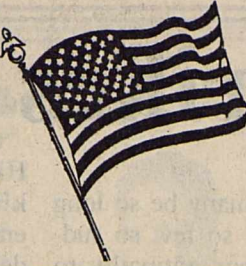


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Correa wins, advances to state
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Briefs ...

Headstart Graduation to be held this Friday

The Brackettville Headstart would like to invite you and your family to their 1999 Brackett Headstart Graduation Ceremonies Friday, May 7th 1999 at 7 p.m. At the Headstart center - Carver School Grounds.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets

Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met April 27th, with five tables. North and South winners were Ruth Wilks and Bob Barnett. Jerry O'Brien and Arnie Trautwein won second place and Tina Burgess and Rosetta Pigenot came in 3rd.

East and West division was won by Gertie Trautwein and Joan Strothers. Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant tied Molly Schroeder and Carol Benefield for 2nd place.

Fort Clark Ladies Golf League Meets

On April 27th, the Fort Clark Ladies Golf League met to play "Flighted Point Par." First Flight, first place was won by Rosemary Johnson with a 27, second by Jane Young with 24.

Second Flight, first place was won by Pat McKelvy with an 18, second by Carol Benfield with 17.

Auditions for production of "Glory Road" to be held

Auditions for this year's production of "Glory Road" will be held on May 11 and 12th. The auditions will be at Post Theater at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Old Quarry Society. The production will be the last weekend of June, and the first weekend in July. Parts are available for men and women of all ages, singers, dancers, soilders, Indians, village people - speaking and non-speaking parts. "Glory Road" will be directed by Harrell Floyd.

Atheletic Awards Ceremony to be held on Monday

The Brackett High School Atheletic Awards Ceremony will be Monday, at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.



Picture above, (left to right) is Super S Food Manager, Ernest Contreras and DPS officer, Richard Slubar. Super S Foods has donated a new Dell computer to the DPS office here in Brackettville. "We are glad to help out anyone in the community," said Contreras. "Super S was kind enough to give us the computer and we are very grateful," said Slubar.

Lutz, Hobbs, McDonald and Gomez take seats in election over weekend

Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

The Kinney County Election results for both Brackett Independent School Board and City Council are in.

The two vacancies on the School Board were filled by Henry J. Lutz, receiving 211 votes and Ronnie Hobbs, receiving 168 votes. A total of 738 people turned out to vote for the School Board elections. Beverly Wright received a total of 106 votes, Michael D. Schuster received 64 votes, Robert D. Fuentes received 112 votes, and Ken Curry received a total of 77 votes. These votes are unofficial

at this time.

"I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. I'm looking forward to working with the teachers, parents and the administration this coming school year," said Lutz.

"I will make recommendations for more drug and alcohol awareness programs; student involvement in the community; motivational programs to enhance self-esteem, self confidence, and self awareness," said Hobbs.

For the City of Brackettville, City Council, two vacancies were filled. Alderman, Place 1 was filled by Martha E. (Ward) McDonald receiving a total of

116 votes. Julie Fuentes Molano received a total of 92 votes.

Alderman, Place 3 was filled by Tom Gomez, Jr., with a total of 95 votes. Ida M. Flores received a total of 52 votes and Wes Robinson received 71 votes.

"I am willing to work with all the other elected officials both City and County. I am making no promises, except to do my best for everyone," said Gomez.

"I want the citizens of Kinney County to know that my goal as a City Council woman is to work together with the county officials and to make Brackett a better place to live in," said McDonald.

New Extension Program

Robert Elledge
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In response to the severe financial stress faced by many farmers and ranchers, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is expanding its Financial and Risk Management Assistance (FARM Assist) program statewide. Farm Assistance is a major component of the Extensions Service's Texas Risk Management Education Program.

The FARM Assistance program gives producers the ability to analyze farm and ranch operations under financial and risk management planning assistance that utilizes Extension risk management economists and computer technology. It is a one-of-a-kind decision support system that helps individual producers quantify the likely economic impacts of alternative management decisions and various risk management strategies on a farm or ranch operation - before they implement the changes. Farm Assistance allows producers to have more and better information regarding their financial future. It will still be up to the producer to "pull the trigger" and implement any changes.

The FARM Assistance program is also designed to handle all types and sizes of crop and livestock operations. One of the unique features is that the farm or ranch operations can be divided into multiple operational

units with a profit and loss statement provided for each unit. This allows for more information regarding the profitability of crop and cow-calf enterprises associated with a specific farm unit.

Since the conception of the FARM Assistance program, it has gained recognition and interest on the part of both producers and agricultural leaders. For example, one producer who was denied refinancing by his lender for 1999 utilized the FARM Assistance program. The analysis revealed that his operation had a relatively high probability of being economically viable and that a risk reducing strategy of irrigation would more than likely pay for itself. The producer went back to the lender with the FARM Assistance analysis report and was approved for a new operating loan plus the investment capital needed for the irrigation equipment.

For a fee of \$250 per year, a producer will receive an analysis of his base situation (which is what they are currently doing) projected up to 10 years in the future, and two alternatives. A personal report detailing the results will be completed and explained by the District Extension risk management economist in a follow-up session.

Interested producers can contact Robert Elledge, Kinney County Extension Agent/Agriculture at (830) 563-2442.

Kathryn Letsinger
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Agnes Vondy, long time resident of Brackettville, turned 90 years old this year in February. She attended the 150th Anniversary of the San Antonio/El Paso Road on Saturday, May 1, and several planning meetings held up and down Highway 90. The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce used many of her ideas to make the Pony Express Commemorative Mail Run Send Off from the Brackettville Stage

Stop a success. Mrs. Vondy and Ann Legg wore antique dresses dating from the 1890's, found in the Old Fritter house to the Anniversary celebration. That hat Mrs. Vondy wore is 140 years old and has had many decorations added to it by Mrs. Vondy over the years.

Mrs. Vondy's grandfather, F.S. Fritter, born 1827, was a stage coach driver and drove the roudt from San Antonio to El Paso. He died in 1915 and it is not known when he stopped driving the stage coach. Mrs.

Vondy and other ladies in Brackettville opened a Stage Coach Museum in the Sargeant Hotel and Stage Stop in 1965, they operated it for several years before closing it permanently.

Postmaster Lionel Juarez swore in 45 Pony Express Riders at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. He prepared and concealed postage with a special commemorative cancellation mark during the morning on Saturday at the Old Sargeant Hotel at the corner of Fort and El Paso streets. (It is currently owned by Seth Kaplan and Molly Earl and is for sale, contact K.C. Land and Company for information.) Mr. Juarez also received from the First Pony Express rider, our District 43 State Representative, Tracy O. King's resolution congratulating Brackettville for being a part of the San Antonio/El Paso Road's 150th Anniversary. Mr. Juarez then gave his saddle bag of mail to the rider and he headed out of town at a high lope.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga and the Honorable Judge Herb Senne presented the resolution to the crowd in attendance. Although it was drizzly and cold, the hot coffee, high spirit of the crowd and riders, and the hospitality of Seth and Molly made the 150th Anniversary very memorable. Some canceled cover envelopes of the Stage Stop have been reserved and are available for \$1.00 from the Chamber of Commerce.



Front Row - Carmen Berlanga, Tootsie Herndon, Agnes Vondy and Ann Legg. Back Row - Kevin Young, Wayne Austerman, Lionel Juarez and Herb Senne.

Samaniego and Flores voted this years 5'de Mayo King and Queen

Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

This year's 5' de Mayo celebration was a big success for the Las Moras Hispanic Organization. Just as it has been for the past four years.

Though the day was wet and rainy, hundreds showed up for this years festivities at the Civic Center. Rain or shine the festivities weren't to be missed.

The celebration kicked off with a parade down Ann Street. Many local children lined the streets to receive the candy that was being thrown. Floats included a variety of different styles, all celebrating the Mexican Heritage of "5' de Mayo."

There were many booths at this years festival. Many food booths were set up this year, featuring many authentic Mexican delights. Among the booths were many arts and crafts and



Pictured above is the Brackett Fighting Tiger Band, performing at this year's 5' de Mayo Celebration. Photo by Jewel Robinson

even a Pony Ride.

Casa de la Cultura among many others from out of town, put on many entertaing shows for the guests.

Competing this year for 5' de Mayo King and Queen were Javier DeLeon, JD Samaniego,

Alicia Rivas and Christina Flores.

JD Samaniego and Christina Flores were crowned this years 5' de Mayo King and Queen during the dance that was held Saturday night at the Civic Center.

"Carlo y Los Cachorros," performed for this years dance, and was a big success with all those in attendance.

During this years Jalapeno Eating Contest, that was held during the dance, Silvero Martinez broke his record of

eating 32 jalapeno's. Martinez ate a whopping 37 jalapeno's at this years contest. This won him a bottle of Tequila and a trophy, and great appreciation from the crowd.

"This year's "5 de Mayo" festival was a tremendous success for a couple of major reasons, one, our local and out of town entertainment was outstanding. In addition we had fabulous participation from our community throughout the entire day. We appreciate our High School Band for their participation. The organization has worked extremely hard and it showed. We appreciate all your support and hope everyone enjoyed it. Thanks for keeping in mind that your support contributes to the Las Moras Hispanic Organization Scholarship Fund." said Alma Gutierrez, Las Moras Hispanic Organization President.

INSIDE

Steve strikes a nerve

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Correa goes to state

Friday afternoon, at the Regional Track Meet in San Marcos, Sonya Correa claimed first place in the 3200m run. Sports/Page 5

New Hunting Guide

There is a proposal to change dove bag limits to 12 birds a day in exchange for an extra 10 days added to the fall season. Outdoors/Page 5

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LaMascus strikes a nerve

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

It seems Steven LaMascus struck a nerve or more likely several of them. The "nit picking" by Mark Comfort is supercilious. I doubt that Mr. LaMascus would bother to respond so I will.

Mr. LaMascus was exactly right in using the term "Atheistic agents of Satan". An atheist is certainly an agent of Satan. He is opposed to God and there is no middle ground. Atheist or left wing zealots are in the same pocket in many ways.

Pray, tell me sir what is wrong with the statement "Both guns and prayer are tools. Neither is inherently dangerous if used according to instructions"? In your convoluted thinking you can not sanely deny the truth of the statement.

When you use the term "Your God" you show an abysmal ignorance. There is no such thing as "Your God" or "My God". There is only one God, Jehovah. To deny Him loudly declares one to be an atheist and unable to understand the valid-

ity of God.

How can so many be so long time wrong and so few so suddenly right? Your antipathy to prayer before a "barbaric sport" like football, again amply demonstrates your ignorance about God. In the first place the dictionary defines "barbaric" as uncivilized, primitive, wild, crude and unrestrained. To thus classify football so shows an unrestrained bias and irrational ignorance.

To pray before athletic events precedes the Greek games at Olympus. The lack of ability to admit the validity of guns for self and family protection, for sport, for hunting and as collectibles shows an inability to think clearly.

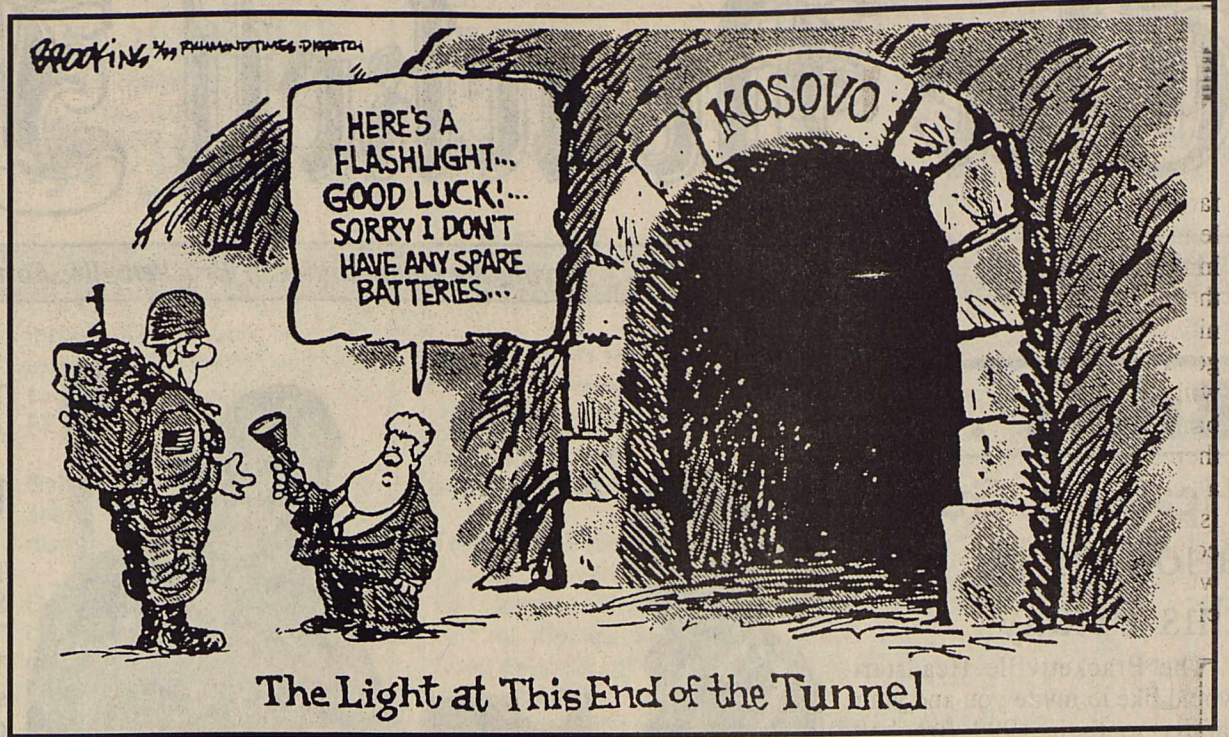
At present we are being forced, in gluttonous proportions, "anti violence" rhetoric. No sane person would tout violence but only an ignoramus would classify as many things "violent" as you apparently do.

I am sure you do not read and hold in reverence the Bible. This is evident from your mental meandering. However, there are many instances where God led

His people in to battle where they killed thousands of their enemies. This had to include any definition of violence.

To deny the "evil ruler" is to blind ones eyes to reality and does not destroy him. To call Steven LaMascus "left wing" is impulsive back biting. No responsible person knowledgeable in "left" and "right" ideologies could in any way classify LaMascus as "left wing". If ever I have known a "conservative Christian" Steven LaMascus is a top example. If Mark Comfort is capable of objective thought he would do well to read every word of Steven LaMascus' writings. He can learn some much needed information. I have yet to find in his writing anything that is not the truth and that does not need to be said.

Editor's Note: Last weeks *Between Us* mentioned a local police chief selling drugs to teenagers. It was actually former Sheriff Morgan Bailey, who was removed from office over the incident. Our sincere apologies to Chief Ron Ring for any misunderstandings that may have occurred.



The Light at This End of the Tunnel

Why do we not display our faith and our Christian principals

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Isn't it wonderful how in time of crisis our faith in God springs to the fore and is displayed for all to see? Littleton, Colorado,

Columbine High School is a perfect example. The tragedy there -- the death of thirteen students at the hands of two Dungeons and Dragons outcasts -- served to bring the school and community together in a way that would never have happened except in these extraordinary circumstances. Suddenly, in the face of death, the people there turned to God for strength and comfort. It was a heart-wrenching scene. When asked by reporters what they were doing, nearly everyone interviewed said, "praying."

During the carnage one young girl was asked, with a shotgun pointed at her chest, if she believed in God. She looked her executioner in the eye and stated, "Yes" and was then shot dead. I am so proud of her, so angry with her murderer, and so happy that she is now with her savior. Her death will, I pray, serve as a beacon for other children. She is a true Christian martyr. As the same time I am sad that the life of a promising young Christina was snuffed out by such a damnable act. But God

allowed it and there was a reason for it.

My question, though, is; why do we always wait until we are faced with such horrible scenes of carnage before we trot our faith to be displayed to the public? Why do we not display our faith and our Christian principals to the world on a daily basis?

I know that in times of trouble we need the strength and support of God. That is accepted and understandable. It was brilliantly stated by the man who said, "There are no atheists in foxholes." Meaning that when faced with death a person looks to the only place he can for salvation. It distresses me though that the only times we are not embarrassed to display our faith in public is on Sunday morning or when we are in mourning. Any other time it seems that we just want God to be there "just in case." We don't want him to bother us, or get in the way of our fun, be He should stand by so we can call on Him, just in case we need Him. Do you think that is what God wants from us?

As I read my Bible I see numerous places where it says that God wants us, even requires us, to bring everything to him. He has ordered us to live godly lives, pray often, and present our Christianity to the world as

a beacon for lost souls.

We are to display our Christianity so that by our example others may be saved. If we leave God in the background like a second string quarterback, to be brought out only in time of tribulation, we are not doing his will!

God, Jesus Christ, and our faith should be a part of our everyday lives. We should not have to even think about our faith because it should be worn like armor for all to see every minute of every day. It should not take tragedy to turn us to our faith.

We should draw strength from our faith that allows us to broadcast the message that there is but one way to live a proper life. If we did that then the tragedies of life would be merely opportunities for us to display our strength and our faith in Jesus.

Place your burdens on the shoulders of Jesus and He will carry them for you without a single complaint. This is what happened after Littleton. Even though many of those people cry out to God only when it suits their needs, He was there in their hour of need. He always is; He always will be. Trust him. Talk to him every day. Don't leave him on the bench until the last play of the game.

Aftermath of the 1998 flood

By Pete P. Gallego
State Representative

It has often been noted that dire conditions can bring out the best in people. This certainly appears true in the aftermath of the 1998 flood in Del Rio. Parallel to the reports of loss and destruction are stories of families helping families, neighbors helping neighbors and absolute strangers traveling hundreds of

miles to offer assistance. I have received hundreds of letters from people in Del Rio. Each note describes truly remarkable acts of kindness and heroism. Some stories describe dangerous rescue missions during the night of August 23rd - the night it rained 18 inches.

In addition to the generosity of average Texans, cities, counties, private organizations and state and federal agencies all

came to help. Given the prevailing spirit of generosity and productivity, one thing stands out as counterproductive. Texas has no provision for relieving victims of disaster from sales taxes for essential items such as building materials. Thus, under current law, governments make a profit off of disaster. For a person trying to rebuild an entire household, an additional 6.25% tax can be a real burden. This season I have proposed a bill that would exempt building materials from sales taxes when they are used to repair residences damaged in the wake of a declared disaster. This proposal, HB 598, unanimously passed the House Committee on Ways and Means last month.


Last year, Texas ranked second in the nation for disasters with 19 Red Cross operations, including six major fires, three severe storms, two floods and four tornadoes. Texans spent more than \$100 million on building supplies to repair their homes.


People spend a lifetime building a home. Replacing this loss is an enormous undertaking. Materials are expensive, labor is costly, and expertise is necessary. Suppose the average clean-up and repair cost of \$5,000. With the state sales tax set at 6.25%, families can expect to pay more than \$300 in sales tax. For most residents, this is a real burden, especially since many families do not have disaster insurance. To further complicate matters, disasters disrupt normal working conditions. People can miss several days or weeks of work, adding financial strain, and forcing difficult economic decisions.

One woman I know of, after making major home repairs, had very little money left over. Her elderly mother, whose wheel chair had been destroyed by the flood, came to live with her. She ultimately had to decide between replacing her mother's wheel chair and replacing the family washing machine. With an extra \$300, she would not have been faced with this decision. Many families in Del Rio have faced similar dilemmas.

HB 598 not only helps Texans get back on their feet after a disaster, it also makes Texas disaster policy consistent. The tax code authorizes an exemption from sales tax for labor used to repair property damaged by a disaster in a declared disaster area. Through HB 598, the exemption is extended to the building materials as well.

HB 598 now awaits the House of Representatives. Texas should not profit from the pain and suffering of its citizens. Instead, the state's goal should be to help people get back on their feet.

Big Mama Sez! 
A Sharp tongue and a dull mind, are usually found, in the same head.

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The Month of May is...

- But I could be wrong*
By Chuck Hall
- Asian Pacific Heritage Month (I'm not sure what this means)
 - Better Hearing and Speech Month (Are you listening? I'm talking!)
 - Better Sleep Month (Not on the job!!)
 - Breathe Easy Month (Is this like relaxing?)
 - Family Support Month (Support mine if you'd like)
 - Freedom Shrine Month (You'll have to explain this one to me)
 - National Allergy/Asthma Month (Are we for it or against it?)
 - National Arthritis Month (I remember Arthr)
 - National Barbecue Month (Call when it's ready)
 - National Bike Month (Sounds too much like work)
 - National Egg Month (Why?)
 - National Hamburger Month (I'll bite)
 - National Hepatitis Month (What is this?)
 - National High Blood Pressure Education Month (My BP doesn't need educating)
 - National Mental Health Month (This could definitely help me)
 - National Moving Month (Are you moving or am I?)
 - National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (No thanks)
 - National Salad Month (What?)
 - National Salsa Month (The sauce, not the dance)
 - National Scholarship Month (Sounds good)
 - National Stroke Awareness Month (Who gets stroked?)
 - National Trauma Awareness Month (Awareness?)
 - Older Americans Month (What happened to National?)
 - React Month (To what?)
 - Revise Your Work Schedule Month (Wait til the boss sees this one)
 - Cartoon Art Appreciation Week (May 1-7) (May fit into above)
 - Be Kind to Animals Week (May 2-8) (Kiss your dog for me)
 - Conserve Water/Detect-a-Leak Week (May 2-8) (I won't touch this one)
 - National Herb Week (May 3-9) (Don't go there)
 - National Family Week (May 2-8) (I really like this one)
 - National Pet Week (May 2-8) (Haven't we seen this?)
 - National Postcard Week (May 2-8) (Do they still make them?)
 - National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8) (Hooray for the PTA)
 - National Suicide Awareness Week (May 2-8) (This one's for real)
 - National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8) (Absolutely)
 - National Tourism Week (May 2-8) (Going somewhere?)
 - National Wildflower Week (May 2-8) (The wilder, the better) and....
 - May 3 is "Lumpy rug day" (What is this?)
 - May 11 is "Eat what you want day" (Are you kidding?)
 - May 12 is "Limerick day" ("There once was a")
 - But I could be wrong

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Whenever I see this particular lady my mind tells me, she is truly a hero. She grew up in this community and went to school here. When she married it was a big wedding on the ranch where she grew up. She finished her education. When she was first married she and her husband were gone for a while. Soon however, he gained employment locally and they

moved back to Brackettville. She became a teacher in the local school and is not only well liked but is outstanding in her profession. She truly cares about people. She always has a cheery smile and a warm greeting to all. She has a very fine husband and an outstanding family. She is most energetic and always in the front line in helping and caring whenever there is need. Surely "Bo" Hagler is an Unsung Hero.

Community Awareness Initiative

Many urban communities are faced with water related problems which they must resolve immediately and/or address in the near future. Rural communities like ours which have both good water quantity and quality, will be influenced by these urban community needs. It is, therefore, imperative that we as a community stay abreast of legislative change, and that our community and its leaders made wise, timely, and informed decisions.

In an effort to achieve community involvement, the Kinney County Commissioners' Court invites you to attend and participate in a Community Awareness Program on May 10th at 1 p.m. in the District Courtroom located on the 2nd floor of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville. This program is part of the commissioners regular posted monthly meeting and is intended to provide an overview of legislation, legislative issues and will focus on activi-

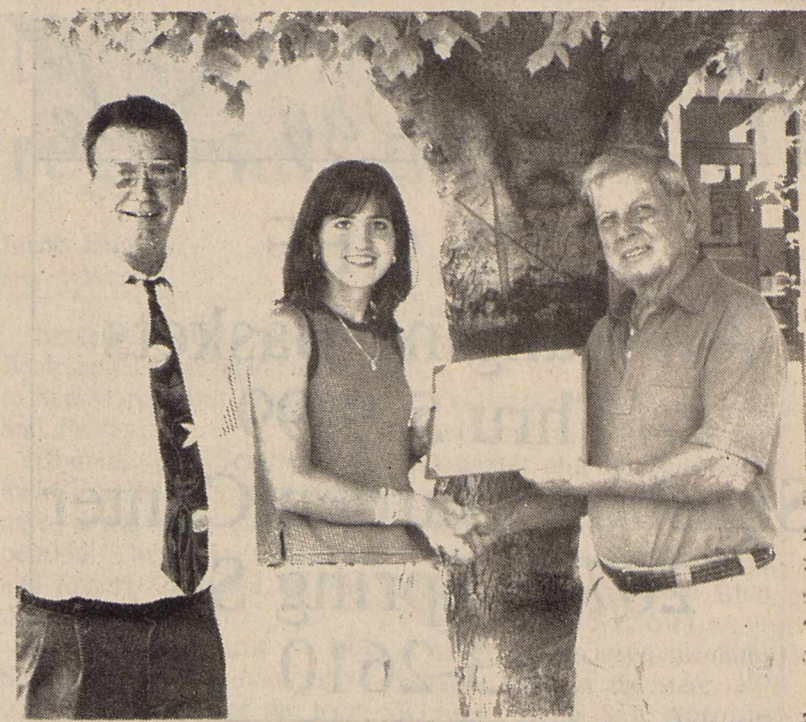
ties resulting from the formation of regional water planning areas

Commissioners' Court invites you to attend and participate in a Community Awareness Program

as per Senate Bill 1. Speakers to address the court

include: Deborah A. Reyes, Project Manager, Water Resources Planning Division, Texas Water Development Board, Austin, Tx. and John B. Ashworth, Senior Consultant, LBG-Guyton Associates, Professional Ground-Water, and Environmental Services, Austin, Tx.

Both speakers are very informed individuals and do, in fact, invite your questions and comments.



Pictured above is Taylor Stephenson, Brackett ISD superintendent, Lindsey Brotherton, and Sons of the American Revolution member Clem McKelvy. Lindsey received a certificate and a check from the Uvalde SAR chapter for placing 2nd in their annual George S and Stella M Knight Essay Contest. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a proud organization of about 25,000 active male descendants of those Patriots who, during the America Revolution, rendered unwavering loyal service to the cause of winning our freedom from England. The Society was formed in 1889 and from its inception has been dedicated to patriotic, historical and educational objectives. These are reflected in every SAR activity-all designed and conducted to help perpetuate understanding of, reverence for and preservation of those institutions of American Freedom delineated in the Preamble of our Constitution and in the injunction of George Washington in his farewell address to the citizens of the Republic he led in war and in peace.

FHA attends Conference

The courage of the Texas Tigers Chapter of the Brackett High School Future Homemakers of America returned from the State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi on Saturday April 23, 1999. They proudly represented Brackettville in the competition for Chapter Service Project. Donald Page (president), Kakine Breen (vice-president) and Albert Lattimer (vice-president of technology) made the presentation to two judges.

Debora Cortes and Leonard Sandoval helped with equipment and materials. Brackett was awarded one of ten Community Service Awards for the scope and depth of their project. The presentation was scheduled early allowing the members time to visit the Lexington Museum docked in the harbor, and the Texas State Aquarium. There were over 4,000 FHA members from Texas with their advisors and parents attending this lead-

ership conference. The courage of the Texas Tigers would like to announce the winners of the raffle that was recently held in town, the winner of the original Bud Breen oil painting was Tom Rosinski from the Houston area. Second prize winner of the "scarecrow bunny" was Robin Bressle, also from the Houston area. Third prize winner is Mike Vanik from the Yokum area. Fourth place winner of the framed and signed collage of

Bud Breen post cards was Renee Morgan from Crowley, Texas. Fifth place winner of another collage of Bud Breen post cards was Francisco Ayala. Special thanks to Mr. Bud Breen for donating some of his work for our raffle, Mrs. Sandoval for the scarecrow bunny, Mr. Tony Frerich of Kinney County Wool and Mohair for his support of our group, and Mr. Walters of CT's bike shop for letting us hold the raffle there.

Petrosky accepted to Texas Lutheran

Senior Amanda Petrosky has been accepted to the Texas Lutheran University Bulldog Cheer Squad. The co-ed squad consists of ten members selected nation wide.

For the past four years, Mandy has been a varsity cheerleader for the Brackett Tigers. During the 1998-99 school year she was elected Head Cheerleader by squad members. For the past two years, she was nominated for the NCA All-American Cheer Squad and has performed with NCA All-Stars in the Neiman Marcus Adolphus



Children's Parade held in Dallas during December.

Mandy will join other squad members in late July to prepare for camp and the upcoming Bulldog football season.

Obituary

Anthony Thomas Rubino

Anthony Thomas Rubino, age 22, passed away Tuesday, April 27th at his residence in Kingsville, Texas. He was born April 6, 1977, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Anthony was a full time student at Texas A&M University in Kingsville. He is survived by his mother: Isabel Rubino, father: Thomas Rubino both of San Antonio. Sisters: Regina and Rosemary Rubino both of Kingsville. Grandparents: Pedro Berites of San Antonio,

Mr and Mrs. Salvador Rubino of Baltimore, Maryland. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was Friday April 30th, until 9 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7. A mass was held Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the directions of the: Del Rio Funeral Home dba, Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St.

Thank you for your kindness

The Family of Oscar "Mac" McClure, would like to thank, with sincere appreciation, all who sent cards, flowers, donated food and contributed in any way.

CPR Classes

CPR classes to be held on May 9th, 8 - 5 p.m. Adult Center. Registration \$25, includes adult, child & infant CPR, and first aid. For more info call Marie Hepline at 563-9210.



Pictured above is Postmaster Lionel Juarez (left) swearing in the Pony Express Riders for the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Friday, April 30

5:40 p.m. A local man reported a broken window at a vacant house. Chief of Police Ron Ring reported that the window had been broken from the inside. The case is still under investigation.

1:10 p.m. A local man called in to report rollover on Hwy 90 East of the Weather Ball. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, May 1

1:40 p.m. A local man reported a minor drinking behind the Civic Center. Deputy Bobby Guidry responded to the scene and spoke with the juvenile, who stated that he had already thrown the beer away. Guidry spoke to the boy's mother who stated that she would watch after her son.

Sunday, May 2

Julian DeLaCruz, was arrested by DPS Officer Richard Slubar for a warrant issued for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

5:45 p.m. The Kinney County Sheriffs Department received a phone call from the Del Rio Police Department

stating that they were looking for a white Jeep. The suspect inside the vehicle had failed to pay for a meal eaten at the Kettle Restaurant in Del Rio. The vehicle was observed entering Brackettville by Chief of Police Ron Ring. The vehicle was intercepted and escorted back to Val Verde County.

Monday, May 3

Martin Hernandez, 24 years old, of San Antonio, was arrested for no vehicle insurance by Deputy Karl Chism.

2:30 p.m. A man from Boys Ranch, Texas reported a burglary of his hunting cabin, on a ranch north of Brackett. He had already notified the Border Patrol of the burglary and

suspected it was illegals. Small various items were missing. The case is still under investigation.

Armando Cardenas Jr., 48 years olds, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for a Parole Warrant.

3:55 p.m. A local man came into the Sheriffs Department requesting to file a complaint against another local man for threatening to beat him.

6:45 a.m. A phone call was received from the owners of the Laundrymat, stating that there was a broken window at the Laundrymat. Chief of Police Ron Ring reported that a large rock had been thrown through the window.

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Thank you

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Roger Soto, guest speaker at Rotary

Submitted by
Patsy Callnan

On Thursday, Roger Soto, Chief of the Val Verde Juvenile Facility gave an interesting overview of the objectives of the center and opened the meeting to questions from the Rotary members present.

Roger Soto was born and raised in Del Rio. He graduated from Del Rio High School in 1978 and went on to Uvalde Southwest Jr. College and majored in Law Enforcement. He then went to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and got his degree in Criminal Justice.

Roger's goal was to become a member of the Highway Patrol. At that time, 1984 and 1985, the state had a freeze on the Academy because there was not a need for new members in the Highway Patrol.

Soto was offered a job with the Juvenile Probations department. He took the job with the understanding that he would go into the Highway Patrol when the Academy was open again. Once he got into the work of probation, he discovered that this was really what he wanted to do.

He has been on the job now for sixteen years and has been the chief for ten of those years.



Pictured above (left to right) is Roger Soto, and Justice of the Peace, John Ford.

Before being appointed chief, he was superintendent of the detention center. The center has a ten bed, all male facility in Del Rio.

They cover a four county area; Val Verde, Kinney, Edwards, and Terrell County and are based in Del Rio.

They have eight officers assigned to the Juvenile section and seven officers in the detention center. They also have a border projects officer who works for them in the border city is Mexico.

The reason they have that is because the United States got tired of so many of the juveniles from Mexico ending up in the

America facility in Del Rio. They formed a border judicial district so that the problem could be addressed. This was started in 1987 and has stopped the use of the Del Rio facility by Mexican nationals.

The role of the probation office is to supervise individuals that have been referred to them by various agencies in the counties mentioned. Some of the services that they have access to are detox centers, in San Antonio, but there is a 6 month waiting period.

They also provide detention supervision for chronic offenders. Often times, communities do not feel that there is enough

being done in that the State of Texas has said that only a specified number of juveniles will be admitted to the Texas Youth Commission. If that number is more than specified, the Juvenile District's funding will be affected so the probation office is under the restrictions of the quota system mandated by the state.

Another reason that offenders are still in the community is the fact that there is a referral system that says that a first time offender can only be sentenced to six or twelve months of probation.

Before these guidelines came into force, the juvenile supervisors could recommend to the court what the sentence should be for each offender based on the degree of danger that the juvenile was to the community.

The greatest need of the juvenile facility is drug problems that the youth in this area have incurred. The nearest detox center that is now available is in San Antonio and it is almost impossible to get into that center because San Antonio needs all the beds for their patients.

State and federal funds are needed along with the commitment of the parents and the community to solve this problem.

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 to 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory at 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.

Tuesday, April 19, 1887
The clouds and breeze made today quite comfortable even for tennis. After finishing the office work played several games of tennis with Guard, Harris, Buck & Thurston. Stopped a while to get a glass of beer at the store. A telegram came this morning from Johnston notifying Whitall of his promotion due to Vinal's retirement. This promoted Chandler and makes the 5th 1st Lieut. in the 16th that now rank me whom I used to rank. All adjourned to the store to take some beer with Whitall. Spencer evidently was not in this batch of retirements. Well, it is no use to get angry, it will come soon. Mail brought letters from Lula, Evans, Roberts, and the china store in St. Louis showing that the mess crockery had been shipped. Roberts sends no news from Clark. Looked over the papers in the office and then stopped for a few moments with Capt. Vance on way to Q.M. office to have a desk sent down to quarters. Now can write up proceedings of boards and courts with some comfort. Wrote on the lumber board and took a bath before dinner. Buck took drill this evening. Had usual reading at Harris'. These are becoming more interesting as we go farther into the book. After tattoo played several games of cribbage with Maj. Wilcox when ought to have been reading. In this way my time is lost and nothing is accomplished.

Wednesday, April 20, 1887
Marched on guard this morning. After attending to the work read the papers in the office. The mail brought a letter from home, some advertisements and some blanks for the office. Wrote usual letter home and worked on proceedings of Board until dinner time. Took the drill this evening as it was my turn; now I am off for a week or more and perhaps then it will be too warm. Had usual reading at Harris' and enjoyed it more than ever. We are getting into the book and see more to interest us every day. Sat with Mrs. Guard on the porch until tattoo. After this call played cribbage until midnight with Maj.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

Wilcox beating him badly. Thurston came in for a while. Wish he had taken my place as I wanted to read Eudymion. Must stop this playing. Inspected after reading a while and then turned in.

Thursday, April 21, 1887
Took reveille and after a refreshing plunge in the bath tub read Eudymion until breakfast time. Have enjoyed this book a great deal as beside the interest in the story itself, it gives one a good insight into the inner workings of political parties in England. After finishing at office played tennis until mail came although it was rather warm. Washed up afterwards and then went up to office where found only advertisements in my mail, but the express package from home had come. Read the papers and then returned to quarters and opened package which contained three new and one old night shirts and some fine maple sugar. These are especially acceptable just now. Wrote on the Board until dinner time excepting for about an hour when Maj. Wilcox came in to chat and to hinder me from working. After dinner went up to Capt. Vance's where found Dr Melon of Brownsville en route to Austin.

Was very glad to see him. He is looking stouter than when I was there in '85. Bolack a jew from the same place came up later and sat there. Spent a few moments with Thurston and then went to see the ice machine. Chatted a long time with Harris and then we read a while until Capt. Vance came up with Melon to call. Returned with them to Vance's and then got Maj. Wilcox and went back to play whist with him against Vance & Melon. They beat us two games but we headed them on points. Enjoyed the games a great deal. Had some ice cream and cake which were very acceptable. Vance & I walked down to the edge of town with Melon afterwards. Wrote on Board after returning. Guard took drill and retreat this evening. Wrote a letter to Maj. Farnsworth at Washington asking him for information about the retiree list. Hope he will use his influence to have Spencer retired. Melon said tonight at Harris' that he looked for yellow fever this year on account of the dry weather. My recollection of the epidemic of '82 leads me to write that the preceding Winter was a very wet one.

Melon thinks this fever is indigenous to this country and says he has cases of it every year. Do not anticipate an epidemic this year as Melon used to have the reputation of flying off his balance, especially when yellow fever was concerned. Would not like to pass through another epidemic as the recent kidney trouble makes me a little fearful as to the result of an attack.

Friday, April 22, 1887
A cool plunge in the bath tub refreshed me this morning before breakfast. Attended to office work as usual and then came to quarters with Guard and played cards until mail came when went over to office to read the papers. No mail for me except an advertisement. Stopped at Capt. Vance's a while and read a letter from Leeffe. Poor man what a wrecked life his has been due to his wife. Worked on papers connected with the Board until dinner. The "Bessie" came in today. Saw Capt. Kell just before dinner. Sat for a while chatting at Thurston's in the evening and then had usual reading. After tattoo Thurston and I beat Maj. Wilcox and Kell at cribbage and then I completed the exhibits to be attached to the proceedings of the Board. Am very thankful for this and now have only the proceedings to write up. Today has been very warm, a hot norther blowing, so that dress parade was suspended this evening. Before I went to bed the wind commenced to blow hard from the South with lightning.

Saturday, April 23, 1887
This morning was quite cool and cloudy, a most agreeable contrast to last night. After attending to office work, Kell & Thurston came in and talked for a while. Then we had several very interesting games of tennis. Want to take as much of this exercise as possible as it is beneficial for my kidney trouble and it will soon be too warm for it. Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home. Stopped tennis for a while to read mail and to go over to the office to read the papers and then had several more games. Wrote a while on the proceedings of the lumber Board today. After dinner read in the home papers and then went up to Capt. Vance's a while to practice some music. Suspended our reading as it was Saturday and Capt. Kell is to leave tomorrow. Ought not to have

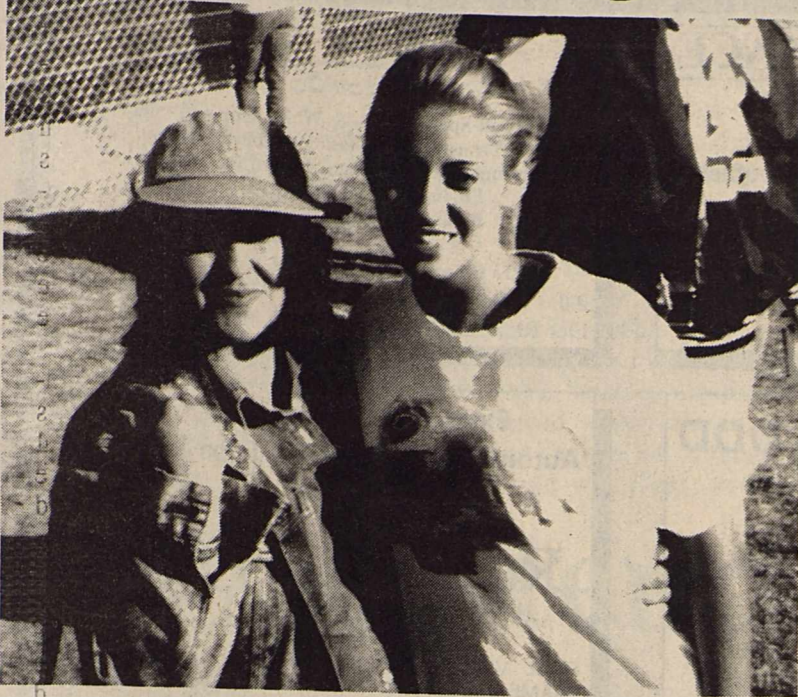


done this. Played cribbage with Thurston against Major Wilcox & Kell and we were badly beaten. Buck, Harris & Guard came in, the first two spending quite a long time, and they interfered a great deal by their talk. After the games read the home papers. Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day and took the calls today.

Sunday, April 24, 1887
Still cool and pleasant today. Attended inspection as usual and then examined papers in the office and got everything ready for Maj. Wilcox to sign. After guard mounting had breakfast and then went over to office to complete work. Then wrote on letter home and completed it and began one to Lula before the mail came. Stopped a while at Capt. Vance's to practice some music and then went over to office for mail where found a letter from Lula. Read the papers a while and then returned to Capt. Vance's to chat a while and afterwards went back to the office to finish reading the papers. Wrote on letter to Lula until dinner time. After dinner sat on Thurston's porch smoking and then walked up to the ice machine with Harris. had a long talk with him while sitting on his porch. There is something very attractive to me in him; he is a very superior man, a thorough gentleman and well read, so that one gains by being in his society. Completed letter to Lula afterwards and then wrote to Miss Coleman. Guard took the calls today being on guard.

Monday, April 25, 1887
Wrote part of a letter to Roberts before breakfast finishing it at the office after guard mounting so as to mail it today. There was little office work today. After it was over wrote on proceedings of Board carrying one copy to Guard; the President of the Board who approved it. Shall be very glad to get this finished. At one o'clock tried a man before the garrison court, a recruit of "E" Co. who seems to be making a poor beginning of this martial career.

Sonya Correa goes state-bound in track



Sonya Correa ran a 11:55 in the 3200m setting a new school record.
Photo by Jacob Hughes

Jacob Hughes
SPORTS WRITER

Friday afternoon, at the Regional Track Meet in San Marcos, Sonya Correa claimed first place in the 3200m run.

She clocked in at 11 minutes and 55 seconds, setting a new school record held by last year senior, Samantha Perez.

Sonya Correa will represent the Region IV at the state track meet in Austin on the 13. Correa also placed third in the 1600m run with a time of 5:32.

Sonya is the first Tigrette to compete in the state track meet since 1995, when senior Lolly Hernandez competed for the state title in shot-put.

This will not be Sonya Correa's first trip to a state meet. She also represented Region IV for the last two years in the state

cross country meet.

"We are proud of Sonya. She's come along way since she first started running in high school. She almost had state in the 1600m run too, but that other girl had a strong kick right towards the end. Hopefully in two weeks we'll be able to boast about her a little more." Commented Coach Julie Bruce

Brackett's boys sprint relay came up short with a sixth place finish. The relay (Smith, Hidalgo, Hagler, Toms) posted a time of 44.3, a season best.

Steven Hagler also finished 8th in the discus with a throw of 135'10".

Damian Toms made finals in both the 100m and 200m dash. He finished with a fifth place and an eighth place.

Netters fall short at regionals this week

Jacob Hughes
SPORTS WRITER

Brackett's netters had a difficult time at the regional meet in San Marcos last Wednesday and Friday.

Doubles team Schiller Hill and Chris Petrosky were eliminated in the first round of competition. They fell to Chris Fox and Robert Sherwood, of Port Aransas, (7-5;8-6)

Duquesa Hunt and Susannah Davis advanced to the second round of the tournament by defeating the doubles team from East Bernard (6-2; 6-3).

Unfortunately the girls were

defeated in the second round by Roxanne Kubenka and Kristen Kusy of Schulenburg, (6-4; 6-0).

Leslie Meyer and Brittany Shewbart fell to Rachel Delaughter and Emilie Naiser from East Bernard, (6-1; 6-3), in the first round.

Michelle Bizzell defeated the District 29AA champion from Florence (4-6; 6-1; 6-1).

Michelle then lost to the number one seed in the state, Jill Klauck, from San Antonio Cole (6-1; 6-0).

Jill Klauck proceeded on to win the Region IV meet with only three lost sets.

OUTDOORS

The first duty of a hunting bullet is to penetrate

Guns, Smoke and Campfires
by Steven R. LaMascus

Here is a simple and exact statement. The first duty of a hunting bullet is to penetrate.

Sounds like a great oversimplification doesn't it? Well it is. The point though is that if a bullet doesn't penetrate on game the other things it is required to do are immaterial. However, the penetration part of the equation can be carried to an extreme.

Many years ago one of my friends had acquired a supply of 180-grain .30 caliber round-nosed solid bullets. He had been reading Ruark, Hemingway, or maybe Capstick and thought the nearest thing in the world would be to load some in his .30-06 to shoot deer. He decided to pretend he was a Great White Hunter in Africa and that the deer were kudu, or eland, or, for all I know elephants. Anyway, he was lost in the throes of fantasy and actually carried out his scheme.

One of the things I have heard for many years and read a thousand times is that if you are after large dangerous animals you should always use solid bullets for the penetration. Supposedly this is the best bullet to stop indignant lions and irate elephants. I sure hope solids work better on them than they did on the deer.

Bill loaded up his DGR (dangerous game rifle) and hid himself off to the ranch to try out his solid "stoppers." To say he was disappointed would be an understatement of Herculean proportions. He and my brother David, who was a willing though obviously not very bright participant, found a nice fat doe. Bill took a rest over the window of the truck and stuck a 180-grain solid just behind the doe's shoulder. He was a bit surprised when she didn't even flinch, but instead took off at high speed. They finally found her, I think, but it was a very long way and a

long time later.

The moral of the story is that simple penetration is not enough. That solid bullet would penetrate completely through a whole herd of deer. However, it made only a small, neat .30 caliber hole and did no great amount of interior damage. It was made to penetrate heavy muscle and bone. If no bone is hit, very little of the energy of the bullet is transferred to the target. The bullet does not upset or "mushroom" and therefore does not destroy any tissue. Tissue destruction is what causes a bullet to kill quickly.

This same basic thing happens if a light-bodied animal is shot with an expanding bullet that is too strongly constructed. Still using the .30-06 as an example: A deer shot with a .30-06 firing a 220-grain bullet that is intended to open slowly and penetrate deeply on large animals like moose and bears will not have enough mass to cause the bullet to open up and transmit energy. It will act basically like a solid. You are much better off shooting a lighter bullet like the 150-grain or maybe 165. Anything heavier than 165 will be less effective than the lighter bullets. The heavier weight of the bullet does not make it more destructive. Quite the opposite, it makes it less destructive.

Optimum bullet performance is normally considered to be when a bullet traverses the entire animal, expands to its full potential without coming apart, and stops under the skin on the far side without exiting. When this happens, a bullet has expended all its energy in the animal, causing the most expansive wound possible. This is what causes quick and relatively painless death in a game animal.

How violently a bullet expands depends on several factors. One is how ruggedly constructed a bullet is. If it is made with a thick, strong jacket and fairly hard lead core it will ex-

pand slowly and penetrate deeply. If it is made with a thin jacket, maybe even striated to weaken it further, and if it has a soft lead core it will expand more rapidly or even fragment entirely as a varmint bullet is designed to do.

Another factor is velocity. The faster a bullet is flying upon impact, the faster it will upset. For example: An 85-grain .243 bullet fired at 3200 feet per second will expand violently and cause a massive wound channel. If, however, that same bullet is fired at only 2700 feet per second the wound channel will be much less extensive.

The secret to choosing a bullet is to tailor it to your intended game. If you are going deer hunting in the Hill Country where the average buck will

weigh only about a hundred pounds you should choose a bullet of fairly light weight that will expand rapidly. If on the other hand you are going mule deer hunting in Colorado where a buck may weigh three hundred pounds you should select a stronger and heavier bullet to give more penetration. And if elk or moose are your quarry you should seek out the most strongly constructed bullets available. In the .30-06 for example I would recommend for whitetails in the Hill Country or pronghorn antelope 150-grain bullets; for mules in Colorado 165-grain bullets would be better; and for elk or moose 180-grain bullets are just the ticket.

Just use a little common sense and you will do just fine and so will your rifle.

1999-2000 Texas Hunting Calendar

A Little on the Wildlife Side
Henry Lutz

The dates for the 1999-2000 hunting season have been announced. They are as follows:

White-tailed deer, Archery only, Oct. 2-31. General seasons: Special Youth Season Oct. 30-31. North TX-North of US 90, Nov. 6-Jan.2. South TX-South of US 90, Nov 13-Jan.16. Anterless and Spike-South of 90, Jan. 17-Jan.30. Muzzleloader (47 counties)-North of US 90 only, Anterless and Spike, Jan. 8-16. Mule deer, Archery only, Oct. 2-31. General seasons: Panhandle, Nov.20-Dec.5, Trans-Pecos, Nov. 27-Dec.12. Quail: statewide, Oct. 30-Feb. 27.

Rio Grande Turkey, Archery only, Oct 2-31. Fall General Season: Special Youth Season, Oct. 30-31, North Tx-North of US 90, Nov.6-Jan.2, South Tx-

South of US 90, Nov. 13-Jan. 16. Springs General Season: North Tx, Apr.1-May 7, South Tx, Mar. 25-Apr. 30.

The dove season dates and bag limits have not yet been determined. There is a proposal before the TPWD Commission to change dove bag limits to 12 birds a day in exchange for an extra 10 days added to the fall season. The bag limit has been 15 birds per day. TPWD is accepting public comments on the proposal. You may voice your opinion by calling the department at (512) 389-4505 or write the department at Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, Tx 78744.

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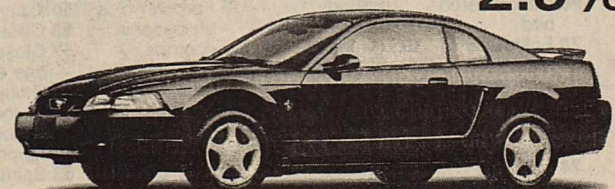


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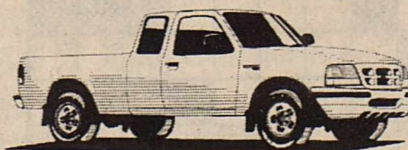
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Haggard	Gatin	Owens	Miller
Parton	Tillis	Cash	Twitty
Robbins	Gayle	Cline	Nelson
Travis	Arnold	Price	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Physical things seem much more attractive than they had previously. It is not that the world has changed, but that you are looking at it in a different way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Take a minor risk to make life a little more interesting. "Minor" is the key word though; gamble with your laundry money instead of your savings account.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You find yourself speaking and moving with unusual grace and panache. People who have ignored you in the past suddenly look upon you with interest.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Bypass the quick fix and follow the proven method to success. Although the story of the tortoise and the hare is a bit cliché, it is something you'd do well to remember.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Censor your words and cloak your emotions in order to increase the comfort of people around you. A fiery outburst may intimidate people.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 It is not always possible for everyone in your vicinity to be happy, and you shouldn't try to make them so. Instead, make yourself happy — within reason, of course.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Your subtle touch can turn a faulty and unreliable process into a smooth, ultra-efficient mechanism. Show other people the value of organization.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 You are on some very tight timelines, and cannot afford the luxury of simply walking away from things that bother you. If you cannot ask others for help, at least don't chase them away.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Allow everyone into your social circle for a change. You usually keep it exclusive, but you may enjoy the energy which new people can bring to the table.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Nostalgia sets in and transforms you into a weepy sentimentalist. Go dig up the old pictures and love notes — you'll probably laugh at yourself through your tears.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You have settled into an extremely comfortable spot, and you are prepared to remain there for a while. Enjoy the good things you have, but don't expect perfection.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Learn to distinguish the things that you really need from the things that you want. Of course it's hard to tell, but you haven't even pondered the question for a while.

YOU BORN THIS WEEK ...
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Door knob is different. 2. Door window is missing. 3. Picture is added. 4. Backpack is different. 5. Cord is missing. 6. Woman's hair is different.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 7..... Gloria Jimenez	May 10. Melvin Crownover
May 8..... Bill Bizzell	May 10 Damarius A. Flores
May 8..... Randal Davis	May 10.... Tammy Frerich
May 8..... Librada DeLeon	May 10... Martin Lumberas
May 8.. Guadalupe Lumberas	May 10... Elizabeth Pacheco
May 8..... Rosa Smith	May 11..... April Crumley
May 9..... Bruno Arreola Jr.	May 11..... Jill Woodson
May 9..... Betty Bickel	May 12..... Dorothy Haga
May 9..... Robert Nelson	May 12.... Russell Newton
	May 12... Christina Reschman

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Advertisement for 1 DAY ONLY USED CAR & TRUCK CLEARANCE. Includes date, location, and contact information.

Advertisement for JOB ANNOUNCEMENT for City of Brackettville, mentioning City Swimming Pool Certified Lifeguards.

Crossword puzzle and Country Singers section. Includes clues and a grid for the crossword puzzle.