ambler. B Flight

1st at -156 P. Land, C. Smith, J. Stafford, & J. Workman. 2nd at -159 K. Bell, Larson, D. Kendrick and J. Schram. 3rd at -160 R. Darling, W. Schwartz, D. Herron and B. Burkpile. Watch for the Mens Club Cham-

pionship coming up soon. Must be a member of the Mens Club to play also have your minimax handicap established. See Bob Slate at the Pro Shop. Coming up March 9-10 the 7th Las Moras invitational. Field limited to the first 72 paid teams. Get your partner and get in early to avoid disappointment.



Mr. & Mrs. David S. Williford

of Fairmont, Minnesota, and David Shane Williford of Midland, Texas were united in marriage on December 9, 1995 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland at 4:00 P.M. Shalom is the daughter of Debra and Michael Baarts of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Shane is the son of Joyce and Jim Ray of Midland and Larry and Carol Williford of Bangs. The bride's grandparents are Delores and Darrel Plumhoff and Dolores and The groom is the grandson of Tom Spring, the late Ernest and Lillian Ray of Electra, and Werdna Williford and the late O.D. Williford of Bangs.

The ceremony took place in front of a white archway wrapped in Christmas garland, white lights, and a large of the base of the archway. Centered Christmas wreaths.

Prelude music was performed by the groom's aunt, Pam Williford of Abilene. Sweet melodic notes from ris, filled the sanctuary as the grandblack cumberbuns and bowties with long pearl looped tails. red velvet rose pocket boutonnieres. Both mothers wore over-the-shoulder ary, the groom presented the bride's corsages of red and white velvet mother with a gift and the bride pre-

Faulkenberry, groom's cousins from as best wishes. Midland lit the candelabras, soloist Rosanne Eaden sang "Take My Hand". Colter and John were attired in black and white print vests and bowties and Ariel and Amy wore Antonio, Eric Morris, bride's cousin black linen A-line dresses capped with

white linen sleeves. The groom's uncle, Rev. Don Williford of Abilene was the officiant for the ceremony. Shane was attired in a black tuxedo, white vest and bowtie, and red and white velvet rose pocket boutonniere. Best man, Doug Meeks from Bangs, wore a black tuxedo, black cumberbun and bowtie, and red velvet poinsettia pocket boutonniere. Groomsmen were attired identically to the best man. They were Vance Ray, groom's brother of Midland, Larry Williford, groom's brother from Bangs, Claude Redman, Jon Lanier; and Derek Edmonds all of Midland.

The bride's sister, Tina Johnson of Irving, was Maid of Honor. Bridesmatrons were Ashley Ray Blase, groom's sister of Midland, and Michele Kahler Morris, bride's cousin from Fairmont. The Bridesmaids, Jennifer Kahler, bride's cousin of Fairmont, Sara Luecke of Wichita, Kansas, and Maria Hazell of Kew formal length, black velvet, sweetheart neckline dresses with white satin crystal pleated cap sleeves trimmed with rhinestone bands. They carried candle-lit hurricane globes encircled with silk Christmas wreaths.

Flower girls, Rhiannon Plumhoff, bride's cousin of Fairmont, and Mary Faulkenberry, groom's cousin of Midland, wore white moonlight satin and chiffon dresses adorned with black satin ses and sashes and their headpieces were fashioned from pearl barrettes and illusion veils. They carried white baskets filled with individual silk red poinsettias and gold poinsettias tied with Christmas plaid their home in Midland.

Shalom Nicol Johnson, formerly ribbon bows. As they approached the Fairmont, Minnesota, and David altar from the back of the church, they handed poinsettias to the guests. Ringbearer, Matthew Baarts, bride's brother of Fairmont accompanied the girls carrying a ring bearer's pillow that was handmade and given to the bride and groom as a gift. He wore a black tuxedo with a black and white Mickey Mouse vest and bowtie. Chris Edmonds joined the trio at the altar with a small angel basket that held ten 1995 dimes. This custom, James Baarts of Fairmont, Minnesota. called Acares is from an old tradition of the days when dowry's were exand Jean Faulkenberry of Ft. Clark changed. These coins were never to be spent, thus assuring the bride that they would never suffer poverty. Chris wore a black and white Mickey Mouse vest and bowtie.

Aisle runner bearer, Thomas Faulkenberry, groom's cousin of San swag of red velvet poinsettias. Live Antonio, attired in black and white potted red poinsettias sat on either side print vest and bowtie, unrolled a white lace-trimmed linen aisle runner for behind the archway was a unity candle the bride and father to enter the sancand family candles encircled by tuary as the strains of "The Bridal Chorus" was played by the pianist and

handbell choir.
The bride was beautiful in a white satin, pearl, and sequined formal the Master's Ringers Handbell Choir length dress. The sweetheart neckfrom Crestview, directed by Ty Mor- line and basque bodice was a lace panel, lavishly adorned with sequins parents were seated and the parents and pearls. The puffed satin sleeves lit the family candles. The bride's were banded with lace and pearls and mother wore a black crepe suit. The flowed into long straight sleeves that long jacket featured black satin trim ended in a point over the bride's hand. down the jacket's front and cuffed the The sleeves were covered with lace long, black sheer chiffon sleeves. The and pearl appliques. The bride's veil groom's mother wore a forest green, was a large pearl and sequin barrette long sleeved, crepe dress. The with waist length illusion veiling scat-rounded neckline was encircled with tered with sequin and pearls. The black soutache trim and beads. The bridal bouquet was a large cascade fathers wore black tuxedoes with of white and red velvet roses and three

As the couple exited the sanctusented the groom's mother with a gift. As candlelighters Ariel and Col- As the bride and groom left the church ter Plumhoff, bride's cousin from in a red limousine, they were Fairmont, and Amy and John farewelled with bubbles being blown

Ushers for the wedding guest were Tommy Blase, groom's brother-inlaw of Midland, Thomas Faulkenberry, groom's cousin of San of Fairmont, and Kevin Baker of Bangs. They wore black and white print vests and bowties and silk poinsettia boutonnieres. Wedding booklet and bubble attendants were Stacy Crawford and Sarah Faulkenberry, groom's cousins of San Antonio, Jamie Ray, groom's cousins of Grapevine, and Shana Pennington, groom's cousin of Katy. Registrars were Natalie Williford, groom's cousin of Abilene, Melissa Baker of Bangs, and Tassy Miller of Midland. The bride's personal attendants were Nicki Thomas of Dallas and Kristin Moran of Kew Gardens, New York.

A reception and dance, was held

at the Midland Shriners Hall, A large round table, covered with white satin and topped by green lace, featured a 5 tiered wedding cake, which was made by the bride's grandmother, Dolores Baarts. The cake was topped with a Precious Moments couple dressed in Christmas clothing and backed by a heart shaped mirror. Flush against either side of the Gardens, New York, were attired in round table were banquet length tables covered with green satin and topped with white lace. One table held a green punch and a red punch. The other table held a silver coffee service and silver champagne fountain flowing with milk. Oreo cookies served from silver trays were the 'groom's cake". Both tables had red and green mints, made by the bride's grandparents, nuts, and napkins in the bride's chosen colors. Hostesses were Julie Lindsey, Jennifer Lindsey, Barbara McCright, Karen Harris, and Kahla Harris.

After a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be making

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

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

January 1884: Lt French remains in the field close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden) in command of the Seminole--Negro Indian Scout Detachment, His obsession with his mail is repeatedly recorded in the diary. The train delivers the mail daily and he frequently postpones activities to see what the mail might bring. He continues to be drawn into get rich quick schemes involving pig ranches or land deals for which he must borrow money. When his request for a loan from Captain Vance is turned down he is disappointed but continues to dream. He writes to Lieut Bullis about the scouts treaty with the government and goes on several explorations with the men looking for an elusive mine and water. The winter weather produces two snowfalls and frequent northers. When the Paymaster arrives (who had the previous year "... made mean remarks..." about the food) Lt French is still the gracious host. He writes a profound observation, "If hospitality is a sacred duty, a proper respect & regard for the host's feelings should be equally binding on the guest." Guests come and go to include the post sutler from Fort Clark, Dave Jacobs, who appears to collect money owed by the Seminoles. Practicing on his violin and writing letters occupy the days while games of Whist and Parcheesi fill the nights. The order relieving the detachment arrives and Lt French expects to be back at Fort Clark by mid-February.

Wednesday. January 23 1884

Finished the letter as soon as possible after breakfast and sent the courier to Thurston. Practiced on the violin and cleaned it before he returned. A letter from home, marked "Missent", one from Hall and an O.B. was my share. Several of the men got letters that their families were sick. Had to let four go to the Post. Had a talk with the Sergeant. Think these men are trying to put it on me. If I can prove it on any of them will make them suffer. Studied short hand before & after dinner. In evening wrote a letter to Marie and studied shorthand. Dry norther commenced last night. Letter from home contained a short one from Mother, the first since her illness. Was very goad to get it. In today's mail sent power of at-

FOOTSTEPS ECHO The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry Franch Courtesy of his decendants ington D.C. to collect arrearage to horse over & enjoyed the ride too. June 30, '83 due me for cadet After returning weighed the rations

service at West Point in case the test case is decided favorably to us; this case is now on trial. A verdict is expected soon.

Thursday. January 24 1884

Sent the mail in early and shall continue to do so. After breakfast walked down to the tank where were the Doctor & Lougee. The mail came in soon afterwards bringing me a letter from Miss Smart offering to teach me music for \$2.00 a letter. Think I shall accept. Before doing so I want to hear from Capt. Simonds about the pig ranch. Practiced on the violin and studied short hand diligently. Feel more encouraged now with the latter than with the former. After dinner Doctor & I walked down to the house but did not stay long. After returning wrote a letter to Mr. Nason to enquire whether the Captain had made any arrangements about that property.

Fell asleep twice in my chair afterwards. Studied shorthand a little before going to bed.

Friday. January 25 1884

Sent the mail over just after breakfast and took a walk with the Doctor while waiting. Stopped by the house & helped Lougee fix up a manger, Mrs. L. being also present. A letter from Capt. Simonds and some official mail comprised my share. Capt. writes that he learned the terms for that 80 acre of land, but they are too high. He & Nason made me a fine offer to take a 1/3 interest in their farm 225 acres house & well for \$500 at my own terms. The first of March we will all put in \$200 & buy pigs & make repairs. After reading the mail, practiced on the violin and studied shorthand. After dinner played solitaire a while & then wrote a O.B. & a letter to Nason & one to Captain, accepting their offer & stating my terms. Studied shorthand a while before retiring.

Saturday. January 26 1884

While waiting for the mail walked out on a hill near camp with the Doctor's gun and then practiced on the violin. Received the order to go in, Caraher's troop relieving Randlett's, who comes out here. Caraher is to leave the Post on the 1st. I ought to get in by the 15th. A letter from Aunt Eliza written for Grandmother & some O.B. Studied shorthand a while but had to go over to Thurston for the ratorney to Allan Rutherford, Wash- tions which came today. Rode the

& then weighed the forage. Rations all right. Corp'l. Lougorio & party returned with six fish, a turkey & a skunk. Sgt. July was cleaning the skunk to cook & eat it when the Doctor & I went over to the kitchen to see the fish. Bought the turkey for 50 cents. Got two fish. After dark we went down to the house carrying one fish as a present. Played "Parcheesi" and was disgusted at an outbreak of temper by Mrs. L. when she told her husband to shut up. After returning wrote some O.B.'s, commenced letter home & wrote to Miss Smart to commence her lessons. Don't know whether it is wise to incur the additional expense but am very anxious to learn to sing. Took a bath before retiring. Rained a little today.

Sunday. January 27 1884

Henry's birthday. Finished my letter home, wrote to Capt. Randlett about this place. Then walked down to the Spring. After returning played on the violin until the mail came. A letter from home & some O.B.'s was my share. Played on the violin & read until four o'clock when the Doctor and I went down to dine at Lougee's, our turkey being nicely served up by Mrs. L. Returned soon after dinner and walked in front of the tents for a while with the doctor. Then read history and played on the violin until bed time. A long day. Must commence tomorrow to make out invoices & receipts & inspection reports to have some property condemned.

Monday. January 28 1884

Misty this morning but cleared off before noon. After breakfast sent the mail over to Thurston and then took a long walk with the Doctor. Only O.B. mail for me. Practiced on the violin and studied shorthand until four o'clock when we went over to Mr. Lougee's to finish up the turkey, and had a good meal. After dinner returned to camp & read until dark when we went back and played Parcheesi until nearly midnight. We all became quite interested in the game, and at times were rather excited about it. Cloudy & windy this evening. Made out part of the receipts for turning over the property to Capt. Randlett.

Tuesday. January 29 1884

After breakfast took a walk and then completed the memorandum receipts. Practiced on the violin and afterwards cleaned it. Read

until the mail. The train was three hours late & brought little mail, none for the Doctor or myself. Studied shorthand until nearly time to weigh out the forage. After dinner commenced my letter home & read until bedtime. This has been a long day, rather tiresome because no mail came. Sent a letter to Lula this morning to get a present for Mother whose birthday comes on the 12th prox.

Wednesday. January 30 1884

Finished my letter before breakfast & sent over for the mail. While waiting took a walk out to the tank, stopping to talk to Lougee on the way back. A very small mail came with nothing for me. Practiced on the violin and studied shorthand until half past two when I rode over to Thurston with Luce & was rewarded by getting a letter of the 18th from home, which had been carried past yesterday or this morning. Weighed out the forage after returning. A small hunting party that went out Monday returned this evening & now we have deer and game. In the evening we went over to the house & played Parcheesi, the Doctor & Madame winning. All were quite excited during the game. After returning made out pay accounts for this month & wrote a letter to send them tomorrow to the San Antonio Nat. Bank to collect & deposit the amount of \$116.67 for me. Read until bedtime.

Thursday. January 31 1884

Sent pay accounts for last month in today's mail. Took a walk with the Doctor after breakfast returning just as the mail arrived. Nothing for me. Practiced on the violin and studied shorthand. Afterwards weighed the forage and made out report of fuel, forage &c. In the evening went over to play Parcheesi in which Lougee & I were successful. Doctor cause beaten & behaved rather childishly. After returning made out Monthly Return & Requisition for fuel &c. & prepared them to be sent to Clark tomorrow sending a note to Hall at the same time to keep my mail.

Theta Sigma Chapter Beta Sigma Phi

Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Betty Gaither Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. members enjoyed a time of fellowship and fine food.

President Luella Gilliland called retary Pat McKelvy called the roll with 16 members responding to roll

During the business meeting Nancy Frerich discussed the plans for the chapter's volunteer participation stock and Project Show. Under Nancy's direction the chapter will setup, work and host the Art & Crafts chosen by Betty Gaither for the portion of the show. Every effort is being made to have an outstanding show featuring the works of the many talented Kinney County residents including the varied talents of Ft. Clark's RV'ers and Winter Texans.

Beta Sigma Phis of the world have given beyond measure in service and since 1947, a great part of that givvoted to give support to the Stanford University Kidney Research Fund the showcase rug.

The Beta Sigma Phi theme for 1995-96, provided by international, is "Beta Sigma Phi...A Dream Prior to the business meeting the Catcher." To add a bit of fun, Theta Sigma chose as their personal theme: Theta Sigma...Singing, Swinging Dreamers" and at each meeting one

the meeting to order after which Sec-sister is pinned by a fellow sister as an outstanding Beta Dreamer. Ann Hibler won the honor Monday night to wear the Beta rose pin when Dee Gaston described Ann as an enthusiastic, fun loving, hard working Beta Dreamer. Ann will wear the pin in the Annual Kinney County Live- proudly until the next meeting when she will pin another deserving sister.

"Herbs" was the program topic evening. By show and tell, with special pictures and charts, even the best chapter cooks received several new hints and facts to remember when cooking with Herbs.

by hostess Betty Gaither carried a stipulation to the winner. The beautiful, colorful crocheted rug (made ing has been through their interna- from bread wrappers) will first be tional endowment fund. Theta Sigma entered in the project show. Happy winner Mylo Unruh agreed to share

Theta Sigma Supports Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund

Gilliland and her Executive Board Marge Geeze, Pat McKelvy, and Bobbie Waddill met to review choices fund. The fund originated in 1931 with the adoption of cancer research as an international project. Since that time thousands of dollars have been given to research. Cancer, Arthritis, Lupas, Colitic and AIDS/children are currently receiving funds.

ary 15 to support Stanford Univer- ers. sity Kidney Research Fund in 1996.

At a special meeting recently The support of Beta Sigma Phi's for Theta Sigma President Luella this project has allowed Stanford to establish a spectacular Beta Sigma Phi research laboratory, equipped with state-of-the-art scientific instrumenfrom the Beta Sigma Phi endowment tation. The laboratory provides the under-pinnings into continued research on transplantation.

People of Kinney County are familiar with the many services performed by the three Beta Sigma Phi Chapters of Ft. Clark and Brackettville. It is common knowl-Theta Sigma members voted at edge Betas think and act in loving their regular meeting Monday, Janu- service in their community and to othLaureate Epsilon Iota

ter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Adult Center in Fort Clark Springs on Monday night, January 15, 1996, with Gloria Burroughs as hostess.

Nakai led the group in the recital of the opening ritual. Roll call was made by the secretary followed by a reading of minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. No treasurer's report was made.

A "miss you" card was signed by all members to be mailed to Mildred Borden who is presently attending her hospitalized mother in Houston, Nakai and Oleta reported on in-

formation received from Interna-Betty made a motion to give any

donation locally. Motion seconded by Orlean and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Betty that

The evening's door prize provided It's A Girl!!

Olivia Marie Farias

Guillermo & Laura Farias are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Olivia Marie Farias. On December 27 at 2:56 p.m. Fabian a 6th grader and Sara a 3rd grader were told that Olivia had been born and that she weighed 6 lbs and 3 oz. Their new sister was 18 1/2 inches long and extremely cute.

Fabian and Sara waited for the news at Uvalde Memorial Hospital with their relatives Lucy and Craig Stribling. Dr. Richard Lutton was the attending physician.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Concepcion Farias of Laredo. Maternal grandparents are Jose and Gloria Vasquez of San Antonio. Guillermo and Laura have been extremely grateful for the gifts and support from their friends and neighbors of Brackettville.

The Laureate Epsilon Iota chap- our February meeting and our Valentine party be combined as a dinner starting at 6:30 P.M. at the Fort Clark Restaurant on February 19, 1996. Motion was seconded by Walela and passed unanimously. Chairlady Betty will supervise organization of the party. Flowers will be furnished by Walela. A tiara and Laureate Sweetheart pin will be presented to the Sweetheart at the dinner.

> An excerpt from one of Bombeck's books was presented by Gloria and Oleta as the cultural pro-Oleta led the recital of the closing

ritual. Betty won the door prize.

Refreshments were enjoyed by: Oleta Townsend, Orlean Riley, Betty Schlatterer, Lily Schwandner, Walela Gum, Hawkins Huey, Nakai Breen and the hostess, Gloria Burroughs.

Bridge Anyone?

By Norma Gould

The FCS Duplicate Club met Tuesday, January 16th with 11 tables playing the Mitchell Movement. Nita and Fred Clayton won 1st

place in the N/S direction. There was a tie for 2nd place between the pairs: Delina Hay - La Verne Schaefer and Dena Scott - Mona Miller.

Ruth Wilks and Dorothy Edwards won 1st place in the E/W Direction. Ken and Betty Te Grotenhuis took 2nd place with Arnie and Gertie Trautwein winning 3rd.

Our Winter Texans are back and we are so glad to see them. Remember, our new home is the Adult Cen-

No man can think clearly when his fists are clenched.

-George Jean Nathan



Frontier Baptist Church Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

"Behold I stand at the door and knock and if any man will hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." This is the message of Jesus Christ to his followers. He waits anxiously to be invited to meet any need. He said, "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

Jesus wants to help all who want of His followers who need and want His help.

Jesus wants to help those who need Him but don't know how to reach Him. The idea that He is isolated from some who do not actively follow Him is false. If one has faith in Jesus enough to turn to Him for help, he'll be there to help.

Jesus wants to help even those who Church. Come and see.

do not want His help. These He cannot help because He must be invited in. He is however, ready and desirous to meet any need. Perhaps the doubts about His willingness to help. which would lead Him to help in time away from us Cancer Cannot... His help. He will never rebuff any of need. Consequently they wallow in their smug egotism and turn aside help that could solve the problem.

'Behold I stand at the door and knock and if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

another message from God's Word at 11:00 A.M. at Frontier Baptist



St. John's Baptist Church

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

Bible Study

6 P.M. Gospel Preaching

Thursday Night

6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Saturday Night

Prayer Meeting 10 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

Come Worship With Us

cation; the LORD will receive my

prayer. Psalms 6:9

for Pastor Study.

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A disciple is one who follows, who ing," or "I don't love him anymore,"

has allegiance to a certain methodol- or "I'm so tired," or they will never

What does it mean to be a disciple? Perhaps we say - "Well he had it com-

One must be consistent to their have borne the cost of Disciple i.e.,

stated methodology and loyalty to persecution, suffering, death, ridi-

their teacher. Why is it then we, who cule; then they have truly carried the

a disciple of Christ, is to pick up the His Disciples to follow him, may we

The LORD hath heard my suppli-

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Frequently I hear, my husband, or

my illness, or my in-laws is my cross

to bear. Hardships brought upon by

poor choices and mistakes have noth-

ing to do with bearing the Cross of

Jesus Christ. Bearing the Cross is

that which we suffer when out of fol-

lowing in the footsteps of Christ, as

His Disciple. When through the ages

Christians, through their Discipleship,

During this Epiphany season as we

read in Scriptures of Christ calling

steps as faithful servants.

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St. Johns B/C

Thank You,

Rev. Adams Sr.

Pastor Adams Sr.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak. O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also very vexed; but

thou, O LORD, how long? Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: Oh, save me for thy mercies'

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I

water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all

mine enemies. Depart from me, all ye workers St. John B/C of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard Church Ph. 563-2582 or the voice of my weeping. Psalms 6: FBC 563-2245

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ciples of Rembrandt, they paint in that

style, not in the style of Picasso. If one states they are disciples of Mozart, then they certainly do not

perform pop music. In sports termi-

nology if one is a disciple of the pass

happy west coast offense in football,

then their offense does not include

smash mouth conservative ball con-

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from our calling of disciples. To be

Cross and follow Him, no matter the

place, time, or situation. In this age

of situation ethics and relativism, we

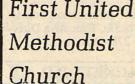
can find so many excuses for why

call ourselves disciples of our Lord cross.

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ogy. If one states that they are dis- know."

Next Lord's Day there will be





I received a gift last week. My mother, who lives in the Blue Ridge Mts. of Virginia, spent Christmas and the first half of January with us. She had reservations to fly back to Virginia on January 12, but due to ex- swings. And...pretty soon Lincoln, pected additional snow in that area she delayed her return home until January 20 — which meant we got a whole extra week with her! And it was one of the best weeks I've ever spent with her.

We did a lot of the usual kinds of

Doing those things together was great but they weren't what made her visit so special. One beautiful day while much of the rest of the country was buried under snow we had lots of warm sunshine, and at a friend's suggestion we went down to the San Felipe Creek. There we discovered swans, ducks, waterfalls, and a playground. A wonderful thing happened. The child within my mother came out

to play.

While there with my two young sons, my mother "quacked" to the swans and ducks to get them to swim across the creek to where we were. Lincoln, my four-year-old chimed in come as little children. and you know what? It worked! Together, all of us "children" fed and talked to our feathered friends as though we'd been friends forever. you do, you just might catch a glimpse

my plants. They were both delighted with the stones worn smooth by the running creek. We returned to the creek several times to feed our friends and play. I couldn't seem to get enough. It was a gift, a precious, precious gift - really connecting with nature, playing with loved ones, and enjoying the simple pleasures of God's creation. Maybe that's one reason Jesus took time out to play with children and why

Give yourself permission to take a little time out to play and to really appreciate the world around you. If

he said to enter God's Reign we must

Monthly Grief Support Group To Meet Friday

pray that our Lord will open our Hospice Uvalde Area will resume its monthly grief support group called hearts and minds to accept the call of Living Through The Loss Of A Loved One Friday afternoon, January 26, Discipleship, and follow in His footfrom 2:00-3:30 P.M. Held in Slater Hall at First United Methodist Church on James Street in Brackettville, it is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of any loved one. The topic of this month's meeting will be "Grief is real!" For more information, call Edwin Sasek, Bereavement Services Coordinator and Pastoral Care Counselor, at 1-800-

bearing the cross is not appropriate. Las Moras Masonic Lodge To Hold **Past Masters Night**

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge will hold an open meeting honoring all Past Masters of the Masonic Fraternity, on January 27, 1996 at 6:00 P.M. in Slater Hall.

All Master Masons and their Ladies are invited to this dinner and the entertainment which will follow.

Bruce Clements

Secretary, Las Moras Lodge



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

vices 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158. First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.;

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor. Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m., Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father Donald La Vell.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor. St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175. Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A: Shafter Hall, F.C.S. , Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.

Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha,

Pastor, 563-9237.

Apostolic New Jerusalem: 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

The Pastor's Pen"

There is a dreaded disease process out there that all of us have so many loved ones, relatives, friends or maybe you are battling yourself. It saddest are those who do not realize is "CANCER". It is a horrible dethey need Him. They have doubts tractor, it takes so much away from about His ability to help. They have us. There was an article in the Visition! tor publication that I repeat for you They have doubts about His love here because, as much as it takes

Cripple love! Corrode faith! Eat away peace! Kill friendship! Silence courage! Invade the soul! Quench the spirit!

Destroy confidence! Reduce eternal life! Erase the promises of God! Obliterate happy memories! Shatter the hope of heaven! Lessen the power of the resurrec-

Prevent the faithfully obedient from entering heaven!

Cancer can only affect the physical body for a time. It may hasten death, but it is appointed unto man once to die, anyway (Hebrews 9:27). Therefore, if one is prepared through faith in Christ, and obedience to Christ's commands (John 12:48), we need not fear death!

Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Next we trekked over to the play-

ground. Lincoln (the one who knows

who has never shown any affinity for

swings, climbed in a swing and com-

manded, "Push me, Mama!" As I

pushed and watched the two of them

soaring through the air, my heart

for the waterfalls. Lincoln declined

to go, so I stayed at the playground

and continued to push. In the dis-

tance I could see Mother pointing out

various things to William. Then I

saw Mother pull out a small red plas-

tic bag and the two of them began to

diligently search the water's edge and

occasionally stoop and pick something

up and drop it in the bag. They had

discovered treasure in the creek. You

see, William collects rocks and

Mother wanted some rocks to use in

Then Mother and William took off

was pure joy.

soared even higher.

no fear of heights) headed straight for the slide. Mother went for the

mother - daughter things with her being the parent and me being the child — things like shopping, going out to eat and potting plants (when it comes to plants she has a very green thumb and I have the kiss of death). We also did some adult-to-adult kinds of things, like going to church, discussing world events, and just being together.

Was it a bird-brained activity - no, of heaven!

Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne

While we were living in Austin I that the water was rising. had an experience I never want to have again.

ily up on the Colorado River on a the train stopped out in the wilderfore this area of Texas was thickly inhabited and roads were just trails.

We made camp and all was well. The boys were in great spirit - they could go on up the river with the men.

There were just two girls in the up the river by foot, they took the ter, then the other girl, me. two girls across the deep part of the being "pioneers" when we discovered stay out of it.

We couldn't swim and the water next to the bank was too deep and Our family went with another fam- swift for us to get into.

The big sand bar was beginning camping trip. We went by train and to divide into smaller strips and the water was rising fast - our mothers ness and let us unload. This was be- were in a panic and calling for the men. Then finally we heard the voices of our men and then they were

Dad jumped into the swift moving water and got to the sand bar which was fast disappearing. He took bunch and before the men went on one girl over the swift moving wa-

I'll never forget the experience. river to a big sand bar. Our mothers I've always had great respect for deep could see us and we were having fun water since that experience - I mostly

Val Verde Memorial Hospital

progress is able to be observed almost daily, reported Bob Ellzey, Assistant Administrator of Val Verde Memoria Hospital. Walls are being framed on the first floor and will soon trical, and mechanical systems are all being set in place.

Originally scheduled for completion in May, 1996, a revised completion date has been set for July, 1996.

Once the new wing is completed, renovation will begin in the existing corridor currently occupied by the Dialysis Center and Labor & Deliv-

bishing of existing patient rooms. The 4th Station Unit remodeling

Construction efforts on the new has been completed and those patient wing of Val Verde Memorial Hospi-rooms were reopened in late Novemtal are at a point where visible ber. This area looks fresh and it is especially nice to have, which was part of the upgrade of this Nursing Unit, a restroom in each patient room. Prior to the renovation, there was 1 restroom between two patient rooms, begin on the second. Plumbing, elec- requiring patients to share a restroom with 3 other patients.

It's an exciting time to be part of the team at Val Verde Memorial Hospital with the expansion project moving right along! Once the project is complete the Out Patient Clinic will be under the same roof as the hospital, and the opening of the Rural Health Clinic will help eleviate some ery. This area will include a pediat- of the overcrowded conditions curric area and the upgrading and refur- rently being experienced in the Emergency Room.

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Covey has been a key accounts manager for CPL since May 1995 and has worked with major accounts in marketing since November 1989. He joined the company in 1982 as a marketing consultant after graduating from Texas A&M University with a worked in area development and with businesses in South Texas. large industrial customers from 1985 ******

David Hooper, CPL's vice presiness development. He replaces Louie dent of marketing and business de-Montoya, who was recently named velopment, said Covey has a proven track record of building partnerships with businesses throughout South Texas. He said Covey's background in marketing and working with large industrial customers will help him guide the company's economic development activities.

"As director of business development, Ray will play a crucial role in growing the business," Hooper said. "Business development's focus is expanding the economy by recruiting degree in mechanical agriculture. He new businesses and helping existing

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The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is proposing to rehabilitate twenty (20) households in its official service area which covers Edwards, Kinney, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala counties.

The complete application is available for review and comment at 713 E. Main St. Uvalde, Texas, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through

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1-16 Grass Fire, 18 miles East on

1-16 Grass Fire, FM 3348

1-19 Rescue, 17 Miles W on 90, person trapped in vehicle, used jaws of life, vehicle was upside down,

The fire at the service club

FCS BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES APPROVED

Regular meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors, January 20, 1996

The board voted to accept the resume and ballot for Santos Urina, Tom McNew, Johnny Castro and Betty Gibbs.

The volunteer program has been very successful. Volunteers cleaned the town hall, top to bottom last week. Volunteers were: Nona Hoeller, Jack and Norma Schram, Jerry and Cindy Anderson, Larry and Dianna Walker, Kathi Warm, Wile and Charlene Simmons, Ray and Jo Entrikin, Woody Hornburg, Lavon McClain, and Jean Ross. The place looks neat as a pin; you can even go upstairs now. Thanks folks from all of us. The next projects will be improvements at the RV Park, Adult Center and Activity Center. If you have a project you think needs attention, or want to be a volunteer contact Bill Haenn or Harrell Floyd.

Mr. Haenn gave the General Managers report. The two best money makers on the fort continue to be the Motel and RV Park, with the Elderhostle, Lounge, and Snack Bar holding their own. The Golf Course and Restaurant are still loosing money but with a good upswing. There are 5,470 active members. Of these members 19% are delinquent and 81% are in good standing. There have been 16 transfers and 2 FRM's sold. The Board is taking on a collection agency and starting foreclosure proceedings for several properties.

luckily didn't cause total damage. We will replace a section of flooring and redo the entire surface; put up new ceiling, rewire the building and paint the interior. The insurance deductible is \$5000.00. We hope to have the service club open again by late March. Volunteers needed.

New house bill #387 gives the Association the ability to file a civil suit against property deed restrictions (messy lots).

There were 91 complaints responded to by Smith Security: 21 building checks (lights left on), 2 illegal aliens, 5 speeding, 8 vandalism. You can pick up a copy of the complete report at member services.

We have a new building inspector, Dan Woods a resident of Fort Clark, formerly of Corpus Christi. Welcome aboard!

The phone directory for FC is almost completed.

The independent Auditing firm gave their report. You may pick up a copy of the report from the members services office. One member asked the Auditor what area of improvements he saw, his response was that they needed a new computer system. Mr. John Hunter said that the cash flow was OK, but there was a need for future plans of renovations.

The Planning Committee made some recommendations for lots. They suggested the old RV area be turned into specialty lots, and the

area around the old managers' house be opened up.

Requests for organizations with activities on the fort requiring an open gate were reviewed. The following were approved: Kinney County Arts Council, March 29th Show in the Amphitheater and April 27th Show in the Amphitheater.

One of the members was nominated for the \$200.00 reward for reporting a crime. The reward was approved with a big thank you added on.

The ballot committee made a request of all members in good standing. When you get your ballot after the first of February, please send it back as soon as

A member brought up the problem of the many cats running wild. There is a leash law in effect for all animals. All pets shall be on a leash or enclosed at all times on the fort. If you have an animal problem call security. The board will see if they can get the Kinney County Animal Control office to help.

Joan Strother gave a plea for people to fight the proposed land fill in Spofford. Understandably the board is unable to make a recommendation for or against the issue due to the political nature. There will be a petition at the Adult Center for any member who would like to sign

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