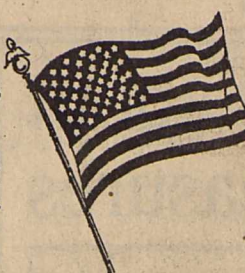


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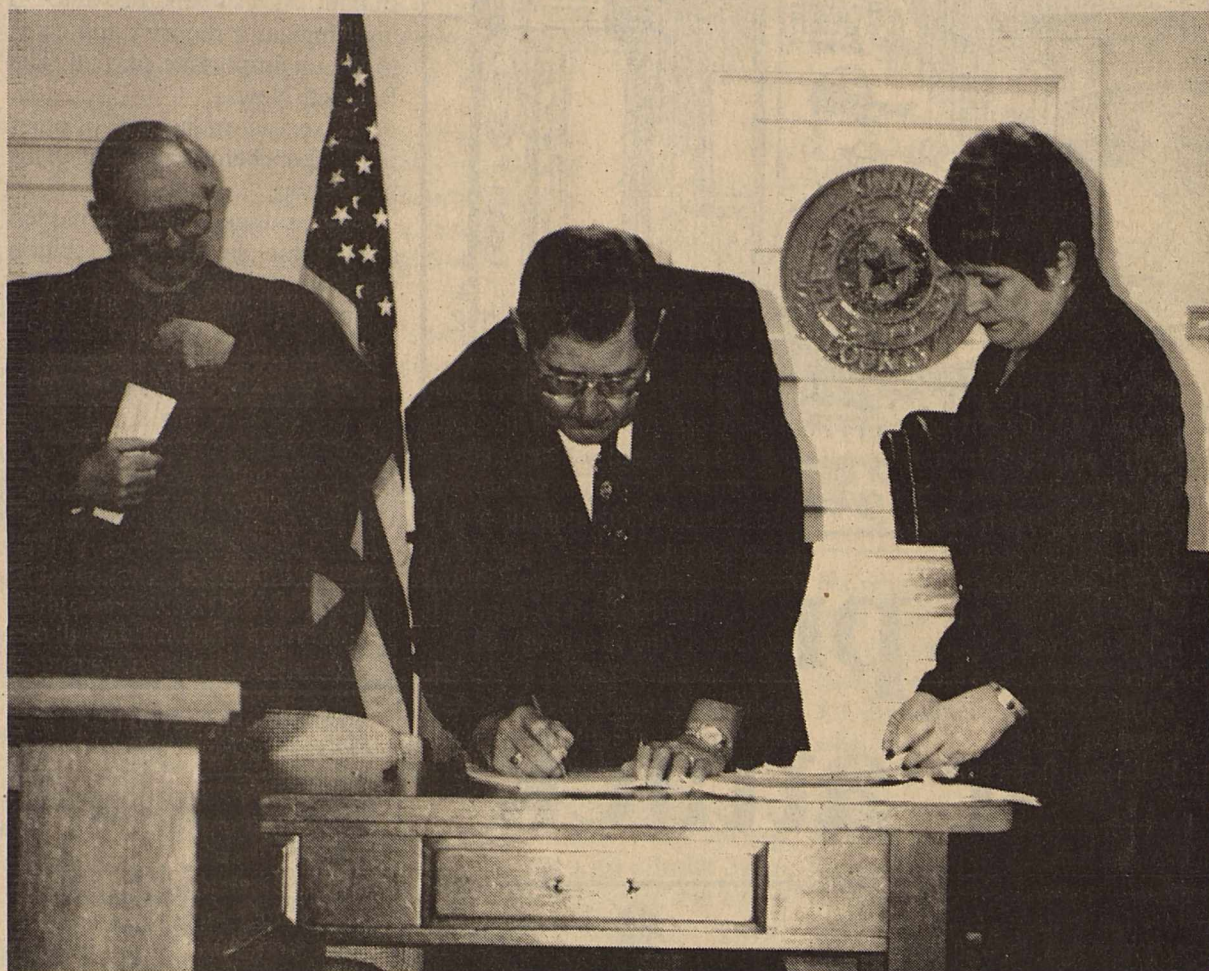


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Herb Senne (center) officially took over as the county judge of Kinney County during Friday morning's swearing in ceremony. Pictured with Senne are District Judge George M. Thurmond (left) and District and County Clerk Dora Sandoval. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Plat approved for detention facility

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Kinney County Commissioners Court approved a 68-acre plat for a 500-bed detention center Wednesday during a special meeting.

Commissioners have approved a proposal from CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company, to construct and operate a detention center here. The facility would house federal inmates.

Officials are in the process of purchasing land from Joe York Jr. for the facility, which will be located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection.

Construction on the project is expected to begin within 30 to 60 days, according to Bob Prince, a marketing director with CiviGenics, who added that officials are still discussing financial plans. He said the project should take about 10 months to complete once construction begins.

"That's a considerably short amount of time," Prince said. "We were anticipating about 14 months."

Construction on the project is expected to begin within 30 to 60 days, according to Bob Prince.

Last month, the Brackettville City Council approved a contract to provide water services to CiviGenics for the detention center, and sewer services will be provided by the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (MUD).

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke questioned Prince about "reservations" from MUD concerning the sewer services.

"They will have some conditions, but we don't know what they are yet," Prince said. "I think they will be reasonable conditions."

Prince said the detention facility will employ approximately 100 people with an annual payroll of about \$2.1 million.

"We want to bring in as few outside persons as possible," he said. "What we can, we certainly would like to hire local, from the upper tier to the newest employee."

EMS needs well-trained personnel

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

There is need for well-trained personnel for the Kinney County Emergency Medical Service (EMS), according to Lee Sweeten.

The director of regional EMS services was the guest speaker at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Citizens of Kinney County are at least 30 minutes from the nearest trauma center. Many lives depend on the providers of emergency services.

Emergency personnel suffer high divorce rate, high burnout, high drug abuse because of the many stresses of the job.

In a county the size of Kinney, there are long periods of waiting and then there is the possibility of knowing the victims of the trauma. Some accident scenes are the cause of post traumatic syndrome for the EMS personnel. There needs to be help by a trained professional for them when they come in from such runs.

Last year, Sweeten spent several days in Kinney County gathering information on how best to utilize EMS here.

It was discovered that 65 percent of EMS calls came from the



Lee Sweeten (left), the director of regional EMS services, was introduced at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Herb Senne (right). Photo by Eric McMaster

city of Brackettville, 20 percent came from Fort Clark Springs, and 15 percent from the county and the highway traffic through the county.

Officials decided to have the ambulance and crew located in town in order to reduce response time from five minutes to two minutes.

The Texas Department of Health also donated a state-of-the-art ambulance to Kinney County

as a result of the survey that was done here by Sweeten and local officials. The value of the ambulance is between \$115,000 and \$120,000.

The EMS communities of Public Health Region 8 range from the small rural volunteer groups with extended response and transport times to the large urban fire departments with substantial call volumes.

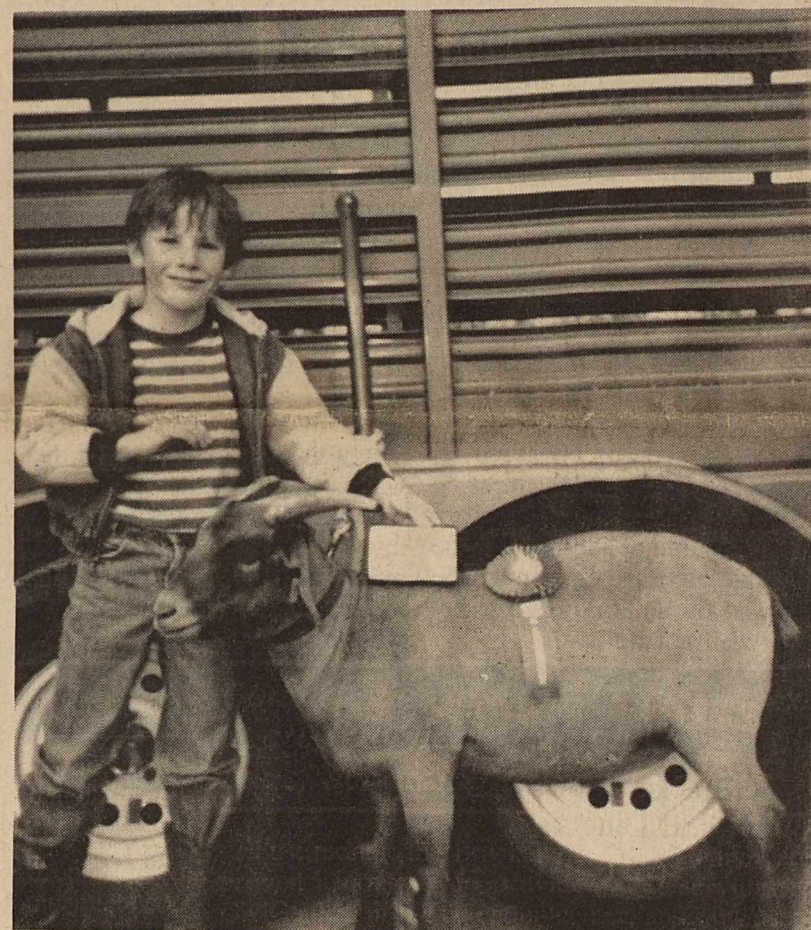
The Public Health Region 8

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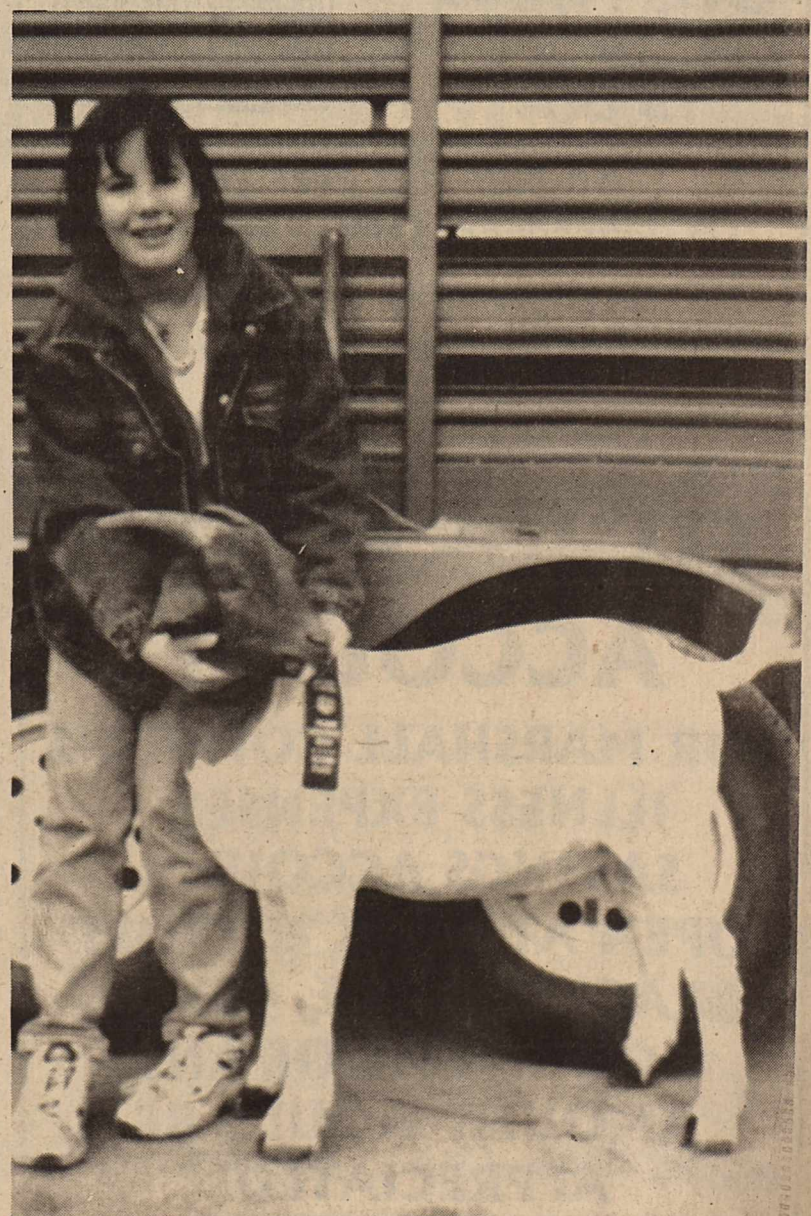
Emergency Medical Services Program - which covers 28 counties - is an extension of the Texas Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Management.

Sweeten's responsibilities include approval and monitoring of all EMS training programs in the region; administration of state EMS certification exams; licensure inspections of all EMS personnel, providers and government entities; enforcement of EMS law, policies and procedure, including investigations of complaints against providers and/or personnel; and public health promotion and accident prevention.

Some of the other services of the Texas Department of Health are cancer registry, chronic disease care, community oriented primary care, indigent health care program, family health services, food and drug safety, immunizations, medical transportation and nutrition.



Nine-year-old Clay Threadgill (above) took home grand champion goat honors at the Nueces Canyon Livestock Association's Jackpot Stock Show Saturday in Camp Wood. He also won first place in the heavy goat division and second in light weight swine. Elizabeth Threadgill (below), 13, won the showmanship award for junior swine. She was also second in the heavy goat division and third in heavy swine. Photos Special to The Brackett News



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County joins coalition opposed to proposed environmental rules

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County has joined a coalition that is fighting proposed rules from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Commissioners Court unanimously voted to join the Texas Counties Storm Water Coalition Wednesday during a special meeting.

The coalition was formed after several county officials across the state expressed concerns over the EPA's Storm Water Phase II proposed rules and the impact those rules will have on Texas counties.

"The goal of the coalition is to provide an organized county initiative in opposition to the proposed rules," said Victoria County Judge Helen R. Walker, interim chairman of the coalition.

"This goal will only be accomplished if county officials voice their concerns to state and federal elected officials, as well as the regulatory agencies involved in

this program," she added.

The executive committee of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has agreed to serve as an umbrella organization for the coalition. To date, TAC has incurred all the expenses in opposing the rules.

An interim steering committee was formed in July to begin the process of organizing the coalition.

"The committee feels that due to the possible enormous monetary impact on counties, the coalition needs to be funded solely by the counties who wish to participate in this undertaking," Walker said.

Participating in the coalition will cost Kinney County \$250, based on the 1990 population.

"These funds will be used to support the efforts of the coalition," Walker said. "The Texas Association of Counties will continue to provide staff and resources to support the coalition."

Approximately 80 Texas cities have formed a similar coalition in

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Helen R. Walker

opposition to the EPA's proposed rules.

"We are hopeful that a combined effort of the two Texas coalitions will provide initiatives for a more workable solution other than the rules currently proposed," the interim chairman said. "We see this as a pro-active approach instead of a wait-and-see approach."

The Texas Counties Storm Water Coalition will have an organizational meeting in September during the County Judges and Commissioners Conference in Fort Worth to set strategies, adopt a budget and select permanent steering committee members.

Texans sound off about drought relief measures

Late last summer, this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently on the forefront of public debate.

As has been the case in previous years, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank The Brackett News for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The next several columns will address both the questions asked and the responses you provided.

The first set of questions I posed to Texans was:

"This summer's drought has taken a dreadful toll on Texas, particularly the agricultural sector of our state economy. Much of my work this summer has focused on getting federal assistance to those who desperately need it. Are you satisfied that both federal and state agencies have worked together as efficiently as possible to get drought relief to Texas. What would you have done differently?"

Forty-nine percent of you responded that you were satisfied with efforts to get federal assistance to those who needed it, while 51 percent saw room for improvement.

And boy, did I get a number of hot answers to this one. Here are some of your comments on this issue:

From La Porte: "Speed up the application process!"

From Hempstead: "Relief was too long in filtering down to those who need it."

From San Saba: "The process for getting this aid needs to be more streamlined, and with less bureaucratic red tape."

From Brookston: "Assistance is restricted to those with 'X' number of acres or more. It doesn't help the little man, who needs the help the most. I have a small acreage and try to raise bottle calves. This assistance won't help me, so in essence I'm out of business."

From Manvel: "The ranchers are complaining that they got the help too late for their herds. The hay was a welcome sight, but not nearly sufficient."



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U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

From Atlanta: "They should have used the National Guard to deliver hay and other feed. It would give them practice in logistics."

From Rockwall: "The government should have given cash assistance right away."

From DeKalb: "I suggest setting up grants for next year's planting based on this year's losses."

From Crockett: "Federal government should have worked closer with the county agriculture agents."

From Clarksville: "Cattlemen need more assistance. Farmers have a need for better crop insurance. Both need higher prices."

From Romayor: "We need a new program to build up stock ponds and another dam on the Trinity River in Anderson for flood control, and to improve the water."

From Pettus: "I wouldn't do anything differently. They did a good job."

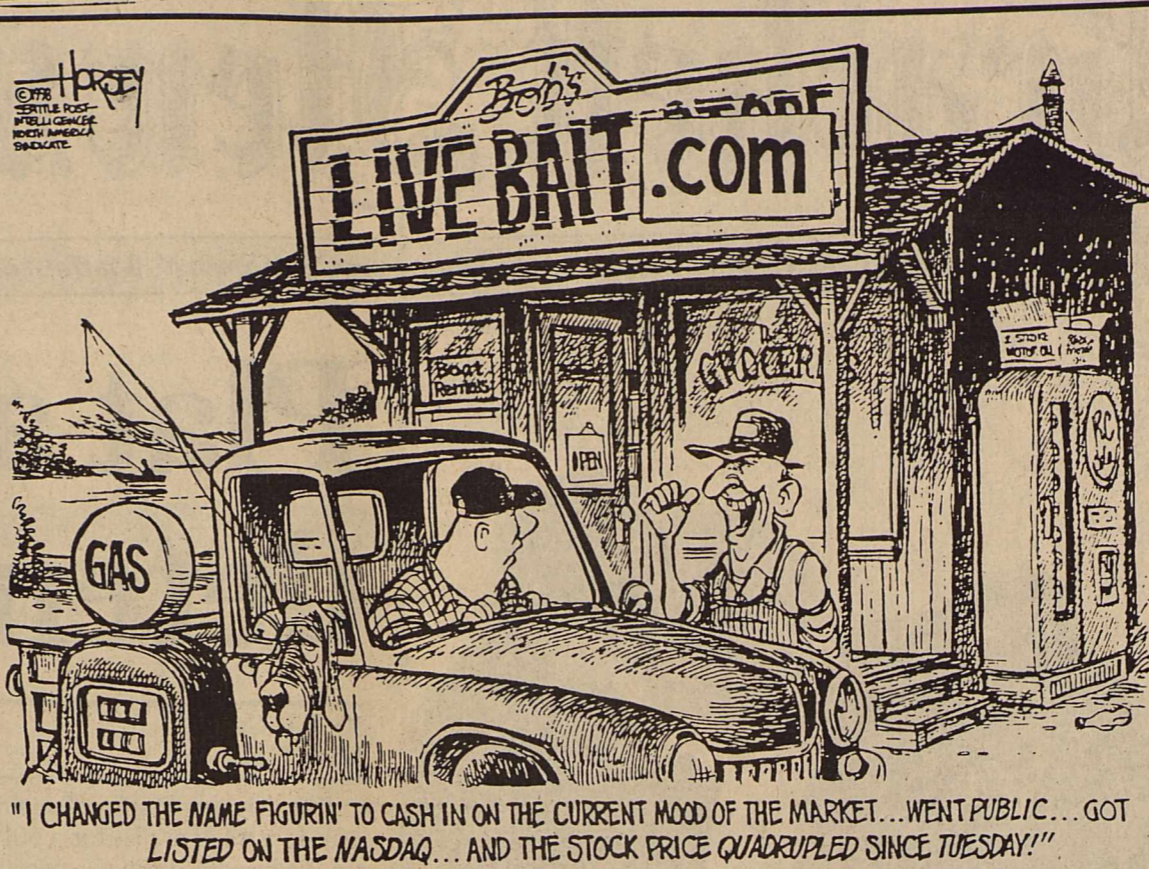
From Crockett: "The only thing that would help us is rain."

From San Antonio: "The federal government should be engaged in long-term water development projects."

A reader from South Texas more resigned to fate wrote: "Drought is a part of life. We have to live with it."

Regardless of how we earn our livings, we all have a stake in Texas agriculture. Last summer's drought, and our efforts to respond to it constructively, have taught us lessons in how to deal with such disasters.

I intend to work for quicker, more responsive drought relief measures when they are needed in the future - as inevitably they will be.



Straw men provide targets for attack

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



This century should go down as the century of the straw man. In no other century has there been such a parade of straw men to provide targets for attack.

Early on the insidious accusations against insecticides sent the U.S. public into a tailspin that led to bureaucrats abolishing the use of DDT. In most of the nations of the world, it is still widely used absent the deleterious effects predicted by the so-called "environmentalists."

Close on the heels of this debacle came the saccharin scare that led to the development of more expensive sugar substitutes. It was finally proven that the fears of cancer caused by saccharin were the figment of do-gooders' imagination and the use of the "pink stuff" came back into its own as the most widely used sugar substitute.

The unthinking "anti-nukes" sought to create widespread fear of nuclear energy. They would have us believe our very homes are nests where radon danger lurks to cause cancer. After a battle, this was proven to be the inane babbling of irresponsible activists.

For years, these nonentities have unsuccessfully tried to prove that living near electric power lines put people in danger of developing leukemia. Being unable

to find support for such idiocy, there came the inane idea that the use of cellular phones could cause cancer. Again they fouled out.

Some unknown and unqualified nincompoop said, "Alar used to make apples have a longer shelf life could cause cancer." Viola, the apple industry lost millions of dollars. Even school systems cut apples from use by schools. Very soon this was proven to be a salacious rumor of a headline seeker.

A few women wanting to enhance their posture had breast implants. A few had physical problems. Lawyers took up the cause and one major industry was thrown into bankruptcy.

Millions of women had stars in their eyes thinking they were in for an economic windfall. Now it has been proven there was no relation of the silicone implants and alas the only people to make money were the lawyers.

Straw men such as the asbestos scare, the lead in paint scare, soil pollution scare, the caffeine scare leading to decaffeinated coffee, and even the major push

against tobacco are all part of a very expensive litany of fraud.

As an example, coffee is a case in point. Recent findings in the medical community as highlighted by John Hopkins Medical School have proven that there are no harmful effects in drinking coffee. Indeed, decaffeinated coffee can significantly raise the level of unfavorable cholesterol.

No matter how senseless, too many people join the battle against the straw men and feel they are intelligently elite because they bow to the babblings of antagonists of life in their search for stardom.

As long as people allow such activists to do their thinking for them, there is no end too far out for these perpetrators of fear to drive their pet peeves.

By far the most inane and dangerous of these causes is the Gore-Clinton fallacious idea of global warming.

The most effective action promoting global warming is the hot air emanating from these protagonists of an army of straw men.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

The longer I've known this man, the more I've come to respect him.

As a student in school, he was well liked and a good all around student. As a student, he stretched his wings as a reporter and came to be an important part of The Brackett News.

He served on the staff of other newspapers before returning to his hometown.

He has done a phenomenal job at The Brackett News. In addition to his work at the paper, he continued to do his college work.

He was elected to the City Council where he tries to improve a desultory situation.

He has a high moral standard. He is a jovial and friendly yet serious minded individual.

The world would be a better place if only there were more like him. Surely, J.J. Guidry is an Unsung Hero.

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Big Mama Sez!



No man has ever yet discovered the way to give friendly advice to any woman, not even to his own wife.

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By Steven R. LaMascus
Contributing Writer

I have read several books lately that make a strong case for the end of this millennium being the end, period. Or, maybe, I should say the beginning.

There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that the end of the 20th century will bring the rapture of the church, the seven year period of tribulation, and then, the thousand year reign of peace when Christ will reign over an earthly kingdom.

Practically every generation from Christ on has thought that the end time would come in their lifetime. I don't know if this is conceit or misreading, or merely hopefulness. I also don't know if the scribes that say it will transpire in our generation are correct or not. I do know, however, that the signs are there, and the figures add up.

If we accept the Bible as it is written, which is the only way I can accept it, and if we accept the fact that it is divinely inspired, the conclusion is either frightening or exciting, depending on your beliefs.

I think that within a few short years the unbelievers of the world will be telling other unbelievers why several million true Christians suddenly flew off into the sunset without the aid of an airplane.

I'm sure Satan will have a plausible explanation. In fact, there has already been such an explanation expounded by some half-wit new age spiritualist on the left coast.

It is said that we will be taken out by beam ships of extraterrestrials who will forcibly remove us from society, because we don't have the right attitudes and interfere with the proper vibration of the natural earth. Our removal, says this microcephalic moron, will restore the natural balance and bring peace, prosperity, and a warm fuzzy feeling to all.

Duh! "Beam me up Scotty."

It strikes me as astonishing that there are people in the world who are dumb enough to accept that. It seems, though, that the very existence of such a ridiculous theory is simply more proof that the end time is near.

Satan and his minions are preparing to deceive those who are not raptured. I am a cynic, but I believe that is the major reason Hollywood is turning out the trash it is today. It serves multiple purposes: to prepare a gullible public to accept a great lie, and to inure them to the pain and suffering that exist today and which will increase after the rapture.

Every day, I see more and more things that can be termed nothing more than propaganda. There are psychic hot lines advertised on television every day, and nobody seems to see anything wrong with it. That is a perfect example of the falling away from Jesus and God.

Divination and consultation of psychics is a direct violation of the laws of God. The Bible is very specific - if you are consulting a psychic, you are in fact consulting a demon.

If you want to get advice from a demon, that is your business, but I don't want to be condemned to eternal death for being stupid.

I may be paranoid, but it seems to me that the plethora of science fiction movies depicting good extraterrestrial, kind monsters and beneficent demons are merely ways to prepare a largely unbelieving populace to accept the Antichrist. The Bible says that he will deceive even "the elect" so he must have a good act.

It seems awfully simple, though, to expose him. All you have to do is ask him if Jesus was truly the son of God. He can't say yes. Not only that, if he doesn't arrive at the Mount of Olives just as Jesus left from there, then he is a false Christ.

Over the last few decades, the amount of knowledge available has increased more than

in the entire history of man. It is widely available through the Internet. And the rate at which knowledge is increasing is greater than our ability to grasp.

This is foretold in the Bible. It says that in the end time people will "run to and from, and knowledge will increase," (Daniel). This is happening now as never before. Jet air travel, computers, radio, television, telephone, CNN. We are never out of contact and are deluged by a continuous torrent of information.

There has also been a decay in Christian morals over the last 40 years that is astounding. The very things that made us strong as a country are being abandoned at an ever increasing rate. Marriage is a thing of the past. Single parenting is common. Homosexual marriages are accepted. Teenage pregnancies are up by several orders of magnitude, while SAT scores are dropping.

Quasi-religious cults are cropping up on an almost daily basis, and natural disasters are increasing in frequency; wars, rumors of wars, atomic bombs in the hands of fanatics, peace talks in Israel, UFO sightings all over the world. Boys and girls, the end is near.

In a very short time, we will see the most glorious event since creation. We will see the second coming of Christ. He will come this time not as a human baby, but as the glorious and omnipotent King of Creation. He is the word that was spoken by God to create the universe. He is the Messiah, the savior of the world. He is also the judge of the world. He will come with glory and power. Nothing ever seen by human eyes can compare with the events about to happen. Are you ready?

Do you want to be the one who wakes up one morning, stretches, yawns and reaches over to pat your spouse only to find him or her gone?

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Project Show set for Jan. 22

The Kinney County Project Show has been set for Jan. 22 during the county's annual livestock show at the Civic Center.

Any adult over 19 years of age residing in Kinney County is eligible to enter the project show. Any youth 19 and under residing in Kinney County or attending a Brackett ISD school is eligible to enter the project show in the youth division.

The project show is divided into the following age groups: under school age, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, and adult.

Exhibitors in the youth division must be under the direct supervision of the vocational agricultural teacher, vocational home economics teacher, county extension agent, a classroom teacher or a parent. The exhibitor's entry form must be signed by the respective supervisor.

Entries for the youth division must be submitted in writing to the county agent, classroom teacher, vocational agriculture teacher or voca-

tional home economics teacher.

Exhibitors in the adult division may pick up entry forms at the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center or at the Kinney County Library. Entry forms must accompany the project when submitted. There is a limit of five entries per exhibitor.

Youth exhibitors will receive either a blue, red or white ribbon, based on the judge's opinion. Adult exhibitors will receive first, second or third place ribbons in each class. There will also be a best of show plaque in the adult division.

Youth entries will be accepted Thursday, Jan. 21, after 3:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Food and adult entries should be brought on Friday, Jan. 22, before 9 a.m.

Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the viewing of exhibits will start at 11 a.m.

Exhibits will remain on display under supervision on Jan. 22, and must be removed from the building between 5 and 6 p.m. because of the barbecue the following day.

Commissioners discuss paying sheriff's employees time and a half for holidays

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Commissioners Court discussed paying employees at the Sheriff's Department time and a half for working on holidays Wednesday morning during a special meeting.

The county commissioners approved the request from Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, but then rescinded the motion on the advise of County Attorney Tully Shahan.

All of the employees at the Sheriff's Department are on salary and paying the employees overtime would conflict with the county's personnel policy.

"We would have to change our

county policy to authorize the county to pay overtime in lieu of comp time at the court's discretion," Shahan said after discussing the request with officials from the Texas Association of Counties.

Shahan suggested that the commissioners put the personnel policy on the agenda for next month's regular meeting.

"When we give them a holiday, it's good for them and it helps the lower-paid employees, but the sheriff operates 24 hours a day," County Judge Tommy Seargeant said.

"We have people over there with comp time galore. We have 16 holidays," Burgess said. "We get more holidays than we do vacation time, which is good.

"We would have to change our county policy to authorize the county to pay overtime in lieu of comp time at the court's discretion."

Tully Shahan

"When you get all of these comp time hours, employees never use their vacation time. They use their comp time for vacation and build up their maximum amount of vacation time," the sheriff said.

The county's personnel policy allows employees to carry over up to 240 hours of vacation time.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Dec. 28

8:15 p.m., Charles F. Byram, 54, of San Antonio was arrested for public intoxication by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Byram was released the following day after being credited with time served and paying a \$150 fine.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

11:08 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs where he met with a Smith Security guard who said he was going to file harassment charges with the justice of the peace on the following day. The security guard said a man kept driving through the gate and flipping him off. Deputy Guidry met with the man who said he would stay away from the security guard.

Thursday, Dec. 31

2:10 p.m., Andrew Meadows, 19, of San Antonio was arrested on an outstanding DPS warrant for speeding by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Meadows was released the same day after paying a \$125 fine.

3:09 p.m., Reserve Deputy Sheriff Manny Pena reported some signs knocked down at the Spofford city limits. The Texas Department of Transportation was notified of the situation.

6:15 p.m., Robert Carlos Olguin, 24, of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and charged with speeding, no liability insurance and fictitious license plates. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Olguin was released the same day after paying a \$250 fine.

8:03 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported fireworks being fired near her residence on W. Thomas Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and spoke to the individuals firing the

fireworks.

8:21 p.m., A motorist reported a wreckless driver travelling east on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene but could not locate the vehicle.

8:43 p.m., Deputy Guidry was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs where he met with a Smith Security guard who reported that a man was driving wrecklessly, speeding and throwing firecrackers at people. The security guard said that three members had already complained to members of Fort Clark's Board of Directors. Guidry searched for the subject but could not locate the man. The security guard reported numerous more complaints about the man 10 minutes later. The deputy continued to search for the subject on Fort Clark.

9:50 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was throwing firecrackers at her residence on Ann Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene but could not determine who was throwing the firecrackers.

Friday, Jan. 1

12:15 a.m., Oscar Gerardo Lopez, 34, of Round Rock, Texas was arrested by Trooper Wylie and charged with driving while license suspended, violation of driver's license restriction, no liability insurance, and driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Lopez was released the same day after posting a \$4,000 bail bond.

1:20 a.m., Deputy Guidry reported a stranded motorist at the intersection of Highway 90 and F.M. 693. ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville was dispatched to the scene.

3:15 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her husband could not sleep because the driver of a brown pickup was spinning

his wheels and honking his horn near their residence on E. First Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He searched for the vehicle but could not locate it.

7:40 p.m., Justice of the Peace John Ford reported a fender bender at five points. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. Michael Roselle, 48, of Brackettville was travelling south on Ann Street in a 1972 blue Dodge Dart when he stopped at a red light and was rear-ended by a 1986 tan GMC Safari, driven by Betty Jean Walker, 41, also of Brackettville. Walker was cited for failure to control speed and leaving the scene of an accident.

Saturday, Jan. 2

1:05 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that kids were throwing rocks at her residence on Remote Alley. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He met with the woman who said the kids had been throwing rocks at her house for the last three days. Chism told the woman he would patrol near the residence and watch for the children.

8:03 p.m., Deputy Chism requested a paramedic for man who has asthma. He said the man needed oxygen. Kinney County EMS was dispatched to the Sheriff's Department where Chism waited with the man.

Sunday, Dec. 3

4:55 a.m., Jaquin Rivera, 23, of Fredericksburg, Texas was arrested for driving while license suspended by Trooper Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rivera was released the same day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

11:20 a.m., A Brackettville man reported five illegal aliens on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. U.S. Border Patrol officials were notified of the situation.

2:00 p.m., Delfino Sanchez,

44, of Polk County, Texas was arrested by Trooper Ashley on two outstanding DPS warrants. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Sanchez was released the same day after paying a \$410 fine.

8:30 p.m., A Kinney County man requested assistance at his residence near Mud Creek Road because his father needed assistance in getting to the hospital. Kinney County EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene and escorted the man to the Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

10:33 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported a vehicle rollover on F.M. 693 and Highway 90. Deputy Chism, Trooper Slubar and Kinney County EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene. One injury was reported. The subject was transported to the Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio.

11:20 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported that her dogs were barking and she believed someone was at her ranch residence on Highway 334. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He could not locate anyone near the residence.

Monday, Jan. 4

2:20 a.m., Jose Nicolas Falcon, 24, of Midland, Texas was arrested by Deputy Chism. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense. Falcon was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

1:10 p.m., A Brackettville man reported three violent dogs on Remote Alley that keep attacking people who walk or ride in the area. He said that he had been attacked several times during the last two weeks. Brackettville animal control officers were informed of the situation and dispatched to the scene.



Members of the First Baptist Church choir perform during last month's Community Unity celebration sponsored by the City of Brackettville employees. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

AEIS Public Hearing Scheduled Monday, January 11, 1999, 6:00 p.m.

The Brackett ISD will hold a public hearing to explain the Academic Excellence Indicator System of Texas (AEIS). The AEIS report is generated annually for the District by the State to offer comparison of local performance to state averages in the areas of TAAS scores and student attendance.

The meeting will be conducted in a public hearing format. Members of the district's administrative team will present AEIS information. All patrons of the Brackett ISD are invited to attend this hearing. Not only will test results from the state be presented, but local plans for improvement of education will be presented. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

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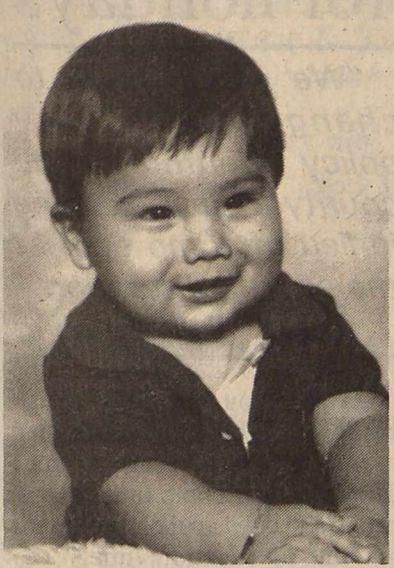
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Birthdays



Happy 1st Birthday
Xavier! Love Mom,
Dad, Grandma & Grandpa



Look who
turned 16!

Briefs ...

United Daughters of the Confederacy meet

SAN ANTONIO - Nora McMillan, a professor of the history department at San Antonio College, presented a program on "Confederados in Brazil" as the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter No. 2060 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met at the Old San Francisco Steak House for its December meeting and Christmas luncheon.

McMillan told of the Confederate veterans and their families that moved to Central and South America after the Civil War. These expatriates tried to establish communities with an old south culture. Those established in Brazil were probably the most successful, but overall, there were too many problems.

During the business meeting, it was announced that eight supplemental applications had been approved by the registrar general, six of which were ancestors of Pat McKelvy. Others attending from Brackettville were Agnes Vondy, who turned in her original application, and Hawkins Huey, who is still working on her papers.

Following the luncheon, members worked on gifts for patients at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. The meeting closed as the group sang "Dixie."

Old Quarry Society hosts auditions next week

Auditions for the upcoming production "Cemetery Club" will be held Friday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. The auditions will be held in the Post Theater.

Needed in the cast are four women and one man over the age of 45. Performances are scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27. All adults in the community are welcome and encouraged to attend auditions.

The Old Quarry Society is also in the planning stages for the summer production of "Glory Road," the historical drama of Fort Clark. A large cast and crew are needed for this production, young and old, including singers and dancers, and people who will stand on stage without doing anything. Especially needed are young men for soldiers and people to play the parts of Indians and Seminole scouts.

If you are interested in more information about either production, please call 563-9229 or come by the Post Theater during next week's auditions.

McKelvy hosts sorority's Christmas party

The Theta Sigma Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Pat McKelvy on Dec. 21 for the sorority's annual Christmas party. After the blessing by Clara McCord, a salad meal with favorite desserts prepared by the members was enjoyed by all.

McCord read a short story, "The Stranger," to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Alicia Raymer read a poem, "Ready for Christmas." Lynn McNew played Santa and passed out the secret sister gifts. New secret sisters were selected for 1999.

Those in attendance were McNew, McCord, McKelvy, Raymer, Vicki Bell, Jan Chism, Nancy Frerich, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Doraline Kellar, Gaye Kurz and Bobbie Waddell.

Daughters of the American Revolution meet

UVALDE - Food and musical entertainment were the order of the day at the Uvalde de Las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Christmas party and luncheon at the home of Toni Hull Jones on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Jones was on the keyboard, Robin Stout played the piano, and the singing was led by Billie Jean Davis and Frankie Weed Nelson as the group sang several Christmas carols.

The 29 members and 13 guests were from Rio Frio, Reagan Wells, Pearsal, Uvalde, and from Brackettville were Jan Chism, Hawkins Huey, Pat McKelvy and Agnes Vondy.

The Arts Council of Eagle Pass
Presents the

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Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999
Eagle Pass High School's
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New Year will be busy

Here we go with a brand new year, 1999! Each month, I'll try to give a forecast of some of the events that will come up during the New Year. Let's begin with January:

Monday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. School Board meeting; Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m., girls' basketball, Jourdan here; Wednesday, Jan. 13, elementary class, club and class favorite pictures, 3:45 p.m. District Advisory Committee; Saturday, Jan. 16, junior varsity boys and girls tournament here; Tuesday, Jan. 19, senior cap and gown pictures; Friday, Jan. 22, BISD staff development day, 5 p.m., basketball, Dilley here; Tuesday, Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Center Point, here; Wednesday, Jan. 27, School Nurse Day; Thursday, Jan. 28, band and spring sports photos.

Along with this busy schedule, we'll also have the annual stock show on Jan. 22-23.

I hope that you are planning an exhibit or entry. Forms are available at the Post Office, Bank & Trust, and Fort Clark Springs.

Rotary Leadership

Congratulations to Laura Lee Ballew and James Burks for being selected as representatives to the Rotary Youth Leadership

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 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. 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.

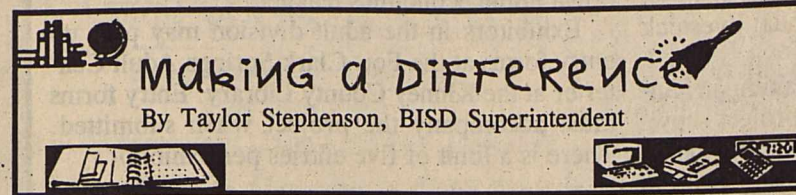
At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, Jan. 7, 1887

Mail brought the usual letter and bundle of papers from home this morning. After it came played tennis with Hammond who beat me two sets. Must have my racket restrung. Had our usual French class in the afternoon just after lunch and it was as successful as before. Think we can derive a great deal of benefit from this. We discussed about the Cercle Francais and talked over two schemes for changing it. It has become a sort of social affair and some members don't seem to care to work. Think of resigning. Went down to the store for some money and then over to town to get the lamp globes ordered several days ago to replace those broken at Mrs. Guard's, but they had not come yet. Funk came over this morning with a written account of his life. Gave him some questions in Arithmetic and Geography as a written examination which is to be finished Monday. No dress parade this evening. Capt. and Mrs. Kauffman made their party call this evening. After they left called on Dr. and Mrs. Lauderdale who are not yet settled in their new home and then on Mrs. Stanley at Hammond's. Then played jack straws with Ives and the children at Col. Jordan's. After tattoo practiced the Mikado at Mrs. Cunningham's with Miss Jordan, Hammond & Black. Read papers from home and dozed in the chair later.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 1887

It was quite cold during the day as a norther commenced just after reveille. It was misty at reveille and the prospect seemed good for a wet norther but the dampness soon passed away. Had to take reveille this morning as Guard was on guard. Went over to the company after guard mounting to give directions about aiming drill for Monday and then up to the library to read the papers. Mail brought a letter from Lucy and a local paper from Brackettville which gave quite a long account of festivities at the post during holiday week including the drive whist. Went up to Capt. Vance's to practice the "Mikado,"



weekend in San Antonio. Amanda Petrosky will serve as a camp counselor for the prestigious event.

December Babies

Congratulations to our school family who had babies born in December:

Coach Ricky Creel and his wife Julie had a baby girl, Kimberlie.

Ag teacher John Paul Schuster and his wife Donna had a baby girl, Tyler.

Middle school teacher Kathy Lutz and her husband Henry had a baby boy, Dylan.

The Creels and Lutzes welcome their first child. The Schuster's daughter, Shelby, was there to welcome her sister home. That's quite a Christmas present!

Maintenance Staff

A round of thanks to the custodians and maintenance staff at Brackett ISD. They work very hard for the school district.

I attended the greatest lunch at the maintenance building before Christmas. These folks

have it together. They're also fine cooks.

High School Building

I receive many compliments on the new high school building. If you haven't driven by, come take a look. It's moving faster than you might think.

This past week, windows are going in. The last of the steel framing should be completed by the time you read the paper.

Within the next two weeks, we'll begin to get the grounds shaped up. The outside walls should be plastered by the first of February.

Door frames are in place and interior cinder blocks are going up. Electricians and plumbers are working along side.

It's a great plan and will be a beautiful building for Brackettville.

That's about it. This is the best year our schools have had since I have been in Brackettville (1992).

Thanks for supporting the school system. We're proud to serve you. Have a great week!

But I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Where's Mom's recipe?

One of my mother's favorite Christmas dishes was jalapeno pie. This year the kids wanted to bake one.

We couldn't find a copy of the recipe anywhere. I'm not sure that Mom ever wrote it down. After several attempts, I think we managed to get it close. There are a lot of trial-and-error pies still to be eaten by the way.

I was relating this story to Coach McCord and he made a statement that should be a lesson to all of us: "We don't take the time to record enough family history." How many of us know when, where, and the circumstances surrounding the first meeting of our parents? When did they fall in love? How much do we know about their wedding? Honeymoon?

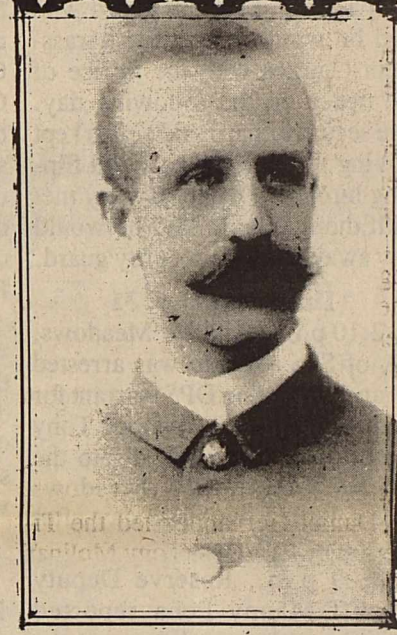
Every family has thousands of interesting, yet untold stories. There is so very much that we don't know about our roots.

We need to take the time to ask questions, listen to answers, write down facts and make sure they are not lost with the passing of a generation but passed on to our children. Now is a good time to begin this task. But I could be wrong.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of
Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



and then into Mrs. Cunningham's with Mrs. Guard and Black to practice some more. After lunch practiced at the chapel for tomorrow evening's service and then joined a number of others at Mrs. Cunningham's to practice the "Mikado" spending the whole afternoon at this. After dinner in the evening attended a meeting at the chapel where the Chaplain announced that he intended to have a communion service. This meeting tonight was of church members who voted in favor of the Chaplain's proposition. It is high time that we were paying more attention to religious matters as we are becoming very negligent and careless. Am glad that the sacrament is to be administered and hope to be able to partake. Escorted Mrs. Jordan home from the chapel and then sat in Mrs. Guard's until tattoo. After this read in "La Tulipe Noire."

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1887

It was pretty cold at full dress inspection this morning. Mail brought me nothing. Commenced letter home before lunch and completed it afterwards. Took a bath and wrote on letter to Lula and John. Intended to finish it after dinner but Dr. Egan came in and prevented my writing. Refused to play cards with him this evening but Dr. Egan came in and prevented my writing. Refused to play cards with him this evening would be held next Sunday afternoon. There was a large congregation this evening and to my great disgust the Chaplain got off some jokes in his sermon. Wish that he would not do this. Escorted Miss Jordan home and then sat in Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Completed letter to Lula after tattoo and then had a chat in my room with Ives.

Monday, Jan. 10, 1887

Right after guard mounting went over to the company and drilled a squad of two recruits in aiming the rifle. Mail brought a letter from John which shows that they have reached their home all right. Funk came over this morning with the answers to some questions given him the other day in Arithmetic and Geography. Gave him some more in History today. Then went up to Capt. Vance's to practice the Mikado a while, but had not done much when Ives came in for the book. Had usual French lesson after lunch, and

found it as profitable as the previous ones have been. After it went into Mrs. Cunningham's and practiced the Mikado with Mrs. Guard. There is trouble brewing between Mrs. Guard and Miss Jordan on account of this piece. Think the latter wants the role former is to take and now says she cannot sing her part. Attended the funeral of Q.M. Serg't Reinhardt who shot himself on account of remorse from drink. He used to be a sergeant in "E" Co. and Capt. Vance, Guard and I were at the funeral together with others. Lester called after dinner and sat for some time. He invited Ives and myself to dine tomorrow at his house. After this attended a meeting at the hop room where a dramatic club was organized. Later went to Capt. Vance's a while and then played piquet with Hammond who beat me two games.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1887

Geary took my tour of guard duty today as I had the dinner engagement this evening. Attended aiming drill near the company quarters after guard mounting. Then went to the office for my mail but found none contrary to my expectation as today is the day for the letter from home. Saw Maj. Bash at the office; he paid the command today. Played tennis until noon with Guard, Miss Jordan & Hammond. After lunch read a little in "La Tulipe Noire" when Dr. Schwartzkopff came and made a very entertaining call describing Germany. Read until retreat and after this took dinner with Ives at Mrs. Lester's. Had an excellent meal and enjoyed it very much. Escorted Mrs. Lester after the meal up to Mrs. Cunningham's where spent the evening practicing the Mikado. Took Miss Coleman to the hospital and then to Gen. Smith's during the evening as she has a very bad cold and could not sing. After bringing Mrs. Lester home finished the second chapter in the French book. Ives came in for a short chat also after the rehearsal.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1887

Mail brought the delayed letter from home this morning. Read the papers in the Library and then commenced letter home. After lunch went down to the store with some of the girls to treat them to candy and then over to the guard house to see Ives a moment. Then stopped to chat a little with Hammond and afterwards completed letter home. Took a bath

and corrected Funk's examination papers before dinner. After dinner Geary and Walcutt came up to my quarters and sat until tattoo and King also called. Did not go to the promenade concert on account of these calls, although all of us ought to have gone. After tattoo read in "La Tulipe Noire," completing the chapter.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1887

Mail brought a letter from Lula today. Marched on guard this morning with Capt. Vance as Officer of the Day. Through carelessness made a stupid mistake at guard mounting but it was readily corrected. Read in "La Tulipe Noire" until lunch and then afterwards made up the guard report and read until retreat. Felt vexed at Capt. Vance for some things he corrected about the guard today, but come to think over matters I guess he was {right} and I wrong. Read the French book until after midnight when the officer of the day inspected and I turned in. Shortly after tattoo the special patrol galloped up to the guard house and stated that a prisoner out with the night cart had escaped. The corporal in charge of the party came in with the other prisoner and verified the report. Immediately took him up to report to Capt. Vance who questioned him and then directed him to complete his work with the other prisoner. Think it was a piece of great carelessness in the corporal to let the man escape and believe he ought to be court martialled, but have put the matter into Capt. Vance's hands. This is the first time a prisoner has escaped from a guard under my control. Disliked exceedingly to report it on the guard book and felt very much disgusted. Had to send a file of the guard down to the store to bring away a cavalry sergeant who was making a disturbance. Sent him to his quarters in arrest. Funk came over to the guard house today with some more examination papers. Have advised him to commence at the very beginning and review all of his studies.

Tigers win two in a row

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers have won two games in a row after picking up victories over Comstock on Tuesday and Leakey on Friday. The Tigers (5-8) picked up

their first win over Comstock in three tries Tuesday night with a 48-42 victory.

"The kids played really well," Brackett coach Jimmy Thomas said. "We came out with a new attitude. We're trying to gear up for district. We're continuing to

improve and we believe we have a chance for a playoff spot."

The Tigers will host LaPryor tomorrow at 6 p.m. before opening district on Jan. 15 against Comfort.

"LaPryor is tough," Thomas said. "They're really aggressive defensively. We will have to handle their pressure and play physical down low."

After struggling from the free throw line in previous games, Brackett pulled away from Comstock on the charity stripe Tuesday night.

The Tigers made 9 of 18 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter while the Panthers shot 4 of 12.

"Free throws were a big key," Thomas said. "Free throws cost us one game, so we've been working on it."

Brackett's defense picked up in the second half as the Tigers held Comstock to only three field goals in the last 11 minutes.

"We take pride in our defense," Thomas said. "We believe that it's going to help us win

games."

Brackett led by as many as nine in the contest. Schiller Hill nailed a pair of free throws with 3:53 remaining to give the Tigers their biggest lead of the game at 43-34.

Matthew Smallwood led the Tigers with 14 points. Hill and Damian Toms also scored in double figures with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Coty Williams had seven points for Brackett, Steven Hagler scored four, and Jacob Puda made a free throw.

Hill scored 15 points Saturday as the Tigers picked up a 63-45 win over the Leakey Eagles.

"It was an awesome win," Thomas said. "We played really well. Leakey had beaten some good teams and they won the Southwest Texas Junior College tournament."

Smallwood had 14 points against the Eagles, Williams scored 10 points, Toms had nine, Puda chipped in seven, Hagler scored six, and Phillip Juarez added two.



Brackett's Damian Toms (15) grabs a steal against Leakey on Saturday. Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry



Brackett's Matthew Smallwood (from left), Coty Williams, Steven Hagler and Damian Toms watch as Shane Scott (32) of Leakey puts up a jump shot during the Tigers' 63-45 win Saturday.

Briefs ... Brotherton earns all-state honors

Junior varsity Tigers fall short to Leakey

The Brackett Tigers junior varsity lost a pair of games to the Leakey Eagles this week.

On Saturday, the Tigers (3-4) dropped a 49-44 decision after being outscored by the Eagles 15-7 in the fourth quarter.

Brackett led 8-4 after the opening stanza but the Eagles outscored the Tigers 24-15 in the second period to take a 28-23 advantage at intermission.

Brackett outscored the Eagles 14-6 in the third quarter to go up 37-34 but couldn't pull out the victory in the final period.

Daniel Hernandez led the Tigers with 10 points, Tony Molinar scored seven, Juan Flores and Tony Rubio each had six, Sam Hunt scored five, Eric Allen and Jamie Montalvo both had four, and Alex DeLeon added two.

On Monday night, the Eagles claimed a 37-23 victory over the Tigers.

Martin Garcia led Brackett with seven points, Montalvo finished with six, Chris Palomo scored four, and Carl Dalton, Levi Duncan and Manual Madrid all had two.

Christmas tourney attracts 68 golfers

The Fort Clark Men's Golf Club's first Christmas Tournament attracted 68 men and women on Monday, Dec. 21.

Cash prizes were given to four places in two flights. After the tournament, a dinner and refreshments were served at the Fort Clark Service Club.

The group expressed its appreciation to the golf course manager and staff for their cooperation.

The Men's Golf Club hopes to make the tournament an annual event.

The event provided the funds for 40 pounds of ant-killing chemicals to be used to fight the fire-ant problem on the golf course.

J.V. Tigerettes open district tomorrow

The Brackett Tigerettes junior varsity basketball team will open District 30-2A play tomorrow.

The Tigerettes (6-1) travel to Center Point for a 5:00 game against the Lady Pirates.

On Tuesday, Brackett will host the Jourdanton Squaws. Tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Junior High battles Sacred Heart today

Brackett's junior high teams will face Sacred Heart today in a basketball double-header in Del Rio.

The seventh grade girls (2-3) play at 5 p.m., followed by the seventh grade boys (1-3) at 6:30.

On Saturday, the eighth grade girls (4-0) and boys (4-0) will compete in the Nueces Canyon tournament. They will face Sacred Heart in Del Rio on Monday.

Brackett senior Lindsey Brotherton was named one of the top 12 Class 2A volleyball players in the state last week by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).

The setter was named to the second team of the TSWA all-state volleyball team, which was selected by members of the association.

Brotherton led the Tigerettes to back-to-back playoff appearances. She is a three-time first time all-district selection and the District 29-2A MVP last year.

She set a school record this year with 118 consecutive serves, finishing the season with a 97 serving percentage. She averaged 14.2 assists, 6.6 service points, 5.4 kills and 2.3 blocks per match.

Two Region IV players were named to the Class 2A first team - Freer outside hitter Terri Guajardo and Poth setter Lisa Serna. Other first team selections were Abby and Tiffany Hester of Hutto, Felicia Taylor of Prairiland, and Amanda Toman of Wallis Brazos.

Joining Brotherton on the second team were Kasey Cash of Freer, Erin Anders of Weimar, Windy Payne of Jewett Leon, Tanya Sample of



LINDSEY BROTHERTON

Nocona, and Mendi Matus of Holliday.

Honorable mention all-state selections included Tiffany Inman and Jennifer Berend of Holliday, Meagan Hatfield of Prairiland, Tara Alvear of Kenedy, Sara Simons of Pilot Point, Sarah Pruski of Poth, and Nikki McCarty of Peaster.

Tigerettes open district action tomorrow against Center Point

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

After trying over a half of a dozen different starting lineups, Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin thinks his Tigerettes have found some consistency.

Brackett will open District 30-2A basketball play tomorrow at 7 p.m. as the Tigerettes face the Center Point Lady Pirates on the road.

"We're finally getting some consistency and that helps, especially going into district," Nowlin said.

The Tigerettes are 11-7 on the season while the Lady Pirates are 3-7 overall.

"They're going to be tough," Nowlin said. "They're real quick. They have two good starters back

and they had a good J.V."

Brackett is coming off of a 53-28 victory over the Comstock Lady Panthers.

"We started out real slow but we came on strong," Nowlin said. "It was a good tune-up for district."

The Tigerettes led by as many as 19 in the contest. Lindsey Brotherton converted on a three-point play to give Brackett its biggest lead at 43-14 with 2:28 remaining in the third period.

Brotherton paced the Tigerettes with 19 points. LaToya Wright also scored in double figures with 13 points.

Brackett was up 9-4 after the opening stanza but went on to outscore Comstock 15-4 in the second quarter.

Wright scored on a putback

with 14 seconds left in the half to cap an 11-point run, giving the Tigerettes a 24-8 advantage at intermission.

Jennifer Ashabranner finished with eight points in the contest, Tricia Robinson had five, Duquesa Hunt scored four, and Jamie Bader and Queta Garza each had two points.

On Saturday, Brackett lost a 57-39 decision to the Leakey Lady Eagles.

"I thought we played very well," Nowlin said. "Leakey has an excellent 1A ball club. They have a good chance at winning regionals and going on to state."

Brotherton led the Tigerettes with 19 points, Robinson finished with eight, Ashabranner had six, Wright chipped in three, and Bader had two.



Brackett point guard Tricia Robinson (20) drives to the bucket around Leakey's Crystal Blazek (10) as Samantha Payne (4) sets a screen. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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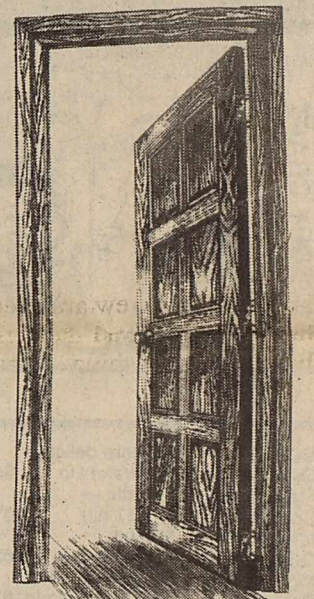
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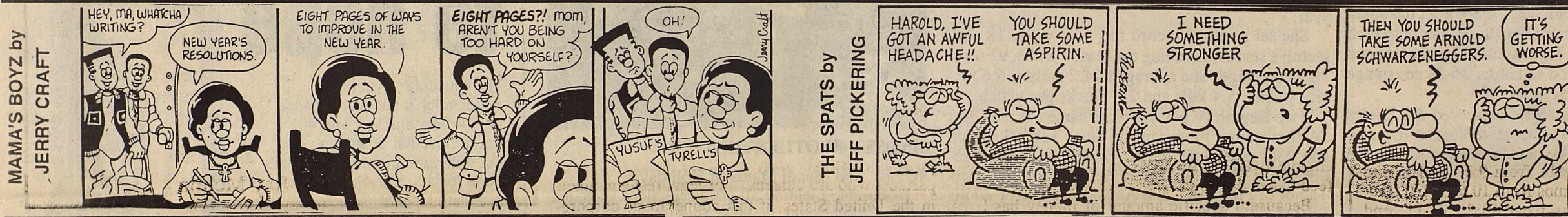
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Money matters are favored. Seek out financial advisers and look for ways to invest for future profit. Your charisma sweeps others along this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
After a heart-to-heart chat with a confident, you feel much better. Don't be afraid to mix business with pleasure later in the week. Your success is assured.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Although you're making headway with bigwigs, don't push it. The rather unorthodox plan you have in mind won't go over week. The weekend promises some social surprises.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A minor problem you've been experiencing on the home front reaches a satisfactory resolution. Couples need some time along to renew romance over the weekend. Be sure to follow up on this.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
It's not like you to pay attention to idle gossip, especially such vicious fare as you've been hearing. Put this behind you. Concentrate, instead, on tasks at hand.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
This is the week to feel free to promote your ideas. Your charisma and magnetic charm are highlighted. There's a bit of confusion this weekend over domestic disputes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
This isn't a week for you to take unnecessary risks. Your judgment and intuition are sharp, so follow your gut instincts. A happy missive arrives over the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You are on a high with your communication skills. This

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your business acumen comes to the fore as you found yourself dealing with some shady, evasive types. Do some inquiring about these people. What you learn is invaluable in the long run.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The loan you seek for that certain special project is forthcoming. However, be realistic and don't ask for more than you can repay comfortably. This weekend, romance simmers.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Make a resolution to 'be happy'

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

It has come to be a bit old fashioned to make New Year's resolutions. I guess its because too often we make resolutions that die before they play out.

I would suggest that you make only one resolution. The most important resolution you can make is to resolve to "be happy."

A minutes thought will reveal the sensibility of such a resolution. In the first place, you are the one who controls the working of the resolution. Your being happy depends solely and completely on yourself.

Surely there will come distressing happenings, perhaps even traumas, but if you have

proper control of your self these problems can rob you of your happiness only if you allow them to.

Individuals and even groups can cause you discomfort and stress, but these will disturb your happiness only if you allow them to.

To be happy one must resolutely believe in himself. To be happy one must be in control. To allow anything or anybody to interfere with your happiness is to yield control.

To be happy one must live on the positive side of life. One who always looks for the bad in people, in situations or in the future has already thrown happiness out with the dish water.

I can hear people saying, "This may all be true, but how can I do this."

There is only one way, but there is a way. The first step is to put your faith in Jesus Christ. The next step is to keep in constant close touch with him.

One must know Jesus is always near to lead, to direct, to protect and to bless. If this is true one can know that, "All things work together for good to those that love the Lord." A close relationship with Jesus can help us to say as Paul did, "I have learned that in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

A close walk with Jesus will guarantee happiness. The greatest resolution you can make is to "be happy."

There will be another message from the Word of God, the Bible, at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

Dedicate your time to God

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

"Redeeming the time for the days are evil," Ephesians 5:16. God commands us to redeem time by buying it up, ransoming it, rescuing it from loss (improving the opportunity). If you had only 12 months to live, how would you live it for Christ?

Start the new year with dedicating your time (past, present and future) to God. Like it has been said, "If you don't learn from your past, you are doomed to repeat it. When you let God control your time, he will keep you from repeating your past mistakes."

Wise King Solomon gave us the answer in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Don't let your time be like

the throw of dice, letting your life be controlled by whatever turns up. Instead, be strong in prayer, seeking God's will, and applying your faith to the present and future of yourself and others.

Put on the mind of Christ (the anointed one and his anointing), taking every thought captive and checking it out against the Living Word of God to see if it conforms to it. Don't allow one brick of deception or lies to build a wall between God and yourself. Tear it down!

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, so don't fill it with fear, instead fill it with faith," II Timothy 1:7.

Let forgiveness build bridges between yourself and broken relationships. Forgive others, yourself and God for disappointments in life. Love yourself and others with God's unconditional love, and get on with "redeeming the time for the days are evil."

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Leave the past in God's hands

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit," Romans 15:13.

As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, unremembering delight, nor with the flight of impulsive thoughtlessness, but with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us.

Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us - it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ.

Leave the irreparable past in his hands, and step out into the irresistible future with him.

We praise you, God of hope, that our past can sleep on the bosom of Christ, and that we can step out into the future without anxiety. Amen.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Readings from Psalms

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.
St. John's Missionary Church

Praise the Lord!
"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

"And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noonday.

"Rest in the Lord, and wait pa-

tiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

"For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth," Psalms 37:3-9.

Praise the Lord!

There will be singing, praying and preaching at 7 p.m. nightly at St. John's Missionary Church Jan. 10-16.

There is a word just for you.

FARM & RANCH

FFA, 4-H workshop scheduled for Jan. 16

A record book workshop for FFA and 4-H students has been scheduled for Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brackett High School agriculture shop.

The schedule includes meat goats from 8:30 to 9, hair goats from 9 to 9:30, market lambs from 9:30 to 10, ewe lambs from 10 to 10:30, rabbits from 10:30 to 11, and record books from 11 to noon.

All livestock show participants should bring one animal to work with or a meat pen.

Livestock Assistance Program sign-up extended

Sign-up for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) has been extended, according to Dolores E. Kosecki, acting county executive director of the Val Verde-Kinney-Maverick County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"We will continue to take applications for the Livestock Assistance Program until Feb. 5," Kosecki said.

Congress has appropriated \$200 million to assist eligible livestock owners who suffered qualifying feed losses due to natural disaster conditions.

Because a specific amount of money has been appropriated for LAP, a national factor will be determined. The factor will be announced after the end of the sign-up. Due to a national factor having to be determined, there are no late-file provisions for this program.

An eligible livestock producer for LAP purposes is one who suffered a 40 percent or greater grazing loss for 90 consecutive days during the 1998 crop year and is either of the following:

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For more information on LAP, contact the FSA at (830) 755-3442. FSA's office is located at 1100 Bedell in Del Rio.

OUTDOORS

Wildlife-related recreation a major economic force

AUSTIN - Hunting, fishing, bird watching and other wildlife-related recreation continues to be a powerful economic engine, with participants spending \$96.9 billion in pursuit of these pastimes and supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to preliminary data from the nation's most comprehensive survey on this subject, conducted every five years by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

This represents more than a 59 percent increase in expenditures since 1991, when the USFWS last conducted its national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife-related recreation, and accounts for about 1.3 percent of the nation's gross domestic product, which measures the size of the economy.

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



Information from the last survey, conducted in 1991, revealed Texans spent \$3.6 billion on wildlife-associated recreation.

The survey, which is conducted for the USFWS by the U.S. Census Bureau, showed that the number of hunters and anglers 16 years and older stayed relatively constant during the past five years.

There were 35.2 million anglers in 1996 compared with 35.6 million in 1991. Likewise, there were 14 million hunters compared with 14.1 million in 1991. Over-

all, the number of anglers and hunters fell slightly to 39.7 million from 40 million in 1991.

Total expenditures by anglers and hunters rose 69 percent during the five-year period to \$67.9 billion. Spending by anglers rose 47 percent to \$36.2 billion from \$24.6 billion in 1991 while hunters spent \$ 17.7 billion, up 75 percent from \$10.1 billion in 1991.

The remaining expenditures could be attributed to whether hunting or fishing.

Meanwhile, the number of bird watchers, wildlife photographers and other non-consumptive participants 16 years and older dropped 17 percent during the five-year period to 63 million from 76 million in 1991. Even so, their expenditures rose 39 percent to \$29 billion.

In 1996, 24 million Americans took trips for the specific purpose of observing, photographing or feeding wildlife while 61 million enjoyed non-consumptive wildlife-related recreation around their homes.

In all, 18 percent of the population 16 and older fished during 1996, 7 percent hunted, and 31 percent participated in non-consumptive wildlife-related recreation, the study showed.

Is the end of time approaching?

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You aren't worried. Maybe he got up to go watch the fishing shows on ESPN. You rise, brush your teeth, and wander to the living room. No husband.

You look outside. The car is in the driveway. His jogging shoes are in the closet. His trousers are still hung over the chair in the bedroom. His pajamas are not in their usual place on the floor by the closet door (he is a little bit of a slob).

Beginning to get worried now, you turn on the television to find that this is happening all over the world.

Everywhere, in every town, there are missing people, millions of them.

The religious channels are oddly silent, but CNN is live with

an expert in channeling from Los Angeles who says that the alien saviors of the earth have finally arrived.

The beam ships have removed the malcontents as promised, and the earth is already beginning to heal itself.

Deep in your heart, you know this is not true. You know that the truth is much different.

You spoke with your spouse just the day before about this very thing.

You told him that you knew you needed to make a commitment to Jesus, but you just didn't think you were quite ready, and that you didn't want to be pushed into anything. You thought you had plenty of time.

Your heart drops into your socks when the reality of the situation strikes you, and you run to

the bedroom of your oldest daughter. She is gone, too. So is the youngest.

You are all alone, and the world is about to enter into a period of chaos and evil that is incomprehensible.

By now, your heart is pounding in your ears until you can't hear. Tears are streaming from your eyes, and you are sweating even though the air conditioning

keeps the house at seventy degrees.

Lost as to what to do, you sit on the floor in front of the television and stare at the scenes of carnage that flash from all over the world; unable to accept the fact that the rapture has taken place and you missed it.

For the next seven years, you are going to have to live in a world of utter chaos. If only ...

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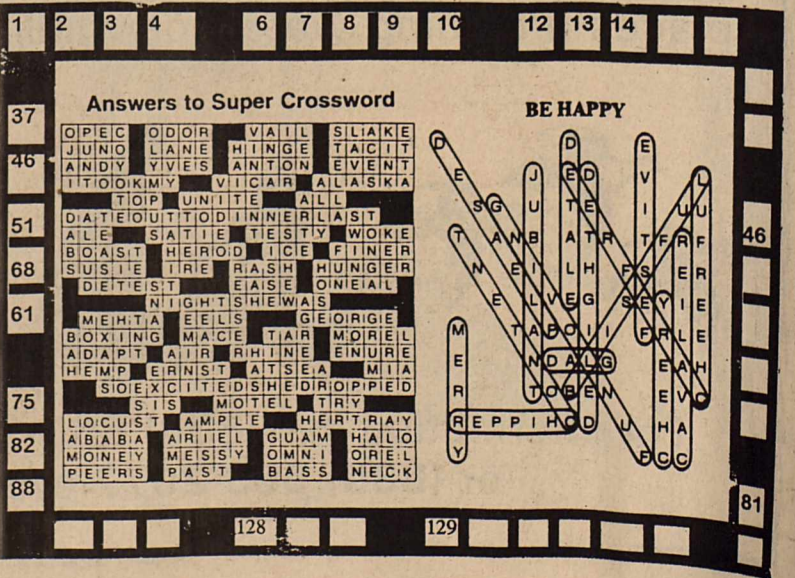
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