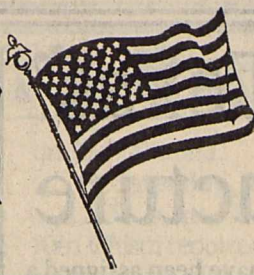


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Dentist office to open inside city

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Briefs ...

Fort Inge to celebrate its 150th anniversary

UVALDE - The 150th anniversary of the establishment of Fort Inge, a 42-acre nature preserve along the scenic Leona River, will be celebrated on March 13 with a program of history and a ration of pioneer food.

Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the celebration will begin at 10:30 with a re-enactment of the establishment of the fort, narrated by Maj. Tyree Smith, author of "Fort Inge: Sharps, Spurs and Sabers on the Texas Frontier 1849-1869."

Also included among the participants are the Texas Rangers Company D re-enactors.

At 11:30 a.m., a pioneer meal will be served, which will include, Fort Inge stew, Leona Springs salad, calvary camp bread, Getty gingerbread with Lydia Lane orange sauce, lemonade and campfire coffee.

Tickets for the meal are \$6.50 and can be purchased at the Uvalde Rexall Drug Store, 201 N. Getty, and Holiday Inn, 920 E. Main.

The Fort Inge Historic Park is located two miles southeast of Uvalde on F.M. 140.

For information, contact the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau at (830) 278-4115.

Arts Council to host three shows March 10

The Kinney County Arts Council will host three musical shows on Wednesday, March 10.

The Non-Toxic Band will be performing two shows. One for Jones Elementary Students at 12:15 p.m. and a second for middle and high school students at 1:30 p.m. Both shows will be at the high school gymnasium.

Mood Indigo will perform that night at the Kinney County Civic Center at 8 p.m. Children accompanied by a parent will be admitted free.

Local 4-H Club hosts barbecue on March 7

The Kinney County 4-H Club will host a youth barbecue to benefit the local 4-H Rifle Club at Shahan Park on Sunday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets for the barbecue can be purchased from any 4-H Rifle Club member.

Barbecue plates will be served with brisket, coleslaw, beans and corn bread.

For more information, contact Karen Taylor at 563-3283 or Liz Frerich at 563-2310.



Rosie Mattingly (from left), Woodie Frances Trotter, Barbara Hunter, Joe Goebel and Jewel Robinson star in the production of "The Cemetery Club" Friday and Saturday at the Post Theater at 8 p.m.

Robinson files for re-election

Alderman Wes Robinson filed for re-election last week. Filing is underway for the May 1 elections for the Brackettville City Council and the Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees.

As of noon Wednesday, no candidates had filed for the School Board election.

March 17 is the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the City Council and School Board elections. The deadline for write-in candidates to file is March 22.

The positions currently held by Robinson and Alderman J.J. Guidry are up in the Brackettville City Council election. Each position has a two-year term.

Two at-large positions on the School Board of Trustees will be on the ballot. Each position has a three-year term. Incumbents are Steve LaMascus and Jim McDaniel.

Registered voters can apply for a ballot by mail for each election beginning Tuesday.

Dentist to open local office

There's a new dentist in town. Dr. Kenneth Stone, a retired dentist living at Fort Clark Springs, will open an office at 104 E. Military Highway, next to Stop N Shop, in early March.

"When the people of Fort Clark and Brackettville learned that I was a dentist, I began to have patients come to my home with pain," Stone said. "It was then I decided to un-retire and put in a one-chair office in Brackettville."

"For those people who find it inconvenient and are weary of going to Acuna, Del Rio, Uvalde or San Antonio, come by my new office and get the benefit of 39 years of experience or just to visit and say 'hello.'"

Stone spent four years in the

U.S. Navy in order to get the G.I. Bill to go to college. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor's degree in bacteriology and from the UT Dental Branch in Houston.

After retirement, Stone continued to see patients in convalescent homes and do house calls, but he said "it was not enough to keep me out of my wife's kitchen and from under her feet."

He went to Zambia, Africa on a church missionary effort where dentists and physicians were unknown.

"Travelling for hours over incredibly bad roads was the difficult part, to reach the native villages where swarms of people were waiting and standing in line

for hours," Stone said.

"There was also the problem of a seven-hour jet lag and going below the equator where the seasons were reversed.

"Sleeping on the ground in a bedroll and eating nshima - which tasted like lumpy cream of wheat and was eaten with your hands - plus treating hundreds of people with teeth rotted off at the gums, and a long day that ended at 6:00 was really exhausting," he added.

After returning to Plainview, Stone made the decision to move to Fort Clark, the childhood home of his wife, and retire.

Stone has one son who is a dentist and another son who is a LCDR with the U.S. Public Health Service in California.

Bill addresses traffic at FCS

Gallego proposes law to allow traffic enforcement in private subdivisions

Fort Clark Springs residents can look forward to the slow, orderly flow of traffic if a bill proposed by Rep. Pete Gallego makes it through the state legislature.

House Bill 1703 would allow Fort Clark Springs residents to extend county road traffic rules into their neighborhood.

"The folks from Fort Clark Springs are having a problem with drivers that speed and run stop signs," said Gallego, D-Alpine.

"Right now they don't have any way of enforcing normal traffic rules. This bill would bring order on the streets of Fort Clark Springs."

Under the proposed law, residents of Fort Clark Springs could gather signatures on a petition requesting the adoption of county road rules. The petition must bear the signatures of a majority of property owners and specify which traffic rules they would like to apply to their streets.

The petition would be turned into the Kinney County Commissioners Court, which would determine if the change is in the best interest of the county.

If additional stop signs or stop lights were needed, the Commissioners Court could also have them erected, with the approval of the property owners.

"Right now they don't have any way of enforcing normal traffic rules. This bill would bring order on the streets of Fort Clark Springs."

Rep. Pete Gallego

The Commissioners Court would then consult with the sheriff to determine the cost of enforcing the traffic rules in the private subdivision. The residents of Fort Clark Springs may bear the cost of enforcement, if there is any.

Fort Clark Springs General Manager said he appreciated Gallego's efforts.

"I'm very pleased with his cooperation and willingness to look at this and have the legislative legal council review and study and give us advice as to exactly where we do stand with existing laws or adjustment to the law," Heath said. "Hopefully, this law will enable a gated community like Fort Clark to have the same recourse and protection that any other citizen in an incorporated city would have anywhere else in this country."



Dr. Kenneth Stone will open a dental office in Brackettville in early March. Photo Special to The Brackett News

THE HISTORY OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

Frank Cheaney, president of the Fort Clark Historical Society, gave a brief history of the fort during last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

"Fort Clark is the best preserved frontier fort in private hands," said Cheaney.

The story of Fort Clark begins

and ends with the waters of Las Moras Spring, located on Fort Clark. It flows millions of gallons of pure, fresh water and has provided an oasis to travelers for thousands of years.

Archaeological evidence indicates that Indians had been stopping at the spring about 6,000-8,000 B.C. and it remained a stop on the eastern branch of the Comanche War Trail until the mid

19th Century.

The mulberry trees and the pecan trees growing around the spring and along the creek made this site appealing to bands of Indians. Occasional travelers stopped at the spring during the days of Spanish control of this area and frontiersmen rested here during the period of ownership by Mexico.

There was no attempt at permanent settlement until 1834, when the settlement of Dolores was established just south of the fort where the Conoly ranch is now. That settlement failed, due to the fact that they couldn't raise crops without adequate water and they had no way to get their goods to market. They were also too close to the Comanche Trail. The settlement was abandoned in 1836.

In 1840, the only real battle ever fought, at what is now Fort Clark, took place along the banks of Las Moras Creek.

In 1846, the Mexican War began and resulted in increased traf-

fic through this area.

In 1847, Maj. B. Clark stopped at Las Moras Spring on his way to fight and die in the Mexican War. He was known to have suggested the location for a military post.

In 1848, gold was discovered in California, creating a demand for a safer way through this area as people headed for the gold fields.

In 1849, Lt. H. C. Whiting discovered the Las Moras Spring during his laying out of the trace of a military highway from San Antonio to El Paso and recommended that it would be a good location for one of the line of frontier forts then being established from Brownsville, all the way to Fort Worth. It wasn't among the first group of forts established, but it was among the second group, along a slightly more westwardly line than the first ones.

In June 1852, Maj. Joseph H. LaMotte arrived here with orders to "build a fort and build it to last."

The fort was initially named Fort Riley, after the regimental commander of the First Infantry. However, Col. Riley objected to that name and about a month later, the fort was named Fort Clark, after Maj. Clark, the Mexican War hero.

The initial post was built of simple wooden structures, along the banks of the creek. Before long, the decision was made to move up to the top of the hill and build the fort where it now stands.

It was discovered that limestone could be quarried right on the site and the first stone buildings were built with local rock.

Fort Clark has never been abandoned. It has been in continuous use since it was established in 1852. It was even used during the Civil War, when Confederate troops peacefully replaced the federal troops stationed here.

During its active military years, most of the Calvary regiments of the U.S. Army were stationed here, along with many of the In-

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Frank Cheaney (left) was introduced at the Rotary Club meeting by Jim Heath, program chairman. Photo by Frances McMaster

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Joe Townsend

The president's desire to run the entire world is exhibited by his desire to claim the limelight now regarding Kosovo. Opinion/Page 2

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Open House for BISSD will be held on Tuesday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. We'll hold our annual pancake supper from 5 to 6. Lifestyles/Page 4

Tigerettes win second

The Tigerettes won two out of three games over the weekend as they finished second at the Somerset softball tournament. Sports/Page 5

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An outline of Texas' legislative structure

By Pete P. Gallego
State Representative, District 74

Though the votes from the House floor grab most of the media attention, it is within the committees that House members do the really hard work of legislating.

The power of caucuses is often overlooked, but it is within these organizations that ideas evolve into issues and issues evolve into action.

I will be a member of several committees and caucuses this session. These organizations will provide the structure for my legislative activity.

I am very glad to be serving a fourth term on the House Appropriations Committee.

In appointing me to this powerful committee, the speaker of the house has made an exception to the rule that states that no member may be on the Appropriations Committee and hold another committee chairmanship.

Very few legislators in the history of Texas have been given an exception to this rule. I am honored to serve on both the House Appropriations Committee and as chairman of the General Investigating Committee.

The Appropriations Committee takes testimony from every state agency, evaluates their funding requests, analyzes the needs of Texans, and condenses all this into a budget that will keep the government functioning for the next two years.

This year, we are also fortunate to have a surplus that will allow us to invest in some of our long-term goals, such as public education.

Two weeks ago, I was assigned to and began meeting with the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice. Subcommittees plumb the detailed needs of each major branch of government, then report recommendations back to the full committee.

I will be responsible for evaluating the budget of agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Attorney General's Office.

For the third time, I will be the chairman of the General Investigating Committee. I will lead detailed inquiries into state agency operations to help improve efficiency. Because of my role on the Appropriations Committee, I am keenly interested in seeing that state appropriated funds are used wisely.

Finally, I have been assigned a seat on the Elections Committee. We will evaluate all election-related bills, including my campaign finance reform bill. My proposal aims to limit the influence of big donors by making the details of campaign donations and expenditures more open, and therefore more honest. I am working to make sure that government officials are accountable to no one but the voters of this state.

If committees are the workhorses of the legislation, caucuses are its strategists. Lawmakers meet privately in caucuses to discuss and plan organized responses to issues of common concern. Their collective voices and actions give structure to the debate.

This session, I have been selected to head one of the largest caucuses in the House, the Democratic Caucus. Though I have served as its chairman for the last four sessions, I expect this session to pose new challenges.

Because the Republicans now hold every statewide office in Texas, the Democrats in the House must use our slim, six-vote majority to ensure that our priorities are heard and enacted. We will focus on ensuring that education funds go directly to the classroom and defeating voucher legislation.

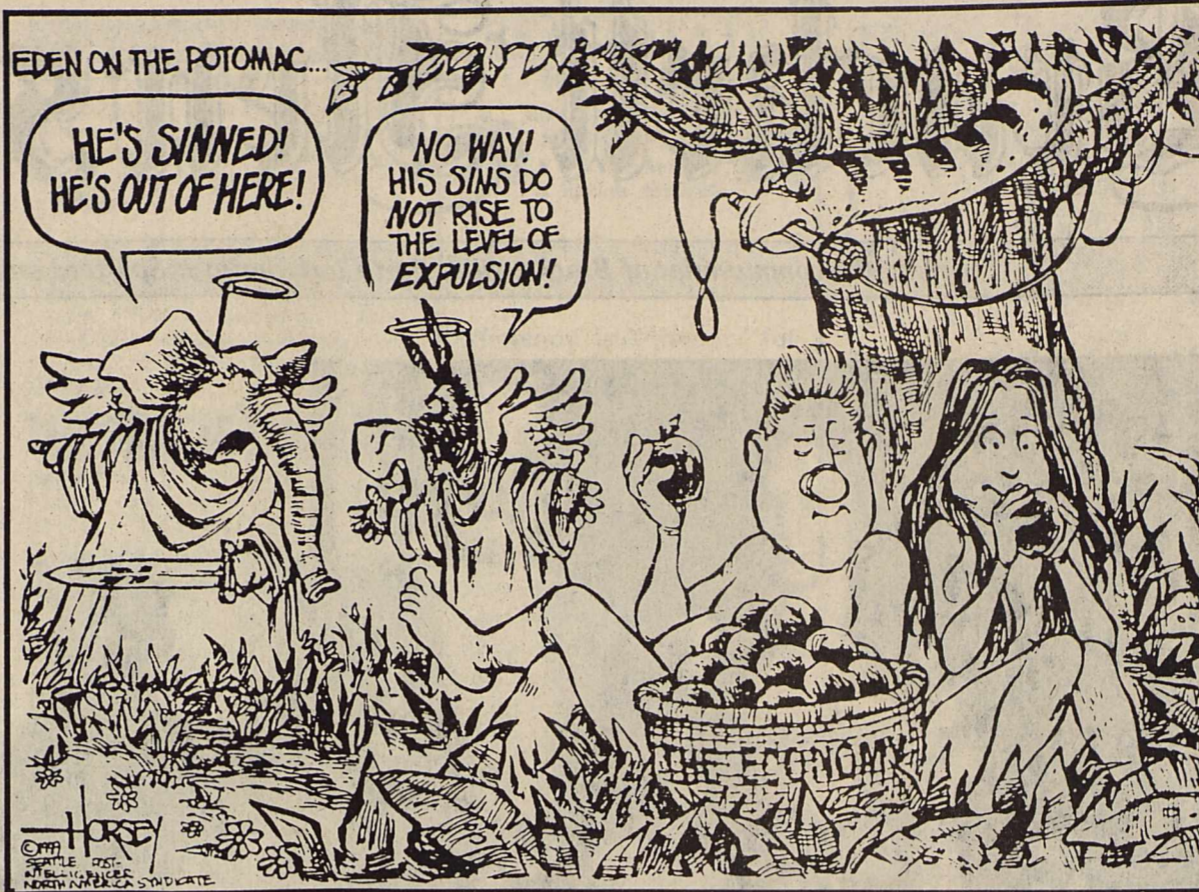
The distinctive character of my district has also guided me to join the newly-created Rural Caucus.

Rural Caucus members will pay particularly close attention to standard rural issues, but will also analyze all other legislation to determine its impact on rural communities. Obviously agriculture, ranching and water will be important issues for us, but key topics will also include the delivery of quality health care and education to sparsely populated areas.

My concern for the equality of all people, regardless of education, income or voting habits, has inspired my participation in the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus.

The major priority this session will be to see that the Children's Health Insurance Program is adequately funded. This program is so important for working families who earn "too much" to qualify for Medicaid, but can't afford the health care premiums for their children.

Though this list of organizations, tasks and issues is by no means a complete picture of the work I will be engaged in this session, it does provide the structure in which I will be advocating the needs of my fellow West Texans.



President continues to act irresponsibly

Now another glaring example of the basic philosophy of the president.

His desire to run everybody's life and to run the entire world is exhibited by his desire to claim the limelight now regarding Kosovo.

By the wildest logic, the U.S. has absolutely no need for involvement in the situation there. There is no way American interests are involved. A small nation in the heart of Europe should in no way call for involvement.

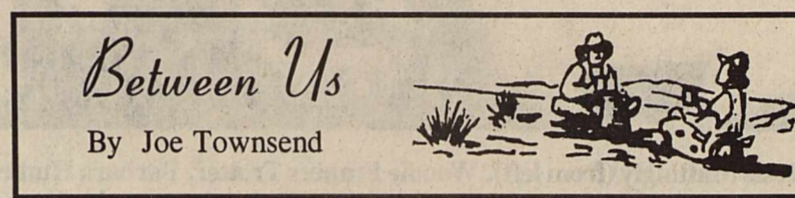
The president, without action by Congress, is spending millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to "keep the peace in Bosnia."

Now he wants the U.S. to be involved in the quagmire of keeping troops in Yugoslavia to "keep the peace," if one is agreed to.

A small struggling nation has as a part of it a minuscule province called Kosovo. Through the years, people from neighboring Albania have moved into Kosovo until they are now the majority. They began fighting to try to force their independence.

To this day, they are involved in armed conflict of rebellion. When government troops moved in to quell the rebellion, they suddenly became the villains.

Now Big Bully USA is trying



to force Yugoslavia to cater to the rebels.

You could drop Kosovo into Texas and it would be a drop in the bucket. There are counties in Texas larger than Kosovo but bully USA already has some 250 planes in Europe committed to NATO.

This is not enough so Mr. President spends millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to send a large contingent of America's most sophisticated bombers to threaten to bomb the Serbs.

He sends B52 bombers all the way from Texas to seek to intimidate the Serbs. These antiquated bombers are as needless as a mouse at a cat convention. Their only purpose is to intimidate while the American taxpayer forks out mega bucks.

I wonder if the French in Quebec province of Canada were to take up arms to gain freedom whether the president would be quick to threaten Canada to assist the resurgents.

Should Hispanics in Texas or

California suddenly take up arms to gain these states freedom from the USA, would the president call in NATO to assist the rebels?

To rob the taxpayers of millions of dollars a day to send troops, warships and planes to threaten, intimidate and invade a sovereign nation and interfere with the autonomous nation goes against all logic and reason and even the charter of NATO and the U.N.

To those blindly biased who say the president is doing a good job, close their minds to reality. The USA has never had a more irresponsible person in the White House as is evidenced daily by his bully actions in search of personal aggrandizement.

He freely hands out millions of dollars to any nation or cause that will offer headlines for him. He can cut services due to veterans but he'll spend millions on spurious causes.

The only solution is for Congress to cut off the flood of dollars that allows him to seek prestige to cover his wayward actions.

The fuzzy math experiment: Show me the money!

By Richard Neill and David Bradley
Members of the State Board of Education

Everyone knows that progressive education reforms of the last generation gave us "Johnny Can't Read." Regrettably, our math curriculum is undergoing similar reforms. So, now, Johnny won't be able to add, subtract, or make change either.

To eliminate the reading problems, Texas and California have placed the failed fuzzy reading experiment (called "whole language") with a proven winner: phonics. Accomplishing that change for the better, one wonders why some school districts are rushing to enroll in the Connected Math Project - aptly termed "fuzzy math."

Could the answer be money? We're already seeing evidence of the shift to "fuzzy math" in the poor algebra scores reported last August by the Texas Education Agency. No mention was made of the "fuzzy algebra" books adopted over the objections of these two board members and others.

One in particular, Addison-Wesley's "Focus on Algebra," paid a lot of attention to jalapeno recipes, Vietnam War protests, multi-cultural poets and extreme environmentalism. However, quadratic equations weren't introduced until after page 100. The teacher's edition even emphasized that correct answers are not always needed. Its no wonder our students performed poorly.

Parents of Plano middle school students recently complained to the State Board of Education that their children had been falling behind in math - ever since Plano ISD began piloting the Fuzzy Math Experiment.

Plano is using Scott Foresman/Addison-Wesley's "Connected Math," just one of many "fuzzy math" books now available to districts. Its teacher's manual freely admits "students may not do as well on parts of standardized tests assessing computational skills."

And a 1996 study by "Connected Math's" creators confirms that its sixth and seventh grade students display poor computational skills on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Instead of teaching students how to solve problems, "fuzzy math" lets students investigate their own solutions, while providing no model. Students

are kept busy - reinventing the wheel. The result? Plano parents are hiring tutors.

So what's the allure of the Great Fuzzy Math Experiment? First, districts across the state are being promised "reform." The real bait, however, is "free" taxpayer money and "free" teacher training. Can anybody turn that down?

Exposing the trojan horse revealed even further enticement. Who would have suspected the federally-funded National Science Foundation (NSF) of promoting "fuzzy math," paying for development of "Connected Math," and luring school districts with huge grants? Yet, here's the money trail:

Austin ISD received a \$5 million NSF grant for "fuzzy math" teacher training in 1997. Beaumont ISD accepted a \$3.3 million NSF grant last November. In October, NSF announced \$10 million for "Rural Systemic Initiatives" through West Texas A&M University. In San Antonio and El Paso, NSF-funded "Urban Systemic Initiatives" are underway.

The spider working with all these flies is Statewide Systemic Initiative (SSI), a federally-funded program developed by state-funded Dana Center at the University of Texas.

SSI says "its most important work to date is in directing the implementation of the Connected Math Project curriculum in 43 schools across the state."

However, after several years of subjecting other people's kids to the Great Fuzzy Math Experiment, SSI refuses to provide Plano parents and others with their findings.

Should we be surprised by SSI's secrecy? Remember, we've already seen the poor algebra scores, weak computational skills, and Plano parents are hiring tutors. Before children are plunged any further into this experiment, parents in Austin, Beaumont, San Antonio, El Paso and rural areas would be wise in asking SSI and their school districts about these failures.

Yes, it's appalling that the lure of money is directing the education of our children, and that tax dollars are moonlighting as influence-peddlers in the textbook market.

But the real travesty is that students whose districts take the "fuzzy math" bait will lose even the option of a rigorous, traditional math course.

Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Online answers

The Internet has brought about incredible changes in the way we communicate with each other and obtain information.

Although Internet commerce is just getting started, it shows signs of bringing about a profound change in the way we buy and sell.

Last summer, this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently in the news.

In it we asked you: "Should the federal government establish and enforce content standards for electronic information providers such as the Internet? Do you support the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues by taxing transactions made over the Internet?"

This was a question on which Texans were more evenly divided than on other issues - 56 percent answered that the government should enforce standards for the Internet with 44 percent against, while 57 percent opposed taxing Internet sales transactions versus 43 percent who support such a tax.

Here are some of your comments on these high-tech questions, beginning with the matter of content standards:

Houston: "There certainly should be content standards when children are accessing the Internet. We don't let them go to X-rated movies or buy pornography. This is the same kind of situation."

Plano: "The Internet needs to be regulated so that young people are not exposed to inappropriate material nor put in a situation where they can be exploited. Adults should have the ability to see whatever they choose, with the exception of child pornography."

Next, here are some of the answers we received to the taxing part of the question:

From Longview: "I'm against this. Every working American is already overtaxed at every level of government."

From Liberty: "What next? Tax the air we breathe?"

Finally, we received the following comment from a reader in San Marcos: "I think we should tax Internet purchases and use the money to monitor the net and enforce content standards so kids aren't exposed to the raunch that's on there now. This would be a true 'user fee' and wouldn't cost the non-computer users anything in taxes."

The Internet is an amazing creation. It has developed quickly largely because the government hasn't been involved. Therefore, I believe that any role for the government should be carefully considered.

Common sense restrictions that give parents the ability to keep their children from seeing pornography or being taken advantage of would be appropriate. Beyond that, I join most Texans in having a healthy skepticism about government meddling.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Several years ago a lady moved to Brackettville and married a native of the community. She soon became an important part of the community life.

For some time she operated a business. She then gave all her time to taking care of her husband and family.

She is a truly lovely person. Every person who knows her is better for the relationship.

Recently she has had some physical problems, but they have not dimmed her sweet spirit.

Surely Bobby Schafer is an Unsung Hero.

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Obituaries

Erskine Clark

Erskine Clark, 82, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999 at his residence. He was born Dec. 10, 1916 at Raleigh, W. Va.

Clark lived in Fawn Grove, Pa. and Pylesville, Md. area for 50 years.

Clark is survived by his children: Ruth Klump and husband Frank, Edward Clark, Peggy Davis, Linda Clark and Kevin Clark; sisters: Reba Simmons,

Bonnie Bare, Linda Burton, Adine Basham and Joe Brooks; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Funeral arrangements are with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas.

Patricia Dyane Dyreson

Patricia Dyane Dyreson passed away Feb. 16, 1999 in San Antonio at the age of 66. She was born Feb. 13, 1933 in Jackson, Minn.

Dyreson was an administrator with the Workmen's Compensation Division. She and her husband were staying in the R.V. Park Castrovilla's Regional Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Fredrick Kirchoff and Maybelle Wilkinson Kirchoff.

Dyreson is survived by her husband: Carl Dyreson of Brackettville; daughters: Brooke Jones and husband Steven of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Carol Coberly of Wisconsin; grandsons: Peter Coberly and Toby Coberly both of Wisconsin; two stepsons and two stepdaughters.

Memorial services were held on Friday, Feb. 19, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brackettville.

Anna M. Watkins Hibler

Anna M. Watkins Hibler, 83, of Lodi, CA, died at her residence on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999. A native of China Springs, Texas, she was born Jan. 29, 1916.

She moved to Stockton from Texas in the early 1940s and worked as a grocery clerk and winery hostess. She and her husband owned A & B Electric Shop in Manteca. She lived in Stockton, Lodi and Manteca over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Watkins, in 1974. In 1975, she married Guy Hibler, retired and moved to Texas.

She enjoyed sewing, crafts, bridge, reading and fishing. She was a member of Beta Sigma Sorority.

Hibler was preceded in death by her husbands: Bennie Watkins and Guy Hibler; daughter: Shirley Klueznik; grandson: Kristopher Klueznik; and great-grandson: Cory Klueznik.

She is survived by her daughter: Pamela G. Kludt of Lodi; stepdaughter: Suzanne Whaley of Eureka Springs, Ark.; sister: Jo Wilkerson of Amarillo, Texas; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Evergreen Chapel of Cherokee Memorial Park and Funeral Home, with Pastor Randy Bowman of Calvary Bible Church officiating. Burial followed at Cherokee Memorial Park.

Mitchell Eugene Sharp

Mitchell Eugene Sharp Sr., 86, of Odessa passed away Friday, Feb. 19, 1999 at Medical Center Hospital.

Sharp was born July 17, 1912 in Bellfonte, Ark. to John and Ethel Sharp. He married Maxine Bundy of Decatur, Ill. on Dec. 4, 1946.

During the war he worked on the Manhattan Project, United States Code Project for the development of the atomic bomb.

In 1951 he moved to Odessa and has been a long time employee of Sewell Motor Co. He is a member of Antioch Christian Church.

Sharp is survived by his wife: Maxine Sharp of Odessa; daughters: Sondra Meil of Brackettville and Becky Widner of Odessa; son: Mitchell Sharp Jr. of Austin; sister: Virginia Hammerschmidt of Harrison, Ark.; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two nephews.

Services were held on Monday, Feb. 2, at Antioch Christian Church with Rev. Don Fankhauser officiating. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Thursday, Feb. 11

4:25 p.m., Quinton Lynn Clark, 19, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for probation violation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Clark was turned over to Uvalde Sheriff's Department officials the same day.

Monday, Feb. 15

4:42 p.m., Reserve Deputy Manny Pena reported two dogs on a ranch near Spofford. The owner of the ranch was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

3:30 p.m., Rory Woodson, 39, of Brackettville was arrested for the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

2:27 p.m., Andres Martinez Jr., 18, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley on outstanding warrants. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Martinez was released Feb. 22 after paying a \$289 fine plus time served.

Thursday, Feb. 18

9:19 p.m., An employee at Burger and Shake reported that someone was taking pictures of a vehicle. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. Upon his arrival, Ring met with a man who said that another man took his picture. The second man came by and denied any knowledge of the incident. Ring advised both

parties to go home and they did.

9:54 p.m., An employee at Super S reported that she saw someone inside the grocery store while she was trying to close up. Chief Ring and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie were dispatched to the scene. The woman said she was closing up when she saw a tall male wearing a baseball cap standing in an aisle. When they saw each other, she jumped and ran for the door. Ring and Wylie searched the store but could not find anyone. They waited for the employee to secure the store before leaving the scene.

Friday, Feb. 19

5:10 a.m., A Spofford man reported a burglary at his residence. U.S. Border Patrol agents were dispatched to the scene. The man said he exited the back porch of his residence and found the screen door unlatched. The screen had been pushed in and torn. He found his daughter's bicycle, a 100-foot extension cord, a set of tools and a dog leash leaning against his fence. INS Officer Brad Coe informed the man that the subject had been apprehended as he was exiting the property with the stolen items. The extension cord and the tools had come from a neighbor's building.

2:00 p.m., Salvador Ibarra Garcia, 26, of Mexico was arrested for burglary of a building by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Garcia is being held

on \$5,000 bond.

Saturday, Feb. 20

12:53 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism reported that the doors on the north side of the Brackett ISD gymnasium were open. School district officials were notified and the building was secured.

1:30 a.m., Samuel Cruz Fernandez, 19, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Chief Ring. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Fernandez was released the following day after being credited with time served.

6:35 p.m., A Brackettville man

reported a possible broken gas line on E. Veltman Street. The City of Brackettville was notified of the situation.

7:00 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported three horses on Highway 90, one which was hung on a fence. The horses' owner was notified of the situation.

7:38 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported loose cattle on Macy Road near the La Fonda Ranch. The owner of the cattle was notified of the situation.

8:36 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music on Ross and Fulton streets. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. The music was turned off.

Sunday, Feb. 21

1:45 p.m., Chief Ring observed a blue 1988 Ford pickup speeding and initiated a traffic stop near the Brackettville City Annex.

The driver of the vehicle did not

speak English, but Ring managed to get his driver's license and insurance. Ring returned to his car to write a speeding ticket and requested a license plate check. The vehicle then drove off from the scene. Ring requested assistance from the U.S. Border Patrol. Ring eventually stopped the vehicle near the entrance of the Bader ranch. Due to a lack of communication, Ring said the subject thought that he was finished with him and forgot that the officer still had his driver's license. The driver of the vehicle was cited and released.

4:18 p.m., Chief Ring observed a red 1993 Chevrolet two-door travelling 55 miles per hour in a 45 zone. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, Mario Antonio Burciaga, did not have a driver's license. A computer check revealed that the man's license was suspended. Burciaga was arrested and transported to the Kinney County Jail where he was booked in.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

9:30 a.m., A Uvalde Police Department official reported that a semi-tractor with Tennessee license plates had been driving recklessly and should be arriving in Brackettville within five minutes. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He searched for the vehicle but could not locate it. Del Rio DPS officials were notified of the situation.

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But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Back by popular demand

Everyone seemed to enjoy my recent article concerning the anti-stress kit. Several even asked me to try to expand it into another similar column. So here it is.

DIRT - dirt is everywhere. It's very common and ordinary and yet one of the most necessary and useful things known. It lasts forever. We don't. Learn to keep things in perspective.

SKIN - its job is to hold everything inside of you. It is not your task to do that. Things happen. Let go of them. Don't dwell on the past. It's history.

AIR - a truly free thing. We all have so much air we can breathe in each day. You are entitled to just as much as I am. And vice versa.

SKY - it stretches outward forever. You and I are such a small part of this vast universe. Remember that fact when you, or me, or someone else appears to overemphasize his own importance.

STARS - they shine brightest on the darkest of nights. The dawn of a new day always comes. Things will look better tomorrow morning.

And finally, **LOVE** - even freer than air. Love can turn your life around. Real love never fades. Don't look for someone to get love from but rather search for someone to give love to.

Hope you liked it. Hope you got something from it. I did. But I could be wrong.

BISD to celebrate Public School Week with annual Open House on March 2

Open House for Brackett ISD will be held on Tuesday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

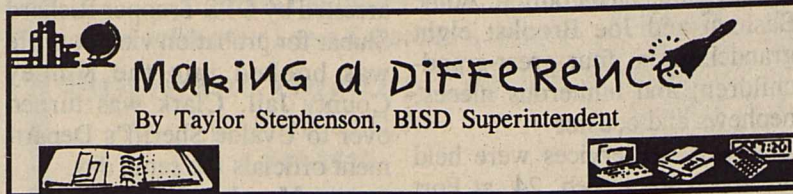
We'll hold our annual pancake supper from 5 to 6 in the school cafeteria, and parents may visit their schools from 6:00 to 7 p.m.

The school Science Fair will be on display in the school library from 5 to 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to visit the exhibits that night.

A special parent workshop has been planned for middle school and high school parents. Students will bring home more information about this special event. Brackett schools will help celebrate Texas Public School Week during this entire week.

Musical Programs
Of special interest is a musical program for students sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council.

Elementary students will hear a concert called "The Non-Toxic Band" in the school gym at noon on Wednesday, March 10. High school and middle school stu-



dents will attend the concert at 1:30 the same date.

This music is billed as music for young people that will help bring a smile to the lips of adults. It's songs about who we are, how we feel, where we live, and how things work. It's music that makes you feel good inside. Non-Toxic Music is fun and lighthearted.

On Wednesday night, March 10, at 8 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center, the Arts Council will sponsor a music program called Mood Indigo.

The music is billed as two-part harmony and an acoustic guitar. It's music with sophistication like Ellington, Gershwin & Cole Porter, with rhythmic complexity of Jobim and the playful spirit of Bobby McFerrin, Al Jarreau and Stevie

Wonder. That's Mood Indigo. The ticket prices are \$5. This will be a great show.

TAAS Testing
The last week in February was TAAS testing week for students in grades 4, 8, and 10 all over Texas. The following two days were TAAS exit tests in reading and math.

Writing is one of our best subjects at BISD. I predict that we will do very well again.

Students who receive a diploma in Texas must pass the TAAS exit level tests in writing, math and reading. It's stressful to the staff and students, but the State of Texas mandates that we give it. So, we'll do our best.

Drug Awareness
I hear that the availability of drugs in Brackettville has increased. This may or may not

be accurate information. I do encourage parents, school staff and community leaders to work to keep this part of Texas a great place to live. I don't doubt that drugs are a problem for folks all over the world.

The very best way to combat drug use among our youth is for parents to talk openly to their children about drugs and what they do to those who become addicted to them.

We all should keep a watchful eye (day and night) on our young people. We're working to be more vigilant at school. Your help whether you be a parent, private citizen, policeman, federal or state employee is welcomed. Together, we can make a better world for our children.

It looks like March is coming in like a lamb (calm, quiet weather). The old saying is that it will go out like a lion. The first full moon of the month is on March 1. The second full moon (Blue Moon) is on March 30. Have a great week.

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 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, Feb. 25, 1887

Had battalion drill this morning. Marched on guard relieving King. Wrote letters to Capt. Bradford and Forsyth at Brown and to Harry Rhoads during the day. Roberts kindly brought my mail down this afternoon and sat for a while chatting. He is very anxious to have the regiment ordered to Atlanta and was trying to arrange some plan by which the move could be effected. My mail consisted of a letter and bundle of papers from home. Mother writes that Capt. White our new congressman said he would do all he could for me when he left for Washington the other day. After dinner wrote Father a short note giving information about Spencer for Mr. White's benefit and hope he will be able to get the retirement. Maj. Smith has disapproved Ives' application for a transfer but he hopes to make it notwithstanding. Read in the war numbers of the Century during the day and was much interested in them. Dozed a while in the evening. The Officer of the Day inspected soon after midnight when turned in. A norther came up about the same time.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 1887

It got rather cold during the night on account of the norther and was chilly all day. Wrote up diary before breakfast. Steele relieved me. After guard mounting wrote a letter to renew Father's subscription to the Army Register and then carried letters over to the post office going by store to get some money. Got money note to pay for Register and mailed it and letters written yesterday. Also bought postal note to pay for tennis balls and postage stamps. Made arrangements to deposit hereafter with Roach and Mahon in town instead of the post trader as he is very disobliging. Rode home with Miss Johnson and Mamie Smith and after helping them out with their bundles went to the Library to look over the papers. After lunch wrote to send postal note to pay for tennis balls and mailed a night shirt to Mother. Mail brought a letter from Lula which shows that Sue and baby are with her now. Read the papers in Geary's house and took a bath and wrote a little on home letter before dinner. In the evening walked a while with Miss Jordan and then called with Hewitt on the Godwins, on Mr. and Mrs. Kerr

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visiting the Kinneys, and on the Taylors. After tattoo went up to Col. Jordan's where Ives had brought some oysters and spent quite a pleasant time there singing part of the time with Roberts.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1887

Had usual Sunday morning inspection. Then completed letter home and mailed it this morning. Commenced one to Lula but had no time to finish it before mail closed. Had choir practice as usual and afterwards walked home with the ladies. Completed letter to Lula after lunch and read until mail time which brought me nothing. Carried Roberts' mail down to the guard house as he is on guard and then went up to Capt. Vance's a while. He is feeling ill today. This morning he taught a class at the Sunday School. Think his diabetic trouble with the prospect of death in two or three years is causing him to change his non-religious opinions. Earnestly hope he will be converted from his skepticisms. Went after Miss Jordan to take a walk but she was out. Read until dinner time. After retreat walked a while with Miss Jordan and then attended service as usual. Escorted Miss Coleman home taking a walk with her first when she urged me to take a class at the Sunday School. Declined on account of my unfitness and my home letters are always written on Sunday. Went into the General's and sang with her until tattoo and after tattoo read the Bible and dozed.

Monday, Feb. 28, 1887

No drill this morning. Did not sleep well last night on account of pain due to gravel I think. Consulted Black who did not have time to treat me but thinks there is some inflammation in the neck of my bladder. Had muster and inspection this morning. It was warm enough to bring out the perspiration during review at double time. Had an engagement with Dr. Pope after inspection but he was detained at the hospital and did not come. Went over to town to deposit pay accounts at Roach and Mahon's where have opened an account taking it away from Friedlander who is too disobliging & Jewish. Bought a postal order for \$46 to send to Father to pay for insurance and hired girl and after returning to the garrison paid Hewitt the interest on his note and settled commissary, quartermaster and mess bills. After lunch had usual French lesson and then met Dr. Pope at the hospital who is going to examine my urine to see what is the matter with me. Mail brought a letter from Lula & Sue with a splendid photograph of John. Read in the Century and in

Steele's paper. No parade this evening. Capt. Vance took retreat. Commenced to take reveille this morning as Guard's C.S. duty commences today. Walked after retreat with Miss Jordan and then went with her and Roberts into Gen. Smith's, and sang until tattoo. Unfortunately Miss Coleman was out walking or visiting and we could not sing any quartettes. Read and dozed after tattoo.

Tuesday, March 1, 1887

Had time to shave after reveille and then went out to target practice scoring one leg at 200 yds. The men did splendid shooting this morning. Spent the morning in reading and wandering around. Was troubled a little with the pain of Sunday evening and was restless in consequence. After lunch went over to the hospital and got some medicine from the doctor. He examined my urine and found it very acid. Am to take this medicine until Sunday morning and then to give him another sample of urine to be tested. Commenced letter home and read until dinner time. The mail did not get in until quite late bringing a letter from home. After retreat put on cits clothes and walked a while with Miss Coleman. Met some others out walking and we all went down to the store for candy. We were going to sit in the bandstand but somebody got ahead of us and so all came down to our quarters and sat on the front porch chatting & singing. Gaston came today with Hammond to join in the singing. Under our new arrangement Capt. Vance takes retreat and tattoo and I reveille, a very agreeable arrangement to me.

Wednesday, March 2, 1887

Much to my annoyance missed reveille this morning. Fired at both 200 and 300 yds. but could not make anything. Must practice more in quarters. After breakfast explained absence to Gen. Smith who was very pleasant and chatted a while about the target practice. Then went to bid Black goodbye as he left today for Davis. He told me that he had been talking with Dr. Pope about my case and that the symptoms pointed to a stone in the bladder. Dr. Pope is thinking of examining it with a sound and can then determine if there is a stone. If it is it will have to be cut out. The prospect is anything but pleasant but I must submit. It is possible that there is no stone. The pain was slightly noticeable soon after getting up this morning but passed away early. This news rather upset me, to my shame for I must get better control of myself. Wrote on letter home and read the papers in the

Library. After lunch had a call from Mr. Kerr, Mr. Kinney's nephew, and then completed letter home enclosing money order to pay first insurance note and hired girl. Took a bath also before dinner. Mail came in earlier than yesterday bringing a letter from Thurston enclosing a circular from classmates asking me to buy another copy of the history as Abbot has over 50 copies on hand yet. As I have already bought 2 books do not care for another. Also received a receipt for the money sent to pay for the tennis balls; must send this to Harris. It is a big relief not to take retreat. Put on cits and sat a short time at Mrs. Hammond's and then made a call on Dr. and Mrs. Pope. Afterwards escorted Miss Kauffman to the hop room to a promenade concert where we had a very pleasant time although rather warm. Sat a while in Mrs. Kauffman's after the concert.

Thursday, March 3, 1887

Took reveille this morning but did not have to go to target practice as "E" Co fires the first three days of the week. Was bothered some by that pain this morning and felt a little blue over the prospect, but must look the matter square in the face. Played several games of tennis with Miss Jordan, Hammond, Farber and others and enjoyed them very much. Think this had a favorable effect on my trouble as I felt better after the game and passed a good deal of sandy or dusty looking material in making water afterwards. Read for a while after lunch and then went for the mail but got nothing. Carried Capt. Vance's mail up to him and sat there a while and then went over to call on some gentlemen who are here visiting Dr. Lauderdale, but they were not at home and I did not meet them. After retreat Ives, Roberts and self got a side seated cart from the corral and took Miss Jordan, Miss Coleman and Miss Kauffman out for a long ride. It was a pretty moonlight night and we had a very enjoyable evening. Got some oysters and went to Col. Jordan's afterwards to eat them. Had a nice time there singing. Wore my tennis suit today and found it very cool and comfortable, a big improvement over other clothes.

Tigerettes claim second at Somerset

The Brackett Tigerettes won two out of three games over the weekend as they opened their softball campaign with a second place finish at the Somerset tournament.

"It was our first look at live pitching and I thought we did really well," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said.

Brackett picked up wins over Somerset, 23-13, and Poteet, 9-4, and lost to Jourdanton, 8-7.

"We played Jourdanton well," Nowlin said. We only went four innings because of the time limit. We were ahead of them 7-2. We had two outs and only needed one more for the win, but they got us in the end. They are picked to win district hands down and we competed real well with them."

Jamie Bader, Lindsey Brotherton and Erika Garcia earned all-tournament honors.

"All three girls played real well," Nowlin said. "I also thought Hilda Aguirre did a real good job pitching. She had a save and pitched a complete game against Poteet and didn't walk anybody. Erika pitched real well against Jourdanton."

Garcia picked up six hits in the three tournament games, while Tiffany Eckenrod and Marty Payne each had five. Brotherton and Eckenrod each scored six runs and Aguirre and Garcia had five apiece. Garcia had eight RBI, Eckenrod finished with five and Brotherton had four.

The Tigerettes will open district play on Tuesday as they travel to Dilley for a 4 p.m. game.

Tigerettes softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
Feb. 26-27	@ Eagle Pass Tournament	Junior varsity	TBA
March 1	Eagle Pass	Junior varsity	6:00
March 2	@ Dilley *	Varsity	4:00
March 5	Charlotte *	Varsity	6:30
March 8	@ Eagle Pass	Junior varsity	6:00
March 9	Jourdanton *	Varsity	6:30
March 13	Brackett Tournament	Varsity	TBA
March 16	@ Natalia *	Varsity	4:00
March 19	@ D'Hanis *	Varsity	4:00
March 20	Brackett J.V. Tournament	Junior varsity	TBA
March 22	Eagle Pass	Junior varsity	6:00
March 23	Dilley *	Varsity	6:30
March 29	@ Eagle Pass	Junior varsity	6:00
March 30	@ Charlotte *	Varsity	4:00
April 6	@ Jourdanton *	Varsity	4:00
April 9	Natalia *	Varsity	6:30
April 13	D'Hanis *	Varsity	6:30

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Kinney County Game Warden

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Camp applications are available from local County Extension offices or by contacting Rollins at (915) 653-4576. More information can be found on the special website: "http://texnat.tamu.edu/specpgms/bwbrigad,bwbmain.htm" or e-mail Rollins at "drollins@tamu.edu."

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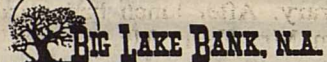
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Whatever you're considering on the business scene is a good move. Your thinking is right on target. Later in the week, get together with friends for good times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Group activities are favored and you find yourself relaxing and having a lot of fun. Someone contacts you from a distance. You spend the weekend doing some bookkeeping chores.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Anything you've done of a creative nature lately needs a little revision. Think of this as "fine-tuning." You need to get chores out of the way before doing any socializing over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Although you're sure of your position, it's best not to pick an argument with someone who disagrees. You both get nowhere and feelings are needlessly hurt by this exchange.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Things said in private generally relate to money. Avoid making a hasty decision when it comes to a career-related concern. The weekend is best for relaxing quietly.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Someone close to you is really getting on your nerves. You've been too consumed with this person's life and need to ease up. Your efforts have been draining you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Shopping is favored, but make it more of a window-shopping trip, since your finances are still somewhat iffy. Couples find renewed romance. Domestic concerns fill the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) Anything you can do together as a family is favored, especially where children are concerned. You converse well with others and get your point across easily.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Address domestic decisions. Family members cooperate and make things easier for you. Activities of a mental nature are favored later in the week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your intuition and thinking are sharp and right on target. You are able to see right through some people and know the motivations behind their actions. Self-discipline is your forte.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You are called upon to utilize your problem-solving abilities. Thanks to you, all turns out well. Common sense is your ally in this endeavor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You get together with a close tie, share some meaningful dialogue and reach some helpful conclusions. This weekend, you are occupied with business matters.

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Feb. 26Heather Martin	March 2Clay Hunt
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Feb. 27Milton Russell	March 3James Day
Feb. 28Rudolph Hendrickson	March 3Johnny Fritter

Every person must repent for himself

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Paul spoke the epitome of his faith when he said, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ."

He gloried in the cross because of the personalities involved. God was there and on the center cross was Jesus Christ.

The cross reveals sin at its very worst. Modern tendencies to soothe the power of sin by ignoring it, or as in the case of the president, accepting it simply disregard

the power it wields.

It was sin that nailed Jesus to the cross. It was as though the back of God had been turned, love had given way to hate, beauty to ugliness, hope to despair, joy to sadness, good to evil.

If sin could nail the son of God to a cross of infamy, what would it do to the world if it could?

Here Satan struggled with God in a death battle. Here the son of God conquered death, hell and the grave.

The cross reveals the inalienable right of the individual to ap-

proach the cross loudly touts the liberty of the soul.

Jesus now became man's high priest. Through Christ and Christ alone can sin be forgiven.

There is no sponsorial religion as far as Christ is concerned. Every person must repent for himself, believe for himself and "give account of himself to God."

The mercy and pardon of God cannot be manipulated by any man, creed, custom or ecclesiastical mechanism.

The cross reveals in stark fash-

ion God's compassion for a sinful world.

In giving his son to die on the cross, God bared his heart to all the world and revealed a love known no where else.

Christians totally surrendered to God can change a chaotic world into order, spiritualize the churches, evangelize the masses and revitalize the world.

If every Christian could honestly say, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus," what a transformation of the entire world.

Choose to live under the shadow of God

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

Whose shadow do you live under? There are two kinds of shadows to choose from, the shadow of God (love and life) or the shadow of death (Satan).

Those who choose to live and abide under the shadow of God's wings are hidden from the wicked, their souls are delivered, abundantly satisfied and shall drink of the river of God's pleasures. God is their refuge and his truth is their strength. They are not afraid of plagues, pestilences, bombs, invaders, etc.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. There shall be no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." God's people cry out to the Lord and he hears them (Psalms 17:8-15, 36:7-12, 63:5-11, 91:1-16).

You can also choose to walk, sit, or live under the shadow of death, which leads to bondage and, just what it says, death.

If you've already been living under the shadow of death, you can still cry out to the Lord in your trouble.

"He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder," Psalms 107:13-16.

Call on the name of Jesus in faith and he will save you, deliver you, free you. He will become your strength, your "refuge from the storm," Isaiah 25:1-9.

The Word says Jesus was born "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace," (Luke 1: 79).

Choose the shadow of God. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Readings from Psalms

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

"Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

"The works of the Lord are great; sought out of all them who have pleasure therein.

"His work is honorable and glorious, and his righteousness endureth forever.

"He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

"He hath given food unto those who fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

"He hath shown his people the power of his works, that he

may give them the heritage of the nations.

"The works of his hands are verity and justice; all his commandments are sure.

"They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

"He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant forever; holy and reverend is his name.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth forever," Psalms 111.

Praise the Lord!

Everyone is welcome to worship with us at St. John's Missionary Church.

Engage the power of 'the will of God prayer'

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," I Thessalonians 5:18.

If you look at the life of Jesus in the book of Luke, you will see the disciples being provoked to pray. Luke 11:1 tells us that Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray."

This was the heart cry of the early followers of Jesus who had seen a life empowered and directed by prayer, and they had a deep hunger and thirst to enter into the same kind of prayer life.

These were not "rookies" when it came to prayer. The 12 had seen

the importance of prayer in their lives in the synagogue. Yet as they looked at the prayer life of Jesus they were stirred to ask, "Lord, teach us to pray the way you pray."

When Jesus prayed he prayed in the will of the Father, the type of intercessory prayer that may be often missing from our prayers today. Too many of our prayers evolve around selfish needs rather than the multitude of lost hurting people all around us. If we engage the power of "the will of God prayer" we will indeed see such a harvest of souls that our churches will not be able to hold.

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Cheaney discusses history of Fort Clark at Rotary Club meeting

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In 1971, a company bought Fort Clark and began turning it into a recreation/resort community. Fort Clark is not a chartered city, it's not a part of Brackettville, but is an independent gated community in Kinney County.


The historical buildings are being used for administration buildings, motels, restaurants and

recreational facilities.

The old officer quarters, NCO housing and some of the barracks are now private homes of members of the Fort Clark Association.

The Historical Society operates the military museum in the old guardhouse. The purposes of the Historical Society are to preserve the history of the area and to maintain the integrity of the facilities.

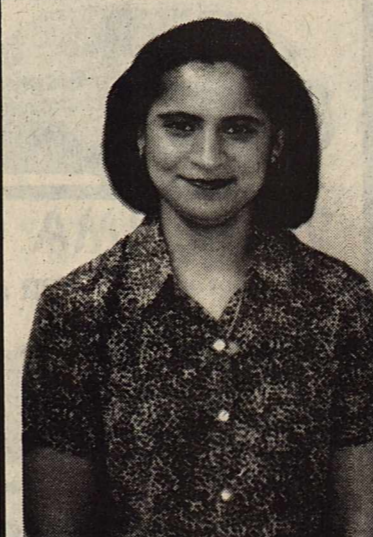
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